

GOOD SHEPHERD **UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

2015
ANNUAL REPORT

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2015 PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Disciples of Good Shepherd ~

The accomplishments and endeavors of 2015 have left their mark on our history as an active and vital congregation. As I watched the recent Star Wars movie that opened in 2015 it took me back to 1977 when the first of the Star Wars series debuted. There is much talk about the Force as a modern form of theology for a growing number of people who will never cross the threshold of a church. This theology has little to do with a personal relationship with the “Force” that creates us ~ who we call God or Father~ and is simply no more than a power source. As I do agree that there is a powerful force in our nature, that Force has given us the choice to make it personal or remote. My hope is that we might look at the opportunities ahead of us in 2016 as a time to make our relationship with God a more personal experience by participating in the ministries that Good Shepherd supports in various ways.

I see this message each year as an opportunity to inspire the followers of Christ to begin or continue the quest to bring the Realm of God closer as we journey toward that heavenly home which Jesus has promised that God has prepared for us. I’ve made reference to movies in last year’s Annual Report and I have made the Star Wars reference this year which leads me to wonder, what type of movie would be made if it was about Good Shepherd. Would it be a comedy? A tragedy? A drama? A documentary? Or perhaps a new category of altruism and compassion, support and affirmations in a series of vignettes. Who would be the director and who would be the lead and who would be the antagonist if there was an antagonist? Who would be the supporting actors and actresses in the unfolding saga? My prayer has and will always be that God is the director of the events in the life of Good Shepherd and we all take heed from God’s direction. That Jesus Christ is the lead with each and every one of us as best supporting actors and actresses. That the Holy Spirit would guide us in times of uncertainty and motivate us to accomplish great things that touch the heart and soul of others in 2016 and future generations.

Looking over the past year allows us to prepare our roles for 2016. A major observation always seems to be financial, but I see a more serious issue in the declining attendance. It causes concern and doubt to the ministry and mission placed before us. We as sponsors of this make believe movie need to address this ominous issue. One thing we can do is realize that our own participation and presence is essential. That our inviting others to join us on Sunday mornings is paramount. That being welcoming and showing hospitality by our supportive and kind gestures mean that others will continue as best they can as they are able. That we recognize that even the least of us has a special place in the heart of God in the personal relationships we are called to create with one another and with God. That the Force is within us to do good and not harm, to love and not become apathetic.

May God bless us on Oscar night that we are not just nominated but that we win Best Picture to the glory of God and the blessings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Lights, Camera, Action,
Pastor James*



2015 ANNUAL PASTORAL REPORT

Baptisms 16

Samantha Lee **Richardson**, b. November 14, 2014 / baptized January 4, 2015
Mackenzi Aurora **Palmer**, b. January 18, 2015 / baptized April 26, 2015
Sarah Marie **Kazmierski**, b. December 31, 1994 / baptized May 10, 2015
Calliope Madison **McGinnis**, b. March 26, 2015 / baptized May 10, 2015
Westin William **Redline**, b. April 30, 2015 / baptized July 12, 2015
Fiona Lorraine **Dieter**, b. March 31, 2015 / baptized July 19, 2015
Tanner Mason **Kresge**, b. May 23, 2015 / baptized August 16, 2015
Austin Rhoades **Koch**, b. September 12, 2003 / baptized August 23, 2015
Alexander Charles **Karns**, b. January 4, 2014 / baptized August 23, 2015
Tucker Stephen **Hosier**, b. July 12, 2015 / baptized September 20, 2015
Zulia Wyn **Schrack**, b. June 17, 2015 / baptized October 11, 2015
Cameron Michael **Kelsey**, b. July 5, 2015 / baptized October 18, 2015
Kalei Ann **Fister**, b. September 20, 2006 / baptized October 18, 2015
Anna Marie **Fister**, b. September 28, 2014 / baptized October 18, 2015
Brentley Ray **Hartman**, b. July 21, 2015 / baptized November 8, 2015
Kiley Addison **Solt**, b. November 15, 2015 / baptized December 27, 2015

Weddings 7

Daniel Wayne **White** and Annette Reneé (Hoffman) **Sumerfield** m. February 14, 2015
Jed Alan **Gilly** and Lisa Lynn (Horninger) **Heckman** m. April 24, 2015
Jasmine Lynn **Rodrigues** and Megann Gabrielle **Gracely** m. May 1, 2015
Ronald Theodore **Smith** and Lawrence Gunawan **Sarwono** m. June 27, 2015
Shane Alan **White** and Magdalena Ivy **LeVan** m. September 12, 2015
Barry Lee **Heckman** and Kelly Jo (Frantz) **Zellner** m. September 26, 2015
Jonathan William **Ruch** and Sara Kathleen **Sanders** m. October 10, 2015

Vow Renewals 1

James Barry George Jr. and Laura Ellen (Parks) George / June 23, 2015 (June 23, 1990) at church

Funerals 12

Edward Raymond **Bateman**, d. January 22, 2015; aged 63 y, 24 d / service on January 25, 2015
Roland Ernest **Bellesfield**, d. February 6, 2015; aged 94 y, 1 m, 21 d / service on February 11, 2015
George Albert **Sensing**, d. March 14, 2015; aged 70 y, 10 m, 17 d / service on March 18, 2015
Edwin Franklin **Walters**, d. March 19, 2015; aged 84 y, 1 m, 14 d / service on March 24, 2015
Agnes Catharine Annie (German) **Gellis**, d. April 4, 2015; aged 92 y, 5 m, 1 d / service on April 11, 2015
Eleanor Grace (Weaver) **German**, d. April 18, 2015; aged 93 y, 3 m, 27 d / service on April 24, 2015
Matthew Allen **Christman**, d. April 23, 2015; aged 29 y, 5 m, 3 d / service on April 29, 2015
Gerald James **Knappenberger**, d. August 22, 2015; aged 70 y, 4 m, 12 d / service on September 16, 2015
Wilbert Morris **Hankee**, d. September 25, 2015; aged 57 y, 4 m, 26 d / service on October 3, 2015
April Adair (Eucker) **Hantz**, d. September 26, 2015; aged 63 y, 9 m, 4 d / service on October 3, 2015
James Stanley **Oswald**, d. September 30, 2015; aged 70 y, 6 m, 23 d / service on October 4, 2015
John Matthew **Kisly**, d. October 8, 2015; aged 89 y, 10 m, 13 d / Service on October 14, 2015

Holy Communion 19

Epiphany - January 4, 2015 (2x); Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2015 (1x); Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2015 (1x); Easter - April 5, 2015 (3x); Ascension Day - May 14, 2015 (1x); Pentecost - May 24, 2015 (2x); God and Country Communion - July 5, 2015 (2x); World Wide - October 4, 2015 (2x); Reformation Day - October 31, 2015 (1x); Advent - November 29, 2015 (1x); Christmas Eve - December 24, 2015 (3x)

Miles Traveled 10,156.3

Pastoral Statistics 1998-2015:

Baptisms	202
Confirmands	104
Weddings	113
Funerals	180

Submitted by James D. Robison, Pastor

2015 CONSISTORY REPORT

January: 5% raise for the pastor approved and budget passed, background checks per PA State regulations began
February: instituting evaluations including self-evaluations on all employees
June: Hosted a Field of Valor event honoring our 1st responders and veterans
August: Little Shepherd Pre-School began for a 1 year trial
September: Pastor noted that he began substitute teaching at Allentown Central Catholic High School
October: Jasmine Rodrigues in training to take over Bookkeeper/Treasurer for \$2,348 year and Sally Loch as Financial Secretary
November: Pricing out Copiers and Computer for office

2015 CONSISTORY OFFICERS

President	<i>Shared Responsibilities</i>	Bookkeeper	Debbie Silfies
Vice President	Edward "Eddie" Smith	Treasurer	Barry Silfies
Secretary	Debra Craig	Financial Secretary	Susie Blose

Submitted by Deb Craig

2015 SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of January 1, 2015 = 363

- 11 new members [Joshua Richardson, John Slanina, George Sherman, Matthew and Amber Snyder, Alan and Lori Stroppa, Debbie Foulke, Clint and Alicia Schaeffer, Cindy Evans]
- 3 reinstated [David DeLong, Donna Fox, Jasmin Rodrigues]
- 0 confirmands
- 24 removed by order of the Spiritual Council [Lindsey Sommers, Randy and Amanda Ahner, Jimmy Clausen, Kathy Davidson, Jason and Tara George, Gregg and Kim Graver, Allen Haas, Brian Haas, David Heller, Tara Hunter, Tami Koncz, Billy and Ashley Nagy, Brian Neff, David and Lisa Neff, Rachel Passaro, Jessica Ross, Alan and Lori Stroppa, Jennifer Szilagyi]
- 2 transfers out [Travis Fink, David Harding]
- 4 deaths [Agnes Gellis, April Hantz, Deanna Kern, Patricia Rehrig]

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of December 31, 2015 = 347

According to Pastor James, the confirmation process appears to be working though it hasn't resolved the issue of absenteeism. The Spiritual Council will revisit the confirmation process as this year's class comes to a close.

We discussed the number of members not attending or taking Holy Communion and after much prayer and consideration, a letter was sent to numerous individuals explaining the need to remove their names from the rolls. The Pastor also wrote a letter to those who attend very infrequently with the hope of scheduling a pastoral visit. Our hope is to increase participation in worship in the coming year. Attendance being crucially low at late service, the Youth Fellowship has volunteered to begin working on structuring a more youth friendly service during the 11:00am hour.

