

# Ministry Menu

## **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**

### Waldorf, MD

Long ago, the Apostle Paul wrote, “Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given us.”

As an active and growing church, Good Shepherd UMC needs to communicate about the many parts that make up our church body. This ministry guide is an opportunity for you to see the broad picture of our church and help you discern where you fit into this beautiful body of Christ. It’s a menu of good things that are happening here.

Volunteering for ministry will help meet your needs as well as help others. You will find here lots of ways to connect you with some great people. There are numerous opportunities where you can use your passion and talents to serve God, help others, and make a better world.

# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Our Mission

We at Good Shepherd UMC are here to build a community of love, prayer and forgiveness where persons encounter God's love, hear Christ's call, and respond in service with the Spirit's help.

## Our Vision

We see ourselves as a garden for growing mature disciples of Jesus Christ by planting seeds of God's grace in the lives of those who are in need, fostering growth in head, heart and hands, and looking for the fruit of the Spirit to be produced in the life of the congregation.

## Core Values

- *All persons are graciously welcomed and valued.*
- *Healthy relationships are formed between people.*
- *Ongoing faith formation and personal growth is vital.*
- *Concern for justice and social holiness.*
- *We care for the world as God's creation.*
- *We are committed to giving our very best to God.*
- *We are open to new ways in which God is working.*
- *We expect the fruit of the Spirit to flourish in us and others.*

## Core Beliefs

- *God's love is available to all people.*
- *God's love embraces us and transforms us.*
- *Jesus Christ is the embodiment of God's love and power.*
- *Jesus Christ calls all persons to a life of radical love and service.*
- *Faith in Jesus Christ is more about discipleship than membership.*
- *The church is both a gift and calling.*
- *The Bible is the authoritative, living Word of God.*
- *Faith in Jesus Christ is more about relationship than rules, more about who we know (Jesus Christ), than what we know.*
- *Faith in Jesus Christ is about head, heart and hands.*

# ADMINISTRATION

## Leadership Council

The major decision making body for the church, the Leadership Council sets policy, maintains and communicates the mission and vision of the congregation, and sets the annual budget for all administrative, ministry and mission areas of the church.

The Leadership council is the primary way in which the various leaders and ministries are in communication with one another and resources are allocated. Leadership Council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of most months.

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## Communications

A number of volunteers work to foster greater church awareness, knowledge and participation in the various ministries and events offered by the church.

Communication within the Church includes:

Web page, monthly newsletter, “*Good News From Good Shepherd*”, weekly bulletin announcements, and emergency e-mail alerts.

Communication to the Larger Community includes:

Newspaper advertising, press releases, and yellow pages listing.

Ways to help:

- Photographer
- Help with Web page
- Writers for press releases and newsletter articles
- Event promotion assistants
- Mailing volunteers

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## Committee on Lay Leadership

The Committee on Lay Leadership (CLL) helps persons in the congregation to identify their gifts and skills for Christian service and identifies and recommends persons for service in the various ministry areas of the congregation. The Committee also works to identify the skills and talents needed for the congregation to accomplish its mission. The Committee meets at various times throughout the year as needed.

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## Discipleship Committee

Initiate plans for study classes and small group experiences that enable children, youth and adults to connect their relationship with God to their daily lives. Provide for nurturing and developing the facilitators, teachers, and leaders of study classes and small groups to enhance their skills.

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## **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee recommends a yearly budget and administers church funds throughout the year. Various volunteer opportunities include:

- Counting and recording the weekly offerings
- Preparing budget and other financial communications
- Preparing quarterly financial statements
- Recommending overall budget and financial strategy to Leadership Council
- Arranging for a yearly audit
- Cutting checks and paying bills

If you are good with numbers and desire our church to be a good steward of our finances, this opportunity may be for you.

*Contact Person:*

## **Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee ensures a quality staff and ministry for the church. The SPRC meets on the first Wednesday of each month to oversee and direct decision making and staff related issues, as well as look at the ministry needs and opportunities that are present within the congregation and the community. The SPRC is concerned with such things as recommending a budget for staff compensation, staff recognition and training, handling matters related to staff selection and evaluation, setting and reviewing personnel policies for the church staff, and considering the congregation's overall mission and vision.

