



The **Shepherd**

Weekly Newsletter
Good Shepherd UMC

March 24, 2024

**Wandering
Heart**

*"Songs of
loudest praise"*

SAVE THE DATE

March 23 - Trustee Clean Up Day
March 28 - Holy Thursday Potluck
March 28 - Tenebrae Service
March 29 - Noon Prayer and Communion

March 29 - Worship Service @ St. Paul Episcopal
March 31 - Easter Sunday Service/Easter Egg Hunt
April 17 - The Mary Wattenford Scholarship
Application Due
April 23-May 3 - General Conference (NC)

Prayers for our Family and Community

- Family of Sherri Dawson
- Family of Ken Gressens
- Bruce Graham
- Claudia Sansbury
- Ken McDade
- Nancy Maguire
- Brenda Stanford
- Betty Sellner
- Addie Ward
- Pastor Sandy Taylor
- Janice Reuter
- Frank and Linda Adgate
- John Grove
- Rev. Laurie and her family
- Adelia Cardoso - Home
- Bill and Joanne Van Blarcum - Home
- Mary Welsh - Home
- Mary Calvert - Elkridge, MD
- Helen Riley - Home
- Rachel Magoon - Sagepoint Gardens
- Israel and Palestine
- Ukraine
- The ongoing COVID-19 endemic
- Educators, students, and families
- First responders in all fields
- Leaders throughout our country at all levels
- The wounds of racism in our country

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00	Youth Sunday School for Grades 6-12th Fellowship Time
10:00	In-Person Worship Service Recorded Service is live streamed on Facebook, You Tube + Subsplash + Church App
10:30	Sunday School for Grades Pre-K-5
11:30	Adult Sunday School
5:00	Fellowship at FIVE

Have a Need?

During this time, if you have a need for pastoral care, please reach out to Linda Flanagan (waldorfangel@gmail.com), Rev. Laurie (revlaurie@aol.com) or to another church member to let us know. There are other members willing to talk with you and pray for you.

Good Shepherd March 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 2

Doug Casto

March 4

Elisabeth Carr

March 5

Larry Johnson

Sarah Sbordone

March 7

Vickie & Danny Williams - Anniversary

March 10

Kara Paulsen

March 11

Kimberly Jameson

March 14

Vivian & John Warren Anniversary

March 16

Adam & Lauren Alexander –
Anniversary

Lena Manriquez

March 19

Christian Carr

Dan & Claudia Sansbury – Anniversary

Ameera Andrews

March 20

Lee Campbell

Elizabeth Sinnes

March 21

Kyla Rose Cotugno

March 22

Faith Mesenbourg

Nate Weavill

March 23

Nancy Cain

March 24

Nancy Blizzard

March 25

Barbara Bartko

March 27

Rachel Magoon

March 28

Victoria Weavill

Harry Warren

March 29

Bruce Graham

March 30

Julie & Brian Morrissey - Anniversary

WE WOULD LOVE TO CELEBRATE YOU!!

*If your Birthday/Anniversary is missing, please contact Priscilla Rollins at 703.727.8667 or email parollins@verizon.net.

Results from March 9th Leadership Retreat; Considering a Simplified Leadership Structure

Last Saturday, March 9th, a number of leaders and church members joined together to discuss how effectively our current organizational structure is working and whether we should consider a Simplified Leadership Structure. We did a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis which helped us ask questions such as:

"How is our current structure helping or hindering us in fulfilling our mission?" Some of the answers we discerned were:

Positives of our current structure:

- (1) The current structure is full of dedicated and creative people
- (2) Current leaders understand the current structure.
- (3) We are able to get needed work done most of the time

Negatives of our current structure:

- (1) Work is repeated and at times is inefficient (e.g. multiple meetings on the same topics).
- (2) Leaders are burned out/not enough persons to lead
- (3) It can be slow to move when decisions need to be made/decisions not clearly communicated to congregation

We also asked "How could a simplified structure help or hinder us in fulfilling our mission?"