Our prayers for the spiritual life of Good Shepherd will continue and ask for your prayers as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor James Robison, Elder Linda Bowers, Elder Pam Puskas, Elder Bob Koons, Elder Eddie Smith

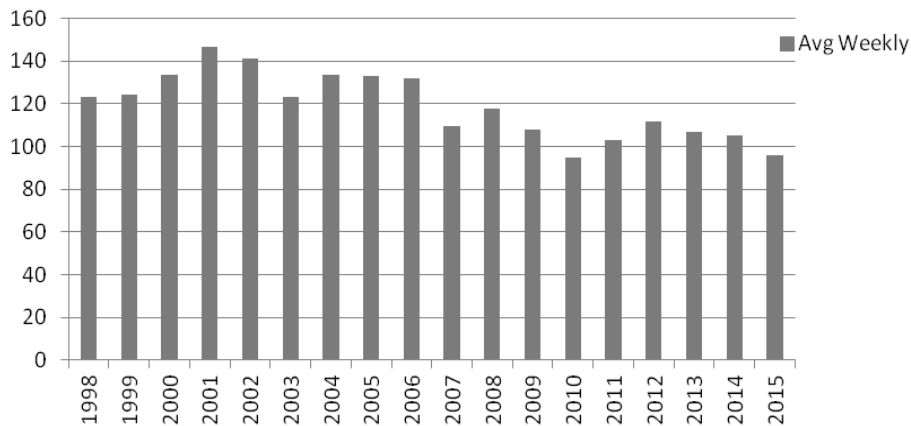
2015 ATTENDANCE CHART

	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Jan	107	104	126	127	126	139	103	155	133	134	115	111	99	89	107	107	80	77**
Feb	127	113	153	155	146	131	118	144	134	111	114	114	100	98	102	99	97	59**
Mar	123	133	141	149	180	139	138	195	124	108	145	115	103	104	115	141	115	100
Apr	158	147	157	176	120	160	164	121	156	150	125	147	108	153	142	107	164	142
May	114	109	121	140	167	121	150	131	109	108	136	100	112	85	101	98	103	91
Jun	109	99	112	161	121	114	110	124	126	94	107	110	69	91***	93	98	107	107
Jul	88	104	110	127	127	101	119	125	112	86	100	103	60	92	109	100	98	92
Aug	112	94	88	95	82	99	103	111	108	68	87	76	52	88	95	84	81	80
Sep	127	114	118	161	152	128	134	115	147	107	124	88	90	89	125	106	109	93
Oct	126	130	147	157	164	116	154	137	139	136	123	101	115	105	111	118	102	97
Nov	127	141	129	140	139	133	173	130	153	101	129	143	125	150	119	113	101	115
Dec	162	203	197	172	168	97	139	105	141	109	110	89	107	94	121	113	102	97
Christmas Eve	292	389	310	288	250	246	331	350	340	372	295	307	316	353	344	289	303	281

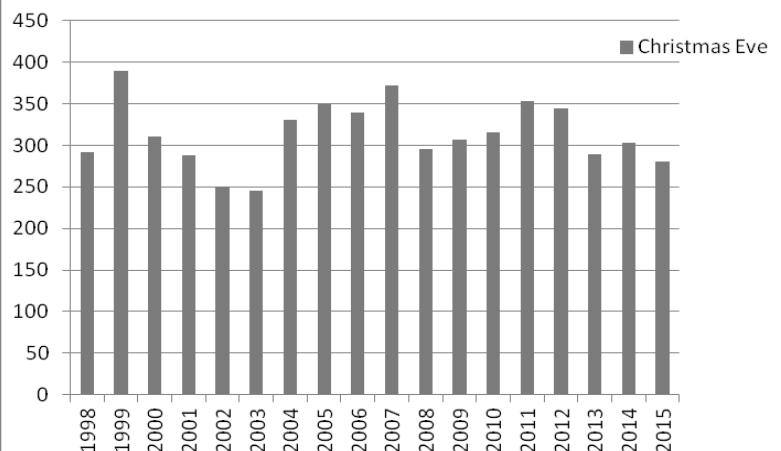
* 2005 we began holding 3 Christmas Eve Services ~ ** Services cancelled during month due to snow/ice

***2010 hold 1 service June, July and August

Average Weekly Attendance



Christmas Eve



2015 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nine Christian education meetings were held Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. (no meetings in April, July, or December) with an average of six members attending.

Sunday School Financials:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Inflows</i>	<i>Outflows</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
Confirmation	\$ 303.89	\$ 698.61	\$ -	\$1,001.50
Joyful Noise	\$1,273.56	\$ 623.79	\$ 275.00	\$1,622.35
Sunshine Fund	\$ 28.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 33.00

Sunday School collected soup for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2 benefiting the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

- Boy Scout Sunday held February 8 with Troop 66 attending and helping with the service.
- Girl Scout Sunday held March 8 and March 15 ~ some of the girl scouts were attending services at another church on the 8th so it was decided to do the two days.
- During the Easter Season we had our Easter Pageant on March 29th during the Sunday school hour; had the donkey procession sponsored by Bob and Denise Koons on Palm Sunday; the Youth Fellowship conducted the Good Friday service on April 3 in the evening; sponsored Egg Coloring Night on April 1; and the Annual Egg Hunt held on April 4th with 89 children and adults registered to hunt for eggs and 38 children and 49 adults registered for the Jelly Bean guessing contest.
- For the first time Promotion Sunday was held at the end of the school term on May 31st.
- Graduation Sunday, June 14, we honored seven high school and college graduates.
- Family Fun Day, held on Sunday, July 12 after the 11:00 service. There were 23 adults, 5 children and 2 infants in attendance. Games were played, prizes were won and prizes were given out by a drawing, as well.
- Rally Day and New School Term, held on August 30 with popcorn and a movie.
- During the Autumn we sponsored the Blessing of the Pets on October 4th; and October 25th was Trunk or Treat at 3:00 p.m. with approximately 10 cars with trunks decorated. Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall.
- Confirmands had a pumpkin decorating contest with a few confirmands, siblings and others participating. The contest raised \$44.86.
- In November, we asked the congregation to purchase gifts for the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association for the Adopt-A-Child Gift project. We had 5 names and purchased 3 gifts per child.
- Children participated in Hanging of the Greens on November 29th by presenting gift boxes filled with items by Denise and Bob Koons and distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank children at the same time the Adopt-a-child gifts were given.
- Christmas Pageant was held on December 20 at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments following. All of the Sunday School classes participated.
- Confirmads sponsored Gingerbread decorating raising \$60.73, with Ariana Smoyer winning best decorated house for the second time in a row.

Submitted by Pam Puskas, recorder



FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	21	25	21	12	15	15	9	20	16	13
February	22	27	21	18	15	18	9	21	12	11
March	23	25	22	17	21	16	18	20	20	15
April	21	25	20	16	19	17	16	16	15	12
May	17	22	22	14	17	10	10	13	13	12
June	15	19	14	14	13	12	9	15	14	12
July	11	16	14	13	15	13	9	15	7	10
August	14	14	13	10	14	9	8	15	5	9
September	24	19	19	13	20	14	24	19	17	13
October	22	21	16	19	18	13	24	18	15	11
November	27	22	20	20	22	15	24	21	14	14
December	22	14	11	12	15	14	26	17	15	11
Average	20	21	18	14	17	14	16	18	14	12

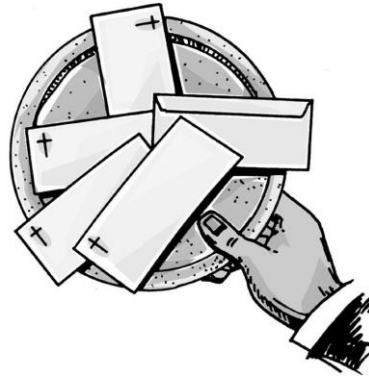


FOCUS ON TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	50	57	46	38	40	45	34	49	43	35
February	47	53	48	48	40	50	40	50	40	34
March	49	49	51	47	58	41	53	53	49	51
April	49	47	48	41	44	55	52	42	47	36
May	40	48	54	40	45	32	33	42	40	39
June	40	46	38	37	39	42	34	42	40	38
July	36	37	37	33	40	39	36	42	30	36
August	36	39	34	34	40	32	43	40	31	32
September	53	44	45	37	47	39	58	47	49	41
October	51	46	43	44	49	40	59	44	42	33
November	58	49	49	49	55	45	54	54	46	37
December	53	35	37	40	48	43	56	48	48	34
Average	47	46	44	41	45	42	46	46	42	37

FOCUS ON SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	\$ 182.52	\$ 172.67	\$ 143.46	\$ 85.60	\$ 186.01
February	\$ 101.10	\$ 137.44	\$ 159.74	\$ 153.83	\$ 149.80
March	\$ 158.77	\$ 133.44	\$ 262.20	\$ 183.65	\$ 260.70
April	\$ 198.94	\$ 188.50	\$ 155.87	\$ 251.28	\$ 210.07
May	\$ 118.57	\$ 127.73	\$ 156.36	\$ 175.39	\$ 159.45
June	\$ 94.74	\$ 122.03	\$ 142.65	\$ 128.75	\$ 116.73
July	\$ 114.37	\$ 128.62	\$ 99.27	\$ 116.00	\$ 113.90
August	\$ 65.27	\$ 100.38	\$ 135.06	\$ 159.07	\$ 144.10
September	\$ 124.51	\$ 150.90	\$ 142.89	\$ 134.58	\$ 157.34
October	\$ 173.81	\$ 123.55	\$ 108.37	\$ 146.44	\$ 212.33
November	\$ 154.45	\$ 142.11	\$ 180.35	\$ 170.85	\$ 161.14
December	\$ 217.45	\$ 124.25	\$ 136.64	\$ 106.43	\$ 191.16
TOTALS	\$1,704.50	\$1,651.62	\$1,822.86	\$1,811.87	\$2,062.73



Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	\$ 183.75	\$ 178.69	\$ 184.30	\$ 164.11	\$ 100.00
February	\$ 148.54	\$ 172.10	\$ 163.52	\$ 150.27	\$ 82.39
March	\$ 177.53	\$ 208.91	\$ 221.86	\$ 208.99	\$ 203.61
April	\$ 263.57	\$ 204.06	\$ 143.90	\$ 192.58	\$ 143.14
May	\$ 135.80	\$ 134.13	\$ 151.78	\$ 136.25	\$ 160.61
June	\$ 137.03	\$ 121.30	\$ 196.98	\$ 146.61	\$ 136.40
July	\$ 162.43	\$ 176.11	\$ 144.31	\$ 120.40	\$ 124.85
August	\$ 90.18	\$ 186.90	\$ 138.30	\$ 117.77	\$ 158.36
September	\$ 154.66	\$ 291.55	\$ 190.78	\$ 139.56	\$ 138.05
October	\$ 154.40	\$ 198.08	\$ 187.95	\$ 120.77	\$ 135.76
November	\$ 178.41	\$ 211.97	\$ 164.30	\$ 151.45	\$ 148.29
December	\$ 124.00	\$ 238.30	\$ 161.10	\$ 150.80	\$ 129.00
TOTALS	\$1,910.30	\$2,322.10	\$2,049.08	\$1,799.56	\$1,660.46

2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016 Class

The present confirmation class consists of seven individuals who are looking forward, not only to confirmation on May 15, 2016, but to participating in the life of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. These confirmands include: Ahstin Creyer, Jade Rice, Dylan Coffin, Bryce Allen, Aidan Williams, Ben Griffith, and Ariana Smoyer. These seven students attend Northern Lehigh School District, Parkland School District, Lehighon School District, Northwester School District and one home schooled and they range in age from twelve to thirteen years of age.

