

THE SHEPHERD

Connect - Worship - Serve

October 18, 2026



Online Giving

Scan the QR Code with your phone or tablet's camera to visit our online giving website. Thank you for supporting the work of Good Shepherd!



Join our Livestream

Our worship is live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, SubSplash, and on the GSUMC App.

SubSplash: <https://goodshepherdunitedmethod.subspla.sh/gxyvxnm>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/BfFdY5l4dfY>

Prayer Requests

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 and pray for you.

Sunday Schedule

10:00 AM Worship Service

With Pastor Laurie

Join in person in the Sanctuary or via Live Stream on Facebook, YouTube, SubSplash, and GSUMC App

10:30 AM Sunday School for Grades Pre-k through 5th

11:30 AM Fellowship Time

Come and enjoy quality time with members of GSUMC in the Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Y3D

Youth Diving Deeper into Divinity is Sunday School for youth grades 6-12 and young adults.

11:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Anyone welcome to join for discussions on biblical topics. Meeting in the Parlor

1:00-3:00 PM Korean Church Service

Anyone welcome to join in the Sanctuary

3:00-5:00 PM Korean Church Fellowship

Come and and enjoy quality time in the Fellowship Hall with fellow members

Save the Date:

October 18 Flute Benefit Concert
October 25 Trunk or Treat

November 7 Apple Dumpling Craft Fair
December 13 Christmas Cantata

Schedule for the week of October 18, 2026

Monday, October 19

Our Place 3-7 PM

Looking for a way to give back, come volunteer at Our Place in the Fellowship Hall! Visit ourplacewalford.com to volunteer.

Tuesday, October 20

Korean Ladies Prayer

11AM

Meet in the Parlor for a time of prayer in Korean!

UW Faith Craft Prep

6PM

UW Faith Meeting

6:30PM

Wednesday, October 21

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30PM

Thursday, October 22

Morning Bible Study

9:30AM

Our Place 3-7 PM

See Monday's description of Our Place

Women's Emmaus

Reunion 6-7 PM

LAMB Meeting 6:30PM

Ladies Bible Study 7-

8:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660>

Passcode: BibleStudy

Scouts Troop 1780

7:30-9 PM

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting 7 PM & 10:30 PM

Member Highlight

KEVIN HOLDER



ABOUT ME: I grew up in western North Carolina, in a family that was part of a small, rural Baptist congregation. That's where I came to faith in Christ as a child. During my college years, I discerned that God was calling me into pastoral ministry. After completing college and seminary studies, I served as pastor of Forest Heights Baptist Church in Oxon Hill for nine years, and as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Bryans Road for 24 and a half years. During the summer of 2025, I retired, as did my wife Debby, who was an educator with the Charles County Public Schools. She and I have a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Bethany.

HOBBIES: I enjoy books, including the personal library I have assembled over the years. I also follow sports, especially college and professional basketball. From my childhood, I had an interest in space travel, and have a collection of items, particularly model spacecraft. I enjoy bicycling, as well as traveling with Debby, especially now that we're retired.

BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS A SPECIAL MEANING TO ME: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, where Paul summarizes his ministry of preaching among the congregation, especially the power of God at work through human limitations and weakness. These verses were a daily guide and inspiration for me as I prepared each Sunday's sermon.

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WORLD I'VE BEEN TO: During one of my sabbaticals, I traveled to Vancouver, Canada, where I took a class and had time to explore the city and its beautiful surroundings.

GSUMC MEMBER WHO HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON YOU: David Storm, who greeted us at the door when we first started visiting the church. His friendliness, warmth, and hospitality have always been a sign and expression of the welcome in Christ that we have experienced with the congregation.

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We'd love to highlight you!

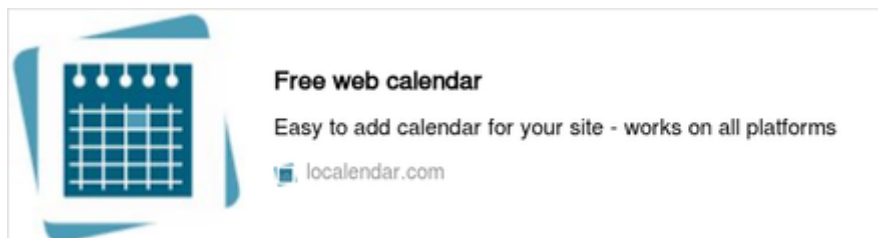
If you're interested in being featured, please email penhoelting@gmail.com.
It's a great way to help us grow closer and get to know one another better!

Hub Announcements

GSUMC is a part of the Charles County Community Hub which includes twelve churches!

View the Hub calendar via the link below!

