

# THE SHEPHERD

Connect - Worship - Serve

September 13, 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/35mvgfk>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf](https://www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf)

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf/streams)

## Prayer Requests

If you have a need for pastoral care, please reach out to Linda Flanagan ([waldorfangel@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfangel@gmail.com)), Rev. Laurie ([revlaurie@aol.com](mailto: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:

September 13 58<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration  
October 4 Praise in the Park (Picnic)  
October 18 Flute Benefit Concert

November 7 Apple Dumpling Craft Fair  
December 13 Christmas Cantata

## Schedule for the week of September 13, 2026

### Monday, September 14

#### Our Place 3-7 PM

Looking for a way to give back, come volunteer at Our Place in the Fellowship Hall! Visit [ourplacewalford.com](http://ourplacewalford.com) to volunteer.

### Tuesday, September 15

#### 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, September 16

#### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30PM

### Thursday, September 17

#### 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, September 18

### Saturday, September 19

#### Narcotics Anonymous

Meeting 7 PM & 10:30 PM

## Member Highlight

### REBECCA WARD



**ABOUT ME:** I am currently attending McDaniel College as of this fall and majoring in Early Childhood Education. I recently graduated from North Point High School. I am 18 years old. I have attended Good Shepherd for 14 years. I currently work at Good Shepherd's education center. I previously worked at North Point High Schools licensed childcare and I interned at the Early Learning Center in Waldorf.

**HOBBIES:** I love to read, listen to music (my favorite artists are Freya Skye, Taylor Swift and Alex Sampson). I enjoy doing crafts such as making friendship bracelets, and I also enjoy writing personal pieces.

**WHAT BROUGHT ME TO GOOD SHEPHERD:** My mom is a pastor and she got appointed to GSUMC when I was 3 years old and I have been here since.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO?** My favorite thing to do is read.

**HYMN OR BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS A SPECIAL MEANING TO ME AND WHY:** The hymn that has special meaning to me is "Here I Am Lord" because I have always felt like God had placed a special calling on my life to be an educator. The lyrics "I will hold your people in my heart" and "I have wept for love of them" have always resonated with me as a teacher who feels called by God. A bible verse that has special meaning to me is Joshua 1:9 because I have struggled with anxiety and this verse comforts me and helps me remember that the Lord is always with me.

**GSUMC MEMBER WHO MADE AN IMPACT ON ME:** Sheri Dawson because she always radiated positive energy and she was always able to illustrate God's message through the way she decorated the alter each Sunday. She was so loving and inviting to everyone she interacted with and always made everyone feel included

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We'd love to highlight you!

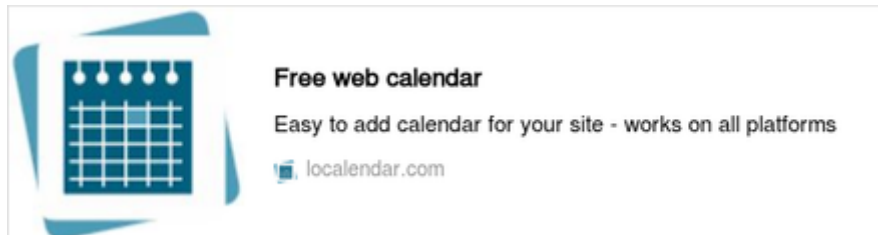
If you're interested in being featured, please email [penhoelting@gmail.com](mailto:penhoelting@gmail.com).  
It's a great way to help us grow closer and get to know one another better!

## 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](mailto: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

**September 11**  
Maurice DiPoli

**September 14**  
Brian & Pam Cook\*\*

**September 15**  
Anthony Forrest

**September 16**  
Lisa Safewright  
Anne Marie Storm  
Lauren Alexander

**September 19**  
Jeff & Linda Ford \*\*  
Julie Morrissey

**September 20**  
David & Anne Marie Storm \*\*  
Shannon Suban

**September 21**  
Greg & Pat Moyer \*\*

**September 23**  
Blake Lucas  
Nancy Dutton

**September 24**  
Sue & Bill Norris \*\*  
Pat Trammell

\*\* indicates anniversary

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

## Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

# Book Club

Monday, September 14th  
6:30pm in the Parlor

We will be discussing the book "Seventy Times Seven" by Alex Mar and "White Poverty" by Rev. William J. Barber II.

