

THE SHEPHERD

Connect - Worship - Serve

October 4, 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: [Join our joint hub worship on youtube!](#)

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 4 Praise in the Park (Worship & Picnic)
October 18 Flute Benefit Concert

November 7 Apple Dumpling Craft Fair
December 13 Christmas Cantata

Schedule for the week of October 4, 2026

Monday, October 5

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 6

Korean Ladies Prayer

11AM

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

UW Faith Craft Prep

6PM

Wednesday, October 7

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30PM

Thursday, October 8

Morning Bible Study

9:30AM

Our Place 3-7 PM

See Monday's description of Our Place

Women's Emmaus

Reunion 6-7 PM

Ladies Bible Study 7-

8:30 PM

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

Passcode: BibleStudy

Scouts Troop 1780

7:30-9 PM

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting 7 PM & 10:30 PM

Member Highlight

FREDA TETRAULT



ABOUT ME: A native of California but an East Coaster having lived in the East for the majority of my life at this point. HR Professional with a career in the Aerospace and Defense industry and a deep love for my family.

HOBBIES: I must have been an Event Planner in my past life, whether big or small I find it to be a complimentary merging of my love for DIY, analysis and design.

WHAT BROUGHT ME TO GOOD SHEPHERD? My husband's special duty assignment brought us to Andrews AFB. MD in 2000 and Charles County area where we chose to live. We subsequently settled in the area upon his retirement from the USAF and found our church in GSUMC when Pastor Bob Paulen was serving. My family felt very much at home with the style and messaging, and the congregation was welcoming. We spent very active years in the church- staff parish committee, youth fellowship activities, angel tree sponsorship. The church and the relationships built from it, I feel blessed to have experienced, and continue to cherish.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO? Creating experiences for me and my children/grandkids to enjoy, bond and to build lasting memories (i.e. brunch at a one-of-a-kind restaurant, Pop up museum experiences, etc).

We'd love to highlight you!

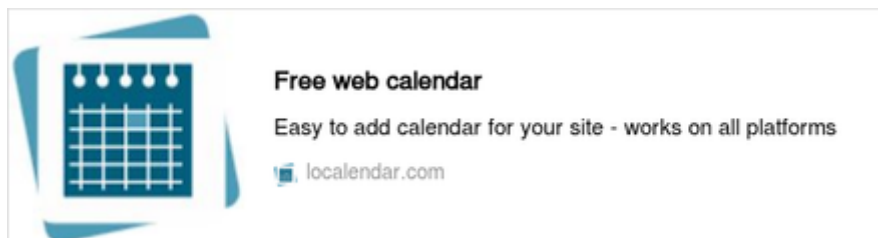
If you're interested in being featured, please email penhoelting@gmail.com. It's a great way to help us grow closer and get to know one another better!

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 2

Freda & Robert Tetrault**

October 6

Mark Suban

October 7

Robert Burdick

October 8

Pat & Godfrey Trammell **

October 9

Susan DeHetre

October 10

Laura & Mark Suban **

October 11

Ken Paulsen

October 12

Marti Day
Enid Winters

October 14

Diane Lobaugh
Kahla Manriquez
Judy Gough

October 15

Isaac Cotugno

October 18

Natalie Jane Rochelle

** 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

STILL *Going to Praise God*

whether in the Park or in His Sanctuary!



Due to the projected chilly and wet weather, we will move the service from the Park to the **Sanctuary**.

Praise in The Sanctuary

The Charles County Hub Churches
ONE CHURCH. ONE PURPOSE. ONE LORD.

SUNDAY
OCT 4
2026
11:00 AM

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Holy Communion and the Preached Word by
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman
Two Rivers District Superintendent

THE 12 CHURCHES GATHERING TOGETHER



La Plata United Methodist Church
3 Port Tobacco Rd., La Plata, MD 20646



Worship Service
at 11:00 AM



Preached Word



Holy Communion
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman



Food and Fellowship
Immediately Following

–Please wear your **light blue** Good Shepherd Shirt.

