

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – October 25

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

Prayer Group, Room 2

Worship, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School, Room 2

Youth Sunday School, Lower Ed Room 6

Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed

Studies of the Bible, Room 4

Young Adult Luncheon, Upper Ed

Cantata Rehearsal and Gospel Choir, Sanctuary

Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

12:15 pm

3:00 pm

Tuesday – October 27

9:30am

6:30 pm

Staff Meeting, Office

Ministry Planning Team, Room 4

Wednesday – October 28

9:45 am

6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study, Room 1

Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – October 29

7:00 pm

Bible in a Year, Zoom

Cantata Rehearsal and Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – October 30 - Office Closed

7:00 pm

AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – October 31

7:00 pm

Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

October 18, 2026

In-Person Worship - 121

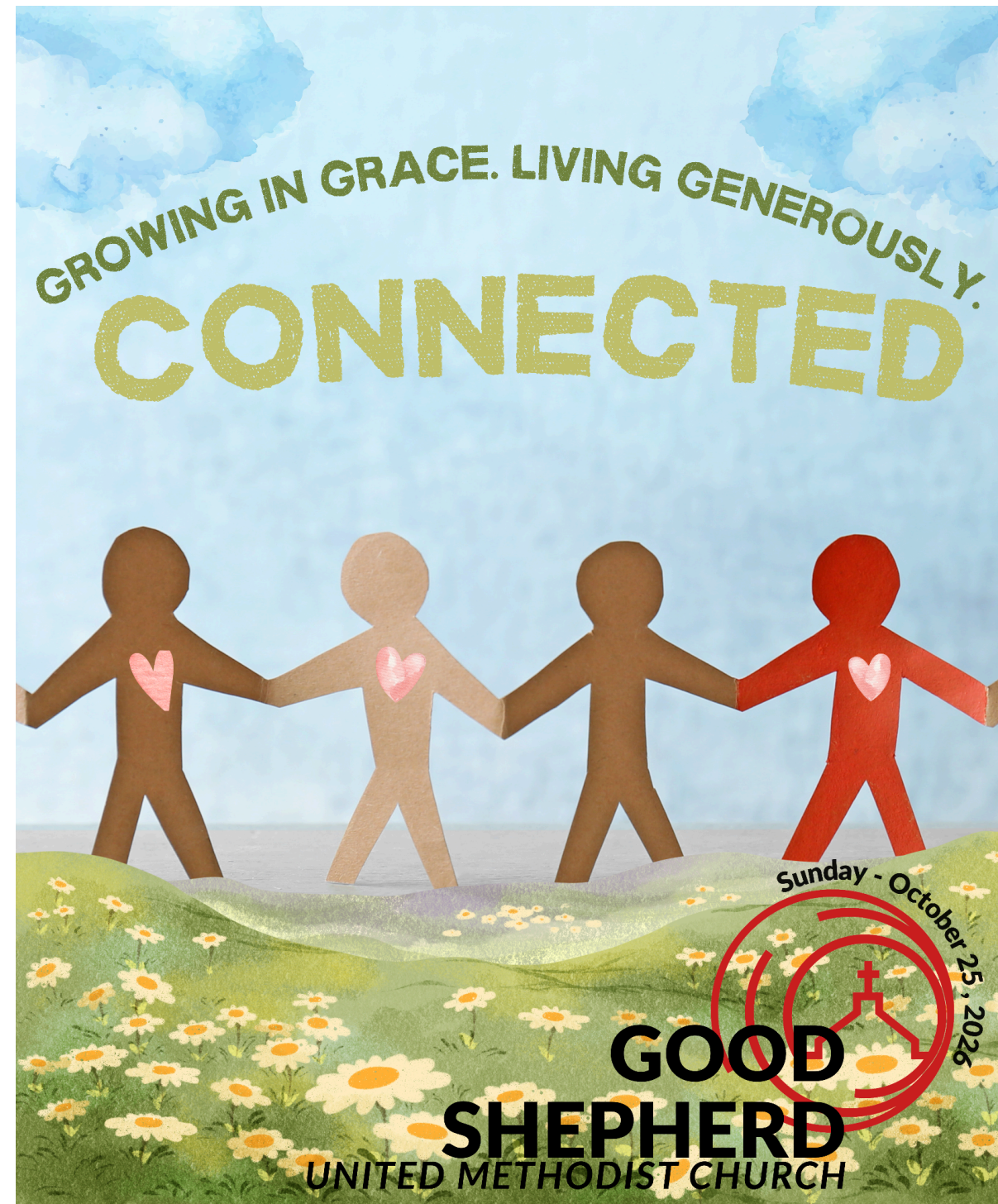
Online Worship - 36

Small Groups - 57

General Fund Giving - \$6,841.51

Other General Fund Income - \$50

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





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.

Stay and Celebrate! Open House on Commitment Sunday, November 15th from 11:15 am - 1:00 pm. Plan to join us after worship to meet our ministry teams! Visit the display tables, try hands-on activities, and sign up for ministries that interest you. Enjoy refreshments, and stop by the Communications table near the main entrance to update your contact information. Please stay and celebrate with us.