Positives of a proposed structure:

- (1) Fewer meetings, less repetition
- (2) More time to devote to 'becoming living disciples'
- (3) Centralized vision and decision making/process could move more quickly

Negatives:

- (1) Discomfort of change
- (2) Potential to lose productivity short term as a new system is implemented
- (3) Persons could feel that they have lost their power or their purpose

After spending the morning on this analysis, those in attendance came to consensus that we should consider a Simplified Leadership Structure. We will continue to have meetings to flesh out what that structure should look like. The plan is to bring a recommendation to the whole congregation for a vote in the next 3-6 months. In order for Good Shepherd to change our current structure, that vote would need to happen at a Church/Charge Conference (either the annual fall meeting or a called Church Conference).

Our next meeting which will be focused on discerning how the work of Trustees/Building Maintenance would be cared for in a Simplified Structure will be on March 23 at 8:00 a.m. ahead of the Trustee Clean-Up Day.

All are welcome.

Dear Church Family,

As you may know, delegates from around the United Methodist Church will be gathering from April 23-May 3 for General Conference in Raleigh, NC. Perhaps you have been wondering what will be discussed and what changes may be proposed. You no doubt have heard that the UMC, like much of society, has had challenges regarding differing opinions about a whole host of things including the role of LGBTQ persons in the life and ministry of our churches.

Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of Resurrection UMC in Leawood, KS, spent time this week talking about what the role of General Conference is, who will be there and what are the areas of legislation that will be under consideration. Because the General Conference is the voice of the UMC and changes to our polity can only be made by the General Conference, it is important for all of us to be praying for this gathering and staying up to date on what is happening as delegates engage in holy conferencing together.

I want to encourage you to take the time to watch [this video linked here](#) from Rev. Hamilton. I believe that it will help your understanding of this important time ahead in the United Methodist Church. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email, phone or in person so that we can have deeper conversation.

For more information on General Conference, please visit: [General Conference 2020](#) .

Many Blessings,
Rev. Laurie



General Conference 2020

Welcome to the official site of The United Methodist General Conference. Find news, press releases and resources...



SIMPLIFIED STRUCTURE PLANNING MEETING

March 23 - 8 AM (before Trustee Clean-Up Day)

Our meeting will focused on discerning how the work of Trustees/Building Maintenance would be cared for in a Simplified Structure.

From the Communications Team:

WE WANT

YOUR

FEEDBACK



The survey will only take
about 1 minute!

Scan the orange QR Code, or fill out the orange paper survey and place it in the box in the lobby. Extra copies are in the envelope.

Thank you to all who have completed the survey!

It's Easter Egg time again!!

Our youth group is selling See's Candies as a fundraiser for this summer's ASP Mission Trip.

Candy eggs and small boxes of candy are available for purchase.

For each purchase we get 50% profit.

SAVE!
THE DATE

VBS 2024
July 15– July 19



*Join Us for lively
discussion & fellowship*

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

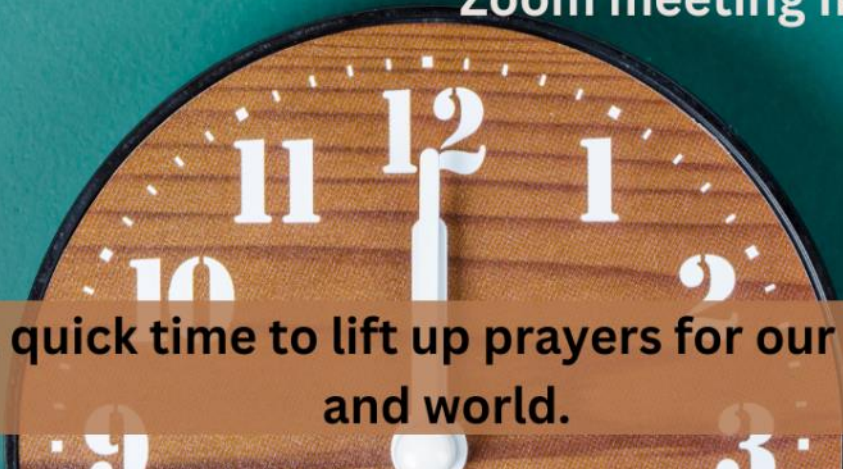
**Every Thursday @ 9:30am
in the Parlor**

Contact Carolyn Sauer or Dottie DiPoli for questions



WEDNESDAY PRAYER NOON ON ZOOM

Zoom meeting ID : 420 015 979



**Join us for a quick time to lift up prayers for our church family
and world.**

Scam Jam

Together we can help to prevent fraud & scams!



Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Fee: \$5.00 (age 60+)

Registration Deadline: 04/15/2024

Door Prizes thru the day!

Lunch provided, suggested Meal Donation is \$3.00. Donation is a voluntary contribution.

Presenters:

AARP Speakers Bureau

Charles County Register of Wills

ReCreations Ministries, Inc.

Charles County Government:

Aging & Disability Resource Ctr

Department of Social Services

University of

**Don't be a Victim to
Scams!**

Be Alert!

Be Informed!

Be Empowered!

**Presenters will give important
information needed to help protect
Seniors of Charles County from a**

Make Checks Payable to Charles County Commissioners (CCC)

*Pre-Registration is required at your local senior center and payment is due at time of registration. Payment will not be accepted on day of event.



Richard R. Clark Senior Center • 1210 Charles Street • La Plata, MD 20646 • 301-934-5423
Department of Community Services • 8190 Port Tobacco Road • Port Tobacco, MD 20677
301-934-9305 • 301-870-3388 • MD Relay: 711 • TDD: 1-800-735-2258
www.charlescountymd.gov



Good Shepherd's oldest member,
Rachel Magoon will be 98 on March 27.
Let's celebrate with her by sending a
note or card to:



Rachel Magoon
Sagepoint Gardens
123 Morris Drive, Room 203
La Plata, Maryland 20646

Thank you!

Our Relay for Life Team has raised \$1,157
for the American Cancer Society.

Thank you for all of your support with the Texas Roadhouse
Meet and Eat, the Show Your Love fundraiser, and for
purchasing the beaded pens.

Coming soon: meaningful, joyful beaded bracelets and keychains



The Family of Sharon Dawson

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of our entire family, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Good Shepherd family for the tremendous support and kindness you have shown us following Sherri's passing.

Your unwavering support, from the early days of her hospitalization and through her memorial service, was a source of immense comfort to each of us. The cards, messages, and expressions of sympathy we received touched our hearts and reminded us of the strength and compassion of the Good Shepherd family.

I am particularly grateful for the many of you who went above and beyond to offer practical support and assistance during this challenging time. Whether it was providing meals, hospital visits, helping with household chores, or simply offering a comforting word or a consoling hug, your acts of kindness made a significant difference in our lives when we needed it most.

The memorial service that was held to celebrate Sherri's life was a beautiful tribute to her life and legacy, and I will always be grateful to those of you who donated your time and talents to make this event possible. Your presence, prayers, and words of comfort provided solace to each of us as we gathered to commemorate her life.

I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family, and I thank God for each of you.

With sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks,

Bob Dawson

Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 24 - Sunday, March 31

Palm Sunday | 10 AM Worship Service

Holy Thursday | 5:30 PM Potluck
7 PM Tenebrae Service

Good Friday | 12PM Prayer & Communion in Sanctuary
7PM Worship Service @ St Paul Episcopal Church
(4535 Piney Church Rd, Waldorf)

Easter Sunday | 10AM Worship Service
Easter Egg Hunt (during Sunday School)