They all participate in Good Shepherd Youth Fellowship and have been active in acolyting and one two have served or are serving as Youth Deacons on Consistory. They have all participated in raising funds for the benefit of the congregation via the Youth Fellowship. They completed their reading of the Gospel of Mark. They, as a class, have raised monies through the remembering of mothers, fathers and grandparents, pumpkin decorating contests, gingerbread decorating contest, and selling Valentines' Day Candy in February.

They have collected the following thus far:

2014 Fathers' Day Tributes	\$ 101.00
2014 Grandparents' Day Tributes	\$ 85.00
2014 Pumpkin Decorating Contest	\$ 91.89
2014 Gingerbread Decorating Contest	\$ 26.00
2015 Valentine Candy Sale	\$ 196.75
2015 Mothers' Day Tributes	\$ 178.00
2015 Fathers' Day Tributes	\$ 152.00
2015 Grandparents Day Tributes	\$ 126.00
2015 Pumpkin Decorating Contest	\$ 44.86
2015 Gingerbread Decorating Contest	\$ 60.73
TOTAL	\$ 1,062.23



A special thank you to those who have offered their time and friendship through mentoring. These individuals have been making lasting relationships with our confirmands by sharing their faith and creating experiences that we all matter.

Our Mentors include:

Jonathan Griffith ~ Dylan Coffin	Shirley Phillips ~ Ariana Smoyer
Eric Hantz ~ Aidan Williams	Pam Puskas ~ Jade Rice
Frank Johnson ~ Bryce Allen	Todd Solt ~ Benjamin Griffith
Dwayne Kern ~ Ahstin Creyer	

As always, the Confirmands appreciate the prayers and support of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ and the presence of our co-teacher, Monica Griffith and all the support from Susan Zellner in coordinating the Valentine's Candy Sale, Susie Blose and Pam Puskas for orchestrating the pumpkin and gingerbread decorating, Debbie Silfies for organizing and typing the many tributes, and so many others who do so much behind the scenes to make their confirmation experience so special.

Submitted by Pastor James, teacher

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School 2015 started July 13, 2015 and the theme was "Camp Kilimanjaro" a Jungle Safari. There was an average of 27 kids and staff members throughout the week. The closing program was Friday July 17th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

The following staff members were extremely helpful in making VBS 2015 a success:

Infants: Tammy White - Toddler: Kelsey Knittle
Pre-Primary Monica Griffith - Primary: Mary Walters



The following people were extremely helpful with VBS 2015:

Director & Music: Katie Koneschusky - Games: Ashley Henritz
Office Secretary: Debbie Silfies - Pastor James D. Robison
Snacks: Dot Arnold, Frank Johnson, Ann Johnson, Edgar Smith,
Crafts: Marie Detrick, Mabel Knittle, Phillip White

Daily Offering		Student	Teacher	Staff	Donations	\$60.00
Monday July 13	\$39.50	13	4	10	Purchases Deducted	<u>\$60.00</u>
Tuesday July 14	\$12.00	15	4	8	Net Total	\$104.85
Wednesday July 15	\$29.00	9	4	10		
Thursday July 16	\$11.50	12	4	9		
Friday July 17	\$12.85	12	4	9		
Total	\$104.85					

Sponsorships:

Ronald and LaRue Roth - To the Honor and Glory of God & John and Susan Zellner – In Honor of Grandchildren

Submitted by Katie Koneschusky, Director

2015 LITTLE SHEPHERD'S PRESCHOOL

Little Shepherd's Preschool began this year in early September and ends in May. We offer a well-rounded curriculum including arts and crafts, fine motor skills, musical activities, self-selection, snack time, finger plays, language skills, physical activities, pre-reading skills and pre-math skills. All of these skills are incorporated into monthly themes that are child-centered and age appropriate.

We offer classes for both 3 and 4 year old children. Our 3's class runs on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11. Our 4's class runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with a few different options for parents. We offer a 9-11:30 class, a 9-1:00 class and a 9-2:30 class. The children get use to a longer day before entering kindergarten the following year.

Each month throughout the year the parents receive a calendar and newsletter letting them know which skills we will be working on throughout the month. Each month we have a different theme as well as letter, color, shape and number. Throughout the day, the children do a variety of activities which encourage social, emotional, and creative growth and the development of the child as a whole.

We offer various programs and field trips throughout the year. In October we went to Troxell's Farm, we had a Halloween program and parade for parents. At Christmas time, we had a program for parents and a special visit from Santa. In the Spring we have an Easter Egg hunt, a Mother's Day Tea and graduation programs for all classes.

Early Childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring and discovery. The staff here at Little Shepherd's Preschool strives to nurture and encourage these qualities in the children who attend.

Submitted by, Mrs. Karen Weaver, Preschool Director

2015 GOOD SHEPHERD UCC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Regularly participating members of our Good Shepherd UCC Youth Fellowship during 2015 included the following 22 youth:

Abby Allen	Ben Griffith	Ariana Smoyer
Bryce Allen	Katy Griffith	Calista Smoyer
Kyan Block	Cassie Knittle	Gabriella Smoyer
Tyla Block	Kelsey Knittle	Aiden Solt
Dylan Coffin	Jade Rice	Dylan Stroppa
Ahstin Creyer	Caden Shields	Abby Williams
Aricka Creyer	Cameron Shields	Aidan Williams
Toby Frantz		

With the help of the following adults: Susan Zellner, Monica Griffith, RaeAnn Creyer, Todd Solt, Alana Smoyer, Deb Craig, Eric Hantz, Barry Silfies, and Pastor James; the youth accomplished the following:

- On February 1, 2015 collected 97 cans of soup and 28 boxes of crackers for Souper Bowl Sunday and donated it to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.
- On February 15, 2015 the Youth Fellowship took a special collection to help with the Allentown Soup Kitchen netting \$162.81.
- On April 3, 2015 the following members participated in Good Friday Service ~ including sermon [Dylan Coffin, Dylan Stroppa, Ben Griffith, Aidan Williams]; Tenebrae Service [Calista Smoyer, Ariana Smoyer, Tyla Block, Dylan Coffin, Dylan Stroppa, Ben Griffith, Aidan Williams]; offering [Ben Griffith]; ushers [Ahstin Creyer, Katy Griffith, Abby Williams, Kyan Block, Aiden Solt]; greeter [Aricka Creyer]; call to worship [Dylan Coffin]; call to confession and assurance of pardon [Aidan Williams]; scripture readings [Calista Smoyer, Tyla Block]; prayer of the people [Dylan Stroppa]
- On May 23, 2015 went bowling at Haja Lanes in Palmerton with 5 youth, 1 baby and 4 adults joining in the fun and fellowship.
- On August 8, 2015 at the Good Shepherd had a carwash netting \$271.00 to help with expenses for the congregation.
- On September 12, 2015 gathered at in the Fellowship Kitchen to bake for the youth bake sale at Kmart on September 13, 2015 with the fund raiser netting \$362.10 which the youth earmarked for the paying of bills for the congregation.
- August through September the Youth Fellowship had a Sixth Street Shelter Drive collecting 3 sets of bed sheets, 10 plastic plates, 14 plastic bowls, 4 big plastic drinking glasses, 6 plastic cups, 2 spoons and 2 forks.
- The youth held a new fundraiser handing out small tubes of mini M&Ms to the congregation asking for a donation in return ~ either filling up the container with quarters, dollars or checks made out to Good Shepherd UCC. These funds were designated for the Heifer Project to purchase a goat for a family in Africa. They raised over \$1,000 and so they purchased a milk menagerie.
- On November 1, 2015 thirteen youth gathered and prepared a service that was youth focused for November 8, 2015 with plans to continue creating a youthful service during the 11:00am service as a way to reach more youth in the community

In 2016 the Youth hope to increase the number of participants in 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday and to sponsor the 2016 Confirmands' Valentine Candy Sale by purchasing the chocolate bars for the class.

Submitted by Pastor James

2015 CHURCH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

During 2015 the Secretary/Bookkeeper did the following duties:

- Updated *Member Directory* during the year whenever there were address changes or changes in membership
- Helped to train and supervise office volunteers
- Printed 16 Certificates of Baptism
- Printed 7 Certificates of Marriage
- Printed 14 Certificates of Membership
- Made up and framed 13 Baptism certificates with family pictures
- Prepared fifty-two Sunday bulletins and thirteen bulletins for special services (six Wednesday night Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Reformation Day, Thanksgiving Eve)
- Printed two large-print bulletins for each service
- Prepared 2 Funeral Bulletins
- Created and printed new offering envelopes for pews
- Ordered and picked up paper and supplies
- Collected ink and toner cartridges for recycling and coupons to be used for office supplies
- Put together, with assistance from the treasurer, Pastor, Sunday school superintendent and Youth Fellowship advisors the Penn Northeast and UCC Annual Report information
- Updated addresses each quarter to Church Budget Envelopes to mail quarterly offering envelopes
- Picked up and distributed mail to committees
- Filing
- Created the attendance sheet for the year 2016
- Created the Deacon's offering grid for 2016
- Put Worship Leaders' grid together
- Updated computer data bases
- Posted E-giving through Vanco into Checking account
- Recounted and deposited all monies from offerings, Sunday School, donations, memorials, fund raisers, etc., and entered into their designated accounts in computer program (Quicken)
- Deposited Joyful Noise offerings in Savings Account monthly and recorded deposits and/or withdrawals
- Kept account of designated sub-accounts in Savings Account (Bud Vase, Confirmation, Husack Flowers, Joyful Noise, Memorial, Sunshine, etc.)
- Opened Checking account for Fund Raising and recorded deposits and/or withdrawals
- Printed and prepared checks for signatures for invoices and bills and mailed them
- Ordered check and deposit slip supplies
- Assembled financial records for annual Audit
- Prepared financial reports for Consistory meetings on a monthly basis
- Coordinated all responsibilities with the Treasurer
- Resigned Bookkeeper position and trained new Treasurer Jasmine Rodrigues



Submitted by Debbie Silfies, Church Secretary/Bookkeeper

2015 ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild Committee members for 2015 were Pat David (committee chairperson), Amanda Trelease, Penny Berger, Julie Solt, Lisa Gilly and Linda Coffin. The Committee is represented by Consistory member Edward Smith.

