



The **Shepherd**

Weekly Newsletter
Good Shepherd UMC

April 14, 2024

The Blessing of Vulnerability



SAVE THE DATE

April 12-14 - Youth Retreat (West River)
April 13- Climate Change Bible Study
April 17 - The Mary Wattenford Scholarship
Application Due
April 23-May 3 - General Conference (NC)

April 26 - Health Partners Fundraiser (Jaycee's
Community Center)
May 11 - United Women in Faith Women's Tea
July 15-19 - Vacation Bible School

Prayers for our Family and Community

- Sue Norris
- Bruce Graham
- Claudia Sansbury
- Ken McDade
- Nancy Maguire
- Brenda Stanford
- Betty Sellner
- Addie Ward
- Pastor Sandy Taylor
- Janice Reuter
- Frank and Linda Adgate
- John Grove
- Rev. Laurie and her family
- Adelia Cardoso - Home
- Bill and Joanne Van Blarcum - Home
- Mary Welsh - Home
- Mary Calvert - Elkridge, MD
- Helen Riley - Home
- Rachel Magoon - Sagepoint Gardens
- Israel and Palestine
- Ukraine
- The ongoing COVID-19 endemic
- Educators, students, and families
- First responders in all fields
- Leaders throughout our country at all levels
- The wounds of racism in our country

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00	Youth Sunday School for Grades 6-12th Fellowship Time
10:00	In-Person Worship Service Recorded Service is live streamed on Facebook, You Tube + Subsplash + Church App
10:30	Sunday School for Grades Pre-K-5
11:30	Adult Sunday School
5:00	Fellowship at FIVE

Have a Need?

During this time, 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 you and pray for you.

Good Shepherd April 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 1

Bud & Lee Campbell - Anniversary

April 3

Camden Perella

April 5

Rachel Perella

Joanna Collier

April 7

Glenn Paulson

April 9

Nancy & Michael Blizzard – Anniversary

Steve Larsen

April 11

Amy & Bob Peregoy - Anniversary

April 13

Ron Collier, Sr.

April 14

Sandy Taylor

April 15

Joanne Olsen

April 16

Pam & Mike Donahue – Anniversary

April 21

Susan & Tom DeHetre - Anniversary

April 23

John Bartko

April 24

Administrative Professionals Day

April 27

Brian Turnmire

Joel Haan, Sr.

April 28

Dottie & Maurice DiPoli - Anniversary

Debbie & Joel Haan - Anniversary

April 29

Sharon McDade

Debbie Haan

WE WOULD LOVE TO CELEBRATE YOU!!

*If your Birthday/Anniversary is missing, please contact Priscilla Rollins at 703.727.8667 or email parollins@verizon.net.

Simplified Board Work Team Meeting

GSUMC Leadership and interested members gathered again on March 23rd to continue discussions about the potential of utilizing the Simplified Board Model for our Leadership Structure. This was part of a series of meetings that will lead to a proposal regarding our leadership structure to the congregation within the next 3-6 months. At this meeting, we focused our conversations on the work of the Trustees and how that work could be handled under a Simplified Board. Current Trustee President, Doug Casto, led us in a discussion of the various areas that the Trustees are tasked with overseeing per paragraph 2525 of the Book of Discipline of the UMC.

We specifically looked at the difference between administrative functions of the Trustees and day to day maintenance and repair needs of the church. We felt it was important to have a wider base of persons involved with the later but that administrative functions could possibly be handled in a more centralized fashion. We affirmed that GSUMC is blessed to have an amazing group of persons who give their time, talents and resources on a regular basis to care for the maintenance and repairs of the church. No matter what decisions are made about a Simplified Board, these persons are one of our greatest assets that need to be empowered to continue to use their gifts to serve GSUMC.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 16th at 7 p.m.** We will focus on goals for the Simplified Board working team including a plan for moving forward, defining work teams and leadership teams and assessing potential gaps. There will be time to focus on the role of the Finance leaders as well. Everyone is invited to be a part of the working team either in person or virtually using the link below. If you have any questions, please reach out to David Storm, Church Council Chair (dfstorm@verizon.net), Pastor Laurie (revlaurie@aol.com) or Lay Leader, Linda Flanagan (waldorfangel@gmail.com).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89836953972?pwd=RUJQM3JLOVftZzRvOW1OM1pxRU44dz09>