We will also be looking at the 2027 book list to decide which books we will be reading and discussing for the 2026-2027 year. The 2027 book list is available and you may find it on the United Women in Faith site or check with Amy Peregoy to have her email it to you.

Any questions, call Linda Ford 301-645-6408.

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.

## Homecoming Sunday

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Sunday, September 13th  
Come celebrate GSUMC's 58th Birthday  
with Homecoming Sunday!

Members are asked to bring a side or dessert.  
Hotdogs and Burgers will be provided!

## SCHOOL OF THE WEEK:

THOMAS STONE  
HIGH SCHOOL

Please pray for the  
students, teachers,  
and staff

## Praise in The Park

The Charles County  
Hub Churches

Sunday, October 4th at 11am

Gilbert Run Park's Brookside Pavilion -  
Charlotte Hall, MD

God's Word • Hymns • Games • Food • Fellowship  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** -  
will be officiated by The Two Rivers District  
Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman

- We are asking for each church to wear your t-shirts that display your church name or logo.
- If members can't make it to the park, Rev. Dr. Susan Boehl will be holding a World Communion service at 8:30am @ La Plata UMC.
- In case of inclement weather, we will still have a Hub World Communion Service and Fellowship at 11am @ La Plata UMC.

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH Paint and Chips



**Date:**  
Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026



**Time:**  
6:00 pm



**Place:**  
GSUMC Worship Salon



**Cost:**  
\$15



## October 18, 2026 6 PM



### Flute Concert

and

### Dessert Auction

Enjoy our flute concert  
followed by another fabulous  
*Sweets and Savory Auction*



CONCERT BENEFITING THE HVAC CAMPAIGN AND THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### 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](mailto:johandley9@gmail.com) or 301-848-6447.

### 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](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 nearly 20 years, Good Shepherd has supported our military troops at Andrews Air Force Base through the Maryland Room, a welcoming lounge in the hospital where service members can rest, relax, and recharge. The room provides televisions, computers, electronic games, food, and drinks.

Each week, up to 50 service members from every branch of the military may pass through the Maryland Room while transitioning from overseas assignments. During wartime, slightly wounded service members are also cared for here. American Red Cross volunteers provide comfort and hospitality, including serving dinner prepared by the Air Force and providing care packages with snacks, toiletries, flip-flops, leisure apparel.

Good Shepherd has proudly supported this ministry for many years. Our congregation and our United Women in Faith have faithfully provided funding and donated many of the items needed by the Maryland Room. Many Good Shepherd members have also volunteered their time.

Today, Carol Kern is currently our only Good Shepherd volunteer, and we would love to grow our team!

To volunteer or learn more about how you can help, please contact the church office.

### 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.

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**

# September

| Sun                                                | Mon                                                                                    | Tue                                                                | Wed                                                                                        | Thu                                        | Fri | Sat                                |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
|                                                    |                                                                                        | 1<br>UW Faith Craft<br>Prep 6PM                                    | 2<br>Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal 7:30PM                                                     | 3                                          | 4   | 5                                  |
| 6<br>Service 10AM                                  | 7<br> | 8<br>New Beginnings<br>12:30PM @IHOP<br>UW Faith Craft<br>Prep 6PM | 9<br>Scouting America<br>Western<br>Roundtable 6:15PM<br>Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal 7:30PM | 10                                         | 11  | 12<br>UMM Breakfast<br>Meeting 8AM |
| 13<br>Service 10AM<br><b>HOMECOMING<br/>SUNDAY</b> | 14<br>Book Club 6:30PM                                                                 | 15<br>UW Faith Craft<br>Prep 6PM<br>UW Faith Meeting<br>6:30PM     | 16<br>Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal 7:30PM                                                    | 17                                         | 18  | 19                                 |
| 20<br>Service 10AM                                 | 21<br>Nominations<br>Meeting 7PM                                                       | 22<br>UW Faith Craft<br>Prep 6PM                                   | 23<br>Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal 7:30PM                                                    | 24<br><u>LAMB Meeting</u><br><u>6:30PM</u> | 25  | 26                                 |
| 27<br>Service 10AM                                 | 28                                                                                     | 29<br>UW Faith Craft<br>Prep 6PM                                   | 30<br>Chancel Choir<br>Rehearsal 7:30PM                                                    |                                            |     |                                    |

For more information or to add an event to the calendar, email [gsadmin@gsunc.com](mailto: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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