Altar Guild duties include maintaining the Candles, Parmanents and Altar cloths, Cross Cloths, Totenfest Candle Stand, Harvest Home, Flower and Bulletin Charts, Assisting Acolytes, Ordering Altar Flower Arrangements, Palms, Baptism Roses, Easter Flowers, Geraniums and Christmas Poinsettias.

There were 27 sponsors for Altar Flowers for Church Services this year. The Altar Guild is also responsible for setting up the Harvest Home display in September, and all food collected goes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. There was 1,379 lbs. of food donated to Northern Lehigh Food Bank for 2015 Harvest Home.

The price of Altar flowers is \$25.00 for year 2015 and staying the same for the 2016 church year. The bulletins are \$10.00 and staying the same price for the 2016 church year. A dish garden arrangement was used for midweek Lenten services as in the past. Altar flowers are ordered for 52 Sundays a year, plus six special services, for a total of 58 arrangements a year. Altar flowers are supplied by Kerns Florist located in Slatington.

The Easter Flowers, Geraniums and Poinsettias are ordered from Hickory Grove Greenhouse in Catasauqua. The total amount for Poinsettias was \$180.00. All 18 Candelabras flowers for Christmas Eve services were purchased at a price of \$17.50 which gives a profit of \$135.00. The only profit Altar Guild makes is on the Candelabra flowers. All other flower orders are at cost.

Committee members for 2016 will be Amanda Trelease, Penny Bower, Lisa Gilly, Carol Oswald, Linda Coffin, and Julie Solt.

Submitted by Carol Oswald

P.S. We are sorry that we were unable to provide numbers for th flowers ordered, but we hope to have these statistics next year.

2015 COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Coordinator shares church events and programs of Good Shepherd with the surrounding community in order to increase community awareness and encourage member and non-member participation in those events and programs. The coordinator utilizes various media outlets including print, radio, television, the Internet, as well as other means deemed appropriate.

Throughout 2015, Good Shepherd's webmaster, Stephen Haas, has been busy updating the church's website. Our website has continued posting the monthly newsletters, which can be viewed online as PDFs or printed. In an effort to reach out to the congregation and community, ChurchPost is integrated into our website, allowing anyone with an e-mail address to directly sign-up and receive ChurchPost notifications.

The website is always a work-in-progress; and continued to be updated in 2015. If you haven't visited lately, please visit our website at www.GoodShepherdslatedale.org and check back often, as we are always updating the information. We also have our Facebook site that is very active with photos and notices of events and reflections that can be visited at www.FaceBook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

- The 2015 Annual Report was collated from all individual reports and completed copies were made available.
- We have 258 Email Contacts through our Church Post system
- 64 notices and an additional 9 notices from Pastor James were sent using Church Post.
- 32 event posters were created, that then on average 25 copies made to be distributed in the community.
- 28 posters that were used for display within the Church.
- 12 Monthly Newsletters, which averaged 85 copies each with the exception of April's and December's which were 150 to accommodate the Easter and Christmas worshippers. I noticed that difference remaining depended on if the Greeters handed them out or not.
- At the end of 2015 our Facebook page had 164 likes up from 121 the previous year.

Submitted by: Deb Craig

2015 EVANGELISM

Evangelism Committee put together packets that were handed out to new members, containing information about God's work done at Good Shepherd.

Thanks to Ann Johnson cards were placed in the narthex to be signed by members who attended services. These cards were mailed out for birthdays, get well and sympathy.

Secret Prayer Pal was very busy with mini golfing, going out for a lunch as a group and followed but by a luncheon in August for a revealing and picking a name for the following year.

Committee hopes that Good Shepherd members will make all visitors feel welcomed.

Submitted by Linda Bowers

2015 SOCIAL MINISTRY

Members of the 2015 Social Ministry Committee were Dorothy Arnold, Marie Detrick (Chairperson), Frank Johnson (Kitchen Coordinator), Mable Knittle, Barbara Neff and Ed Smith is Consistory liaison.

The purpose of the committee is to serve at the social events of the congregation, such as Congregational luncheons, confirmation celebration, funeral luncheons, picnics, hymn sings and other special occasions when we are available.

The following are events we served in 2015

- January 25 - After congregational meeting there was a luncheon served to 25-30 people
- May 3 - Served refreshments after Hymn Sing, which was the Jazz Band, to about 60 people
- June 28 - We served sandwiches and desserts to about 100 people after the Field of Valor Service
- July 29 - We served a luncheon after the funeral of Donna Hamm to about 90 people
- October 3 - We served a luncheon after the Memorial Service for April Hantz to about 120 people
- October 25 - At the PA German Luncheon we served 45 people after the 11:00am service
- November 1 - Desserts were served after Hymn Sing to 45 people

I want to thank all the people on my committee who helped whenever I called them. I also want to thank anyone else who helped at any of our functions. We are glad for all the help we are given. We hope you will continue to minister to Good Shepherd in any way you can.

Submitted by Marie E Detrick, Chairperson

2015 HAND BELL CHOIR

Good Shepherd's Hand Bell Choir had a wonderful year. The Bell Choir started rehearsing in October of 2014 with ten members. That group played till May 2015. They re-organized in October 2015 with 8 members. The Choir is under the direction of Michele Hunsicker.

The Kristal Bell Method is a totally original hand bell playing system. It allows the choir to produce beautiful hand bell music accompanied by fully orchestrated song arrangements recorded on compact discs. The unique aspect of this method is that no musical knowledge is necessary on the part of the hand bell players. A director or facilitator is needed to lead the hand bell players and to coordinate the bell playing with the recorded music.

Performances:

- 2/8/15 *Canon in D* (by Pachelbel) donated by Pastor James D. Robison
3/15/15 *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord* donated by Freda Horn in memory of Loved Ones
4/12/15 *Holy Ground* donated by Ann and Frank Johnson in memory of Loved Ones
5/3/15 *Ave Maria* donated by Barbara J. Neff Family in memory of Loved Ones
10/25/15 *Edelweiss* donated by Pastor James D. Robison
11/1/15 Hymn Sing:
 1. *How Great Thou Art*
 2. *The Old Rugged Cross*
11/15/15 *We Gather Together* donated by Karen and Ed Smith in memory of Parents
11/29/15 *Silver Bells* donated by Geraldine Bailey Family in memory of Loved Ones
12/6/15 *Angels We Have Heard on High* donated by Marilyn Sowden in Memory of Loved Ones

The Bell Choir starts rehearsal in October (average two Wednesday nights a month 6:45 p.m. -7:30 p.m.) and plays for the months of October through May. If anyone is interested in joining please see Michele Hunsicker.

Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing a CD for the Choir, please see Michele Hunsicker for the listing of songs.

Thanks for the support of this musical endeavor.

Submitted by Michele Hunsicker

2015 MEMORIAL

The Memorial Committee suggests and approves all memorial gifts from members and friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ and oversees the purchase, construction and dedication of such appointments as well as maintaining a book of such memorial gifts.

Good Shepherd received contributions to the Glory of God in Memory of the following individuals:

Eleanor German	April Hantz
George Sensinger	Deanna Kern
Agnes Gellis	Patricia Rehrig
Matthew Christman	John Kisly
Charles & Eva Thomas	James Oswald



Sincere appreciation to LaRue Roth for updating the Memorial Book in the

Anyone with suggestions or gift ideas can contact one of the Memorial Committee members or Pastor James.

Respectfully Submitted by, Monica Griffith, Recorder

2015 NOMINATION

2015 has been marked as a year of change ~ Three staff members stepped down from their positions, both paid and unpaid, after many years of service and deserve our recognition and gratitude.

Suzanne Blose who served for ten years as Financial Secretary beginning in 2005 has done so gracefully and discreetly. Her role to record the contributions of individuals and at the end of the year send out financial statements, which is required by law, has not always been easy and yet she has done it with little or no fuss. In addition to working quietly on this endeavor, she has also found time to serve in numerous other capacities, one of which has been teaching Sunday school from 1995 through 2015 ~ that's right, TWENTY years. During that time she also served as superintendent from 2002 to 2004. Susie has also served on Consistory as a Deacon for eight years from 1996 to 2003. Susie also served in a number of other positions including the search committee that called Pastor James in 1998 as well.

Treasurer **Barry Silfies** who served in that capacity since 2014, a relatively short time, but with so many other areas which he has volunteered for countless years including property committee and Consistory it is always appropriate to say "thank you." Barry served as a Deacon from 1989 to 1992 and from 1996 to 2001 before being appointed Elder and serving in that capacity until 2010 ~ a total of NINETEEN years, the last five years as president. That doesn't include his work as Sexton since 1990 ~ TWENTY-FIVE years and still going strong.

Bookkeeper **Debbie Silfies** took on this position in 2009 and after six years of service has decided to give the work to someone else so that she can concentrate on her first love and that is being our Church Secretary, a position she has enjoyed, for better or for worse, since 1992 and hopes to continue. During these TWENTY-THREE years, Debbie has also served in numerous capacities including representing the congregation on the Christian Education Board, the Budget Committee, Worship and Music Committee and always willing to help with Fund Raising, Altar Guild, Property Committee, and the list goes on.

Few churches can boast the accomplishments these three individuals have done through the first THIRTY-ONE years that the congregation was formed and TWENTY-NINE years we have been in our Church Sanctuary. To these three we give a resounding hurrah!!! And know that our Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Our prayers are with **Sally Loch** as she begins her task of continuing where Susie left off as Financial Secretary. Even though the position is not a paid one, the Personnel Committee monitors the position since it deals with matters of confidentiality. Sally comes to this position with a wealth of banking experience and great confidence is put on Sally as she carries out this ministry which is of vital importance for us here at Good Shepherd.

Jasmine Rodrigues begins the task of combining the positions of Treasurer and Bookkeeper into one. The Treasurer has traditionally dealt with the quarterly taxes and payroll while the Bookkeeper's position has been dealing with the daily finances and keeping track of special accounts and paying monthly bills. Jasmine has an associate's degree in this field and we trust she is up for the task and pray for the support she will need by all of us in carrying out her duties.