Meeting ID: 898 3695 3972
Passcode: 950035

Dial by your location
• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

GENERAL CONFERENCE

April 23-May 3

As you may know, delegates from around the United Methodist Church will be gathering from April 23-May 3 for General Conference in Raleigh, NC. Perhaps you have been wondering what will be discussed and what changes may be proposed. You no doubt have heard that the UMC, like much of society, has had challenges regarding differing opinions about a whole host of things including the role of LGBTQ persons in the life and ministry of our churches.

Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of Resurrection UMC in Leawood, KS, spent time this week talking about what the role of General Conference is, who will be there and what are the areas of legislation that will be under consideration. Because the General Conference is the voice of the UMC and changes to our polity can only be made by the General Conference, it is important for all of us to be praying for this gathering and staying up to date on what is happening as delegates engage in holy conferencing together.

I want to encourage you to take the time to watch [this video linked here](#) from Rev. Hamilton. I believe that it will help your understanding of this important time ahead in the United Methodist Church. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email, phone or in person so that we can have deeper conversation.

For more information on General Conference, please visit: [General Conference 2020](#) .



General Conference 2020

Welcome to the official site of The United Methodist General Conference. Find news, press releases and resources...





UNITED METHODIST MEN

MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8 AM

All are welcome to join for great food and even better fellowship! If you are able, please arrive early to help with set up and food preparation.



PLEASE RSVP

email: David Storm
(dfstorm@verizon.net)
or call the Church Office: 301.843.6797

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

VBS 2024

July 15– July 19



*Join Us for lively
discussion & fellowship*

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

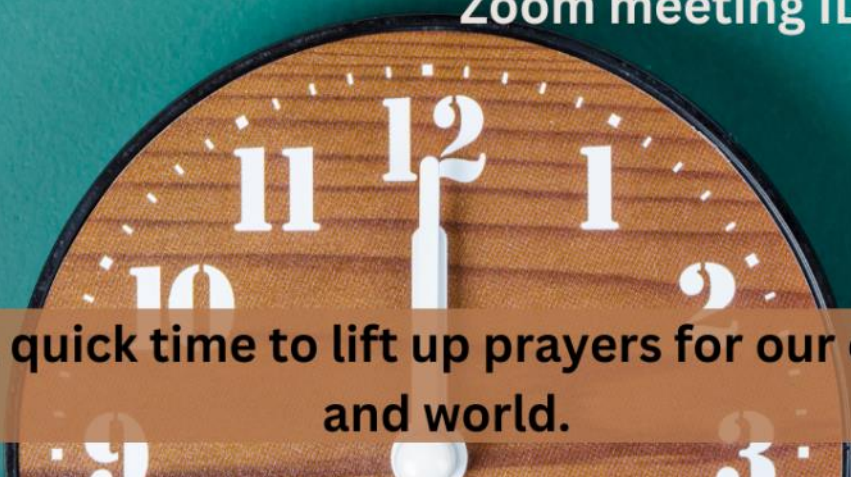
**Every Thursday @ 9:30am
in the Parlor**

Contact Carolyn Sauer or Dottie DiPoli for questions



WEDNESDAY PRAYER NOON ON ZOOM

Zoom meeting ID : 420 015 979



**Join us for a quick time to lift up prayers for our church family
and world.**

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME CARE GIVER



Janice Reuter is looking for a part-time care giver.



If interested please call:
301-645-5665

*Save
the
Date*

United Women in Faith Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 11, 2024
@ Good Shepherd
UMC



Scam Jam

Together we can help to prevent fraud & scams!



Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Fee: \$5.00 (age 60+)

Registration Deadline: 04/15/2024

Door Prizes thru the day!