*We Invite You to
bring*

FRESH CUT FLOWERS

from your yard or the store

on EASTER SUNDAY

to see our empty wooden cross

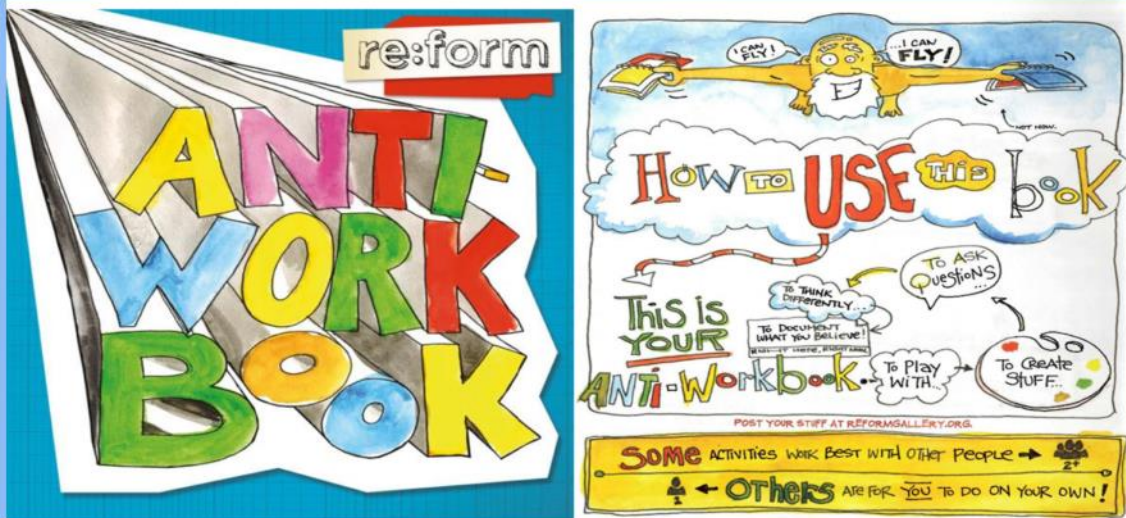
transform into a

Living Cross!

**Contact:
Joanne Olsen
for more info**



Confirmation Class is underway!!



Please keep the students in the class in your prayers!



WORSHIP



Help beautify the sanctuary with pansies for Easter.

These plants can be purchased 'In Memory Of' or 'In Honor Of' loved ones for \$7.00 each. Orders must be received by Sunday, March 23 and may be picked up after Easter Sunday service.

Please note "pansies" on the memo of your check.



Easter Flowers Order Form

Name : _____

Phone Number: _____

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	4.5-INCH POT OF PANSIES	\$7.00	
		SUBTOTAL	
		TOTAL	

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Orders must be placed by Sunday, 3/23. Please indicate 'Pansies' in the check memo.
Pansies may be picked up after the Easter Service.





SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

JC PARKS ELEMENTARY



Please pray for the students,
teachers, and staff

Make Time to Pray for Schools

- MAKE PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS A REGULAR PART OF YOUR DAILY PRAYER TIME
- IF YOU DRIVE BY A SCHOOL, SAY A PRAYER
- IF YOU CAN, STOP IN FRONT OF A SCHOOL BUILDING AND PRAY FROM YOUR CAR
- AFTER SCHOOL HOURS WITHOUT INTERFERING IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, GO TO A BUILDING AND LAY HANDS ON THE FLAGPOLE OR BUILDING AND PRAY
- PRAY FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS
- PRAY FOR SAFETY, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, PRODUCTIVE LEARNING, PATIENCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL
- PRAY FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WORSHIP

Please make time to pray these individuals all year... maybe one each day.

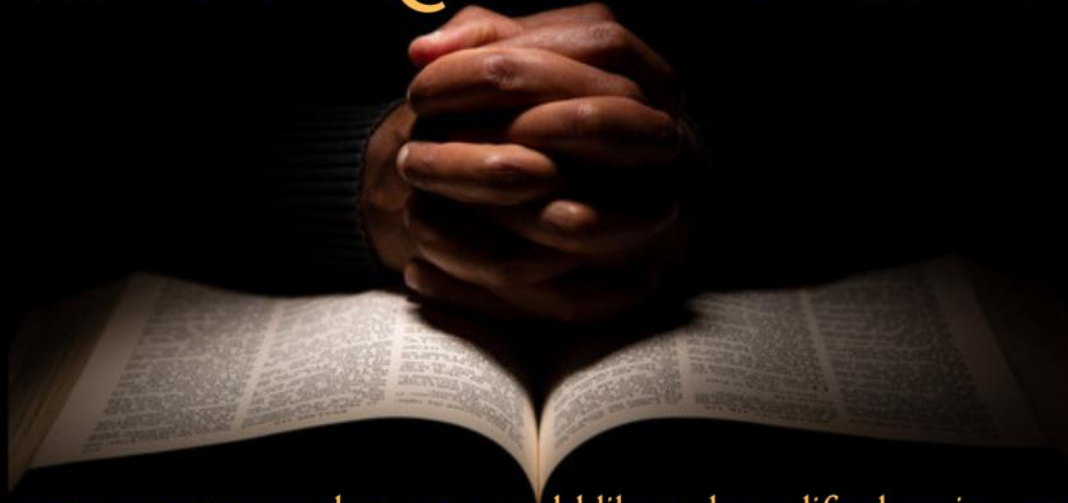
Good Shepherd in the Schools*: A Prayer Ministry

