

Calendar for Week of 7/2/2023

SUNDAY

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

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

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

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

7:00—Finance Team meeting

TUESDAY—July 4th

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

SUNDAY

ASP Mission Trip week

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

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - New Members Class

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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**Methodism:
Means of Grace**

July 2, 2023
Sunday worship 8:30 / 9:45 p.m.
Contemporary Worship
in the Worship Center

Methodism: Means of Grace

Welcome
Announcements

Opening Song Celebration
*Because of Your Love
Your Grace Is Enough
Grace Alone*

Call to Worship
Scripture: Romans 8:18-27 CEB

Giving of Our Gifts
Musical Offering-*Instrumental*

Message: "*Methodism: Means of Grace*"
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 NRSV
Speaker: Reverend Janet Saddel

Communion / Lord's Prayer
Communion Song: *Grace Like Rain*
By: Todd Agnew

Prayer
Prayer Response: *Breath On Me Breath of God*

Closing Song: *New Creation*
By: Bently/ Pardo/ Powell

Sending Forth

Methodism: Means of Grace

Romans 8:18-27; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

The "means of grace" are gifts from God that help us to continue the process of our spiritual growth that is to be ongoing throughout our lives.

They help us renew our souls; to become more holy and to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Methodism is about having the discipline to use these means of grace so that we can be shaped into the image of Christ.

We have two sacraments in the Methodist church: communion and baptism. God becomes available to us through the ordinary.

Baptism symbolizes God's redemptive gift and through baptism we initiate persons into the body of Christ. It is the invitation for the Holy Spirit of God to begin working in a person's life, to begin to awaken them to their eternal life.

Communion is a visible symbol of the spiritual presence of Christ. Through communion we remind ourselves of our constant need for grace, we feed our souls and we invite the inward work of grace. Past, present and future are all wrapped up into the bread and the cup.

Wesley thoroughly believed in the authority of scripture – he believed that this is God's holy word. Read it, meditate on it – think on these things and pray for understanding as you read.

John Wesley called prayer "the chief means of Grace." For Wesley, prayer is the primary means of drawing near to God. One of Wesley's favorite metaphors for prayer was "breath." God breathes into us his divine word and his will, we in turn answer in prayer by breathing out our responses in both word and deed.

Wesley wrote, "True prayer is the heart ever lifted up to God, at all times and in all places." Don't let the lack of words keep you from praying. God knows our hearts and knows our every struggle and need. Prayer is talking to and listening to God.

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 15:15; Romans 8:26; James 5:16; Psalm 37:7

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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
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Alice Snell, Administrative Assistant
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