–Due to inclement weather, we will have our Hub World Communion Service and Fellowship at 11am @ La Plata United Methodist Church.

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



The Baltimore-Washington Conference Two Rivers District (TRD), in memory of our deceased and devoted member Pamela Randall, created a Memorial Book Scholarship in her honor and for her legacy. She was an avid reader, so the scholarships will assist in the purchase of books to deserving students.

To be considered for this scholarship, please complete the application and submit to TRDUWFaithPresident@gmail.com by Saturday, October 3, 2026.

Acknowledging the "Shadow Side" of My Family's History (By Alan B. Ward)

As most of you know, my wife had a six-week sabbatical this summer, which allowed us opportunities to do something unusual on a Sunday morning – worship where we chose or even [gasp!] choose not to worship at all. On one of the Sunday's during her leave, we went to Ward's Memorial United Methodist Church located in Owings, MD in Calvert County – very close to the farm where I grew up. If the name sounds familiar, it's because the church is named after my great-great grandfather Joseph, who sold the land so that a church could be built. It sounds like a noble gesture, but as my wife did some ancestry work, we discovered there might have been a "shadow side" to the decision.

In 2021 my dad passed away, and my brother and I became co-owners of the Ward family farm. In 2025, I sold my portion of the farm to my brother and he became sole owner. From the start, Laurie and I felt that we should offer some form of "tithe" from the farm sale proceeds. As we prayed about where to give, Ward's Memorial came to mind. While our contribution doesn't make up for any past injustice that may have transpired, it does acknowledge it – and our desire to forge a "new day" together in Christ.

For those who would like to learn more, I posted a [longer version of the remarks I gave at Ward's Memorial on my blog](#). I also included some photos from the day with descriptive captions. Print copies can be made available by request.

Help Beautify Our Sanctuary

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

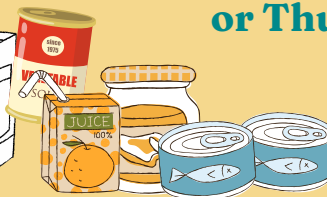
Please let Jo Handley know you are purchasing the
flowers by contacting her: johandley9@gmail.com
or 301-848-6447.



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**



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Paint and Chips



Date:
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026



Time:
6:00 pm



Place:
GSUMC Worship Salon



Cost:
\$15



SCHOOL OF THE WEEK:

BERRY ELEMENTARY

Please pray for the
students, teachers,
and staff



Book Club

October 12 @ 6:30PM

We will be discussing "The First Ladies: A Novel" by Marie Bennedict and Victoria Murry. November's book will be "A Council of Dolls: A Novel" by Mona Susan Power.

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.

Support For Our Military at the Maryland Room

For about 20 years, Good Shepherd has supported military troops at Andrews Air Force Base through the Maryland Room, a welcoming lounge within the hospital. Each week, up to 50 service members from every branch may pass through while transitioning from overseas assignments. There they receive rest and medical care before returning to their U.S. home bases.

Good Shepherd's congregation have supplied many hours of support and care for our military. Members have included Nancy and Richard Bennett, Debbie Haan, Cathy Lavoie, Pastor Jean Parr, Claudia Sansbury, and Carol Kern is the only remaining volunteer.

Volunteers are not needed at this time, but donations are always welcome!

Snacks & Drinks
(all individually prepackaged)
candy
Cookies
Snack cakes
Drinks

Loungewear
Leisure shorts
T-shirts
Flip-flops

Travel-Size Toiletries
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Body wash
Lotion

Please consider donating to help provide comfort and care for the service members who pass through the Maryland Room. Every donation makes a difference!

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	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
18 Service 10AM Flute Benefit Concer 6PM	19	20 UW Faith Craft Prep 6PM UW Faith Meeting 6:30PM	21 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	22 <u>LAMB Meeting</u> <u>6:30PM</u>	23	24
25 Service 10AM	26	27 UW Faith Craft Prep 6PM	28 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	29	30	31

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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