



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
The Community Church Serving Northeast Philadelphia

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THE STAFF

SEPTEMBER, 2025

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



CAR SHOW: If you have a passion for vintage, antique, or classic cars, we invite you to take a trip down memory lane. It's always an enjoyable day, with music, food, and fun. If you'd like to enter your car, our contact person is: **Rosemarie Gross: 215-868-5304**, and the registration fee is \$20.00.

FLEA MARKET spots are \$25 (space size is about a car length), and we ask that participants bring their own tables. To reserve a space, call **Rosemarie Gross**, and leave your name and phone number in case we have to postpone the event due to the weather.



We are asking all our bakers to make something for our **BAKE TABLE**, or if you could bring goodies for us to sell, that would be appreciated.



We need volunteers, so if you are able to help, *all or part of the day*, see or call **Rosemarie Gross or Michele Bennett at: 215-290-3252**. Pray that we have good weather. If not, our **RAIN DATE** will be **Sunday, September 21st, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM**.

RALLY SUNDAY – GRANDPARENTS DAY - CHURCH PICNIC

Please join us for **Rally Sunday on September 7th**. Sunday School class will resume at 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited to rally back, as we honor our grandparents, and gather in His name.



Our **CHURCH PICNIC** takes place following the **10:30 AM Service! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** We provide: hot dogs and hamburgers, condiments, plates, cups, plasticware. If you are able, please bring a covered dish type item for the food table, or a dessert. Please bring beverages for your family, and don't forget comfy chairs. If it rains (we hope not) we'll be in Wood Hall.



According to an informative article by S.V. Bosak entitled, *The History of Grandparents Day*, National Grandparents Day was the brainchild of Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, from West Virginia, with the "support of her husband Joseph." This remarkable woman spent many years advocating for older adults, and began her Grandparents Day campaign in 1970. Her obituary, found on Tyreefuneralhome.com, states that she married her high school sweetheart, and they both "went on to become the proud parents of 15 children." They had 43 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren! It also mentions her many accomplishments in life, and the fact that Marian focused on "working with seniors, and visiting the sick and lonely in hospitals and nursing homes." As a result of her tireless efforts, in 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the first proclamation designating Sunday, September 9, 1979, and the first Sunday following Labor Day in each succeeding year as "National Grandparents Day."

Of note, her obituary includes the following: "In part, the Grandparents Day proclamation reads: Grandparents are our continuing tie to the near-past, to events and beliefs and experiences that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill some of the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions."

An encouraging article found on familysearch.org, entitled: *Building Family Bonds by Celebrating Grandparents Day*, by Jan Mayer and Karlie Kelsch, reminds us that "Some people may not have grandparents. There are many elderly people who have no children or grandchildren, difficult relationships with family members, or no living family members. Grandparents Day is not just a day to honor grandparents. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the older people who made a difference in your life: inspiring role models, favorite teachers, impactful community members, family friends, and more." This article also offers wonderful suggestions on how to serve the elderly in your area, such as serving as a volunteer at a soup kitchen, checking on your older neighbors to determine if they need assistance, or sending cards to residents of a nursing home. Also, it provides suggestions for ways to honor grandparents who have passed away, such as visiting or beautifying their graves, hosting a special family dinner where memories are shared, or journaling your memories of them. Other ideas on honoring grandparents located far away include scheduling weekly or monthly video chats or phone calls, or sending heartfelt cards highlighting favorite memories you have of them, and why you appreciate them. If you are fortunate to have grandparents nearby, other suggestions include, taking them out to dinner, scheduling a family game night, cooking a favorite family recipe together, or assisting with household chores.

I share the following poem to honor the memory of my loving grandparents who passed long ago. ~ *Paula Direso, Editor*

A Cherished Blessing

Author Unknown

From God's own heart, a love so true,
Our grandparents, a precious view.
With hands that guide and hearts so kind,
A wealth of wisdom they impart, to find
The path to faithfulness and grace,
Reflecting Christ in every space.

They share their stories, rich and deep,
With patient love, their promises to keep.
They teach us faith, they show us light,
And in their strength, we find our might.
With laughter, joy, and memories bright,
They fill our world with warm delight.