Lunch provided, suggested Meal Donation is \$3.00. Donation is a voluntary contribution.

Presenters:

AARP Speakers Bureau

Charles County Register of Wills

ReCreations Ministries, Inc.

Charles County Government:

Aging & Disability Resource Ctr

Department of Social Services

University of



Preventing Medicare Fraud

Don't be a Victim to Scams!

Be Alert!

Be Informed!

Be Empowered!

Presenters will give important information needed to help protect Seniors of Charles County from a

Make Checks Payable to Charles County Commissioners (CCC)

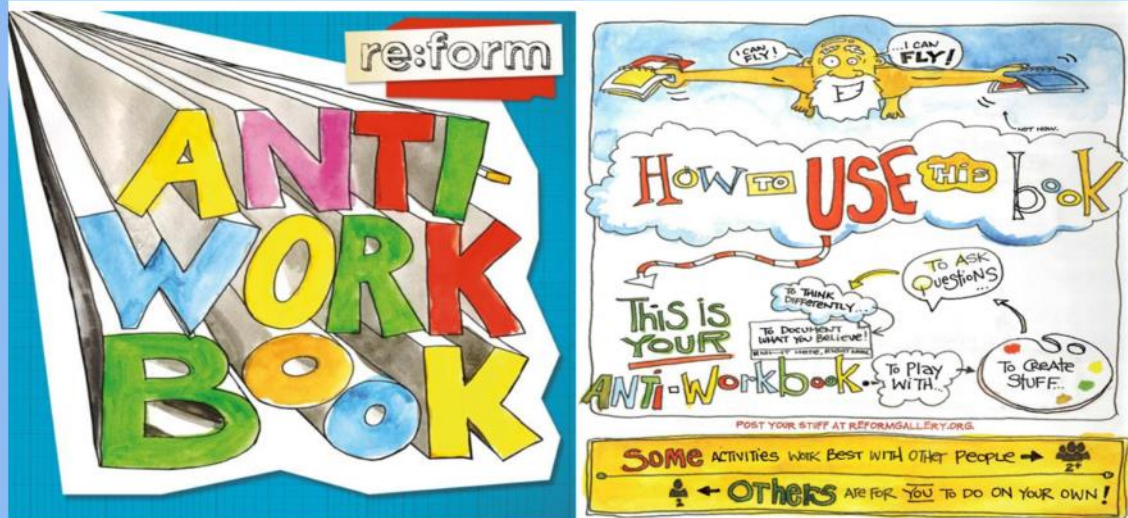
*Pre-Registration is required at your local senior center and payment is due at time of registration. Payment will not be accepted on day of event.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center • 1210 Charles Street • La Plata, MD 20646 • 301-934-5423
Department of Community Services • 8190 Port Tobacco Road • Port Tobacco, MD 20677
301-934-9305 • 301-870-3388 • MD Relay: 711 • TDD: 1-800-735-2258
www.charlescountymd.gov





Confirmation Class is underway!!



Please keep the students in the class in your prayers!



I Cry Aloud to God: Lament and Hope in the Face of the Climate Crisis

United Women in Faith of Good Shepherd is offering a one-day Bible study to all who are interested.



Through Psalm 77 we will reflect on the work that has been done for Climate Justice and discuss how we can move forward as people of faith seeking a better tomorrow.

The event will be held Saturday April 13, 2024 10 AM-4 PM in Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

Lunch will be served.

For more information and to sign up please contact:
Becky Collier at rcollier214@comcast.net, 301-659-2827 (or)
Becky Weavill at beckyweavill@gmail.com, 301-266-2652

Join Us

...for Adult Sunday School.

...every Sunday after Worship Service.

...for a time of fellowship, discussion, and reflection about the messages from the Bible.



SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Mary Matula Elementary

Please pray for the students, teachers, & staff



Make Time to Pray for Schools

- ▶▶ MAKE PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS A REGULAR PART OF YOUR DAILY PRAYER TIME
- ▶▶ IF YOU DRIVE BY A SCHOOL, SAY A PRAYER
- ▶▶ IF YOU CAN, STOP IN FRONT OF A SCHOOL BUILDING AND PRAY FROM YOUR CAR
- ▶▶ AFTER SCHOOL HOURS WITHOUT INTERFERING IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, GO TO A BUILDING AND LAY HANDS ON THE FLAGPOLE OR BUILDING AND PRAY
- ▶▶ PRAY FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS
- ▶▶ PRAY FOR SAFETY, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, PRODUCTIVE LEARNING, PATIENCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL
- ▶▶ PRAY FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WORSHIP

Please make time to pray these individuals all year... maybe one each day.

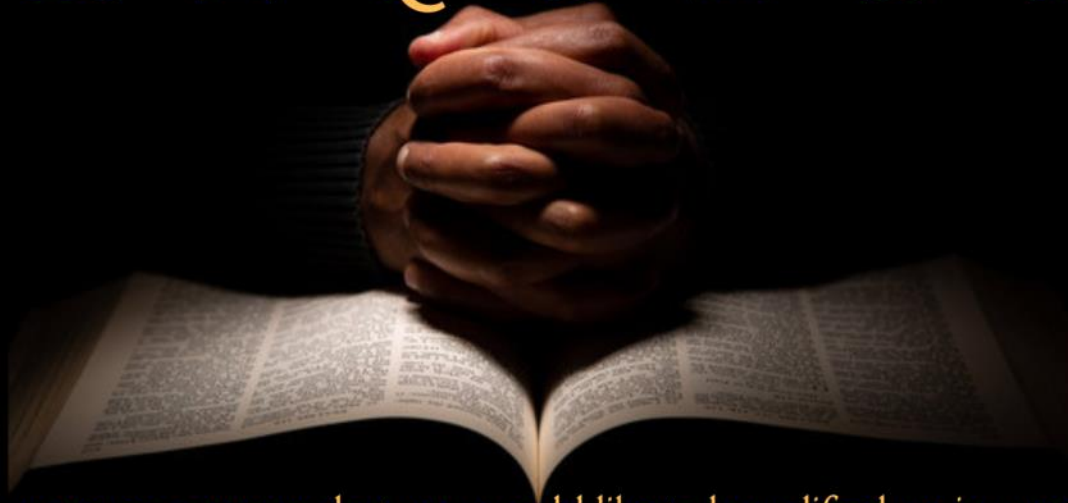
Good Shepherd in the Schools*: A Prayer Ministry

Name	School	Position
Judy Addison	Central Office (Charles County)	Research & Assessment Dept.
Kim Casto	Barnhart ES	Reading
David Cook	Spring Ridge MS, (St. Mary's Co)	Social Studies
Jonathan Cotugno	Thomas Stone HS	Math Teacher/Football Coach
Kim Donnelly	College of Southern Maryland	Professor; English, Communication & Lang
Paul Donnelly	Grace Lutheran School	K-8 Music
Linda Forrest	College of Southern Maryland	Early College Coordinator
Michael Forrest	Matthew Henson MS	Science
Kim Jameson	St. Peter's School	School Nurse
Elliott Lopez	Westlake HS	Science Teacher
Rose Trinidad Lopez	St. Charles HS	Spanish Teacher
Marc Perella	Poe MS (Fairfax County)	Technology/Computers
Rachel Perella	Central Office Fairfax County	Behavior Interventionist
Alana Quiles	Childtime of Waldorf	Assistant Teacher
Kim Sbordone	JC Parks Elementary	Elementary Teacher
Elizabeth Steele	Billingsley ES	Special Ed
Shannon Suban	Milton Somers MS	Math Teacher
Amy Warren	Baden ES (PG County)	Special Ed

