

Calendar for Week of 7/30/2023

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

5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY August 1st

11:00 - Free Noon Meal [LCCM]

6:00 - Church Council Task Force [Lounge]

WEDNESDAY

5:00 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

6:00 - see Youth Page

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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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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Methodism: Stay in the Boat

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

Methodism: Stay in the Boat

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Music: *Jump Ship*
By: Wilson/ McReynolds/ Pollard

Call to Worship
Scripture: Mark 4:35-41 CEB

Giving of Our Gifts
Musical Offering-*Instrumental*

Song Celebration:
My Lighthouse
Strong God
How Great Is Our God

Message: "*Methodism: Stay in the Boat*"
Scripture: Acts 27:13-44 CEB
Speaker: Reverend Janet Sattel

Prayer
Prayer Response: *It Is Well with My Soul*
(Instrumental)

Closing Song: *Together*
By: Chris Tomlin

Sending Forth

Methodism: Stay in the Boat

Please see 1/2 sheet
Insert for
Sermon outline
and Bibliography from
Methodism sermon series

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 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 Sattel, Lead Pastor
Rev. Lisa Flory, Pastor
Mary Smith, Coordinator of
Contemporary Worship Ministries
Pastor Cody Young, Pastor of Youth &
Young Adult Ministries
Alice Snell, Administrative Assistant
June Rose, Director of Children and
Family Ministries
Andy Roberts, Music Leader

“Methodism: Stay in the Boat”

Mark 4:35-41; Acts 27:13-44

The ship of the church has weathered storms of persecution, false teaching, and division.

Right from its inception, there were issues that divided the Methodists in America.

One of United Methodism’s greatest strengths has become a weakness in today’s culture. Wesley’s idea of an openness to Christian experience can be easily twisted by our contemporary culture.

Our differences have led to an exodus of churches from the main line denomination. The next General Conference is in 2024. In the meantime, churches are disaffiliating [20% to date] with many of them joining the newly formed Global Methodist Church. The ship known as the UMC is breaking apart and it will not be the same church it was when it formed in 1968. But then, it’s not the same church it was in 1939 or 1830 or 1754.

What shall we do at Good Shepherd? We keep our eyes on Jesus in the storm. Jesus is in the boat with us. And God is already on the shore.

Wesley dealt with many differences in his day and he wrote about theological views, which are not of the same importance as the essentials, “as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think.” But whenever it was a doctrinal issue, he would Wesley would ask, “What does the scripture say?”

We have been in a very long struggle, decades long. The storm has been raging and we have been tossed about the sea. Paul’s advice: stay in the ship. If we all stay in the boat – Church of the Good Shepherd - we will make it to shore. The storm will end. God will keep us safe – if we will but trust in him. Don’t panic. Don’t be afraid.

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