For every hug, a gentle touch,
For every lesson, loved so much,
We thank the Lord, our gracious guide,
For grandparents, who walk beside
Our journey, day by day and year by year,
A cherished blessing, held so dear.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The people of the United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER, 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 7:30 - Al-Anon/Alateen | 3 | 4 7:00 - Chancel Choir Practice | 5 | 6 12:00 - AA Meeting Wood Hall |
| 7 RALLY SUNDAY CHURCH PICNIC GRANDPARENTS DAY 9:00 - Praise Service 10:30 - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 - Children's Sunday School Church Picnic following 10:30 AM Service | 8 7:00 - UW Faith Meeting | 9 6:30 - Trustees Meeting 7:30 - Al-Anon/Alateen | 10 1:00 - Bible Study Resumes | 11 7:00 - Chancel Choir Practice | 12 | 13 12:00 - AA Meeting Wood Hall |
| 14 9:00 - Praise Service with Holy Communion 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Children's Sunday School | 15 | 16 STAFF ARTICLES DUE! 12:00 - Ruth Circle at Maggie's Waterfront Cafe 7:30 - Al-Anon/Alateen | 17 1:00 - Bible Study | 18 7:00 - Chancel Choir Practice | 19 | 20 9:00 - 2:00 CAR SHOW FLEA MARKET 12:00 - AA Meeting Choir Room |
| 21 9:00 - Praise Service 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:30 - Children's Sunday School | 22 | 23 6:30 - Lydia Circle 7:30 - Al-Anon/Alateen | 24 1:00 - Bible Study | 25 7:00 - Chancel Choir Practice | 26 | 27 12:00 - AA Meeting Wood Hall |
| 28 AFRICAN DAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 - Praise Service with Holy Communion 10:30 - African Worship Service 10:30 - Children's Sunday School Luncheon Wood Hall following 10:30 AM Service | 29 | 30 7:30 - Al-Anon/Alateen | | | | |

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A



Please refer to our website (listed below) for updated cancellations and information, and share this notice with other members.

Are you the head of a committee or work group? Are you planning a church event? Would you like information about your committee, group, or event placed on the church website to be available to all members, neighbors, and the world? If so, please e-mail this information to our e-mail address which is as follows: webservant@umcgoodshepherd.org.

Our church website address is: www.umcgoodshepherd.org.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Thank you for your monthly contributions to *The Staff*. In order to enter and edit your articles for each month's edition, **PLEASE** submit your information by the **15th of each month by emailing your articles to:** secretary@umcgoodshepherd.org. You may also leave a phone message on: 215-632-1929, or contact Paula Direso at: 215-632-3367.

If your articles are not received on time, they may not be included in *The Staff*.

If you have not received an emailed copy of *The Staff*, please notify the administrative secretary at the email address listed above.

MESSAGE TO CONGREGATION FROM OUR PASTOR

With the current AI (Artificial Intelligence), pictures are being photoshopped and posted on Social Media. Our Pastor, the Rev. Navin Satyavrata, has requested all in our Church to ignore the false pictures therein, and also requested not to comment to these posts without verifying the authenticity of the same. Further, all texts, phone calls, etc., that you might receive from unknown numbers (claiming to be Church Members or Members of the Congregation) asking for money, are to be ignored and deleted. Thank you.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion will be served at the 9:00 AM Praise Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Holy Communion will be served at the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Please join us on **Sunday, September 7th, for Rally Sunday.**

Please join us for the **African Day Worship Service, Sunday, September 28th, at 10:30 AM.**

The 10:30 AM Sunday service will be offered online via Zoom, by logging onto the Facebook page via the church website, or via Facebook: @goodshepherdumcphila.

We pray that you will come out and experience a warm welcome and a sweet spirit of fellowship.



Good Shepherd Children's Sunday School
10:30 AM

**We will resume classes on Rally Sunday,
September 7, 2025.**

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Teacher or an Aide in September, please contact: Walt Dziuk at 215-637-7898, or email: waltdziuk@gmail.com.



We hope to see you at our **AFRICAN DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**, that takes place on **Sunday, September 28th, at**

10:30 AM. Our congregation includes families from Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe, so we know you will appreciate experiencing their traditions. The Service will include African music, and a guest speaker, Rev. Dawn Taylor- Storm, Director of Connectional Ministries at EPAUMC and GNJUMC. A luncheon of delicious African cuisine (prepared by the African community) will be served in Wood Hall following the service.

PRAYER CHAIN



To put a **JOY OR CONCERN** on the prayer chain, or if you would like to become one of the prayer team members, please email Joyce

Cartwright at: dotgojoy1590@aol.com. For those who are not computer savvy, Betty McLaughlin handles the telephone requests and notifications, so feel free to leave a message at 215-947-3317.

WITH GRATITUDE



On behalf of my family and myself, I'd like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your support and prayers following the sudden passing of my grandson,

Shae, on June 28, 2025. Your thoughtfulness has been truly appreciated during this difficult time. ~ Paula Direso, Administrative Secretary & Editor.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Do you love to sing?

Chancel Choir Practice meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

We gladly welcome new voices, so please consider joining!



READING AND RELIGION

Contributed by: Phyllis Brock

The Summer of Yes

By Courtney Walsh



Two women from two different generations ended up sharing a hospital room. Kelsey is young and stuck in her job and life. Georgina is a legendary NY businesswoman. Georgina is stuck because her kidneys are failing, and she requires dialysis. While Georgina has been a business success, her personal life is full of regrets. Kelsey comes up with a way to bring a big change in both their lives. She proposes *The Summer of Yes*. The premise is: What if they say YES to everything I've always said no to?

This book is a fun read, heartwarming, and a journey of self-discovery for both women. Each woman learns to say YES to things they never thought possible, and their lives change forever. New friendships become like family, and old

relationships slowly find their way back into their lives. The biggest surprise is an overabundance of love waiting for both women.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Our first meeting of the fall will take place on **Monday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM**. Rev. Navin Satyavrata will speak on *Remarkable Women of the*

Bible. All Women are invited to join us for fellowship and hear about some of the women that still inspire us today. Please feel free to bring a friend!

