THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – November 15
10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
11:15 am **GSUMC Ministries Open House**
12:15 pm **Cantata Rehearsal and Gospel Choir, Sanctuary**
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

Monday - November 16
6:00 pm **Advent Decorating**

Tuesday - November 17
9:30 am **Staff Meeting**
7:00 pm **Charge Conference**
7:30 pm **Church Council**

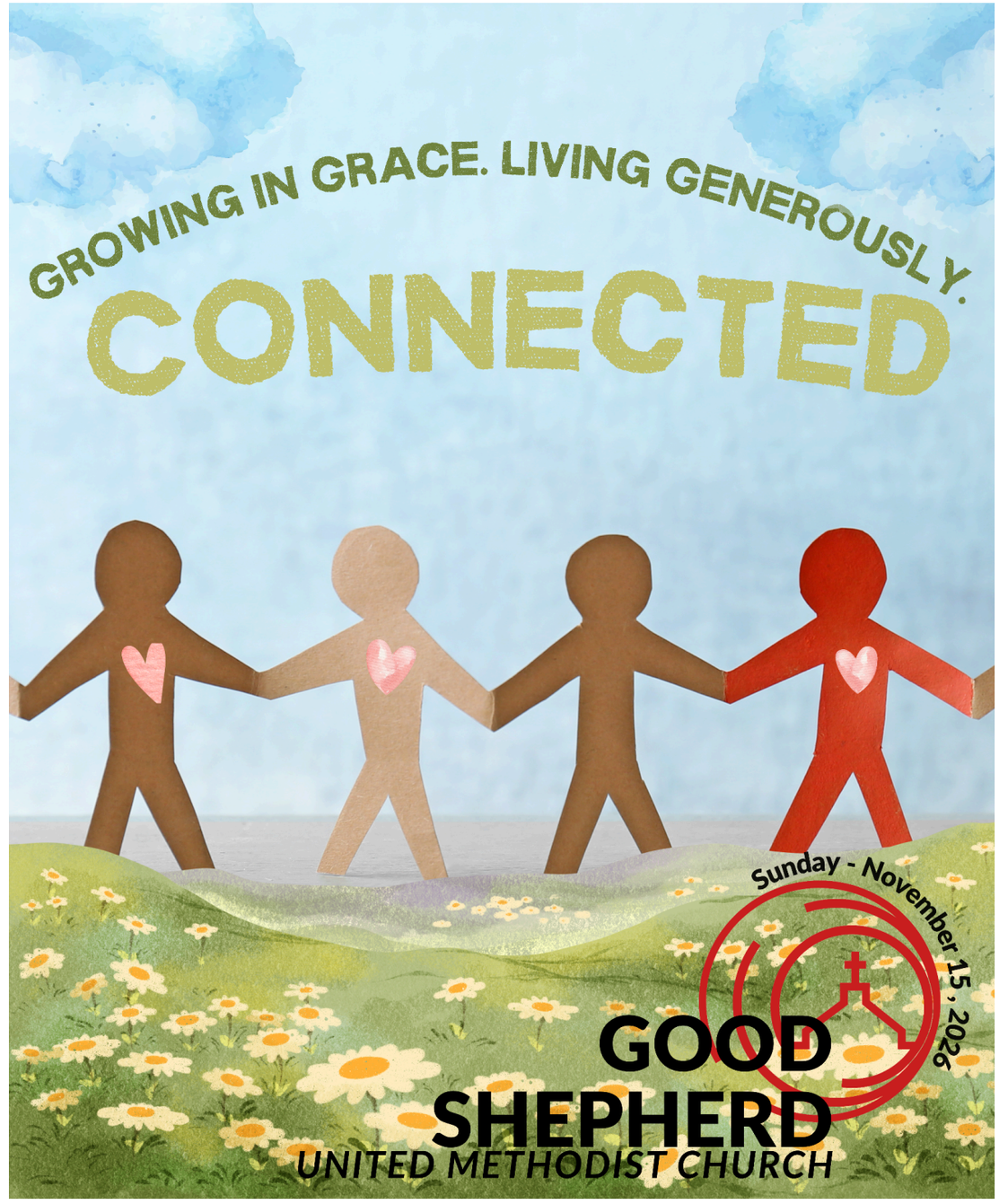
Wednesday – November 18
9:45 am **Women's Bible Study, Room 1**
6:30 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – November 19
12:00 pm **Lunch Bunch**
7:00 pm **Bible in a Year, Zoom**
Cantata Rehearsal and Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – November 20 - Office Closed
7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – November 21
8:00 am **United Methodist Men, Gathering Space**
10:00 am **United Women in Faith, Gathering Space**
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

