

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – April 5

9:15 am Prayer Group, Room 2
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt
12:15 pm Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1
3:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
Still Waters Church, Upper Ed

Monday – April 6

Church Office Closed - Easter Holiday

Tuesday – April 7

9:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm SPRC, Room 4

Wednesday – April 8

9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Room 1
7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – April 9

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom

Friday – April 10- Church Office Closed

7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – April 11

10:00 am Funeral, Sanctuary & Upper Ed
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

March 29, 2026

In-Person Worship - 116
Online Worship - 64
Sunday School/Small Groups - 42
General Fund Giving - 4969.46



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GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

We love children!

There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.

Our Family Worship Space offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available.

Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship.

Childcare is available for infants through age 5 during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

Art Camp - July 13th - 17th: Hands-on art activities paired with faith conversations, reminding campers they are created and loved by God. Led by Olivia Shepard-Llanos and volunteers, the week culminates in a family Art Showcase celebrating campers' creativity and growth. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/8851d8>

Basketball Camp - July 28th - 31st: Learn, play, and grow in a fun, faith-filled environment! Campers enjoy indoor skill-building drills, outdoor gameplay, and guest speakers connecting teamwork and sportsmanship with faith. Led by Gar-Field High School coach Ginger Scott and volunteers. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com>

Both camps are open to Rising 1st – 6th Graders.

Would you like to volunteer, be a guest speaker or have questions?

Contact the camp leaders below:

- Basketball – Ginger Scott: 703-868-2777 | scottgr@pwcs.edu
- Art – Olivia Shepard-Llanos: 703-946-1406 | oliviashepard@gmail.com
- Director of Outreach – Janae Tschudi-Evatt: outreach@gsumc.net

ACTS Food Pantry

Join us in meeting hunger needs in our community. Contribute non-perishable food items to our weekly collection for ACTS. Items can be placed in the baskets near Room 1, located off to the left when leaving the Sanctuary.

This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:			
Apr 5th:	1 Chronicles 22:2 - 27:34	Apr 6th:	1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30
Apr 7th:	2 Chronicles 1:1 - 5:1	Apr 8th:	2 Chronicles 5:2 - 9:31
Apr 9th:	2 Chronicles 10:1 - 13:22	Apr 10th:	2 Chronicles 14:1 - 16:14
Apr 11th:	2 Chronicles 17:1 - 20:37	Apr 12th:	2 Chronicles 21:1 - 24:27

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcQrKLaznhayxdCD.1>
 Meeting ID: 884 822 1386
 Passcode: rzRn4s

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 resurrection, in this holy season as we move from the joy of Easter into the celebration of Eastertide, fill us with the hope and new life of the risen Christ. As we continue our journey of living out the Good News, shape Good Shepherd to be a church for all your children, a community where your love is wide, your welcome is real, and your light shines brightly. In a world longing for hope and healing, help us be a beacon of Christ's light through compassion, justice, and joy, so that our lives may bear witness to the new life you bring. Amen.

There are no regular Sunday School classes today. We invite you for a time of fellowship and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship.

Monday, April 6th, the church office will be closed for Easter Monday.

Blessing Neabsco Elementary — This April, we're showing love to the teachers and staff at Neabsco Elementary as they prepare for Teacher Appreciation Week in early May! Pick up a few simple goodies — candy, snacks, Post-its, hand lotion, lip balm, nice pens, bookmarks, or other small treats. Bring as many or as few as you'd like — every little bit counts! Not sure what to get? Ask any of the educators in our congregation for ideas!

Starting April 19th, we will begin a new worship series: Rising Strong. "...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4b). The Bible is full of stories of redemption, change, and hope. Through biblical stories, we will discover how faith in a Risen Jesus can transform our lives for the better here and now. No matter how big or how small we fall, God outstretches God's hand, ready to raise us up.

Annual Flame Scramble Golf Tournament for GSUMC will be at Old Hickory Golf Club, Thursday, April 16th. Rossie & Carol Alston and friends host this fundraising tournament, graciously directing a portion of the proceeds to support GSUMC's ministry and mission. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to play ministry. Information to register and/or sponsor is available on the glass table.

ORDER OF WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY

(* Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

- * Gathering Song *Great Is The Lord* FWS 2022
- * Words of Welcome
- * Gathering Words
On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.
On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.
But today, we know the good news is alive and well.
The good news is dancing!
The good news is on the loose!
The good news is out in the world, calling your name!
Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.
Let us worship our good-news Christ.
- * Hymn *Christ is Risen* UMH 307
- Good Shepherd in Ministry
- Praising God with Our Gifts
- Offertory Music *King Jesus Christ is Risen!* (Price/Besig)
- * Doxology UMH 94
- Children's Time Pastor Lisa
- Prayer for Understanding
Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10 N.T. 32
Bianca Roberts, Pat Pearsall, Rob Barbieri

Message Pastor MiRhang

Anthem ***Arise My Soul He is Risen!*** (arr. Mauldin)

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Holy Communion Sung Responses

*Affirmation of Faith

*Hymn ***Up From The Grave He Arose*** UMH 322

*Benediction

Postlude ***Praise The God of Resurrection*** (Hayes)

Votive Candle Stand. Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

Worship Resources Used: *Liturgy: Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.

Remember in Prayer (as of March 29, 2026)

Wyatt “Mac” McGinnis Jr. upon the death of his sister, Ethel Scoggins
Brenda Kelley-Nellum - knee surgery on April 15th
Christine Evatt - Harold, heart issue; Lillian, broken leg
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Evatts - George, sudden blindness and his wife, Vickie providing care
Milberts - Phil Goble, battling blood cancer and chemotherapy
Mitchems - Eleanor Mohler, breast cancer treatment.
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Nicole Millard - mother-in-law, glioblastoma- prayers for strength and comfort for all family
Pam Buchenauer - Ron, carota surgery; Chris, wrist surgery; Davinder, spine issues; Betsy, kidney removal surgery; Lori recovering from a fall
Pat Pearsall - Keiko Foster
Steve Koch - Uncle Robert and Aunt Kris who have health issues
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Our country and our nation’s leaders
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.
All are welcome!*

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