

Calendar for Week of 5/21/2023

SUNDAY

BAKED ZITI take home ASP fundraiser
ISAAC'S playground fundraiser

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

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:00—Youth Leader Meeting [Forge rm]

6:30 - Church and Society [Lounge]

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

6-9 - SS covered dish dinner [Hall]

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

| 6:00 - Open Art Night [Hall]

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Youth Group -

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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

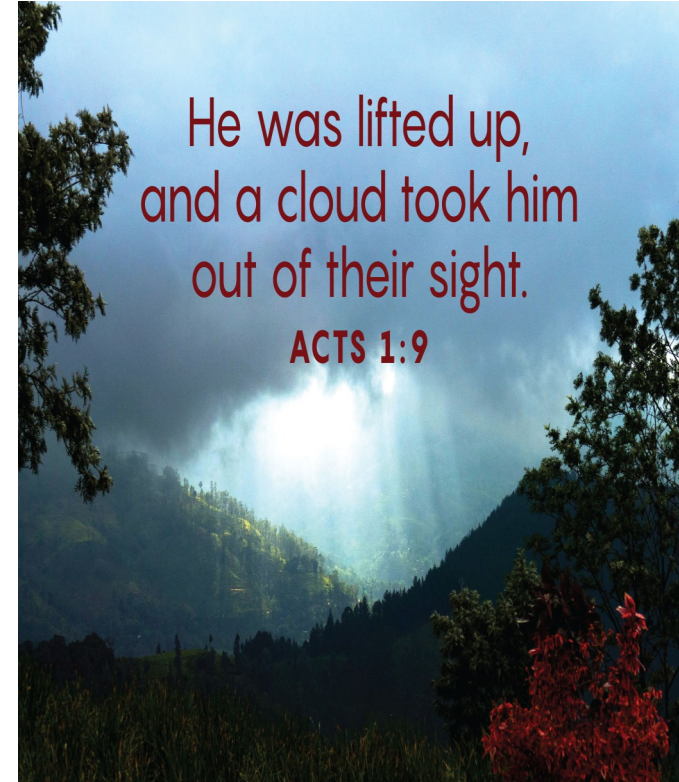
Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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Ascension Essentials

May 21, 2023
Sunday worship 8:30 / 9:45 p.m.
Contemporary Worship
in the Worship Center

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Luke 24:44-53; Ephesians 1:15-23

Welcome
Announcements
Mission Moment-Lebanon Rescue Mission

Opening Music: *Already There*
By Bernie Herm/Matthew West/Mark Hall

Call to Worship
Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 CEB

Giving of Our Gifts
Musical Offering-*Instrumental*

Song Celebration
Because of Your Love
I Want to Know You
Jesus Messiah

Message: *"Ascension Essentials"*
Scripture: Luke 24:44-53 CEB
Speaker: Reverend Janet Sattel

Prayer
Prayer Response: *Instrumental*
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Closing Song: *The Commission*
By Cain

Sending Forth

Today is "Ascension Sunday" - Jesus rose from this earth in human form and is in heaven in bodily form, ruling and reigning.

The ascension means that we are somehow in the presence of Christ as he sits on the throne of heaven.

We can come before the throne of heaven without fear, because our advocate is there – Jesus stands before God and declares us free of sin, his blood was shed for our sins, and we can stand in God's presence with a clear conscience. The ascension makes this possible, because Jesus is physically there to represent us before God the Father.

Because of the ascension, we have Jesus, our high priest, representing us in heaven.

The Holy Spirit is the presence of Christ with us on earth.

Heaven is a physical place because there is a flesh and blood human being sitting on the throne. And he has promised us that *we too*, will one day be with him in our physical bodies – resurrected and restored. We retain our identities – Jesus retained his identity – we will retain ours.

Jesus ascended as Lord to the throne, he sits at the right hand of the Father and reigns as the Lamb upon the throne.

The ministry of Jesus on earth came to an end with the ascension. He returned to His Father to begin his *heavenly* ministry. And now, Jesus has been exalted and glorified. He assumes his royal office – the reign of Jesus knows no end. He has dominion and power over *all* things in heaven *and* on earth.

Scriptures: Colossians 1:21b-23a and 3:1-3; Hebrews 4:14-16; John 16:7

2023 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 Nacimien-
to, Lebanon County Christian Ministries
(LCCM),
Lebanon Rescue Mission,
Support Connections of Lebanon County
(SCLC), Good Shepherd Care and Compas-
sion 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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Rev. Lisa Flory, Pastor
Mary Smith, Coordinator of
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