THE TRUSTEES will be meeting again on **Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30 PM**.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM** in the choir room. We

hope you will consider joining us, as we learn about God's word. "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32).

RUTH CIRCLE



We will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 16th, at 12:00 PM** at **Maggie's Waterfront Café**, located at: **9242 N. Delaware Avenue,**

Philadelphia, PA 19114. We hope you will join us! We usually meet in the choir room on the third Tuesday of the month. For any questions, contact Mary Beth Ciesielski at: 215-341-7828.



LYDIA CIRCLE, our circle for today's working women will meet again on **Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30 PM**. We usually meet every

4th Tuesday of the month. If you'd like to join this circle, or have any questions, please contact Jeannette Cartwright at: 215-676-3856 or 215-539-7716.

WORSHIP MEETING: The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 2nd, at 6:00 PM**.

The Worship Committee has requested the following: **Kindly send all Announcements to Danielle Parker** by 5.00 p.m. the previous day (Saturday) to her email: hdefalls@verizon.net or text her at: 215-480-3398.

Also please send all **Joys and Concerns** to either Jeannette Cartwright or Joyce Cartwright by 5.00 p.m. on Saturday. Jeannette Cartwright's email: bonanzafive@verizon.net and her cell number is: 215-539-7716. Joyce Cartwright's email: dotgojoy1590@aol.com, and her (home) telephone number is: 215-676-3856.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST



We're looking forward to our next Men's Breakfast to be held on **Saturday, October 4th, at 9:00 AM.** Mark your calendar and please come and enjoy a delicious meal, prepared by our gracious hostess, Pat Sommers, as we join together for fellowship.



On **Wednesday, October 22nd, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM,** Bosco's is featuring their **Friends Helping Friends** event.

The cost is \$5.00 for a shopping pass, **(valid in store or online)**, which entitles you to **25% OFF** mostly everything! - Exclusions apply. Customers can register for a chance to win a \$100 Bosco's Gift Card at each store. If you can help sell passes to co-workers, family, and friends, it would be greatly appreciated. Good Shepherd keeps 100% of the shopping pass donation proceeds. If 20 members sell 20 passes each, we can raise \$2,000! See Brian Calhoun for passes, or contact him at: 267-538-7759.



Save the Date!
Sunday, October 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Trunk or Treat to be held in Good Shepherd's parking lot. Details to follow in October's Staff!

Happy Birthday

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- 1 - William Kuehl
- 4 - Alexis Bennett
- 6 - Judy Camponelli
- 15 - William Kyle Bennett
- 16 - Sarah Ketter
- 18 - Cameo John
- 30 - Gina Morrison
- 1 - Caitlan Telford
- 5 - Catherine Tyler
- 10 - Joseph Ciesielski
- 15 - Joe King
- 17 - Gary Calhoun, Sr.
- 29 - Naomi Capehart



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- 3rd - Robert & Pam Gurtcheff
- 8th - Dwayne & Patricia Hallman



If you would like to include your name on the **STAFF BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY LIST**, please include your name and the day and month you were born, or your names and anniversary date and send an email to: secretary@umcgoodshepherd.org.

C*O*L*L*E*C*T*I*O*N*S

Do you know we collect the following items?
1. Eyeglasses – Delivered to the Lion's Club.
2. Non-perishable food for our food bank.
There are collection baskets for these items in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting the following Christian books: Upper Room, Daily Bread, and Response Magazine, and other Christian periodicals. Please put them in the wicker baskets in the Narthex.



We are recycling aluminum cans. (soda or cat food cans, or any aluminum cans. If a magnet sticks to a can, then it's not aluminum. Please note: canned vegetables and soups are not aluminum). There are blue buckets that say: "cans only" next to our trash cans. You can drop your cans off in the buckets, or Rosemarie Gross can stop by your home and pick them up from you. She will take them to the recycle center and cash them in, and the money will go to Good Shepherd.

Kindly empty the liquid out of the cans. Also, if you put aluminum pans in the recycle can, please make sure there is no food waste in them. Please continue to donate your cans! For any questions, please contact: Rosemarie at: 215-868-5304.

2025 Church Programs

Sunday Worship Services
09.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Sunday School for Children
10.30 a.m.

United Women in Faith
Second Mondays 07.00 p.m.

Ruth Circle
Third Tuesdays 12.00 p.m.

Bible Study
Wednesdays 01.00 p.m.

Lydia Circle
Fourth Tuesdays 06.30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast
First Saturdays 09.00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 5, 07.00 p.m.

Lenten Dinners and Bible Study
Wednesdays in Lent 06.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 17, 07.00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18, 07.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service
Sunday, April 20, 10.30 a.m.

Advent Dinners and Program
Wednesdays in Advent 06.30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 24, 07.00 p.m.

IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:



Thank you for all you do to keep us safe!

Daniel Bader, VI

Nolan Bader

Evan Kuehl

Reilly Kueh

Michael McLaughlin

Ryan Sutch