

Calendar for Week of 8/27/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Backpack blessing [WC]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - SS Festival

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

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting
5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
6:30 - Church and Society [youth room]
7:00 - Staff Parish Relations [lounge]

TUESDAY

6:30 - Community Group Huddle [Lounge]
7:00 - Finance Committee [Hall]

WEDNESDAY

5:00 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

9:00-4:00 - Pastoral Interviews [Lounge]
5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY *September 1*

SATURDAY

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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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**Because Life is Better Connected:
Witness**

August 27, 2023
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday worship 8:30 / 9:45 p.m.
Contemporary Worship
in the Worship Center

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Welcome
Announcements
Backpack Blessing-9:45 Service

Opening Music: *Until The Whole World Hears*
By: Casting Crowns

Call to Worship
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Giving of Our Gifts
Musical Offering [Instrumental]
Go Tell It on the Mountain

Song Celebration
Salt and Light
Good Grace
God So Loved

Message:
"Because Life is Better Connected: Witness"
Scripture: Philippians 2:12-16
Speaker: Pastor Lisa Flory

Prayer
Prayer Response: [Instrumental]
They'll Know We Are Christians

Closing Song:
The Church Has Left the Building"
By: Jeff Lowery

Sending Forth

Because Life is Better Connected: Witness

Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:12-16
Reverend Lisa Flory

We read in the Book of Acts about how the Church lived following the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. We read about the activities that defined their life together: study, prayer, worship, breaking of bread, fellowship, giving and sharing resources. We read about the qualities of their community, how they experienced the power of God, and had glad and sincere hearts. (Acts 2:42-46)

This way of life was very different from the culture of the day, and many were attracted by what they saw- they wanted to be a part of it. We read that " they *enjoyed the favor of all the people*", and that *"the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* (Acts 2:47)

Our local congregation displays many of the qualities we read about in the book of Acts, and we are also attracting new people. Three or our own members have agreed to share with us this morning: Ron Gilliam, Janelle Worcester and Claire McCracken. Their stories will help illustrate how the "flow" of Christian life works- the flow of welcoming, connecting and sending- and how this looks right here in our midst!

It isn't always easy to live into the reality described in this passage. But when we do- when we live as disciples of Jesus Christ, in authentic community, our witness will be powerful to the world around us. Instead of focusing on the problems and distractions around us, we are called to focus on God and His Word- shining like stars in the universe!

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God, without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

Philippians 2:14-15a

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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 Sadel, Lead Pastor
Rev. Lisa Flory, Pastor
Mary Smith, Coordinator of
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Alice Snell, Administrative Assistant
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