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## **Board of Trustees**

The Trustees are responsible for providing and maintaining adequate facilities and grounds for the missions and ministry of our congregation. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Thursday of each month for planning, decision-making and troubleshooting. As a volunteer, you can coordinate or participate in various projects such as:

- Coordinating major construction and repairs
- Interior decorating, repair, and maintenance
- Organizing Fall and Spring "Clean-Up Days"
- Landscape care throughout the year
- Securing adequate liability and property insurance needs
- Setting budget for annual maintenance and utilities
- Conducting an accessibility audit and working to make the buildings accessible to all persons
- Maintaining a beautiful and welcoming facility where people can feel at home in worship.

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## **Good Shepherd Education and Child Care Center Board of Directors**

A volunteer board that sets policy, adopts a budget and oversees the operation of the church-owned Education and Child Care Center.

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## **Music Committee**

The Music Committee provides opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to serve and grow through worship music and to guide the music ministry in ways that aid the worship experience and bring the congregation closer to God.

Responsibilities:

- Recommends and administers music ministry budget
- Supports the music ministry through fundraising efforts
- Hosts musical groups to enhance the spiritual life of the congregation and community
- Maintains church-owned instruments, robes, and music library

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## **Mary Wattenford Scholarship**

The scholarship, named after a beloved member of the congregation, is intended to recognize youth with sound Christian character who practice discipleship in their daily life, show service to God in the church and community and are able to articulate their faith to others. Three scholarships are awarded each June to graduating students to pursue higher education.

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## **Youth Council**

The Youth Council meets four times a year to coordinate the planning of the various ministries our youth are involved in, to address any issues facing these ministries, and ensure they are working toward fulfilling our mission and purpose for ministry for, with, and by the youth of Good Shepherd UMC. The Youth Council is made up of seven adults and seven youth representing various aspects of youth ministry at Good Shepherd.

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## **Church Office**

Volunteers help with special projects or come in to the office regularly to provide help with: computer support, data entry, preparing the weekly Sunday bulletin or other office needs. If you enjoy working with people, and making a significant difference through performing necessary office projects, this is an opportunity for you.

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# MINISTRIES

## Christian Discipleship

*Providing meaningful Christian education to children, youth and adults.*

**Sunday School** -- On an average Sunday there are around 80 to 85 children, youth and adults in Sunday School either at 9:30 or 11:00AM. The classes are busy with creative learning activities led by passionate teachers. Faith and love are freely shared as students of various abilities, learning styles and backgrounds are always welcome. The generous offerings from the students on the first and second Sundays have made it possible to be a better neighbor to those around the world who are hungry and in need.

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**5/7/9 Fellowship Groups** — Just pure fellowship and fun surrounded by food is what happens in these groups. It is an opportunity to make friends with church family members outside of worship where we often mingle but seldom meet. It is an informal gathering where people can get to know and love one another. There are several types of fellowship Groups to choose from: Saturday Morning Breakfast, Home, Restaurant, Dessert, Coffee, Cards/Games and Movie Groups which meet once a month. All groups consist of 5, 7 or 9 people. The two groups that got started in January are really enjoying each others' company.

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**Vacation Bible School** ~ Each day began with Sing and Play Stampede time where 150 children and 60 staff gathered to experience a "Wild Ride Through God's Word." It was an amazing celebration of God's love through videos, story telling, crafts, Bible dramas and singing with movement to upbeat Bible songs. It all became even more meaningful when the children prayed over the mission bears they made to show God's love to other children. June 25-30, 2007

Contact Persons: Laura Suban & Kerri Matthews, Co-Directors 301-705-7141

**Friendship First** -- Something new was started last fall as a small group approach to establishing meaningful relationships with Jesus Christ and others. For 13 weeks two groups of about 7 or 8 persons gathered on Tuesday evenings to experience a fun approach to building community centered on food. Those who participated learned skills for a lifetime of expressing their love. One of these groups is continuing to nurture their relationship with each other while members of the other group have found new ways to connect with others in the church.

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**Confirmation** — On Sunday, May 20th nine students stepped forward to kneel down, confirm their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to be a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. They began the journey last fall gathering on Monday evenings for sessions related to the Christian faith, shared in field trips that exposed them to other faith communities, and met regularly with their mentors to share their questions and talk about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. There was even a class mission project that required each of them to purchase and pack items for a relief kit for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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***Study With the Shepherd*** ~ A variety of short-term studies were offered for adults to grow spiritually. Examples of these included a class on forgiveness for women, the Bible-based video series for women called Sisters, Jesus' Parables of the Lost and Found; Philippians, Running the Race, a unique look at a book of the Bible; Making Love Last a Lifetime for couples; and the Men of Faith class. In addition we offered Lenten and Advent studies. There are new and engaging opportunities yet to come.