We'd also like to thank those whose term ended in 2015 or have stepped down from their responsibilities in the past year who have served just as faithfully during a briefer stint. These individuals are to be commended for their willingness to sacrifice time and energy for work within the Church at Good Shepherd making it a more welcoming and sacred place to worship and to serve. These people include: Mary Walters as Deacon of Consistory; Kent Stauffer as Deacon of Consistory; Christy Bilheimer as Youth Deacon of Consistory; Kellie Smith and Pat David as members of Altar Guild; Tillie Waller as member of Audit Committee; Linda Bowers, David and Michelle Scott as members of Evangelism Committee; Eddie Smith as member of Fund Raising Committee; Lynne Newhard as member of Memorial Committee; Jeff Bilheimer as member of Property Committee; Vivian Neff and Tillie Waller as members of Stewardship Committee.

We also congratulate the following individuals who are either continuing or joining the ranks of the faithful to fill positions and work towards our goal of being a safe and approachable congregation of God's people. These individuals include: Those serving on Consistory: Pam Puskas as Elder, Eric Hantz and Todd Solt as Deacons, and Dylan Coffin as Youth Deacon; Carol Oswald, Lisa Gilly and Amanda Trelease as members of Altar Guild; Debbie Silfies as member of Audit Committee; Marilyn Smith and Judy Neff as members of Worship and Music; Beth Frantz and Barb A. Neff as members of Fund Raising Committee; Marie Detrick as member of Social Ministry Committee; Evelyn Haas and Tammy White as members of Evangelism Committee; Marie Bachman as member of Personnel Committee; and Kevin Minnich on Property Committee.

In addition a small committee to assist in the ministry of Youth Fellowship has been created which includes the President of Good Shepherd UCC Youth Fellowship, the Pastor and RaeAnne Creyer and Eric Hantz.

We are searching for those interested in serving in the following capacities:

Deacon and Youth Deacon who are is willing to usher Sunday mornings, count offering, attend meetings and has a positive outlook and is highly reliable to serve on Consistory

Two members of Memorial Committee to discuss possible memorials for the sanctuary and to have appropriate dedication services for items purchased for use at Good Shepherd.

Two members of Property Committee who are handy with "home" maintenance projects such as possible repair work, snow shoveling, grass mowing, painting, and general plumbing and electrical work.

Three members of Stewardship Committee who is good at looking at figures and finances and motivating people to look at what they give, how they give and why they give to the church ~ and to model good stewardship behaviors with not only money, but with time and talent as well.

One member of Nominating Committee who is organized and willing to make phone calls to potential committee members explaining the needs and responsibilities to serving on committees and to create a volunteer bank of individuals with special gifts and talents that they would be willing to offer in future service.

Submitted by, Pastor James

2015 RENTAL COORDINATOR

The Fellowship Hall and Grove were rented 25 times in 2015 by varied groups for family reunions, wedding showers, baby showers, birthday Celebrations, funeral luncheons as well as other gatherings.

This does not include the weekly use of the fellowship hall by AA Back to Basics. The Slatington Senior Citizens from the Northern Lehigh Community Center used the fellowship hall twice a month while the Miller Blood Bank used it 3 times last year.

In addition, Little Shepherd Preschool began using the Fellowship Hall and two classrooms in September three time per week

A Total of \$5,505.00 was received for the use of Fellowship Hall and Grove throughout the Year.

AA Back to Basics paid: \$225.00

Little Shepherd Preschool paid: \$1,600.00

Slatington Senior Citizens paid: \$1,260.00

Miscellaneous rentals were \$2,420.00

Submitted by, Madeline Balliet

2015 NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK

The food that is distributed is donated, purchased or picked up at 2nd Harvest Food Bank. On average per month, 275 families were served for 2015.

Michele Hunsicker and Barbara DeLong serve on the Board as representatives for Good Shepherd Church.

For 2015, Good Shepherd has contributed to the Food Bank in the following ways:

- collected 97 cans of soup, 28 boxes of crackers, and 26 pounds of miscellaneous food for a grand total of 131 pounds for Souper Bowl Sunday
- collected 359 cans of corn for the Easter meals
- June is Good Shepherd's month to collect items for the soap closet and collected 43 pounds of soap products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry detergent and misc. items were collected
- July is our month to volunteer to distribute food which consists of one Thursday night and one Saturday morning. Thank you to everyone who came out to help.
- Harvest Home was held in September at Good Shepherd and a total of 157 pounds of assorted foods were donated
- In November Good Shepherd donated 300 cans of corn for the Thanksgiving meals
- December, the Food Bank distributed Christmas dinners and Good Shepherd donated 389 cans of corn for those meals.
- Through the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association and the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, the church members adopted five children for the adopt a child Christmas program with each child receiving three gifts
- 1,379 pounds of food and products were donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank by Good Shepherd in 2015

The Food Bank is in need of the following items: Canned Pasta, Tuna, Jelly, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Soups, plastic and paper grocery bags. If you can donate any of these items, please bring to church and place in the grocery cart in the narthex of the church.

The Food Bank wishes to thank everyone for the support given to this Ministry. The donation of time and food is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to volunteer at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, please call the Northern Lehigh Food Bank @ 610-767-9525. Volunteers must be 13 years old or older.

Submitted by, Michele Hunsicker

2015 STEWARDSHIP

Each Sunday for 5 weeks a member of the congregation and a guest speaker shared their understanding of Stewardship

Debra Craig Lee Haas Susan "Tillie" Waller Monica Zellner Mark Baylis - VALOR

Topic was: Sharing the light of God's Blessings

"If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, as a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God..." Matthew 5:15-16a

- ✠ Why do you belong/contribute to the ministry of Good Shepherd UCC?
- ✠ What does the ministry of the church mean to you?
- ✠ What do you believe is the greatest gift you could give to Christ if Christ was here today?

Stewardship not only for Good Shepherd, but our Missions. We Thanked and Honored our Vets in need through our Mission to VALOR Clinic Foundation as they spoke on our last Sunday for Stewardship Sunday

Members were asked to place a tea light on a special table when they returned their faith promises, and those were lit on Stewardship Sunday. 55 Faith promises were returned promising \$4,512.

Submitted by, Deb Craig

2015 PERSONNEL

Committee Members: Marie E. Bachman, Monica Griffith; Bob Koons, Richard Smith & Gregory Williams

The goals accomplished by the Personnel Committee for the 2015 calendar year were as follows:

1. Reviewed all existing job descriptions of salaried employees of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ (GSUCC).
2. Compared existing GSUCC job descriptions to those from St. John's Center UCC and Edgeboro Moravian Church. Both St. John's Center UCC and Edgeboro Moravian Church have comparable member enrollments and financial challenges.
3. Updated the existing GSUCC job descriptions of each salaried employee based on current and future needs and wants of members of the congregation.
4. Reviewed the Organist/Director of Music job description with employee.
5. Developed an evaluation instrument by which the Organist/Director of Music of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ will be evaluated.
6. Distributed copies of the Organist/Director of Music evaluation instrument to various church members for completion. Reviewed the completed evaluations and calculated average score of employee's evaluations.
7. Addressed the transition of personnel related to Financial Secretary position.
8. Addressed the division of the Church Secretary/Treasurer position into two separate positions. Interviewed and hired employee to take Treasurer position.
9. Provided salary recommendations to Consistory for all salaried employees for the upcoming 2016 calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted by, Marie E. Bachman

2015 CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

December 16, 2015

Good Shepherd UCC
%Pam Puskas
P.O. Box 68
Slatedale PA 18079

Christian
fellowship

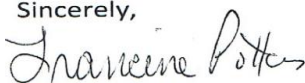
Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for buying gifts for 5 children for the Christmas Gift Program. This program provides Christmas gifts to the children whose families are served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Through your generosity, 155 children in the community were able to receive gifts this year.

Thank you, again, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,


Francine Potters
for the gift committee

2015 PROPERTY

Following is a list of all the projects that were accomplished this past year at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

- Changed Air Filters on all Systems
- Light in entrance pillar replaced
- Pastor's phone fixed
- Parking Lot & pavements cleared from snow
- Picked weeds in courtyard
- Sprayed Weed & Feed in Courtyard
- Took Toilet paper holder from nursery bathroom and exchanged it with holder in ladies handicap stall
- Started to pick & spray weeds in Memorial Garden
- New mulch put in flower beds
- painted curb in front for no parking and wheel chair access
- painted lines for handicap parking and Pastor parking area
- Had septic tank pumped out and new pump in septic pit put in
- Freezer in kitchen repaired
- Justin Zelinsky filled out state paperwork for new boiler
- Graham Hantz checked out wiring for parking lot and put everything on new photo cells
- Storage trailer cleaned out and scrap metal sold
- paper shed removed and John Zellner paid for its disposal
- Cracks in driveway filled
- Replaced light bulbs in church
- Winterized fountain in Memorial Garden
- Fixed toilet in Ladies restroom
- Winterized Grove
- Set up outdoor Christmas display and indoor Christmas tree
- Replaced light bulbs in Sanctuary

Thank you to all who helped during the past year,
Submitted by, John Zellner and Barry Silfies



2015 WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Our monthly missions and dollar amount contributions were as follows:

January – Valor – \$137.50

February – Soup Kitchen – \$200.31

March – Habitat for Humanity – \$55.00

April – Autism – \$60.00

May – Muscular Dystrophy Association – \$37.50

June – NL Food Bank – \$47.50

July – Lancaster Seminary – \$107.50

August – Bethany Children – \$72.50

September – Allentown Rescue Mission – \$52.50

October – Meals on Wheels – \$75.00

November – Turning Point – \$37.50

December – AIDS Awareness –

Lent/Easter – During each Wednesday evening Lenten Service we did the Service of the Lenten Cross. Our youth participated in the Good Friday Service.

Field of Valor service- We decorated the sanctuary as well as fellowship hall with a patriotic theme for this special service.

Fall/Thanksgiving – The committee decorated the sanctuary for the autumn season. A thanksgiving service was held on Tuesday, November 24th.

Totenfest – We remembered five members of our congregation during this service.