If you want to add an event to the calendar, email hubinfocentral@gmail.com with the following information: church name, title of event, start time/end time, location, cost, point of contact/website for more information, and a short description of event.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 18
Natalie Jane Rochelle

October 21
Kim & Doug Casto **

October 23
Kathy Burdick

October 24
Ann Marie DiPoli
Janice Reuter

October 26
Sue Norris

October 28
Sarah Martin
Brian Morrissey

** indicates anniversary

We would love to celebrate you!
To add your birthday/anniversary, please contact Judy Addison (240) 416-1958 or adjudy@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

FLUTE CONCERT AND DESSERT AUCTION

October 18th at 6PM



Good Shepherd UMC
305 E Smallwood Drive
Waldorf, MD 20603



Enjoy our flute concert followed by another
fabulous Sweets and Savory Auction!
Concert benefiting the HVAC Campaign and
Music Department



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please keep Pastor Laurie and all pastors in your
prayers as we give thanks for their leadership,
dedication, and faithful service. Take a moment
to share your appreciation with a card, an email,
or a heartfelt thank-you in person.

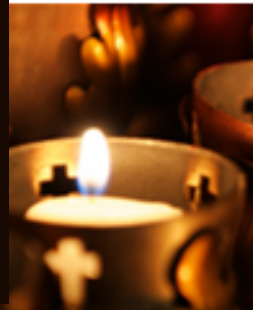
A little kindness can go a long way in reminding
our pastors how much they are loved and valued!

Seeking Donations for Trunk or Treat

We are collecting candy for
our annual Trunk or Treat
celebration on October 25.

See Clarissa for details.

All Saints Sunday November 1



We invite you to submit the names of
loved ones who have died in the past
year. We will honor and remember
them during service. You may share
both names and photos by October 26.

Help Beautify Our Sanctuary

Altar flowers can be purchased for \$60+ (plus \$5
delivery fee) from Creative Expressions

Please let Jo Handley know you are purchasing the
flowers by contacting her: johandley9@gmail.com
or 301-848-6447.

We are collecting **non-perishable food items**
(and **meats**) to support **Elsie's Pantry**
monetary donations for both
Our Place & Elsie's Pantry.
Also please consider donating
time to Our Place on Mondays
or Thursdays

FREE EVENT
HAYRIDE
FREE FOOD
GAMES
CANDY
BOOK GIVEAWAY
GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 25, 2026
305 SMALLWOOD DRIVE
WALDORF, MD 20602
3:00PM-5:00PM
WWW.GSUMC.COM//301-843-6797

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OF GOOD SHEPHERD

APPLE DUMPLING CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FRESH-BAKED APPLE DUMPLINGS, HANDMADE CRAFTS,
VENDORS TABLES, BAKED GOODS & MORE!



CREW 1780
VENTURING • LEADERSHIP • ADVENTURE • SERVICE

Grilled Cheese and SOUP FEST

Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church

November 14 | 7 PM

\$10 per person

FUNDRAISER

Proceeds help send
Crew 1780 to Winterfest!

Winterfest is an annual Scouting event held in Tennessee that brings together Scouts, Venturers, and Crews from across the country for a weekend of outdoor activities, competitions, leadership

SCHOOL OF THE WEEK:

Westlake High School

Please pray for the
students, teachers,
and staff

Young Adults GroupMe

Are you 18-30 years old? If so, please join the GSUMC Young Adults GroupMe! Young Adult Events will be planned through the group chat.

Link: https://groupme.com/join_group/113343672/w1Gntnhh

Adult Sunday School

Anyone is welcome to join the Adult Sunday School in person or on ZOOM.

Group meets in the parlor about 20 minutes after service ends, with enough time to mingle and grab snacks from the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Concert

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th
at 7 PM**

OPEN TO ALL OF CHARLES COUNTY

Join us for our annual Christmas Cantata! Enjoy a choral and instrumental presentation with the GSUMC choir, community singers, and professional orchestra!

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Do you have a family member actively serving in the military?

Submit their name to the church office so we can include them in our weekly prayers.

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Private Event 11AM
4 HUB Joint Service @ La Plata UMC 11AM	5	6 UW Faith Craft Prep 6PM	7 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	8	9	10 UMM Breakfast Meeting 8AM Paint and Chips Event 6PM
11 Service 10AM <i>Pastor Appreciation Day</i>	12 Book Club 6:30PM	13 New Beginnings 12:30PM @IHOP UW Faith Craft Prep 6PM	14 Scouting America Western Roundtable 6:15PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	15	16	17
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For more information or to add an event to the calendar, email gsadmin@gsunc.com.

Requests to add events must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday to be published in next week's newsletter.

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