

## Calendar for Week of 7/23/2023

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

4:00-7:00 - Memorial Service [Bob Hanle]

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:30 - Church and Society [Rm 32]

7:00 - Staff Parish [Lounge]

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 - Celebrate Recovery

### THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

### FRIDAY

### 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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**Methodism:  
Tuned to God's Word**

July 23, 2023

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

## Methodism: Tuned to God's Word

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John 1:1-4, 14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Music: *Word of God Speak*  
By: Bart Millard

Call to Worship  
Scripture: John 1:1-4, 14 CEB

Giving of Our Gifts  
Musical Offering-*Instrumental*

Song Celebration  
*A Mighty Fortress*  
*Don't Ever Stop*  
*Thy Word*

Message: "*Methodism: Tuned to God's Word*"  
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 MINT  
Speaker: Reverend Janet Saddel

Prayer  
Prayer Response: *Instrumental*  
*Be Thou My Vision*

Closing Song: *Word Is Alive*  
By: Mark Hall

Sending Forth

John Wesley said, "My ground is the Bible ... I follow it in all things both great and small." "I will not, I dare not vary from this book, either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein. I am determined to be a Bible Christian, not almost but altogether."

We need to read scripture within its own context and understand the genre (style).

New Testament scholar N. T. Wright concludes, "Much of what has been written about the Bible in the last two hundred years has either been following through the Enlightenment's program or reacting to it, or negotiating some kind of halfway house in between."

Wesley held that faith and reason do not work against each other. We need reason as we study scripture and look to Christian tradition, but it cannot explain the mysteries of God. Experience is that inward presence of God.

Wesley stressed that it is important that our experience lines up with Scripture. The purpose of experience is to reinforce the truth of scripture. Wesley said, that "Genuine religious experience [is] disciplined by scripture, tradition, and reason."

Book of Discipline: "The message of the Bible is the message of salvation." The Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation, and this contains all the books of the Old and New testaments, "of whose authority was never any doubt in the church." Scripture is the authoritative Word of God.

Scripture was written by authors who were illumined or inspired by the Holy Spirit. This is the "authentic testimony" of God revealing

himself to us through creation, through the people of Israel, through Jesus' life death and resurrection and through the Holy Spirit continuing to work in our lives.

Dr. William F. Albright said, "There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition."

We can trust the Word of God for our daily living, for our faith and for our salvation.

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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.

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Mary Smith, Coordinator of  
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