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 printed name tag or need a new one, please check the "need a name tag" box on the Connect Card.

ACTS Food Pantry: The shelves are bare! Help by contributing 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. Items most needed right now are:

- Canned corn and canned mixed vegetables
- Tuna
- Soups
- Cornbread mix
- Diaper sizes 5, 6, and 7
- Baby wipes

This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:			
Oct 25th:	Acts 3:1-5:16	Oct 26th:	Acts 5:17-7:60
Oct 27th:	Acts 8:1-9:43	Oct 28th:	Acts 10:1-12:25
Oct 29th:	Acts 13:1-15:21	Oct 30th:	Acts 15:22-17:34
Oct 31st:	Acts 18:1-20:38	Nov 1st:	Acts 21:1-23:35
Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday at 7pm:			
Meeting ID: 884 822 1386			
Passcode: rzRn4s			

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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.

Today we begin Connected: Growing in Grace. Living Generously.
Every meaningful journey begins with gratitude. Connected begins by reminding us that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God. Life itself is a gift. Faith is a gift. Family and friends are gifts. Our church is a gift. When we recognize God's generosity, stewardship becomes less about obligation and more about joyful participation in God's work. This week, consider writing down three blessings each day. As grateful hearts grow, generous hearts often follow.

Young Adult Lunch (18 - 35ish years) is TODAY! Sunday, October 25th. Join our Young Adults for a time of food, fellowship, and making plans for upcoming activities.

Daylight Savings and All Saints Sunday is November 1st. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour. Then join us at 10:00 AM as we continue our series and honor All Saints Sunday.

Hoops and Friends, a one day basketball workshop, will be held on November 7th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is a free event for grades K-5. Registration is under events on the church website: www.gsumc.net. Please share the invite with others.

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 is under events on the church website: www.gsumc.net.

The Women’s Bible Class will be ordering the 2027 Upper Room Disciplines - a daily devotional in the next month. If you would like to have a copy ordered for your personal use, please contact the church office by October 29th. Cost per copy is \$22.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Connected to God: Everything Is Gift

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

*Gathering Song	10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord, O My Soul)	
*Words of Welcome		
*Gathering Words	Come, let us remember the goodness of God. Every good gift comes from the Lord. Come, let us remember God's faithfulness. God has sustained us through every season. Come, let us worship the One who gives life, hope, and purpose. With grateful hearts, we come to worship God.	
*Hymn	Great is Thy Faithfulness	UMH 140
Good Shepherd in Ministry		
Praising God with Our Gifts		
Offertory Music	The Goodness of God	
*Doxology		UMH 94
Children’s Time		Pastor Lisa
Prayer for Understanding	Generous and gracious God, before we offered you our praise, you offered us your love. Before we sought you, you were already seeking us. Before we drew our first breath, you called us your own. Open our eyes to recognize the gifts that surround us each day. Open our hearts to receive your grace with gratitude. Open our lives to your transforming presence so that our worship may become a living response to your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.	Koby Amankwah
Scripture	Deuteronomy 8:11–18 John 15:1–8	O.T. 159 N.T. 103

Message

Pastor MiRhang

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Merciful God, we confess that we often forget. We forget your faithfulness when life is difficult. We forget your provision when life is abundant. We forget that all we have and all we are comes from you. Too often we cling to the illusion of self-sufficiency. Too often we focus on what is missing rather than what has been given. Forgive us. Renew thankful hearts within us. Restore the joy of your salvation in us. Teach us, again, to trust in your grace. Amen.

Hear the good news: The God who created us, redeems us, and sustains us is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Holy Communion

All are welcome at the table

*Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks for this holy meal and for the gift of your grace, freely given to us. Through this bread and cup, you remind us that all we have and all we are come from you. As we remain connected to Christ, the true vine, nourish us in your love and strengthen us to bear fruit in the world. Send us forth with grateful hearts and generous spirits, that our lives may reflect your goodness in all we do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

*Benediction

Postlude

Psalm of Glory (Barnett)

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: *Connected*, a Breakthrough Series by the United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey

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 October 18, 2026)

Carol Alston - loss of her brother, John

Don Abrell - recovery from stroke

Dollie Patton - Herndon family during time of loss and adjustment

Faith Glidwell - starting the process to foster children

Jimmy Reed- brother Robert, undergoing heart procedure

JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem; Sandy Lorter, cancer

Kanouff's - Katherin Busch, Micael Kanouff, William Busch, Natalia Busch, Egor Chichin, Vitalik Chichin, Olga Litouchenko, Tamera Kanouff

Kathy McNeil - Myra Keiffer, at home convalescing

Lisa Barbery - her grandmother, Dorothy

Mark Cohen - recovering from heart surgery on 10/20

Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health

Nicole Millard - mother, mental health concerns

Pam Buchenauer- Lori, hospitalized; Ron, recovery from surgery

Teresa Osnoe - her father, David, suffered a cardiac arrest and is hospitalized

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

A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.

All are welcome!