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## **Hospitality Team**

Supports the food related activities of the church. This includes the shared service Sunday potluck dinner, coffee hour, the Soup, Stew, & Chili cook off and occasionally, a reception. Hospitality also helps with keeping the kitchen clean and in order.

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## **Music Ministry**

The music ministry of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is an active ministry involving over 100 people of all ages. There are 5 singing choirs, a bell choir, a praise team and opportunities for instrumentalists. It continues to be our goal for all the ensembles to bring music to worship with a Christ-centered attitude and Spirit-filled heart.

Music Groups:

- Praise Team (6:00PM on Sundays)
- Chancel Choir (7:30PM on Wednesdays)
- Cherub Choir - Kindergarten through 2nd grade (6:10 – 6:40PM Wednesdays)
- Good Shepherd Singers - 3rd through 5th grade (6:40 – 7:20PM Wednesdays)
- Youth Choir (Rehearse 5:00PM on Sundays)
- Bell Choir (Rehearse at 7:00PM on Thursdays)
- Youth Praise Band (4:00 to 5:00PM Sundays)

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## **New Beginnings**

New Beginnings is a volunteer group of some of the senior citizens of the Church. In February 1982, the Pastor of the church at the time, Dr. Clarence Kaylor, felt it was important to have the senior citizens of Good Shepherd join together for prayer, fun, and fellowship. We met and started with thirty-five people and now, twenty-five years later, are still active. At the present time, our group consists of twenty-four members and our average attendance runs between fifteen and twenty. We meet on the first Monday of each month for lunch. We recognize our members' birthdays, anniversaries and send get well and sympathy cards. We take up voluntary dues and have participated in the annual Adopt-a-Child and Angel Tree Christmas programs, as well as giving a memorial gift for those members who have died. Sometimes we take a short trip or attend a dinner theater. We love to meet, eat and socialize together at a local restaurant. We will warmly welcome anyone who cares to join us.

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## **Nursery**

Provide child care and oversight organization for our Sunday morning nursery for children up to age three.

- Child care for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings (9:00AM - 12:15PM)
- Maintaining the physical condition of our nursery
- Providing appropriate toys, music or DVD's

If you desire to make a big difference for little ones and are willing to be creative, volunteer in the nursery a few Sundays a year. This is an opportunity for you.

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## **Pre-Marriage Seminar**

The Pre-Marriage Seminar is a two-day event for couples planning to be married. Led by couples from within the congregation, the seminar is designed to help couples make the most of their marriage, not just their wedding day. Sessions include: the Differences Between Men and Women, Communication, God's Plan for Marriage, Finances, Valuing Your Spouse/Welcoming a Child, and Romance and Sexuality. The seminar is held in March and September each year and participation is required for couples planning to be wed at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

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## **Saturday Nite Live**

Saturday Nite Live is a social group with the intent of supporting activities that can be enjoyed together by couples associated with the group. This group has been active for over 26 years. We usually meet on the second Saturday of each month. Normally, this is at someone's home, but occasionally we do other outings such as theaters, miniature golf, etc. Over the years we have supported various service related activities as a group.

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## **United Methodist Men**

The UMM meets for monthly fellowship and breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00AM. Various service projects are undertaken throughout the year including help with the living nativity in December.

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## **Youth Fellowship**

The UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) meets Sunday evenings with dinner together at 6:00PM followed by a time filled with prayer, worship, discussion, games, and fun. We have special theme nights such as Game Night, Movie Night, and times of worship and celebration. Our purpose is to provide a safe, welcoming, and fun place for all youth where they can learn more about God and themselves as they grow as disciples of Jesus. The youth also take part in a fall retreat at Camp Manidokan and ROCK in Ocean City. They also participate in many outreach projects throughout the year and fundraisers to support these projects.

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## **The Carpenter's Crew (Drama/Puppet Team)**

This crew is made up of youth, young adults, and adults planning and performing skits to share Bible stories and stories about our faith in worship and other settings at Good Shepherd UMC. The crew will be performing dramas, comedies, choral readings, and puppet skits in worship on a regular basis bringing the message to all ages.

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## **Wednesday Night Dinners**

Wednesday Night Dinners is an outreach ministry offering wonderful midweek fellowship along with nutritious, economical, home cooked, warm meals each Wednesday, 5-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We enjoy a comfortable relaxed atmosphere where everyone is welcome and newcomers from within and outside of the church are warmly received.

