#### Calendar for Week of 9/25/2022

#### **SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:00 - Safe Sanctuary Training [Hall]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant Practice [Hall]

12:15 - Golf Outing @ Pine Meadows Golf

4:00 - Step Study

4-7 - Youth Group

#### **MONDAY**

10am—Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00—Who Will Be a Witness? Study [Lounge]

#### WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30am - MLLC (rm 200/202)

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00—Traditional Choir (sanctuary)

## **THURSDAY**

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

6:00 - CR Step Study [rm 21]

6:30 - Private meeting [Lounge]

## **FRIDAY**

## **SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant Practice [Hall]

4: 00 - CR Step Study

5:00 - Pig Roast / Concert

WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION this

morning to everyone who helped with this service.

Welcome to Contemporary Worship. We are so glad you are here this mornina!

# Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

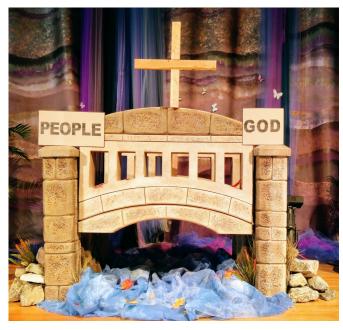
We are committed to:

Connecting persons to Jesus Christ Connecting with broken and hurting people

Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

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> web: www.umcogs.org Rev. Janet Saddel, Lead Pastor Rev. Lisa Flory, Pastor



**Bridging the Chasm** 

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Connecting with God in Worship and Community

**September 25, 2022 Sunday worship 8:30 / 9:45 p.m. Contemporary Worship** in the Worship Center

## **Bridging the Chasm**

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Music: Love Can Build a Bridge By Overstreet/Jarvis/ Judd

Call to Worship

Song Celebration

Don't Ever Stop

Build My Life

My Savior, My God

Message: "Bridging the Chasm"

Scripture: Luke 16: 19-31

Speaker: Reverend Janet Saddel

Giving of Our Gifts

Musical Offering-[Instrumental]: Oceans
By Crocker /Houston/Ligthelm
\*Guest Solo Violinist- Isabel Boyer

Prayer Response

Closing Song: *The Bridge*By Herms/Hall/West/Mosely

Sending Forth

# "Bridging the Chasm"

Luke 16:19-31

There was a common misperception in the first century that if you were blind, you sinned or perhaps your parents had sinned. On this basis, the rich man convinced himself that the fact that Lazarus was poor and in terrible health had nothing to do with the rich man himself.

The rich man, had in essence, *created* a gulf between himself and Lazarus. And each day that he passed him by, the gulf grew larger and larger until there was a great chasm between the two men.

After the two men have died and gone on to eternal life, we see a great chasm between the rich man who is now suffering, and Lazarus, who is with Father Abraham.

Jesus is telling us that what we do *now* will be fixed in the future. How we live our lives now will determine what our eternal life will be.

God doesn't want *anyone* to have to be separated from him. He doesn't like Hell any more than we do. That's why Jesus was sent to provide a way back to God. When he laid down his life for us, Jesus became the bridge across the great chasm.

Jesus has bridged the chasm for us by laying down his life. The only way to get across the great chasm is by the cross - the cross of Christ.

There is a chasm that separates many of us from other people. Jesus calls us to be a bridge for them.

The only way to bridge the chasm is through self-sacrifice. Jesus has demonstrated that for us on the cross.

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## **2022 Mission Support**

International

Congo Partners in Mission, Heifer Int.,
UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief),
Africa University
Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support,
Habitat for Humanity, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento,
Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),
Lebanon Rescue Mission,
Support Connections of Lebanon County (SCLC),
Good Shepherd Care and Compassion Fund.

Church Office Hours Monday-Friday: 9am-2pm

Would you like to speak to someone regarding a personal or spiritual issue? Please contact the church office:717-272-7741 to set up a time to speak with a pastor.

Rev. Janet Saddel, Lead Pastor

Rev. Lisa Flory, Pastor

Mary Smith, Coordinator of

**Contemporary Worship Ministries** 

Alice Snell, Administrative Assistant June Rose, Director of Children and

Family Min.

Andy Roberts, Music Leader Jacy Seltzer, Media Director