THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – November 8

9:15 am	**Prayer Group, Room 2**
10:00 am	**Worship, Sanctuary**
11:15 am	**United Women in Faith Bake Sale, Gathering Space**
	Children's Choir, Room 1
	Youth Sunday School, Lower Ed Room 6
	Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed
	Studies of the Bible, Room 4
12:15 pm	**Cantata Rehearsal and Gospel Choir, Sanctuary**
3:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Wednesday – November 11 - Church Office Closed for Veterans Day

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

Thursday – November 12

7:00 pm	**Bible in a Year, Zoom**
	Cantata Rehearsal and Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

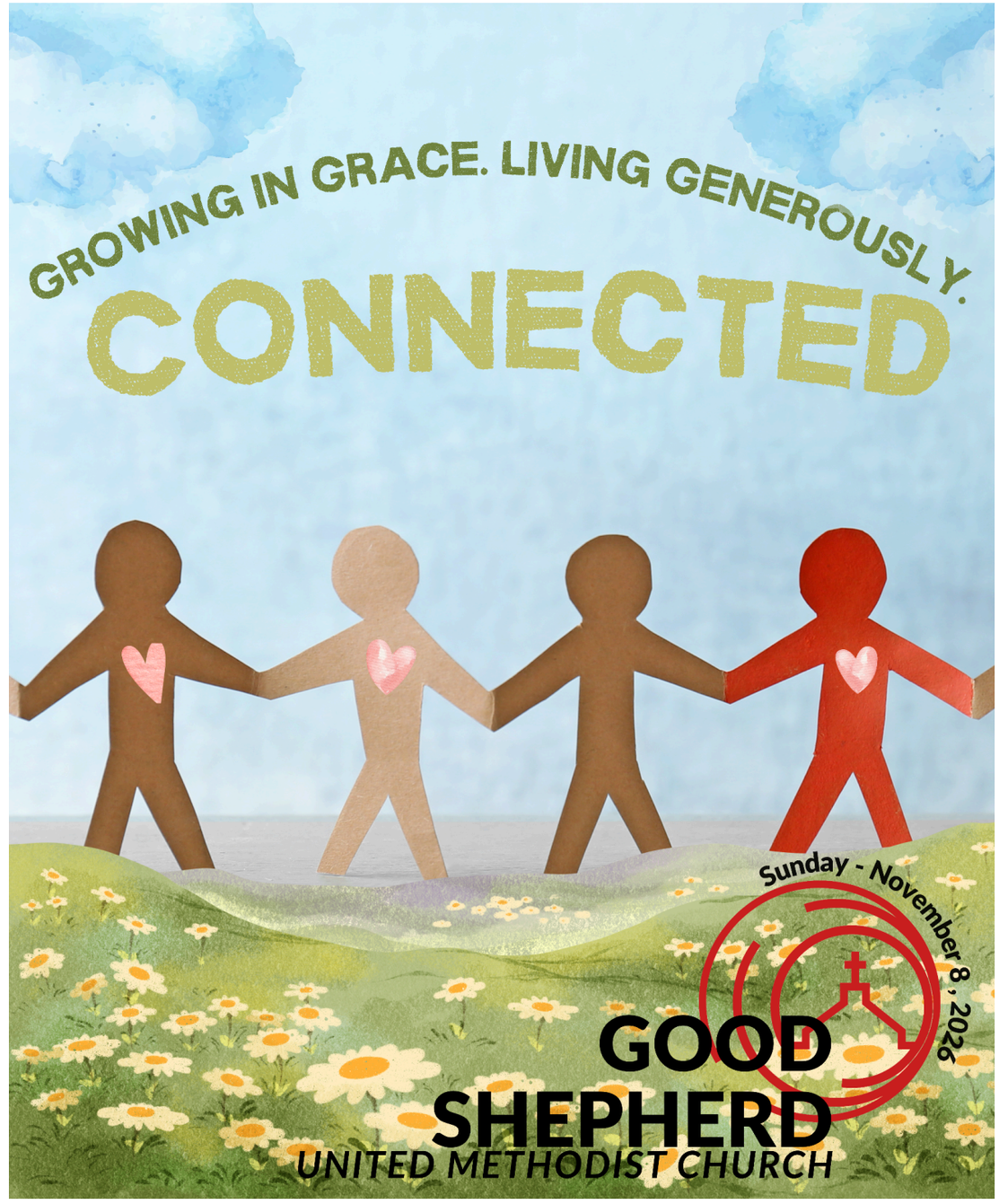
Friday – November 6 - Office Closed

5:00 pm	Parent's Night Out, Main Building
7:00 pm	AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – November 7

10:00 am	**Set-up for GSUMC Ministries Open House**
7:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
	(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

November 1, 2026 In-Person Worship - 106 Online Worship - 70 Small Groups - 52 General Fund Giving - $8,778.51	To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We Are a Church for All God's Children

Our Mission: To be a community where all can experience and share Christ's love.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of Christ's love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

Our Values: Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9 am-2 pm

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.

Prayer gathering for November 15, 2026 is cancelled due to Open House activities.

Come decorate for Advent! Join the Worship Design Team for the joy of decorating our worship space for Advent. **Monday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 pm**. The Chrismon Tree requires a tall ladder, but all other decorations are ground-level or step-stool height. We will provide a hearty soup dinner. Please indicate your willingness on your Connect Card or email Janae Tschudi-Evatt at outreach@gsumc.net.