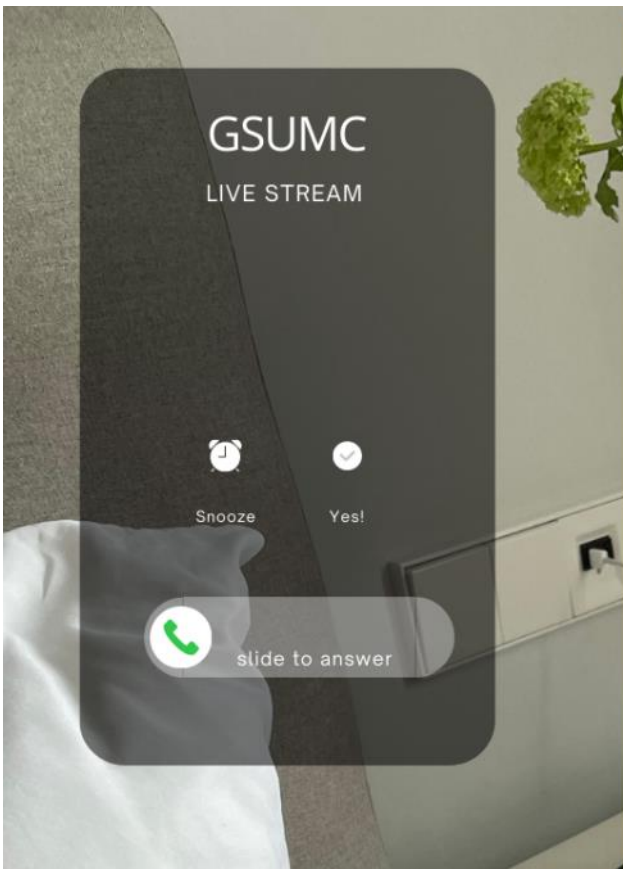
*Revised 9/5/23

WORSHIP

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer concern that you would like to have lifted up in worship on Sunday, you may submit it to Linda Flanagan by email (waldorfangel@gmail.com) or by phone/text (301-643-0549) by 8pm on Saturday evening.



OUR LIVESTREAM HAS BEGUN

Our worship is now live streamed on Facebook, SubSplash, YouTube, and Our Church app.

Subsplash :

<https://goodshepherdunitedmethod.subspla.sh/fhhy3gw>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf/streams

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR Code with your phone or tablet's camera to get a link to our online giving.

Thank you for supporting the work of Good Shepherd!





Kentucky Derby
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IN SUPPORT OF
HealthPartners

SILENT AUCTION  DERBY HAT CONTEST
SOUTHERN FARE & SPIRITS MEN'S, LADIES & COUPLES

Friday, April 26, 2024
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the
WALDORF JAYCEES COMMUNITY CENTER
Live entertainment by Brian Turnmire and his Jazz Quartet

\$75 Per Person | Cash Bar

Event Sponsorship Levels
CORPORATE SPONSORS HIGHLIGHTED WITH CUSTOM JOCKEY SILK SIGNS!

					
TRIPLE CROWN \$5,000	PREAKNESS \$3,500	BELMONT \$1,500	MAJESTIC MARE \$500	SUPER STALLION \$250	STUD FEE \$100

Contact Information
HealthPartnersMD@gmail.com | 301-645-3556 | www.healthpartnersinc.org/Derby

Health Partners is a medical and dental clinic with a mission of supporting those uninsured or underinsured residents of southern Maryland. Good Shepherd has a long history of supporting Health Partners both financially (30% of the Needy Fund) and with members of the church volunteering in the clinic, in the Good Stuff thrift store, and on the Board of Directors.

An excellent opportunity to support the clinic and have a lot of fun is coming up on April 26. You will notice an added benefit; this year's entertainment will be brought to us by Brian Turnmire and his Jazz Quartet!!

Please contact Laura Suban (Subanl@aol.com/301-653-1706) or Dan Sansbury (danclaudias@gmail.com/301-7852-1550) to buy tickets. Laura and Dan are both current members of the Board of Directors.

GSUMC PRESENTS:

THE MARY WATTENFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 17, 2024

to qualify you must be:

- a 2024 graduating high school senior
- or a first-year college student who was not previously awarded this scholarship and is planning to continue their higher education
- An active participant at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- actively involved in some form of ministry for at least one year prior to making application for this award.
- able to provide 3 references from (a) a teacher, (b) a GSUMC member, and (c) a coach, friend, classmate or someone who can speak to your character.

