

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – October 4

9:15 am
10:00 am
11:15 am

Youth Fall Retreat Return
Prayer Group, Room 2
Worship, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School - Room 2
Social Concerns Class - Lower Ed
Studies of the Bible - Room 4
Gospel Choir, Sanctuary
 Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Tuesday – October 6

9:30 am
7:00 pm

Staff Meeting, Office
SPRC Meeting, Room 4

Wednesday – October 7

9:45 am
6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study, Room 1
 Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – October 8

7:00 pm

Bible in a Year, Zoom
Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – October 9 - Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – October 10

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

September 27, 2026

In-Person Worship - 98
 Online Worship - 70
 Small Groups - 14
 General Fund Giving - \$4,328.82

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



I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK

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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. 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.

United Women in Faith Sunday: Next Sunday our UWF will lead us in worship, and Pastor Lisa will share a message focused on the sacrament of communion.

Laity Sunday is October 18th with a service planned by members of our Worship Design Team. This is a special day to celebrate everyday people whose faith shows up in real life—through prayer, service, leadership, and simply being there for one another. As United Methodists, we're part of a laity-driven, connected church, supporting one another so no congregation or pastor carries ministry alone. On this Sunday, our worship will feature an **interview-style message** with folks from our own congregation sharing their faith journeys and how they live out God's love.

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 or Hannah Barbery. 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. Our giving helps equip leaders for transformative ministry while strengthening our United Methodist connection. Please designate any gift beyond your regular giving to "Miracle Sunday" by October 11th.

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

Oct 4th:	Luke 13:1-14:35	Oct 8th:	Luke 20:1-21:37
Oct 5th:	Luke 15:1-16:31	Oct 9th:	Luke 22:1-71
Oct 6th:	Luke 17:1-18:43	Oct 10th:	Luke 23:1-56
Oct 7th:	Luke 19:1-47	Oct 11th:	Luke 24:1-53

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.

Pastor MiRhang will be away October 5-17th for a conference and vacation.

During this time, she will not be available or respond to her phone and email.

Considering joining a Sunday School Class after worship:

- **Social Concerns (Adults)** meets in Lower Ed and is studying "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" authored by Amy Jill Levine.
- **Studies of the Bibles (Adults)** meets in Room 4 and is studying the Book of Psalms.
- **Nursery (infants - PreK)**
- **Children (K-5th)** meets in Room 2, except 2nd Sundays when they have choir rehearsal
- **Youth (6-12th)** meets in Room 6, except today as they are away on retreat

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 the links in the weekly Enews or the information at the info table in the Gathering Space.
Donate — checks payable to *Kairos of Virginia*; write "CVCU" in the notes and give to the Finegans.
2. **Decorate placemats and posters** — color with love! No glue or glitter.
3. **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."
4. **Bake cookies!**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Series: I've Been Meaning to Ask World Communion Sunday

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

Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song	<i>Come, Now Is The Time To Worship</i>	
*Words of Welcome		Michael Finegan
*Gathering Words	Creator God, Mother and Father of us all, your children worship you. People of every tribe, nation, language and culture praise you! Risen Christ, your sisters and brothers around the world give thanks to you. People of every kind and status, in every hut and cathedral sing to you! Holy Spirit, you make us one, the Body of Christ, throughout the World. Loving Christ, we come to your table to be together with our siblings. May there be unity among us. May we be one in the love and faith of Christ, one in the Spirit, and one in ministry to all the world, to the glory of God. Alleluia!	
*Hymn	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	UMH 529
Miracle Sunday Moment		
Good Shepherd in Ministry		
Praising God with Our Gifts		
Offertory Music	<i>The Light Of The World</i> (Besig)	
*Doxology		UMH 94
Children's Time		
Prayer for Understanding		Shep Shepard
	Holy God, we know that you are always speaking— through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that stir hope awake in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice and bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know that we are inclined to miss it. Settle our spirits now to hear your word fully. We want to be part of the conversation. Gratefully we pray, Amen.	

Scripture Ruth 1:1-22 O.T. 230

Message Pastor Lisa

Anthem *After Giving Thanks, Remember Me* (McDonald)

Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty, we pray, Amen.

Family of faith, we are works in progress, but we are works in progress designed, created, and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is with me on the mountain top, and God is with me on the plateau. I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Holy Communion *All are welcome at the table* Sung Responses

*Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn *Precious Name* UMH 536

*Benediction

Postlude *The Two Angels* (Blumenthal)

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.
Gathering Words, Affirmation of Faith, and Communion Liturgy: *Unfolding Light* by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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 27, 2026)

- Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
- Debbie Ritenour and family upon the loss of husband, Don
- Deveney Family - loss of Michael’s father
- Dollie Patton - Herndon family during time of loss and adjustment
- Jimmy Reed- brother Robert, undergoing heart procedure
- JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem
- 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; Lori, hospitalized; Ron, recovery from surgery
- Pat Pearsall - Kelly Kalles, finger surgery
- 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