

SHEPHERD'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship
August 9, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Keith Ritchie
PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF CANDLES	Pianist
Acolyte	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
*HYMN UMH #57	O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)	
(SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION)	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
PRAYERS AND CONCERNS	
PASSING OF THE PEACE	
*HYMN #496	Sweet Hour of Prayer
ANTHEM	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
*SCRIPTURE	Matthew 14:22-33
MESSAGE	<i>JESUS WALKS ON WATER</i> Pastor Keith Ritchie
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #885	THE APOSTLES' CREED
OFFERING – GIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS – DOXOLOGY	
PASTORAL PRAYER	
LORD'S PRAYER	

*HYMN UMH #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Keith and Family, Pastor Steve and Family, The Family of Dillon Erwin, Shirley Crim, Maria Fortune, Crystal Davis, Pat Baldwin, John Moore, J. W. Mundy, Bradley Brown and daughter Ashley, Lindsey Fortune, Donna Nevers, Ryland Woodland, Woodland Family, John Mark Taylor, Flora Scott, Cathy Thompson, Ernest Longest, Carolyn Schools, Welford Cooke, Shirley Elliott, Debbie Ware, Tom Farmer, Amanda Smith, Gloria Lantz, Bobby Wharton, Ila Atkins, Agnes Owens, Unspoken Prayers, Wayland Smith, Aiden Patton, Believers, Nation & Church Leadership, Our Military.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Will be held on **Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – After Worship Service, join us for refreshments, fellowship, and Sunday School Class. The insert has the information for the Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, August 16th.

FALL FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS CLASS – Bible Study meets 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will begin a new study series for the Fall on **Sunday, September 20th** titled **“Faith and Faithfulness”**. This series examines what it truly means to live by faith and how do we remain faithful when life makes that difficult? Please join us as we take this 3-month journey to examine what Scripture reveals about living a faith-rooted life. John Wilson or Marybeth Tate will be happy to answer any questions regarding our Bible Study program.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Will be held on **Thursday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT FOR THE KING AND QUEEN FOOD PANTRY. YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED! The next collection for the King and Queen Food Pantry will be **Sunday, August 30, 2026. Per Velma Wharton, everything is really appreciated and has been great help to people in the community. King and Queen Food Pantry is very appreciative of Shepherds support and dedication to this mission.**