Mitten Tree – The mitten tree was once again placed in the narthex for the donation of hats, scarves, gloves, mitten, etc. We collected 30 pairs of women's and children's gloves, 1 pair of mittens, 13 hats for women and children, 3 scarves, 1 pair of toe socks, 1 pair of warm socks, 4 pairs of men's gloves, 3 men's hats and 2 men's scarves. These items were donated to the Sixth Street Shelter and the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Hanging of the Greens – On November 29th we celebrated the beginning of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens Service during a 10:00 am service. Members of the church and the committee prepared our sanctuary for the coming Christmas season. Upon entering the church everyone was given a snowflake ornament to hang on our Christmas tree which was donated by the Kevin Minnich family. Small gift boxes filled with children's goodies were donated by Denise Koons and were carried forward by our children. These gifts were later donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Our theme for the Hanging of the Greens was primarily music related and several youth, our hand bell choir and other members of the congregation participated.

Candles for the Christmas Eve luminaries were purchased in the amount of \$45.33 at Bed Bath and Beyond.

Submitted by Judy Neff, Chairperson

Worship
MINISTRY

2015 FUNDRAISING ANNUAL

Sportsman's Night - Jan	\$3,057.00	VIA Shed Apr & Jul	\$445.16
Soup Sale - Feb	\$97.00	Redner's Tapes - Mar	\$84.86
Cabbage & Noodles - Feb	\$57.52	Aluminum Cans - Jun	\$42.00
Little Caesar's Pizza - Mar	\$372.00		<u>\$572.02</u>
Penny Party- Mar	\$1,180.21		
Basket Bingo - May	\$2,145.89		
Meat & Money Raffle -Jun	\$2,967.00		
Little Caesars Pizza - Sept	\$593.00		
Subway Coupons - Oct	\$131.00		
Basket Social - Oct	\$2,715.00		
Perkins Pies - Nov	\$89.00		
Longaberger Basket Bingo - Nov	\$1,659.00		
	<u>\$15,063.62</u>		
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$15,635.64</u>		

Submitted by: Linda Bowers

2015 SCRIP

MONTH	PARTICIPANTS	CARDS	DEPOSIT	PROFIT
January	11	61	2,915.00	144.65
February	12	82	3,430.00	177.15
March	21	145	5,285.00	255.53
April	16	111	4,093.00	211.05
May	18	110	4,165.00	239.68
June	19	108	4,860.00	258.38
July	13	75	3,695.00	205.93
August	12	72	4,075.00	263.60
September	16	110	4,630.00	245.20
October	22	128	4,823.00	285.70
November	28	288	8,358.00	489.20
December		431	13,624.50	788.80
TOTALS	188	1,721	\$ 63,953.50	\$ 2,776.07
AVERAGES	17.1	143.4	\$ 5,329.46	\$ 252.37

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	TOTAL
144.50	167.85	142.10	153.25	263.10		
180.55	152.15	162.74	285.75	321.75		
224.25	255.95	262.65	225.25	253.46		
250.88	179.68	172.51	283.75	206.12		
171.35	188.70	234.75	231.95	284.80	\$ 99.08	
134.85	177.10	235.70	218.37	268.44	216.53	
195.50	154.45	259.83	237.50	183.98	234.15	
225.15	214.85	155.23	145.78	203.85	328.54	
260.13	297.68	213.82	146.58	298.80	343.66	
231.50	229.30	255.52	208.64	264.40	346.45	
495.05	530.63	345.75	625.30	573.45	524.06	
720.25	740.58	911.63	636.33	962.29	1,339.13	
\$ 3,233.96	\$ 3,288.92	\$ 3,352.23	\$ 3,398.45	\$ 4,084.44	\$ 3,431.60	\$ 23,565.67
\$ 59,280.50	\$ 58,671.50	\$ 59,486.13	\$ 63,016.04	\$ 71,422.00	\$ 58,434.94	\$ 434,264.61

APPROVED 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET

	2015 Budget	2015 Actuals	2016 Proposed
Building Expenses			
Mortgage*	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,277.76	\$ 15,000.00
Fuel Oil/Propane	9,000.00	5,983.42	7,500.00
Insurance	8,797.00	8,887.00	9,600.00
Electric	5,500.00	5,161.15	6,000.00
Janitorial	500.00	186.66	250.00
Property	1,000.00	1,490.69	1,500.00
Service Contracts	680.00	831.20	850.00
Phone	600.00	560.84	500.00
Snow Removal	400.00	-	400.00
Furnace	3,758.40	2,818.80	3,800.00
Total Building Expenses	\$ 45,235.40	\$ 41,197.52	\$ 45,400.00
Missionary			
OCWM	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	350.00		350.00
Lancaster Seminary	350.00		350.00
LCCC	350.00		350.00
Meals on Wheels	350.00	350.00	350.00
NL Food Bank	350.00		350.00
Phoebe	350.00	350.00	350.00
Total Missionary	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 6,100.00
	<i>Mission Giving</i>		
	3.32%	2.70%	3.24%

Service contracts -ABE Alarm & Terminex

* Commercial loan with variable interest rate, adjusting annually in March

** Difference between what was bought and what was paid for

NOTE: Actuals based on dates 1/1/2015 – 12/30/2015

	2015 Budget	2015 Actuals	2016 Proposed
Church Office Expenses			
Church Office Supplies	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,041.48	\$ 2,900.00
Offering Envelopes	1,625.00	1,737.95	1,750.00
Equipment Contracts	1,600.00	1,515.93	1,550.00
Sunday & Special Bulletins	625.00	615.76	650.00
Postage	200.00	280.53	250.00
Internet Cable/Church Post	800.00	782.40	800.00
Treasurer	250.00	286.34	250.00
Virtual Office Systems (VOS)	960.00	960.00	960.00
Vanco & E-Giving fees	600.00	608.70	600.00
Copier Expense			1,600.00
Total Church Office Expenses	\$ 9,560.00	\$ 7,829.09	\$ 11,310.00
Music Ministry			
Piano Repairs	\$ 520.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 500.00
Organ Repairs	400.00	349.00	400.00
Supply Organist	250.00	-	250.00
CCLI Copyright	200.00	196.00	200.00
Total Music Ministry	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 772.00	\$ 1,350.00
<u>Salary/Wages</u>			
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,266.20	\$ 1,400.00
Organist	12,933.24	12,933.24	12,933.24
Secretary	9,391.92	9,391.92	7,044.00
Sexton	6,494.25	6,494.28	6,494.25
Treasurer			2,348.00
Total Wages	\$ 30,219.41	\$ 30,085.64	\$ 30,219.49
Payroll Tax Match (7.65%)	2,311.78	2,301.55	2,311.79
Total Salary/Wages	\$ 32,531.19	\$ 32,387.19	\$ 32,531.28

	2015 Budget	2015 Actuals	2016 Proposed
Ministry			
Christian Education	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 720.19	\$ 1,600.00
Confirmation (Every Other)	-	-	700.00
VBS	600.00	-	600.00
Newsletter	50.00	-	50.00
Supply Pastor	400.00	75.00	900.00
Flowers**	100.00	-	100.00
Stewardship	200.00	53.56	100.00
Spiritual Council	100.00	-	100.00
Evangelism	60.00	6.00	60.00
Altar Guild	200.00	375.38	200.00
Social Minstry	200.00	40.20	100.00
Website	60.00	-	60.00
Worship & Music	300.00	417.68	300.00
Youth Group	100.00	-	100.00
Total Ministry	\$ 3,970.00	\$ 1,688.01	\$ 4,970.00

Pastor Benefits			
Salary	\$ 40,327.93	\$ 40,111.75	\$ 41,000.00
Housing	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Transportation	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Vision	91.00	91.00	91.00
Pension Dues (14%)	8,165.91	8,550.66	8,260.00
Health/Dental	9,207.00	9,410.75	9,642.00
Disability Insurance (1.5%)	874.92	qa 882.12	885.00
Continuing Education	250.00	275.00	250.00
Subtotal	\$ 80,416.76	\$ 80,821.28	\$ 81,628.00
Payroll Tax Match (8%)	4,729.84	4,410.41	5,000.00
Total Pastor Benefits	\$ 85,146.60	\$ 85,231.69	\$ 86,628.00
Total Budgeted Items	\$ 183,913.19	\$ 173,805.50	\$ 188,289.28

2.38% INCREASE \$4,376.09

Pastor Salary 1.60%
Sexton 0%
Secretary 0%
Organist 0%
Treasurer 0%



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNUAL
2015 CONTRIBUTIONS GIVEN

\$	Giving Units	\$	Giving Units
00.01-10.00	30	600.01-620.00	1
10.01-20.00	24	620.01-640.00	2
20.01-30.00	18	640.01-660.00	0
30.01-40.00	11	660.01-680.00	1
40.01-60.00	21	680.01-700.00	0
60.01-80.00	14	SUBTOTAL	4
80.01-100.00	16	700.01-720.00	1
SUBTOTAL	134	720.01-740.00	0
100.01-120.00	15	740.01-760.00	0
120.01-140.00	5	760.01-780.00	2
140.01-160.00	4	780.01-800.00	1
160.01-180.00	9	SUBTOTAL	4
180.01-200.00	5	800.01-820.00	0
SUBTOTAL	38	820.01-840.00	3
200.01-220.00	4	840.01-860.00	1
220.01-240.00	4	860.01-880.00	0
240.01-260.00	6	880.01-900.00	2
260.01-280.00	2	SUBTOTAL	6
280.01-300.00	6	900.01-920.00	1
SUBTOTAL	22	920.01-940.00	0
300.01-320.00	3	940.01-960.00	0
320.01-340.00	1	960.01-980.00	2
340.01-360.00	3	980.01-1000.00	2
360.01-380.00	0	SUBTOTAL	5
380.01-400.00	2	1000.01-1100.00	3
SUBTOTAL	9	1100.01-1200.00	4
400.01-420.00	5	1200.01-1300.00	5
420.01-440.00	2	1300.01-1400.00	1
440.01-460.00	0	1400.01-1500.00	0
460.01-480.00	1	SUBTOTAL	13
480.01-500.00	1	1500.01-2000.00	9
SUBTOTAL	9	2000.01-2500.00	5
500.01-520.00	0	2500.01-3000.00	5
520.01-540.00	4	3000.01-4000.00	5
540.01-560.00	2	4000.01-5000.00	2
560.01-580.00	3	5000.01-9000.00	1
580.01-600.00	2	9000.01-	1
SUBTOTAL	11	SUBTOTAL	28
TOTAL			
GIVING			
UNITS	283		
MEMBERS	234		
VISITORS	49		

