

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – September 6

9:15 am Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 am Children's Sunday School, Room 2
 Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed
 Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4
 Youth, Lower Ed, Room 6
 3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Monday – September 7

9:00 am Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday – September 8

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Office

Wednesday – September 9

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Room 4
 7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – September 10

7:00 pm Bible in a Year, Zoom
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – September 11 - Office Closed

1:00 pm UWIF Board Meeting, Room 4
 7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – September 12

7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
 (IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

August 30, 2026

In-Person Worship - 115
 Online Worship - 48
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 46
 General Fund Giving - \$5987
 General Fund Other - \$2000

To make a financial gift
 through online giving, please
 use the QR code.



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**GOOD
 SHEPHERD**
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a **Weekly Connect Card** found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that **photography and video** recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

We love children!

There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship. **Our Family Worship Space** offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available. Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship. **Childcare** is available for infants through age 5 during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

Choir Rehearsals have begun! Now's a great time to lend your voice.
Chancel Choir rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary
Gospel Choir rehearsal: Sundays at 12:15 pm in Room 1
Children's Choir rehearsal: 2nd Sundays after worship in Room 1
Interested in sharing music but can't participate in a choir? Talk to Jimmy Reed!

Are you getting our weekly e-newsletter? Each week on Thursday, we send out an e-newsletter highlighting the worship series, upcoming events, expressions of thanks and care, pictures of various groups and events and MORE! To sign up visit www.gsumc.net or email the church office at adminassist@gsumc.net

ACTS Food Pantry
Join us in meeting hunger needs in our community. Contribute non-perishable food items to our weekly collection for ACTS. Items can be placed in the baskets near Room 1, located off to the left when leaving the Sanctuary.

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This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:

Sep 6th:	Matthew 11:1-12:50	Sep 7th:	Matthew 13:1-58
Sep 8th:	Matthew 14:1-15:39	Sep 9th:	Matthew 16:1-18:35
Sep 10th:	Matthew 19:1-20:34	Sep 11th:	Matthew 21:1-46
Sep 12th:	Matthew 22:1-23:39	Sep 13th:	Matthew 24:1-25:46

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday at 7pm:
Meeting ID: 884 822 1386
Passcode: rzRn4s

GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

Monthly Prayer for Our Church
Join us by including this in your daily prayer time
and at all church gatherings.

God of relationships, we give you thanks for the community of Good Shepherd. We are grateful to be a people knitted together through your love, providing a source of encouragement and care as we journey together as disciples. Lead us by your Spirit to extend that same love and care beyond our walls so that others might know and experience your grace. Infuse us with willing hearts and curious minds to meet the needs of others you lay before us. Send us out as disciples who bless our neighbors and join your transforming work in the world. In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

Save the date for our Fall BBQ lunch on September 27th. Look forward to brisket, pulled pork, and bbq chicken. More information will be coming soon, but it is a Sunday you don’t want to miss!

Miracle Sunday Offering - A worldwide United Methodist Uniting Effort
As part of a denomination-wide initiative led by the United Methodist Council of Bishops, over 30,000 UMC congregations around the world are invited to receive a special offering to support theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. In many parts of the world, access to formal theological training is limited, yet God continues to call leaders to serve. Through this offering, we participate in equipping those leaders for faithful and transformative ministry, while strengthening our United Methodist connection. Over the next several weeks, stories will be shared in worship to highlight the need being addressed. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving a gift beyond your regular giving by October 11th. Please designate it on your envelope or check “Miracle Sunday.”

I've been meaning to ask... Four simple words. A world of meaning.
It isn't a demand—it's an opening. A way of saying you've been on my mind, even when we didn't know where to start. This series is an invitation to listen deeper, show up for one another, and seek the holy in the people around us. As we journey through scripture together, we hope to see each other as images of the divine, root our courage in the heart, and be led—through honesty and vulnerability—to hope, joy, and beauty.
The conversation begins September 13th.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.
Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song From The Rising of The Sun FWS 2024

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
We come from different places, carrying different stories and different gifts.
Yet in Christ, we belong to one body.
Some teach, some serve, some lead, some listen, some heal, some speak words of courage and hope.
Every gift strengthens the whole. Every person belongs.
When one part grows, the whole body is strengthened.
When one part struggles, the whole body is called to care.
We need one another. So let us receive one another’s gifts and grow together in love.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn We Walk By Faith FWS 2196

Miracle Sunday Moment

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music Prelude in C (Bach)

*Doxology UMH 94

Children’s Time Alicia Garbelman

Prayer for Understanding Louize Bingi
God of wisdom, speak to us through your Word and Spirit. Open us to wisdom beyond our own experience, and help us recognize the gifts you place among us. Teach us to listen, to grow together, and to build up the whole body in love. Amen.

Scripture Ephesians 4:11–16 N.T. 182

Message		Pastor MiRhang
Anthem	<i>Let Us Give Thanks (Young)</i>	
Prayers of the People		Syl Davies
Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance		
God of grace, we confess that we have not always recognized the gifts in others. We have trusted our own ways too much and overlooked voices different from ours. We have failed to share what we have and to make room for others to grow. Forgive us. Open our hearts to listen, learn, and build one another up in love. Amen.		
God meets us with grace, forgives us, and calls us again into the work of love. In Christ, we are renewed and made one. Amen.		
Passing of the Peace		
Holy Communion	<i>All are welcome at the table</i>	Sung Responses
Prayer After Communion		
*Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee</i>	UMH 430
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	

Votive Candle Stand. Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

Worship Resources Used: Videos and liturgy from Virginia Annual Conference Miracle Sunday Resources

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Edgar Tyler.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.

Remember in Prayer (as of August 30, 2026)

Awilda Durham - upon the loss of her daughter, Madeline
Bob Hendrickson and Julie Martinez - Sylvia Trujillo, undergoing cancer surgery
Chris Evatt - broken wrist after a fall
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Don Ritenour - hospitalized
Guy Andrew - David Andrew, cancer
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem
Kathy McNeil - Myra Keifer in physical rehab, Heather, cancer treatments
Lerita and Fred Milbert - friend, Phil Goble, receiving chemo
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Pam Buchenauer- Megan, recovery from hospital visit; Frank, recovery from fall; Cynthia, recovery from injuries; Lori, recovering at home; Chris & Joe have moved; Joe, Parkinsons; Roberto, injuries from a fall
Pat Pearsall - Teryl Freeman, extended treatment and illness
Rossie and Carol Alston - Alberta Alston, health concerns; Carol’s sister Alyson, breast cancer
Ruth Herndon - Raquel’s mother-in-law, Marion with health issues
Steve Koch - cousin Lynn, surgical recovery after brain bleed
Tamara Kanouff - Katy Busch; Natalia and William Busch; Michael Kanouff; Olga and Egor Litovchenko
Uni Samura - rehab at home, continued paralysis
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Our country and our nation’s leaders
For all places experiencing natural disasters, storm recovery, and wildfires
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them