Name	School	Position
Judy Addison	Central Office (Charles County)	Research & Assessment Dept.
Kim Casto	Barnhart ES	Reading
David Cook	Spring Ridge MS, (St. Mary's Co)	Social Studies
Jonathan Cotugno	Thomas Stone HS	Math Teacher/Football Coach
Kim Donnelly	College of Southern Maryland	Professor; English, Communication & Lang
Paul Donnelly	Grace Lutheran School	K-8 Music
Linda Forrest	College of Southern Maryland	Early College Coordinator
Michael Forrest	Matthew Henson MS	Science
Kim Jameson	St. Peter's School	School Nurse
Elliott Lopez	Westlake HS	Science Teacher
Rose Trinidad Lopez	St. Charles HS	Spanish Teacher
Marc Perella	Poe MS (Fairfax County)	Technology/Computers
Rachel Perella	Central Office Fairfax County	Behavior Interventionist
Alana Quiles	Childtime of Waldorf	Assistant Teacher
Kim Sbordone	JC Parks Elementary	Elementary Teacher
Elizabeth Steele	Billingsley ES	Special Ed
Shannon Suban	Milton Somers MS	Math Teacher
Amy Warren	Baden ES (PG County)	Special Ed

*Revised 9/5/23

WORSHIP

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer concern that you would like to have lifted up in worship on Sunday, you may submit it to Linda Flanagan by email (waldorfangel@gmail.com) or by phone/text (301-643-0549) by 8pm on Saturday evening.

GSUMC
LIVE STREAM



Snooze



Yes!



slide to answer

OUR LIVESTREAM HAS BEGUN

Our worship is now live streamed on Facebook, SubSplash, YouTube, and Our Church app.

Subsplash :

<https://goodshepherdunitedmethod.subspla.sh/g3jivgi>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf/streams

ONLINE GIVING

**Scan the QR Code with your
phone or tablet's camera to get a
link to our online giving.**

**Thank you for supporting the
work of Good Shepherd!**





**Kentucky Derby
FUNDRAISER**

IN SUPPORT OF
HealthPartners

SILENT AUCTION SOUTHERN FARE & SPIRITS  DERBY HAT CONTEST MEN'S, LADIES & COUPLES

Friday, April 26, 2024
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the
WALDORF JAYCEES COMMUNITY CENTER
Live entertainment by Brian Turnmire and his Jazz Quartet

\$75 Per Person | Cash Bar

Event Sponsorship Levels
CORPORATE SPONSORS HIGHLIGHTED WITH CUSTOM JOCKEY SILK SIGNS!

					
TRIPLE CROWN \$5,000	PREAKNESS \$3,500	BELMONT \$1,500	MAJESTIC MARE \$500	SUPER STALLION \$250	STUD FEE \$100

Contact Information
HealthPartnersMD@gmail.com | 301-645-3556 | www.healthpartnersinc.org/Derby

Health Partners is a medical and dental clinic with a mission of supporting those uninsured or underinsured residents of southern Maryland. Good Shepherd has a long history of supporting Health Partners both financially (30% of the Needy Fund) and with members of the church volunteering in the clinic, in the Good Stuff thrift store, and on the Board of Directors.

An excellent opportunity to support the clinic and have a lot of fun is coming up on April 26. You will notice an added benefit; this year's entertainment will be brought to us by Brian Turnmire and his Jazz Quartet!!