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## **Lay Readers**

Assist in leading Sunday worship by reading the scriptures and leading prayers in the 9:15 and 11:00 services.

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## **United Methodist Women**

Good Shepherd United Methodist Women consists of a unit as well as two circles that meet at various times during the year. In late 2006, publication of our fifth cookbook over the past 25 to 30 years was realized. This, along with the annual craft fair, is the source of funds in supporting mission projects at the local, national and international levels. In the spring, GSUMW hosted our second Washington East District prayer breakfast with a great turn out and an outstanding program presented by the District officers. Specific projects helped by GSUMW are the Angel Tree project, adoption of a child through CCFund and a variety of district level projects each year.

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## **Worship**

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## **Altar Guild**

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## **Ushers**

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Julie Morrissey 301-705-6987

## **A/V Tech Team**

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## Church Wide Events

### **Leadership Retreats**

A full day retreat open to youth and adults intended to focus on leadership and ministry. A day of teaching and hands-on experience, reflection, and worship that helps us to kindle a passion for serving Christ with the Spirit's help. Next retreat date: January 19, 2008.

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### **Church picnic**

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### **Everybody's Birthday**

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### **Spring Auction**

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# MISSIONS

## **Angel Tree Christmas**

Angel Tree is a community mission program sponsored by GSUMC through Prison Ministries. The Church provides Christian evangelism about the true story of Christmas along with well-chosen Christmas gifts for a child and their caregiver whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Each year we have a Christmas party where approximately 70 children from Charles County are given their special gifts, have fun and food, and also learn about Jesus as the greatest gift of all.

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## **Adopt a School**

Provides school supplies and gently-used books for use by teachers and students at Dr. Brown Elementary School. This effort came out of the January 2007 Leadership Retreat.

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## **Aid to Returning Service Personnel**

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## **Christmas in April**

Contact Person: John Graham 301-645-5136

## **English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes**

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered each Saturday from 9AM until 12 noon. Classes are free of charge and are offered by trained volunteers from the church. These classes began in August and currently seven students have enrolled. This effort came out of the January 2007 Leadership Retreat.

Ways to help:

- Volunteer as a tutor
- Serve as greeter and in-take helper
- Offer to assist with child care
- Donate gently-used games that would be useful in teaching spelling and language skills—examples are Scrabble® or Boggle®.
- Make a monetary donation to help with the cost of purchasing instructional materials and supplies.

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## **Safe Nights - Helping Hands Ministry**

The Safe Nights Helping Hands Ministry works to raise community awareness of the homeless in Southern Maryland. We try to do this by providing vouchers to local churches inviting those less fortunate to share in our Wednesday Night Dinners and by participating and spreading the word on the annual walk for the homeless in November. We also work to raise community support for those in need by collecting food donations, toiletries, and monetary donations.

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## **Good Shepherd Stitches**

The Good Shepherd Stitches was founded by a former member of Good Shepherd who is now spreading her ministry talent to others in Texas. She wanted to teach women the art of quilting. We have become a UMW Circle. We currently meet on Tuesday nights in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:30PM. We take a small break around the Christmas season and during the summer. We are looking for people who enjoy fellowship and occasional tea and dessert. The ability to sew is not a requirement. We have done many different projects over the years. They include baby blankets for Project Linus, quilts for the church auctions, covers for the piano and hand bell tables, new nursery curtains and crib sheets, and book bags for the mission project for Hurricane Katrina. Over the years we have also made a great number of Christmas stockings which were then filled with gifts and given to children to make their holiday happier.

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## **Latvian Connecting Congregations**

Offering financial support and prayer for two United Methodist congregations in Matras, Latvia through the General Board of Global Ministries Connecting Congregations initiative.

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## **Needy Fund**

The Needy Fund provides emergency assistance with gasoline and other needs as well as a financial support for the Inter-Faith Community Connection (ICC), Safe Nights/Lifestyles, Inc. of Maryland and other local projects.

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## **The Pittsburgh Project**

The Pittsburgh Project is a week long mission service trip to downtown Pittsburgh, Pa. for high school age youth. The trip takes place the last full week of July each year. At the project we do home repair for the elderly and handicapped that can not afford to pay someone to do the work.

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## **ASP-Mission Trip**

We are adding another week long mission trip as we join up with the Appalachia Service Project to address housing needs of Central Appalachia where poverty rates are well above the national average. The date for summer 2008 will be announced in November. The theme this year is "Not by force, nor by strength, but by my spirit." Zechariah 4:6

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