

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – September 27

9:15 am Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 am BBQ Lunch, Parking Lot
12:15 pm Gospel Choir, Sanctuary
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Tuesday – September 29

9:30 am Staff Meeting, Office
6:30 pm SPRC Subteam, Room 1

Wednesday – September 30

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Room 1
6:30 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – October 1

7:00 pm Bible in a Year, Zoom
 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 KidKare- Eastern PW Childcare Association, Upper Ed

Friday – October 2 - Office Closed

4:00 pm Youth Fall Retreat
7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – October 3

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

September 20, 2026

In-Person Worship - 115
 Online Worship - 43
 Sunday School/Small Groups - 49
 General Fund Giving - \$6,826.43

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



I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK





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. An adult worship-table helper is present to gently guide and encourage children in worship, and parents/caregivers are still encouraged to sit near their children. 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.

Join the Social Concerns Sunday School Class as they begin a new study called “Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” authored by Amy Jill Levine. The class resumes next week in Lower Ed.

Save the Date:

- 1) Our next **Parents’ Night Out** is Friday, November 13th. If interested in volunteering (youth and adults), please contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt. Registration will be available in a couple of weeks.
- 2) **Young Adult Lunch** (18 - 35ish years) is Sunday, October 25th. Join our Young Adults for a time of food, fellowship, and making plans for upcoming activities.

Miracle Sunday Offering - A denomination-wide 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 help equip those leaders for faithful and transformative ministry while strengthening our United Methodist connection. Please designate any gift beyond your regular giving to “Miracle Sunday” by October 11th.

Name Tags

Let’s be a place where everyone knows your name! Preprinted name tags for regular worshippers are in the Gathering Space. Guests are invited to create one. If you can’t find your name tag or need a new one, check the “need a name tag” box on the Connect Card.

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This week’s “Bible Through the Year” readings:

Sep 27th:	Luke 3:1-4:13	Oct 1st:	Luke 8:40-9:62
Sep 28th:	Luke 4:14-5:39	Oct 2nd:	Luke 10:1-11:36
Sep 29th:	Luke 6:1-49	Oct 3rd:	Luke 11:37-12:59
Sep 30th:	Luke 7:1-8:39	Oct 4th:	Luke 13:1-14:35

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 grace and belonging, we give you thanks for how you connect us to you and one another. Remind us that your table is wide, your love draws us together, and every person has gifts to share. By your Spirit, deepen the bonds of this community and open us to relationships across the boundaries we create. Help us listen, care, and recognize your grace at work in every generation. Reconnect us with the gifts and purpose you have given us, and send us together to participate joyfully and generously in your transforming work.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Join us for our Fall BBQ lunch after worship, outside! All are welcome.

Pray for our Youth next weekend. Our youth will be away next Friday through Sunday for their Fall Retreat. They will explore Luray Caverns, journey through the Garden Maze, share meals and fellowship, and discover different ways to connect with God through journaling, art, and various forms of prayer.

Support Kairos and the Finegans as they serve. Rossana and Michael Finegan will be serving on Kairos weekends in October and November. Kairos brings hope to incarcerated men and women, and there are many ways to help. Supplies are available for pickup on the glass table.

1. **Pray** during the weekends — sign up using:
Women's Weekend: <https://prayervigils.net/vigils/438>
Men's Weekend:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fvzSHHNLRCpiTEEFfyKVtQszCXPdKp5jEctKGfzvt3c/edit?gid=0#gid=0>
2. **Donate** — checks payable to *Kairos of Virginia*, write "CVCU" in the notes and give to the Finegans.
3. **Decorate placemats and posters** — color with love! Children may add their first name and age. No glue or glitter.
4. **Write encouraging notes** — address up to 30 to "Dear Sister in Christ" and/or 30 to "Dear Brother in Christ" or leave blank. Leave envelopes open. Share prayers, scripture, or words of encouragement. Sign your name or "Sister/Brother in Christ."
5. **Bake cookies!**

Questions? Reach out to Rossana Finegan: rossanafin@yahoo.com.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Series: I've Been Meaning to Ask

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song *People Need The Lord* TFWS 2244

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
Family of faith, this must be the place - a place for connection, growth, community, and hope.
This is the place where all belong, where all are welcome, and where we make room for one another.
Here we bring our questions: "Where are you from?" "What do you need?" "I've been meaning to ask..."
Here we listen with care, share our hurt and joy, and bring our needs, prayers, dreams, and love.
God is near, drawing us together in grace and inviting us into deeper connection.
We come with open hearts, ready to receive and share God's love. Let us worship our Holy God.

*Hymn *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* UMH 103

Miracle Sunday Moment

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music *Lead on Good Shepherd* (Orella, Mayberry, Ducan)

*Doxology UMH 94

Children's Time Pastor Lisa

Prayer for Understanding Dixie Elk
God who listens, as we come to your word, meet us here. Speak to us through familiar words and unexpected voices, through friends, strangers, and the quiet stirring of your Spirit. Open our ears to listen, our hearts to receive, and help us hear not only what is spoken, but what is needed. We are seeking you. Come near. Help us hear. Amen.

Scripture

Job 2:11-13
2 Timothy 4:9-18

O.T. 430
N.T. 201

Message

Pastor MiRhang

Anthem

Covenant Grace (Strickland)

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Gracious God, we want to care well for one another, yet too often we rush to speak, to help, or to find the right solution.
Forgive us when we speak without listening, assume without knowing, or offer help without asking.
We forget that we cannot fix every hurt or carry every burden. We forget that sometimes love simply stays near.
Give us the humility to listen, the patience to be present, and the grace to trust you with what we cannot fix.
Teach us to stand beside one another in times of need and to ask with compassion, "What do you need?"
Teach us to listen with love, respond with care, and live in peace with one another. Amen.
Hear the good news: even when we speak without listening, assume without knowing, or miss the mark in our desire to help, God's grace meets us there. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given another opportunity to listen, to love, and to grow in relationship with one another.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table

*Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

*Benediction

Postlude

Open Thou The Holy Portals Harm (Schreiner)

Votive Candle Stand.

Our votive candle stand invites contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

Worship Resources Used:

Video from Virginia Annual Conference Miracle Sunday Resources
Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC.

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 September 20, 2026)

Chris Evatt - broken wrist after a fall
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Debbie Ritenour and family upon the loss of husband, Don
Deveney Family - loss of Michael's father
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem
Kathy McNeil - Myra Keifer in physical rehab, Heather, cancer treatments
Lerita and Fred Milbert - loss of friend, Phil
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Pam Buchenauer- Frank, recovery from fall and Mother died; Cynthia, recovery from injuries; Chris & Joe have moved; Joe, Parkinsons; Roberto, injuries from a fall; Lori, hospitalized
Pat Pearsall - Kelly Kalles, finger surgery
Ruth Herndon - Raquel's mother-in-law, Marion with health issues
Steve Koch - cousin Lynn, surgical recovery after brain bleed
Uni Samura - rehab at home, continued paralysis
Will DeBord - recovering from hospitalization and anticipating surgery soon
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Vandergrift Family - Ulysses, cancer
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