

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

A place to encounter God's love,
hear Christ's call and
serve with the Spirit's help.

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September 10, 2017

**Worship Next Sunday:
September 17, 2017**

Esther 1:1-17
"For Such a Time as This: Dignity"

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Laurie Gates-Ward**

Prayers for our Hospitalized and Homebound:

Bob Kendrick— Home

Donna Grimes—Home

Mary & John Welsh—Home

Dorothy & Wayne Bennett—Home

Carolyn Rochelle—Home

Mary Lawson—Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Marvin Suit— Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Lynn Headley—Ass't Living at Hawkins Gate

Luther Atkins—VA Hospital

Nancy Maguire—Medstar Georgetown



We Welcome Visitors!

We are so happy that you are here today. If you would please take the time to fill out one of the cards on the attendance pad and place it in the offering plate, we would greatly appreciate it. We look forward to getting to know you better and are happy to answer your questions. Look for someone with a red and white badge if you have questions that need answered today.

Church Events:

Sunday School



School Year Sunday School for children 3 years through 12th grade begins Sunday, Sept 10. Students participate in the beginning of worship with their families and depart for Sunday School with Teachers and Staff following the Time with the Children. Sunday School Registration Cards for the 2017-2018 year are available in the lobby this Sunday and next, and after Sept., 10th are available with Sunday School teachers in classrooms.

Youth Group Returns!

Youth Group returns Sept. 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM for students in 6th - 12th grades. We invite parents to join us that first night for a brief intro to the 2017-2018 Youth Ministry year & to meet the Sunday Night Youth Ministry Leaders. Watch for an email with all the details! If you want to be sure that you are in the info loop, email Carol Wunderlich at wunderlich.ca@hotmail.com to be sure we have your correct contact info.



New Beginnings



The New Beginnings Group will be meeting at 12:00 PM on Monday 9/11 at Marie's in La Plata. All retired seniors are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, and food.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Summer is coming to an end and on **September 14th** we will start class again at 9:30 am in the Chapel. We will begin with the book "Hosea: God's Persistent Love" by Dale and Sandy Larson. You may either buy it yourself or let Dottie DiPoli know and she will order it for you. Please read chapter 1 for our first class. If you have any questions call Carolyn Sauer (301) 579-2629.

All are welcome and we hope to see everyone.



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New Members ~ Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and exploring the possibility of joining our GSUMC family? Please join us on **September 17th** at 12:30 for a lite luncheon in Room 7 (off the Fellowship Hall)

**UMW Potluck**

The United Methodist Women would like to invite all women of the church to a potluck dinner, September 19, 2017 @ 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Wednesday Night Dinners Are Coming Back!

We are preparing for our Wednesday Night Dinners, starting September 20. Dinners are the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Try one of our delicious dinners for just \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 and above. We need more help with preparing vegetables and desserts, setting-up tables and chairs, running the dishwasher, clean-up, and other duties. Please consider helping sometime, if not all the time. We have a delightful group of volunteers that you would enjoy being with. Teenagers, are welcome to volunteer; we need you. We have a lot of fun. The work starts from 4 pm until 6:45 pm. Call Carol Kern, 301-645-4312 for any information.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Wednesday Night Bible Studies begin Wednesday, September 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. The studies are open to anyone who would like to attend. Child Care is available in the Nursery/Childcare room from 5:55 - 7:05 PM for the children of study participants.



The Women's group study is "Stuck: the Places We Get Stuck And The God Who Sets Us Free" by

Jennie Allen. The group will meet in Room 7, next to the Fellowship Hall. For more information please contact Kara Paulsen (706-726-3383). Cost for the study book is \$15.00.

The Men's group will be using Pamela Eisenbaum's study: "Invitation to Romans." The group will meet in the Parlor, next to the Sanctuary. For more information please contact ud Campbell (budlekel@comcast.net) or Ken Paulsen (706-726-3143). Cost for the study book is \$17.00.

Church News:**Calling Youth Musicians!**

Beginning this fall, Brian Turnmire would like to create a Youth Music Team. If you play an instrument or like to sing, this group is for you. Rehearsals will be 11:30 AM Sunday mornings. Interested? Talk to Brian or text/call him at 202-506-0176.