Charge Conference is November 17th at 7:00 pm in Room 4. Our regular Church Council meeting will follow. This required annual meeting approves clergy compensation, elects leadership, receives reports from leaders, and reviews membership changes. Although only Church Council members can vote at the Charge Conference, anyone may attend.

Advent Study with Pastor Lisa begins Sunday, November 22nd. Join her in the sanctuary after worship for a 4-week study. Through Rev. Matt Rawle's "Experiencing Christmas" we will be invited to notice how sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Advent season point toward the incarnation. Books are available for purchase from the church for $15.00. They are also available on Amazon, including as an E-book.

Our next **Parents' Night Out** is Friday, November 13th. Registration closes on November 8th. 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.

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

Nov 8th:	Romans 11:1-13:14	Nov 9th:	Romans 14:1-16:27
Nov 10th:	1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23	Nov 11th:	1 Corinthians 4:1-6:20
Nov 12th:	1 Corinthians 7:1-9:27	Nov 13th:	1 Corinthians 10:1-12:31
Nov 14th:	1 Corinthians 13:1-16:24	Nov 15th:	2 Corinthians 1:1-3:18

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.

Gracious Giver of All, in this season of thanks, remind us that everything we have comes from you. Free us from the myth of self-sufficiency and from the belief that we must earn your grace. By your Spirit, ground us in the truth that our identity is found in you, not in our successes or possessions. You have created us as your beloved and called us to be co-creators and co-repairers with you - formed for justice, kindness, humility, and good works. Bind us together in your love, that we, the people of Good Shepherd, may be a witness and a blessing to others. Create in us generous hearts, so that in our sharing we may join in your extraordinary work in the world. In Christ's name, Amen.

Our pastors will be away at a conference on Monday and Tuesday. They will be available for emergencies and respond to other messages by Thursday.

Reminder: The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. All announcements need to be to the church office by noon Tuesday to be included in the bulletin or e-newsletter.

An Action for this Week.
One of the healthiest habits of Christian discipleship is regular reflection that examines our prayer life, service, and spiritual growth. This includes stewardship. Life circumstances and ministry opportunities change. Gifts and service that faithfully supported ministry five years ago may not have the same impact today. Rather than responding out of obligation, we are invited to respond with gratitude, prayer, and intentionality. As you prepare for Commitment Sunday, ask yourself: How is God inviting me to grow?

Your Annual Stewardship Letter and Commitment Card have been mailed. If you have not received a copy, please contact the church office. You may also fill out your commitment card online using this QR code.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Connected to Our Truest Selves: Created on Purpose

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

*Gathering Song	***Bind Us Together***	FWS 2226

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
God has created us with purpose.
We are God's handiwork.
God's grace is at work within us.
Shaping us into the likeness of Christ.
God calls us to lives of justice, mercy, and humility.
We come to worship and be transformed.

*Hymn	***Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us***	UMH 381

Blessing of New Instrument

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music	***I Thank Jesus***	
*Doxology		UMH 94
Children's Time		Pastor MiRhang
Prayer for Understanding		Marylyn Johnson

Holy and transforming God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your grace you call us, shape us, and lead us toward the people you created us to become. Open our hearts to your Spirit. Renew our minds, strengthen our faith, and deepen our love. As we worship today, continue your work of transformation within us, that our lives may reflect the character of Christ. Amen.

Scripture	Micah 6:6–8	O.T. 816
	Ephesians 2:8–10	N.T. 181

Message — Pastor Lisa

Response to the Word — ***Your Grace And Mercy***

Honoring Our Veterans

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Gracious God, we confess that we often define ourselves by achievement, success, or the approval of others. We forget that our identity is rooted in your love. We resist the work of transformation when it becomes uncomfortable or challenging. Forgive us when we seek our own way instead of yours. By your grace, renew us and shape us into faithful disciples who reflect your love in the world. Amen.

Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Holy Communion — *All are welcome at the table*

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn — ***Bless Be The Tie That Binds*** — UMH 557

*Benediction

Postlude — ***Terra Beata*** (Barrett)

The Altar Flowers are given today in celebration of Becky Evans birthday.

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 November 1, 2026)

Carol Alston - loss of her brother, John
Chris Evatt - in rehab
Faith Glidwell - starting the process to foster children
Janae - Lori, death of 38 year old son
Jimmy Reed Jr. - health concerns
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem; Sandy Carter, cancer
Julie Loftis - loss of Uncle Bill Motzer and prayers for Julie's Aunt Bea as she grieves
Lisa Barbery - her grandmother, Dorothy
Mark Cohen - recovering from heart surgery at home
Nan Presley Mitchem - Nan's brother, Charles Presley, heart catheterization
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Nicole Millard - mother, mental health concerns
Pam Buchenauer - Frank, continued recovery; Ron, continued stroke recovery; Chris & Joe, move to CO and Joe's Parkinson's; Mary Ann, tough knee replacement; Mrs. Wheeler, life changing move; Fred, crushing foot and leg injury
Raquel Robinson - Mother-in-law Marilyn Robinson, grieving loss of husband, Samuel Robinson; Melanie Herndon, grieving loss of Grandpa Frank Logan
Teresa Osnoe - loss of her father, David
Uni Samura - rehab at home, continued paralysis
Will DeBord - surgery on Nov. 13th
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!