November 8, 2026	To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.
In-Person Worship - 103 Online Worship - 43 Small Groups - 56 General Fund Giving - $12,640.52	



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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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.

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.

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

Nov 15th:	2 Corinthians 1:1-3:18	Nov 16th:	2 Corinthians 4:1-7:16
Nov 17th:	2 Corinthians 8:1-10:18	Nov 18th:	2 Corinthians 11:1-13:13
Nov 19th:	Galatians 1:1-2:21	Nov 20th:	Galatians 3:1-4:31
Nov 21st:	Galatians 5:1-6:18	Nov 22nd:	Ephesians 1:1-2:22

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.

Looking Ahead with Gratitude

Connected has reminded us that stewardship is about much more than financial support. It is about discipleship. Together, we have celebrated God's generosity, strengthened our relationships, discovered our purpose, and renewed our commitment to Christ's mission. Now we look ahead with hope. Thank you for participating and making Christ's ministry possible through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you were unable to return your Commitment Card today, additional cards are available or you may use the QR code for the electronic version. May God continue using our congregation to transform lives in the months and years ahead.

Stay for our Open House TODAY right after worship and meet our ministry teams! Extra maps are available at the Connections Table in the gathering space. 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 Connections table to ensure your contact information is up to date. Please stay and celebrate with us!

Annual GSUMC Staff Christmas Gift

You're invited to make a financial contribution to our annual "Staff Christmas Gift" by Dec. 13th and/or share prayers, cards, and gifts with our staff to show appreciation for what they have meant to us during the year. To contribute to the gift fund, designate your cash or check to "Staff Christmas Gift" and place it in the offering bag, or choose "Staff Christmas Gift" when giving online.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Connected to God's World: Blessed to Become a Blessing

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

*Gathering Song — ***Freely, Freely*** — UMH 389

*Words of Welcome

*Gathering Words
God has blessed us with grace upon grace.
We give thanks for God's goodness.
God calls us to share what we have received.
We are blessed to become a blessing.
God sends us into the world with hope and purpose.
We come to worship and offer ourselves to God's mission.

*Hymn — ***How Great Thou Art*** — UMH 77

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music — ***The B-I-B-L-E***

*Doxology — UMH 94

Children's Time — Pastor MiRhang

Prayer for Understanding — Steve Koch
God of abundance and grace, you have blessed us beyond measure and called us to participate in your work of healing, reconciliation, and hope. As we worship today, open our hearts to your mission. Fill us with gratitude for all we have received and inspire us to share your love with the world. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

Scripture — 2 Corinthians 9:6–15 — N.T. 173

Message — Pastor Lisa

Anthem — ***I Have To Follow Jesus***

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Responding with Our Commitments

God of us all, we dedicate the commitments we make today to our life as a covenant community and to the shared ministry you call us into with one another. Bless them, O God, as you have blessed us. May these commitments and our generosity be used for your work in this world. Through them, may we be active in this part of Christ's body we call Good Shepherd. Amen.

The congregation will be invited to come forward and place their 2027 Commitment Cards in the designated baskets.

*Good Shepherd's Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn ***Send Forth By God's Blessing*** UMH 644

*Benediction

Postlude ***Andante*** (Moss)

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 8, 2026)

The Bailey's - Dwain McMullen, upcoming heart surgery
Carol Alston - loss of her brother, John
Chris Evatt - in rehab
Janae Tschudi-Evatt- 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 - recovering from surgery
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!