For more Information, please go to gsumc.com/wattenford

The Mary Wattenford Scholarship Application--2024

The Mary Wattenford Scholarship was established in 2003 as the Good Shepherd Continuing Education Scholarship. It was established as a service-based scholarship to award the youth of Good Shepherd for their acts of service to the church, community, and most of all to God. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who plan to go on to college or some other form of higher education. First-year college students who were not previously awarded this scholarship and are planning to continue their higher education are also eligible to apply. The scholarship fund was named to honor Mary Wattenford, a dear member of Good Shepherd Church who passed away in July 2004. Applicants are judged on their responses to the questions asked below, their letters of recommendation, and their interviews with the Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship committee is looking for persons with sound Christian character who practice discipleship in daily life and are able to articulate their faith to others.

Please read these guidelines for eligibility. The applicant must be:

- a 2024 graduating high school senior
- or a first-year college student who was not previously awarded this scholarship and is planning to continue their higher education
- an active participant at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- **actively** involved in some form of ministry for at least one year prior to making application for this award.

To apply, please submit the following required materials **digitally** in one complete application package:

1. The attached cover sheet that includes your complete name, mailing address, e-mail address, high school or institution of higher learning you are currently attending, telephone number(s), and the year you were confirmed or became a member of Good Shepherd UMC (if applicable), and your choice of interview dates.

2. A separate essay which addresses the following questions:

1. How have you actively participated at Good Shepherd and how long you have been in each activity?
2. How has your participation in the ministries of GSUMC helped you grow as a disciple of Christ?
3. What gifts has God given you and how do you use them, either through the church or in other areas?
4. Write about a personal situation or time when you had to rely on your faith in God.
5. What are your education and career goals?
6. What is your favorite Bible story or verse and why?

3. Three letters of reference from people who know you, your character, or your practice of Christian discipleship. One reference must be from a current or former teacher and one must be from a member of Good Shepherd UMC. The third reference can be from a coach, scout leader, co-worker, friend, classmate, or neighbor.

4. *In addition to submitting this application, you will be asked to meet with the Scholarship Selection Committee for an interview which will last approximately 20 minutes.*

Please email your application and scanned letters of reference to Lucy Snell, ljsnell@comcast.net no later than Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Please clearly label as Mary Wattenford Scholarship Application. Only complete applications will be considered.

Schedule for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday, April 14:

GSUMC Worship Service
10AM Worship In-Person & on [Facebook](#),
Youtube, Subsplash, and our Church App
11:30AM Adult Sunday School (P)
5PM Fellowship at Five
1-6PM Korean Church

Monday, April 15:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

1-6:30PM GSEC Scholastic Book Fair (M)
3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)
7PM Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 16:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

7AM-6PM GSEC Parent/Teacher Conference (C)
10:30AM Korean Ladies Prayer (P)
1-6:30PM GSEC Scholastic Book Fair (M)
6:30PM United Methodist Women
7:30PM Scouts of America Troop 1780 Patrol Leader Meeting (7)

Wednesday, April 17:

Church Office
Linda 9-3

9:40-11AM GSEC Chapel (S)
12PM Midday Prayer
1-6:30PM GSEC Scholastic Book Fair (M)
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

7AM-6PM GSEC Parent/Teacher Conference (C)
9:30AM Morning Bible Study (P)
1-6:30PM GSEC Scholastic Book Fair (M)
3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)
6-7PM Women's Emmaus Reunion (Zoom)
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy
7PM Finance Meeting
7-8:30PM Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy
7:30-9PM Scouts Troop 1780, 1781 (FH, 7)

Friday, April 19:

Church Office
Ameera 9-3

1-6:30PM GSEC Scholastic Book Fair (M)
6-8PM Girl Scouts (FH)
7PM GSEC Family BINGO (FH)
7PM Korean Church Bible Study

Saturday, April 20:

7PM & 10:30PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (F)

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gsadmin@gsumc.com

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf

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