Submitted by, Suzanne Blose Financial Secretary

2015 FINANCIAL AUDIT AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING BOOKS

For the Period January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015

Income that came into the church was properly accounted for and deposited into the bank accordingly. All monthly transactions and payments were reviewed for accuracy and verified with the bank statement and monthly reconciliation reports. The following transactions did not clear the bank as of December 31, 2015:

CHECKS

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9064	12/9/15	192.50		12/29/15	35.00
9076	12/15/15	80.00		12/29/15	19.00
9079	12/26/15	4749.45	E-giving Fee	12/29/15	1.00
9080	12/26/15	1000.00		12/30/15	57.45
9081	12/26/15	44.17	E-giving Fee	12/30/15	2.55
9082	12/30/15	2773.23		12/31/15	21.00
9083	12/30/15	1066.00		12/31/15	1335.50
9084	12/30/15	2200.00		12/31/15	920.20
9085	12/30/15	160.92		12/31/15	50.00
9086	12/30/15	116.30			
	TOTAL	12,382.57		TOTAL	2,441.70

DEPOSITS

CHECKING ACCOUNT #156213 (GENERAL FUND) – NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/28/15	11,046.48
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/31/15	+2,441.70
Uncleared Checks as of 12/31/15	(-12,382.57)
Adjusted Balance as of 12/31/15	1,105.61

SAVINGS ACCOUNT #914958 (GENERAL FUND)– NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/28/15	14,758.37
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/31/15	0
Uncleared Withdrawals as of 12/31/15	0
Adjusted Balance as of 12/31/15	14,758.37

CHECKING ACCOUNT #163694 (FUND RAISING)– NEFFS NATIONAL BANK

Bank Balance as of 12/25/15	649.27
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/31/15	0
Uncleared Checks as of 12/31/15	0
Adjusted Balance as of 12/31/15	649.27

Submitted by, Audit Committee:

Madeline Balliet, Richard Schock and Susan Zellner

March 4, 2016

2015 BLUE MOUNTAIN AREA MISSION COUNCIL

Blue Mountain Area Mission Council is a region of the Penn Northeast Conference consisting of fourteen churches in the United Church of Christ. The pastors of these churches meet once a month in collegial support of one another creating a loose bond between our neighboring congregations.

The pastors, their churches, and the year they began include:

Kris Snyder-Samuelson	Associate Pastor	Union	Neffs	-1996
James Robison	Pastor	Good Shepherd	Slatedale	-1998
Kevin Fructl	Pastor	Ebenezer	New Tripoli	-2003
David Blitch	Pastor	New Bethel	Kempton	-2004
Karen Yonney	Licensed Pastor	Heidelberg	Slatington	-2005
Brian Haas	Licensed Pastor	Christ	Walnutport	-2007
Sally Zelker	Supply Pastor	Morganland	Orefield	-2008
Candy Cain Borgman	Pastor	Zeigel's	Breinigsville	-2008
Lunnett Hilliard	Pastor	Friedens	Slatington	-2010
Russell Campbell	Pastor	Christ/St. Paul's	Lowhill/Seiberlingsville	-2010
Henry Distler	Licensed Pastor	St. John's	Slatington	-2011
Bill Albright	Stated Supply	Jerusalem	Kempton	-2011
Cliff Hering	Stated Supply	Bethel	Slatington	-2013
Speakers	---	St. Peter's	Lynnville	-2014
Ernest Diefenderfer	Chaplain	Hospice		-2011
John Snyder-Samuelson	Hiatus			-2003
Russell Heintzelman	Retired			-1998
Elaine Bogart	Retired			-1998
David Mohr	Retired			-2010
Thomas Thomas	Retired			-2014

Submitted by James Robison, Convener



2015 SLATINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizen's Club of Slatington meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Slatedale.

The Senior Citizens Club was formed in 1960 through the efforts of Mr. Edward Meagher, the Reverend Paul P. Haas, the Reverend Trevor Wagg, the Reverend Louis Paul Hamus and Mr. Cohn. Reverend Paul Hamus represented the Slatington Ministerial Association and Mr. Cohn was a representative of the Rotary Club.

The club was started in order to help other people at all times, and to create companionship and fun and entertainment. Many elderly people tend to withdraw and the club helps to draw those people out and participate in their many and varied activities. Members of the Emmaus Club came up to help Slatington's Club get a good start.

The first meeting was held in the old High School on March 12, 1960. Membership the first year was 47. as 2012 the club has approximately 66 active members out of 81 on the rolls, and one Honorary Member, the Reverend James Robison, Jr.

A voluntary offering of \$1.00 per member is suggested. The club enjoys an anniversary dinner the second Thursday of March; a picnic the second Thursday of August, and a Christmas dinner the second Thursday of December. They also took numerous bus trips to help raise funds.

Monetary memorial contributions are sent in memory of deceased members, members receive \$5.00 for a gift for their birthday and two \$5.00 attendance awards are given at each meeting. Tickets are sold for a 50/50 drawing, the club receives half of the sale of tickets and two 25/25 drawings are divided between two members.

Refreshments are served at meetings, and cards and bingo are played. Ham sandwiches are made and sold at meetings.

To become a member you need to be at least 55 years of age and attend three meetings.

The following are members at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ:

Dorothy Arnold	June Frohnheiser	James Robison (honorary)
Jean Edwards	Claire Haas	
Linda Frey	Carol Schweitzer	

Present Officers are:

President	Barbara Berger
First Vice-President	George Green
Second Vice-President	TBD
Treasurer	Betty Blose
Corresponding Secretary	Mildred Zellner
Recording Secretary	Josie Serfass
Alternative Recording Secretary	Diane Frantz
Historian	Lee Oswald
Chaplain	Carol Schweitzer
Alternate Chaplain	Phyllis Sigley

Submitted by Josie Serfass, Recording Secretary

GOOD SHEPHERD UCC CONSISTORY & STANDING COMMITTEES / 2016

before name means they are not serving a full term (3 years for committees, 4 years for Consistory)

% before name means they are serving their first term

* before name means they will be completing their second term and must be replaced

italicized names denote Consistory Representative

“C” following name denotes chairperson; “R” following name denotes recorder

Consistory

Elders/Spiritual Council

%2016	Bob Koons	610.826.7845
%2017	Edward Smith, VP	610.767.3776
%2018	Linda Bowers, P	484.294.5661
*2019	Pam Puskas	484.553.1827

Deacons

%2016	Amanda Bowers	484.464.7461
%2016	Randy Edwards	610.563.8706
#2017	Dennis Silfies	610.563.2704
%2017	Tammy White	610.298.2593
%2018	James George	610.767.2558
*2018	Bryan Puskas	610.760.0859
%2019	Eric Hantz	610.262.9608
%2019	Todd Solt	610.703.0790

Youth Deacons

*2016	Dylan Coffin	610.730.6585
%2016	Kelsey Knittle	610.661.6511

Pastor

c. 1998	James Robison	610.432.3980
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Secretary

c. 2012	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
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Treasurer

c. 2016	Jasmine Rodrigues	610.704.5421
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Financial Secretary

c. 2016	Sally Loch	610.295.7085
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Worship and Music Committee

%2016	Denise Koons	610.826.7845
%2017	Lisa Kuntz	610.767.3549
%2017	Kelsey Kuntz	610.767.3549
*2018	Marilyn Smith	610.767.5270
*2018	Judy Neff, C	610.767.4495
Organist	Marion Straub	610.377.0110
	<i>Bob Koons</i>	<i>484.553.1827</i>

Christian Education

Officers

Supt.	TBD	
Asst. Supt.	Brenda Horn	610.767.1052
Ass't Sec.	Barb J. Neff	610.767.3151
Ass't Sec.	Michelle Schramel	610.760.9652

Teachers

Cr. Roll	Amanda Dieter	484.809.4986
Nursery	RaeAnne Creyer	610.657.7345
Beginners	Pam Puskas, R	484.553.1827
Primary	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
Confirm.	Pastor James	610.432.3980
Confirm.	Monica Griffith	610.285.2787

Congregational Representatives

#2016	Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
%2017	Carrie Block	443.567.9972
Snacks	Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
Snacks	Barry Silfies	610.767.2067

Altar Guild

%2016	Penny Bowers	610.969.9061
#2016	Julie Solt	610.730.6585
#2017	Carol Oswald, C	610.207.8850
%2017	Linda Coffin	610.730.6586
%2018	Lisa Gilly	610.657.0133
%2018	Amanda Trelease	610.509.9870
	<i>Edward Smith</i>	<i>610.767.3776</i>

Memorial Committee

*2016	Monica Griffith	610.285.2787
%2016	Judy Mack	610.767.1276
%2017	Sally Loch	610.295.7085
#2017	TBD	
%2018	<i>Bryan Puskas</i>	<i>484.553.1828</i>

Youth Fellowship

c. 2014	Pastor James	484.571.6083
President	Dylan Coffin	610.730.6585
%2017	RaeAnne Creyer	610.657.7345
%2018	Eric Hantz	610.262.9608

Fund Raising Committee

%2016	Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
%2016	Edgar Smith	610.767.4657
%2017	Linda Bowers, C	484.294.5661
*2018	Beth Frantz	610.393.5327
*2018	Barb A. Neff	610.767.9613
	<i>Dennis Silfies</i>	<i>484.787.2704</i>

Social Ministry Committee

#2016	Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
%2016	Mabel Knittle	610.767.8710
%2017	Barbara J. Neff	610.767.3151
%2017	Dorothy Arnold	610.767.8037
*2018	Marie Detrick, C	610.760.8804
	<i>Edward Smith</i>	<i>610.767.3776</i>

Evangelism Committee

%2016	Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
#2016	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
*2017	Ann Johnson, C	610.767.8829
*2018	Evelyn Haas	610.767.5878
#2018	<i>Tammy White</i>	<i>610.298.2593</i>

Audit Committee

%2016	Richard Schock	610.767.5625
*2017	Susan Zellner, C	610.767.2305
%2018	Debbie Silfies	610.767.2067
Treasurer	Jasmine Rodrigues	
	<i>Todd Solt</i>	<i>610.703.0790</i>

Property Committee

%2016	<i>Randy Edwards</i>	<i>610.563.8706</i>
#2016	Dennis Silfies	484.707.2704
#2017	Ahstin Creyer	610.760.8511
#2018	Dwayne Kern	484.426.7532
%2018	Kevin Minnich	610.767.0611
Sexton	Barry Silfies	610.767.2067