Please contact Laura Suban (Subanl@aol.com/301-653-1706) or Dan Sansbury (danclaudias@gmail.com/301-7852-1550) to buy tickets. Laura and Dan are both current members of the Board of Directors.

GSUMC PRESENTS:

THE MARY WATTENFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 17, 2024

to qualify you must be:

- a 2024 graduating high school senior
- or a first-year college student who was not previously awarded this scholarship and is planning to continue their higher education
- An active participant at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- actively involved in some form of ministry for at least one year prior to making application for this award.
- able to provide 3 references from (a) a teacher, (b) a GSUMC member, and (c) a coach, friend, classmate or someone who can speak to your character.

For more Information, please go to gsumc.com/wattenford

The Mary Wattenford Scholarship Application--2024

The Mary Wattenford Scholarship was established in 2003 as the Good Shepherd Continuing Education Scholarship. It was established as a service-based scholarship to award the youth of Good Shepherd for their acts of service to the church, community, and most of all to God. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who plan to go on to college or some other form of higher education. First-year college students who were not previously awarded this scholarship and are planning to continue their higher education are also eligible to apply. The scholarship fund was named to honor Mary Wattenford, a dear member of Good Shepherd Church who passed away in July 2004. Applicants are judged on their responses to the questions asked below, their letters of recommendation, and their interviews with the Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship committee is looking for persons with sound Christian character who practice discipleship in daily life and are able to articulate their faith to others.

Please read these guidelines for eligibility. The applicant must be:

- a 2024 graduating high school senior
- or a first-year college student who was not previously awarded this scholarship and is planning to continue their higher education
- an active participant at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- **actively** involved in some form of ministry for at least one year prior to making application for this award.

To apply, please submit the following required materials **digitally** in one complete application package:

1. The attached cover sheet that includes your complete name, mailing address, e-mail address, high school or institution of higher learning you are currently attending, telephone number(s), and the year you were confirmed or became a member of Good Shepherd UMC (if applicable), and your choice of interview dates.

2. A separate essay which addresses the following questions:

1. How have you actively participated at Good Shepherd and how long you have been in each activity?
2. How has your participation in the ministries of GSUMC helped you grow as a disciple of Christ?
3. What gifts has God given you and how do you use them, either through the church or in other areas?
4. Write about a personal situation or time when you had to rely on your faith in God.
5. What are your education and career goals?
6. What is your favorite Bible story or verse and why?

3. Three letters of reference from people who know you, your character, or your practice of Christian discipleship. One reference must be from a current or former teacher and one must be from a member of Good Shepherd UMC. The third reference can be from a coach, scout leader, co-worker, friend, classmate, or neighbor.

4. *In addition to submitting this application, you will be asked to meet with the Scholarship Selection Committee for an interview which will last approximately 20 minutes.*

Please email your application and scanned letters of reference to Lucy Snell, ljsnell@comcast.net no later than Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Please clearly label as Mary Wattenford Scholarship Application. Only complete applications will be considered.

Schedule for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday, March 24:

GSUMC Worship Service
10AM Worship In-Person & on [Facebook](#),
Youtube, Subsplash, and our Church App
11:30AM Adult Sunday School (P)
5PM Fellowship at Five
1-6PM Korean Church

Monday, March 25:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)
7PM GSEC Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 26:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

10:30AM Korean Ladies Prayer (P)

Wednesday, March 27:

Church Office
Office Closed

9:40-11AM GSEC Chapel (S)
12PM Midday Prayer
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

9:30AM Morning Bible Study (P)
10AM GSEC Last Supper
3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)
5:30PM Holy Thursday Potluck
6-7PM Women's Emmaus Reunion (Zoom)
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy
7-8:30PM Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy
7PM Tenebrae Service
7:30-9PM Scouts Troop 1780, 1781 (FH, 7)

Friday, March 29:

Church Office
Office Closed

Good Friday

12PM - Prayer and Communion
7PM - Worship Service (St. Paul Episcopal Church)

Saturday, March 30:

7PM & 10:30PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (F)

305 Smallwood Dr.
Waldorf, MD 20602
301-843-6797
gsadmin@gsunc.com

Website: www.gsunc.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gsumc.waldorf

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf

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