



# *The* Shepherd

*Weekly Newsletter*  
*Good Shepherd UMC*

## **April 28, 2024**

# **Game Changer**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

April 23-May 3 - General Conference (NC)  
May 1 - Burger Night/Fellowship Dinner  
May 11 - A Strawberry Ladies' Tea  
May 19 - Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday

May 26 - Town Hall and Memorial Day Potluck  
June 9 - Youth/Graduate Sunday  
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	<b>Youth Sunday School for Grades 6-12th</b>  <b>Fellowship Time</b>
10:00	<b>In-Person Worship Service</b>  <b>Recorded Service is live streamed on Facebook, You Tube + Subsplash + Church App</b>
10:30	<b>Sunday School for Grades Pre-K-5</b>
11:30	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>
5:00	<b>Fellowship at FIVE</b>

### 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](mailto:parollins@verizon.net).

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### May 1

Amy Warren

### May 2

Becca Ward

Bonnie Berry

Joshua Alexander

### May 3

Susan & Bruce Graham Anniversary

Jim Olsen

### May 11

Ray Sealey

### May 12

Mark & Theresa Howard Anniversary

### May 14

Barbara Richardson

### May 15

Mike Carr & Dana Pase-Carr  
Anniversary

### May 18

Jay Bivens

### May 19

Katie Paulsen

Robert & Katie Burdick Anniversary

### May 20

Thomas Langrell

Ezra Warner

### May 22

Kim & Robert Jameson Anniversary

Jim Winters

### May 23

Julie Olsen

Dona Boice

### May 24

Joan Johnson

Lisa Boice

### May 25

Linda Forrest

Frank & Linda Adgate Anniversary

### May 28

Quan Scott

Nancy Crouse

### May 30

Jeff Ford

Nancy Maguire

### May 31

Kim Sbordone

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# 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...



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An underwater-themed advertisement for VBS 2024. It features a pink octopus wearing a purple diving mask. A yellow banner in the top left corner says "REGISTER NOW" with a QR code below it. The text "VBS 2024 July 15- July 19" is written in large white letters. The word "SQUABA" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters on a rock formation, with "diving into friendship with god" written below it. The background is a blue underwater scene with coral and bubbles. The text "we hope to 'sea' you there!" is written in a curved font at the top right.

For more information call 301.843.6797 or visit [www.gsumc.com](http://www.gsumc.com)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**All are invited to wear  
their favorite baseball  
jersey to our Sunday  
Worship Service!**



Town Hall &  
Memorial Day Potluck



**MAY 26, 2024**

Immediately following Worship  
Service

**All are invited**

**...and bring a dish to  
share**

*Join Us for lively  
discussion & fellowship*

# **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

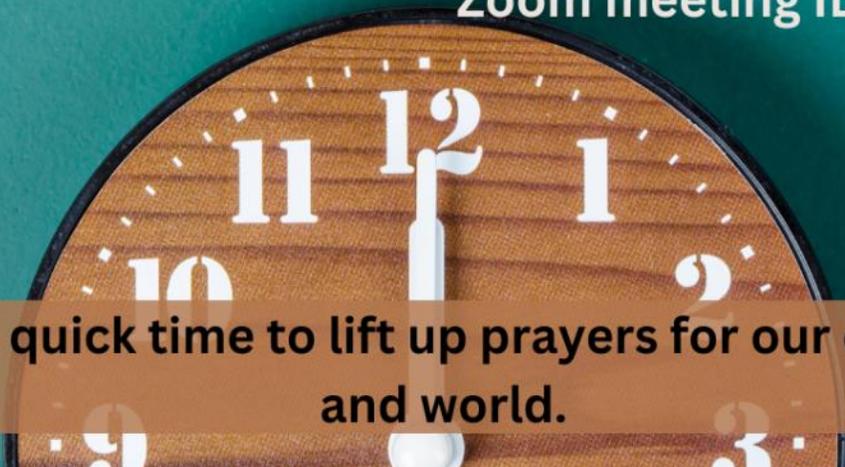
**Every Thursday @ 9:30am  
in the Parlor**

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



# ***Congratulations Graduates!***

You are invited to submit the name and photo of **any graduates** in your life (including yourself) to the church office by May 31

La Plata United Methodist Church

## APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Please consider buying a planter box, bench or picnic table to support the La Plata UMC ASP team as they prepare for their annual summer mission trip.