Fellowship Hour Support

In order to keep our Fellowship Hour between services available, we require the help of our Congregation for two Sundays a month. The other Sundays have been faithfully covered by the United Methodist Men and the Saturday Night Live group. We need your help. The sign-up sheet is the Fellowship Hall every Sunday and in the church office during the week. Questions or require help with regard to the process, please contact Cathy Lavoie at 301.645.2717 or email at lavoie20602@aol.com.

**Preschool Sunday School Teacher Needed**

We need one more teacher for our Preschool Team to complete our Sunday School staff for the 2017-2018 Sunday School Year. Requirements include loving Jesus and loving children! We have a user-friendly curriculum and will give you everything you need to have an awesome teaching experience with our little people. As part of a teaching team, teachers are in the classroom 1 month each quarter (that is a total of 3 months during the school year) and scheduling is flexible. Please contact Carol Wunderlich (240-446-1136) or Amy Warren (703-4722-1556) for more information.



Wanted: Wednesday Night Child Care Givers

We are seeking one adult (or two willing to "job share") and one or more teens (also willing to "job share") to provide child care for the children of our Men's and Women's Bible Study participants. The studies begin Sept. 20 and care givers need to be in the Nursery from 5:55 pm - 7:10 pm. Please contact Carol Wunderlich if you are interested (240-446-1136) for information about the position and the pay.

Adopt a College Student!

Many of our GS Young Adults are busy with college life, but want to stay connected to their church family! What better way to let them know they are loved and still in our thoughts and prayers than to be in touch with them through mail, email, texts, and a care package or two.... If you want to extend the love and support of our GSUMC family to our young adults, please stop by the Adopt a College Student table in the lobby and sign up!

Lay Reading

Are you interested in reading scripture on Sunday Mornings? For more information, please contact Rev. Laurie (revlaurie@aol.com).

**Pastoral Care and Appointments**

Rev. Laurie is available for pastoral care needs or for appointments each week simply by calling her at 443-831-1469 or e-mailing her at revlaurie@aol.com. Our Church Administrator typically is aware of Rev. Laurie's schedule during the week and can help you make contact. Friday is Rev. Laurie's Sabbath Day. If you need to get a message to Rev. Laurie, please do so on the number above via voice or text.

Prayer Ministry

If you wish to receive prayer concerns or to submit a prayer concern, email our coordinator, Dan Sansbury (danclaudias@gmail.com). Be sure to request permission to post personal information about others on this prayer chain. To have a joy or concern lifted in prayer during Sunday worship, please write your request in the Prayer Book located on the counter on the back wall of the narthex before worship. **If you would like to be a part of a weekly prayer group, to pray for the needs of our church, please contact Rev. Laurie at revlaurie@aol.com.**

Contribution Envelopes:

For your convenience, blank envelopes are always available for your contributions in our narthex area. If you have any questions about your contributions, please see the Financial Secretary and counting team in the Parlor each Sunday morning.



Dollars and Sense

Summary of funds through August 2017:

Funds received to date:	\$274,423
Funds spent to date:	\$274,488
Budget required to date:	\$300,097

Note that our spending is much less than our budget required due to the fact that we are behind on our budgeted apportionments that we owe to the Conference by \$19,100.

Did you know?

Why many people just pass the offering plates on Sundays without putting anything in them? Several reasons:

- Some give on pay weeks – monthly, bi-weekly or twice a month.
- Some attend both services.
- Some give through electronic giving.

We have 25 families/individuals that use the electronic giving option.

Of the \$239,000 collect this year to date in offerings, over \$42,000 came from these 25 giving units! That's 18% of our offerings.

Giving electronically means:

- You no longer have to write a check each week/month.
- Good Shepherd receives your offering even when you are not at church.

To give it a try, just go to our website at www.gsumc.com and click "Donate Now".

- o You are in complete control of your electronic giving. You can start, stop or change at any time.
- o We currently only accept account debits. If you would prefer to use a credit card, please let us know as we are trying to decide whether to add that option. There is also a PayPal option on our website to donate to the church that does allow credit cards for one time donations.
- o In addition to regular budget offerings, you can also designate your giving to specific funds, such as the Needy Fund, when giving electronically.
- o If you do not have access to the Internet, we have paper forms you can fill out to get enrolled.

Please contact Dan Sansbury with any questions on this: danclaudias@gmail.com or 301-609-9659.

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