

Worship Design Team

Our pastors are looking for creative hearts and hands to join them in planning our worship services. This includes considering our order of worship and enhancing the service through elements such as altar displays, visuals, media, drama, special observances, etc... If you have a passion for how we worship, we'd love for you to consider being a part of this new team! Express your interest on the Connect Card or by emailing Pastor Lisa.

Blueprint for Faith: Week 2

Reflection

1. Defining "Doing Good": Wesley saw doing good as more than just acts of kindness. How does this understanding challenge or expand your idea of what it means to do good?
2. Empowerment vs. Relief: Reflect on ways your church or community provides long-term empowerment (e.g., education, job training) versus temporary relief. How can these efforts be expanded or improved?
3. Persistence in Doing Good: Galatians 6:9-10 encourages us to keep doing good even when it's hard. What challenges have you faced in trying to do good, and how can this group help support each other?
4. Personal Reflection: Identify one area in your life where you could do more good. What is one small step you can take this week to move in that direction?

Daily Spiritual Practices/Disciplines

Prayer Walk

- Take a walk through your neighborhood, praying for the people and places you encounter. Ask God to reveal ways you can do good in your community.

Fasting for Justice

- Fast one meal or one day each week as a spiritual discipline focused on praying for justice and giving the money saved to help those in need.

Good Shepherd in Ministry

Monthly Prayer for our Church

*Join us by including this in your daily prayer time
and at all church gatherings.*

God of peace, we pause to seek your presence among us. Thank you for the gift of community at Good Shepherd and the call to love beyond ourselves. We pray for peace in our hearts, in this country, and throughout the world. Help us to look with compassion upon our neighbors near and far. Open our eyes to their joys and struggles, and move us to pray, to listen, and to act with care. Shape us into peacemakers and hope-bearers, that your light may shine through us in every place we go. Amen.

Snowie Bus is Coming TODAY!

Free snow cones for all ages after worship! Head out front and grab your favorite flavor of icy goodness. Enjoy and fellowship before departing or heading to Sunday School.

Lunch Bunch

Join us on August 21st at 12 pm for a once-a-month potluck meal and time of fellowship. Bring a dish to share.

United Women in Faith (UWiF) Luncheon - Aug. 22nd

All the women of Good Shepherd are invited to join our UWiF summer luncheon on August 22nd at 11:30 am at Madigan's Waterfront (201 Mill St, Occoquan). This is a great opportunity to connect, get to know one another better, and share about our summers. Please RSVP to Mary Smith by phone or text: 703-400-6995.

Chili Cook-Off Meal - Sept. 14th after worship

Join us for our annual fall kickoff meal and friendly competition. Share via the comment box on the Weekly Connect Card if you plan to enter one or more crocks/pots of chili. All are welcome to bring a side to share (not required). Dessert will be provided.

Annual Conference Recap Session, September 7th, after worship. Led by Pat Pearsall and Steve Koch.