- 3 ft planter box \$125
- 6 ft planter box \$200
- 16 inch Square planter box \$100
- 4 ft Bench \$100
- 6 ft Picnic Table \$200

These items are perfect for porches, patios, yards, decks and parks.

**CONTACT: John Carns 301-848-0060 [carns@comcast.net](mailto:carns@comcast.net)**

Go to [asphome.org](http://asphome.org) to learn about the Appalachia Service Project



## *Spring Tea Party*

*May 11, 2024*

*12 noon - 3:00 pm*

*Please join the  
GSUMC United Women in Faith  
for an afternoon of  
tea, sandwiches, desserts, and games*

*Contest for best:  
hat, ensemble, and shoes*

*Silent Auction*

*Tickets:*

*Adult: \$25.00*

*Child: 4-12: \$10.00*

*Child 3 and under: Free*

*GSUMC Fellowship Hall*

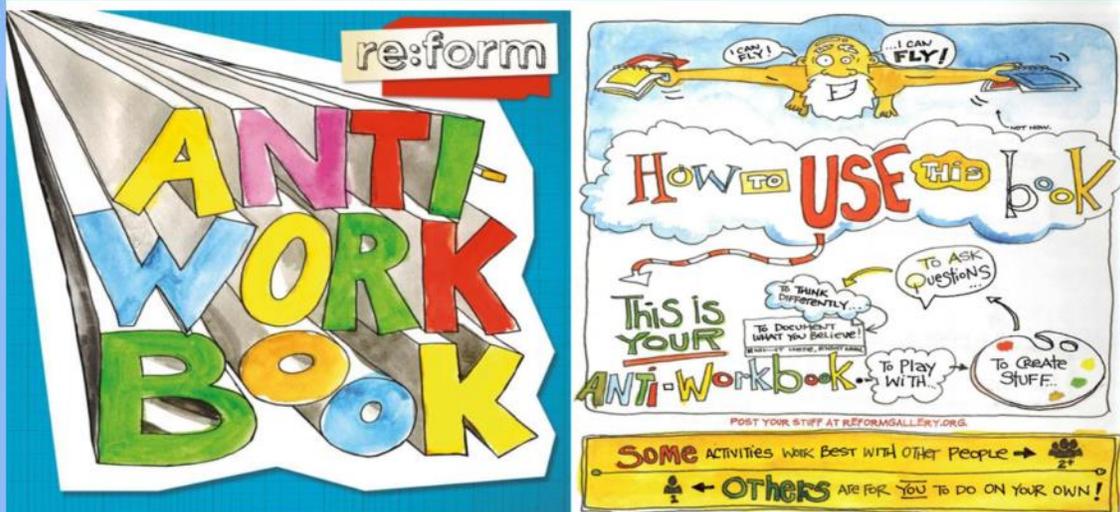
*305 Smallwood Dr.*

*Waldorf, Md. 20602*

*Please bring your own teacup*



# Confirmation Class is underway!!



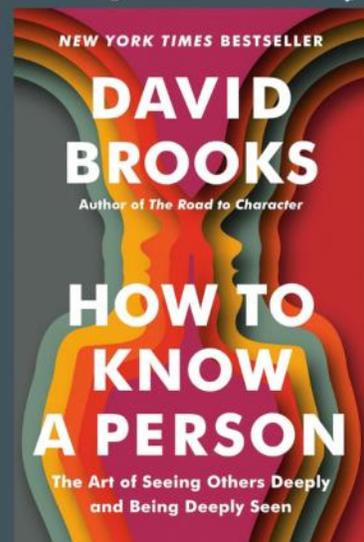
**Please keep the students in the class in your prayers!**



## Adult Sunday School News

On April 28, we will be exploring a text for further study:

“How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen” by David Brooks

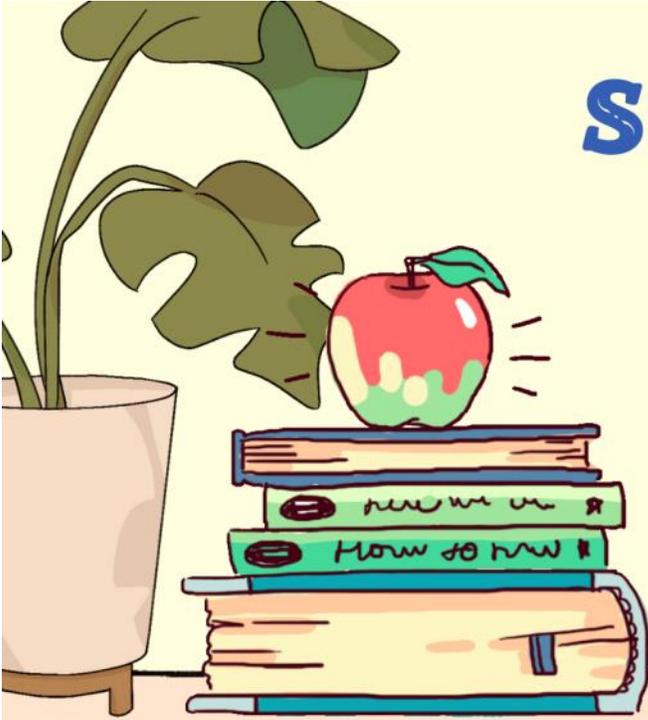


MEET IN THE PARLOR AFTER SERVICE! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

MALCOLM  
ELEMENTARY

Please pray for the students, teachers, and 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

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

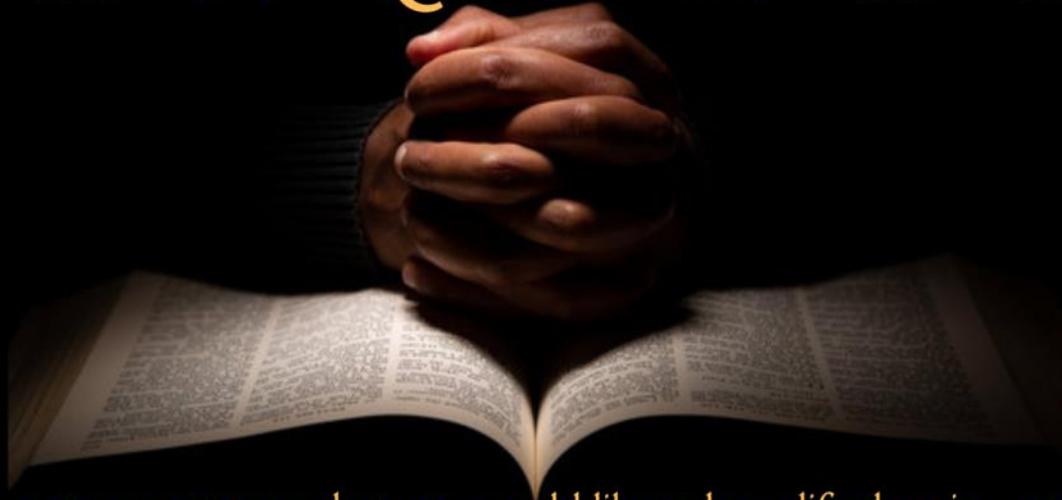
## Good Shepherd in the Schools\*: A Prayer Ministry

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](mailto: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/v7gx3c4>

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf](http://www.facebook.com/gsumcwaldorf)

YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/@GSUMC.waldorf/streams](http://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!



# Schedule for the week of April 28, 2024

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**Sunday, April 28:**

GSUMC Worship Service  
10AM Worship In-Person & on [Facebook](#),  
Youtube, Subsplash, and our Church App  
11:30AM Adult Sunday School (P)  
11:45 Confirmation Class  
5PM Fellowship at Five  
1-6PM Korean Church

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**Monday, April 29:**

Church Office  
Ameera 9-3

3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)

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**Tuesday, April 30:**

Church Office  
Ameera 9-3

10:30AM Korean Ladies Prayer (P)  
6:30PM United Methodist Women

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**Wednesday, May 1:**

Church Office  
Linda 9-3

9:40-11AM GSEC Chapel (S)  
12PM Midday Prayer  
6-8PM Burger Night/Fellowship Dinner (K,FH)  
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, May 2:**

Church Office  
Ameera 9-3

9:30AM Morning Bible Study (P)  
3-7PM Our Place (FH, K, 7)  
6-7PM Women's Emmaus Reunion (Zoom)  
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy  
7PM Smallwood Swim Club  
7-8:30PM Ladies Bible Study (Zoom)  
<https://zoom.us/j/98727947660> Passcode: BibleStudy  
7:30-9PM Scouts Troop 1780, 1781 (FH, 7)

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**Friday, May 3:**

Church Office  
Ameera 9-3

7PM Korean Church Bible Study

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**Saturday, May 4:**

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

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