Personnel Committee

*2016	Monica Griffith	610.285.2787
#2016	Greg Williams	610.760.2050
*2017	Bob Koons, C	610.826.7845
%2017	Richard Smith	610.767.5270
*2018	Marie Bachman	610.440.2550
	<i>Amanda Bowers</i>	<i>484.464.7461</i>

Stewardship Committee

*2016	Linda Bowers, C	484.294.5661
*2016	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
#2017	TBD	
%2018	TBD	
%2018	TBD	
	<i>Eric Hantz</i>	<i>610.262.9608</i>

Nominating Committee

*2016	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
%2017	Karen Smith	610.767.3776
%2018	<i>Linda Bowers</i>	<i>484.294.5661</i>
Pastor	Pastor James	484.571.6083

JANUARY 2016



GOOD SHEPHERD UCC, SLATEDALE, PA - 2016 SCHEDULE

January

- 1 - Enrollment for Preschool begins
- 3 - **Epiphany Communion**
- 10 - Congregational Meeting **10:00am service**
- 30 - Sportsmen's Banquet
- 31 - *Energy/Fuel Special Offering*

February

- 1 - Enrollment for Preschool begins for general public
- 7 - Souper Bowl Sunday
- Scout Sunday
- 10- **Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes/Circle Communion** – 7:30pm
- 17 - Lenten Service 7:00pm
- 20 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 9:00am - 12:30pm
- Chili and Soup Sale Noon - 2:00pm
- 24 - Lenten Service 7:00pm

March

- 2 - Lenten Service 7:00pm
- 9 - Lenten Service 7:00pm
- 12 - Penny Party
- 13 - Daylight Savings begins at 2:00am
- 16 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
- 20 - *Mortgage Special Offering*
- 21 - Indoor Clean-up
- 24 - **Maundy Thursday Communion** 7:00pm
- 25 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12:00-3:00pm
- Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd 7:00pm
- 26 - Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am
- 27 - **Easter Communion Service 6am/8:30am/11am**

April

- 9 - PNEC Annual Meeting at Northampton CC
- 16 - Walk-in Basket Social
- 24 - *Capital Fund Special Offering*

May

- 1 - Hymn Sing & Music Fest 3:00pm
- 5 - **Ascension Day Celebration, Communion** 7:00pm
- 7 - Mother's Day Tea sponsored by Prayer Pals
- 8 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Pentecost Communion & Confirmation**
- 21 - Longaberger Bingo 12:00pm
- 24 - Mothers Day Tea 3:00pm
- 26 - Preschool Graduation 6:30pm
- 29 - Christian Education Promotion Sunday
- 30 - Memorial Day Service - Slatedale Cemetery 8am

June

- 12 - Graduate Sunday
- 19 - Father's Day
- Organ Special Offering*
- 25 - 59th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ
- 26 - Meat & Money Raffle

July

- 3 - **God & Country Communion**
- 18-22 - Vacation Bible School
- 20 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 3:30-7:00pm
- 22 - Vacation Bible School Closing 7pm
- 24 - Covered dish luncheon & Family Fun Day 12am

August

- 21 - Prayer Pal revealing
- 28 - Christian Education Registration Day 9:30am

September

- 4 - *Mortgage Special Offering*
- 8 - Preschool Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm
- 11 - Grandparents' Day
- 12 - 1st Day of Preschool
- 18 - Preschool Welcome
- Harvest Home*
- 25 - Bring a Friend Sunday sponsored by Evangelism
- Outdoor Service with campfire

October

- 2 - **World Wide Communion**
- 15 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 9:00am - 12:30pm
- 20 - Basket Social 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
- 22 - Winterize Grove Kitchen 4-6pm
- 30 - Pennsylvania German Luncheon

November

- 6 - Daylight Saving Ends at 2:00am
- Totenfest
- Hymn Sing & Music Fest 3:00pm
- 12 - Penny Party
- 13 - Stewardship Sunday
- 20 - Consistory Elections
- Energy/Fuel Special Offering*
- 22 - Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd
- 27 - **Advent Communion/Hanging of Greens 10:00am**

December

- 4 - *Capital Fund Special Offering*
- Christmas Caroling sponsored by Youth Fellowship 12:30pm
- 18 - Sunday School Christmas Program 3pm
- 24 - **Christmas Eve Holy Communion** at 5pm/7:30pm/11pm w/ Candlelight Service
- 25 - Christmas Day Service - **10:00am**

2016 HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

January 3, 2016	Epiphany	8:30am/11:00am
February 10, 2016	Ash Wednesday	7:30pm
March 24, 2016	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm
March 27, 2016	Easter	6:00am/8:30am/11:00am
May 5, 2016	Ascension Day	7:00pm
May 15, 2016	Pentecost	8:30am/11:00am
July 3, 2016	God and Country	8:30am/11:00am
October 2, 2016	World Wide Communion	8:30am/11:00am
October 31, 2016	Reformation Day	8:30am/11:00am
November 27, 2016	Advent	8:30am/11:00am
December 24, 2016	Christmas Eve	5:00pm/7:30pm/11:00pm

2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 10, 2016	Reading of Scripture Ash Wednesday	7:00pm
	Imposition of Ashes	7:30pm
February 17, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
February 25, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 2, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 9, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 16, 2016	Lenten Service	
March 20, 2016	Palm Sunday	8:30am/11:00am
	Procession with Donkey	10:45am
March 24, 2016	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
March 25, 2016	Good Friday Meditation	Noon-3:00pm
	Good Friday at Good Shepherd	7:00pm
March 26, 2016	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00am
March 27, 2016	Easter	6:00am/8:30am/11:00am
	Reading of Scripture Ash	
February 10, 2016	Wednesday	7:00pm
	Imposition of Ashes	7:30pm
February 17, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
February 25, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 2, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 9, 2016	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 16, 2016	Lenten Service	
March 20, 2016	Palm Sunday	8:30am/11:00am
	Procession with Donkey	10:45am
March 24, 2016	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
March 25, 2016	Good Friday Meditation	Noon-3:00pm
	Good Friday at Good Shepherd	7:00pm
March 26, 2016	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00am
March 27, 2016	Easter	6:00am/8:30am/11:00am

Month	Special Services	Head Deacons	Elders	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Altar Guild
January	Epiphany Comm Jan 3	8:30am Barry Silfies	8:30am Pam Puskas		8:30am Ben Griffith	8:30am Bob & Denise Koons	
		11:00am Eric Hantz	11:00am Pam Puskas	11:00am Eric Hantz	11:00am Dylan Coffin	11:00am Sonny & Barb Neff	11:00am Penny Bowers
February		8:30am Eric Hantz			8:30am Aidan Williams	8:30am Eddie & Karen Smith	
		11:00am Jim George		11:00am Tammy White	11:00am Dylan/Bryce	11:00am Todd & Julie Solt	11:00am Penny Bowers
	Ash Wednesday Feb. 10	7:30pm Tammy White	7:30pm Eddie Smith				
	Wednesday, Feb. 17	7:00pm Tammy White					
March	Wednesday, Feb. 24	7:00pm Tammy White					
		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am Ahstin Creyer	8:30am Frank & Ann Johnson	
		11:00am Kelsey Knittle		11:00am Linda & Dylan	11:00am Dylan Coffin	11:00am Phillip White	11:00am Mandi Trelease
	Wednesday Mar. 2	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Wednesday, Mar. 9	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Wednesday, Mar. 16	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Maundy Thursday, Mar. 24	7:00pm Eric Hantz	7:00pm Eddie Smith				
	Good Friday, March 25	7:00pm Dennis Silfies			7:00pm		
		6:00am Jim George	6:00am Bob Koons		6:00am Ben Griffith		
	Easter, March 27	8:30am Dennis Silfies	8:30am Pam Puskas		8:30am Ahstin Creyer		
April		11:00am Kelsey Knittle	11:00am Linda Bowers		11:00am Dylan Coffin		
		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am Ariana Smoyer	8:30am Madeline Ballet	
		11:00am Eric Hantz		11:00am Linda & Dylan	11:00am Bryce Allen	11:00am Donald & Roxy Schraden	11:00am Linda Coffin
May		8:30am Randy Edwards			8:30am Ahstin Creyer	8:30am Dennis Silfies	
	Ascension Day May 5	11:00am Jim George	7:00pm Eddie Smith	11:00am	11:00am Dylan Coffin	11:00am Sonny & Barb Neff	11:00am Carol Oswald
	Pentecost Sunday May 15		8:30am Pam Puskas		7:00pm		
June		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am Ben Griffith	8:30am Deb Craig	
		11:00am Bryan Puskas			11:00am Dylan Coffin	11:00am Marie Detrick	11:00am Lisa Gilly
July	God & Country July 6	8:30am Randy Edwards	8:30am Bob Koons		8:30am Ben Griffith	8:30am Lou Ann Gill	
		11:00am Eric Hantz	11:00am Linda Bowers	11:00am	11:00am Dylan Coffin	11:00am	11:00am Julie Solt
August		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am Ben Griffith	8:30am	
		11:00am Bryan/Eric		11:00am	11:00am Bryce Allen	11:00am Sonny & Barb Neff	11:00am Linda Coffin
September		8:30am Eric Hantz			8:30am Ariana Smoyer	8:30am Lee & Evelyn Haas	
		11:00am Jim George		11:00am	11:00am Bryce Allen	11:00am Jas & Megann Rodrigues	11:00am Lisa Gilly
October	World Communion Oct. 2	8:30am Randy Edwards	8:30am Pam Puskas		8:30am	8:30am Carol Krum	
		11:00am Tammy White	11:00am Linda Bowers	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am Julie Solt
November		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am	8:30am Eddie & Karen Smith	
		11:00am Tammy White		11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am Mandi Trelease
	Advent Communion Nov. 21	10:00am Todd Solt	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am			
December		8:30am Dennis Silfies			8:30am	8:30am Madeline Ballet	
		11:00am Jim George		11:00am	11:00am	11:00am Jeff & Linda Coffin	11:00am Carol Oswald
	Christmas Eve Dec. 24	5:00pm Tammy White	5:00pm Pam Puskas		5:00pm	5:00 pm	
		7:00pm Jim George	7:00pm Eddie Smith		7:30pm	7:00 pm	
		11:00pm Dennis Silfies	11:00pm Bob Koons		11:00pm	11:00 pm	

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