

## Calendar for Week of 5/14/2023

### SUNDAY *Mother's Day*

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

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

**Youth Grades 6-12** please see Youth Page in the Announcements

### MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting [Lounge]

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

### TUESDAY

7:00 - Learn & Discern [Lounge]

### WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

### THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

### FRIDAY

6-8 - Cricut Class [Hall]

### SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

8-12 - Making Ziti [kitchen]

### SUNDAY

**Baked Ziti take home dinner**

**Isaac's playground fundraiser**

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Youth Group -

see Youth Page in the Announcements

**WE EXPRESS APPRECIATION** this morning to everyone who helped with this service.

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

### 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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## Searching for God

**May 14, 2023**

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

# Searching for God

## “Searching for God” Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22

## 2023 Mission Support International

Welcome  
Announcements  
Mother’s Day Video

Giving of Our Gifts  
Musical Offering-*Instrumental*

Opening Music: *More to Life*  
By Thomas/Mason Jr /Kadish/  
Woodward and Breer

Call to Worship  
Scripture: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Song Celebration:  
*God So Loved*  
*Seek First*  
*Strong God*

Message: “*Searching for God*”  
Scripture: Acts 17:22-31 CEB  
Speaker: Reverend Janet Sattel

Prayer

Closing Song: *Good Good Father*  
By Chris Tomlin

Sending Forth

People are searching for God. We are told, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 [NIV]

St. Augustine once said of God, “Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.”

The Athenians were known for being a sophisticated and advanced culture. They had an altar to the Unknown God, which archeology has been confirmed.

Paul turns this into an opportunity to introduce to the Athenians to the One True God.

The Athenians were searching for God, but they defined their gods by looking at themselves.

In a world of many religions, it can be confusing. But the truth is quite simple... while there may appear to be many Gods, there is One True God. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 [CEB]

We search for God in so many different ways. We have all erected an altar to an unknown god in one way or the other. Whether we are willing to acknowledge it or not, we all try to fill that empty space inside of us.

God wants to fill that space! God wants to give us satisfaction and fulfillment. Jesus longs to give us an abundant life!

God is not an unknown God, and neither is God unknowable. Jesus is God in flesh, come to us to show us what God is like. Jesus said, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!” John 14:9 [NLT]

Also quoted: Romans 1:19-23, 25b [NLT]

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.

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Mary Smith, Coordinator of  
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