



ANNUAL REPORT 2016



GOOD CHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd ~

As the year 2016 closes and 2017 looms into the future, I think of not so much of where we've been, but where we are headed. It takes a balance of both ~ looking back and looking forward ~ to guide our steps in the present.

By looking at the past, we see our accomplishments as well as our failures. Both are important because they show us some of our gifts and some of the areas we need work. Finances continue to be a major concern but with good stewardship, a capable fund raising committee, and foresight into budgeting appropriately, we as a congregation will continue to carry out Christ's ministry here at Good Shepherd. We will be able to tweak the things we've done well, such as Vacation Bible School and Youth ministries, creating even more vibrant and exciting experiences for the children and youth of not only our church, but the community at large.

By looking to the future, we can envision new goals and implement new ideas that will create a community committed to the care of the less fortunate, welcoming others that are seeking a closer relationship with God, developing healthy habits as our nation and world change in numerous ways.

I would invite each of you to look over the following reports and count the blessings of our community and to pray for the future and how you may be a part of it. We all live in the present together and the choices we make today will certainly have an impact on our future's past. Don't let it slip away ~ we've come too far!

Blessings in the name of Christ whom we are called to follow and to serve.

Pastor James

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Baptisms 4

Kennedy Marie **DeAngelo**, b. December 18, 2015 / baptized July 3, 2016
Makenna Jo **Frantz**, b. June 12, 2016 / baptized July 3, 2016
Reagan Marie **Walters**, b. May 26, 2016 / baptized October 23, 2016
Ava Elizabeth **Geist**, b. October 4, 2016 / baptized November 13, 2016

Confirmands 7

Bryce Logan **Allen**, b. September 8, 2002; baptized on March 2, 2003; confirmed May 15, 2016
Dylan Michael **Coffin**, b. May 27, 2002; baptized September 15, 2002; confirmed May 15, 2016
Ahstin Lee **Creyer**, b. April 3, 2002; baptized July 28, 2002; confirmed May 15, 2016
Benjamin Mark **Griffith**, b. April 27, 2003; baptized June 1, 2003; confirmed May 15, 2016
Jade Marie **Rice**, b. April 17, 2002; baptized June 30, 2002; confirmed May 15, 2016
Ariana Lee **Smoyer**, b. July 21, 2003; baptized September 28, 2003; confirmed May 15, 2016
Aidan Gregory **Williams**, b. October 27, 2002; baptized November 17, 2002; confirmed May 15, 2016

Weddings 5

Walter Woodrow **Amey Jr.** and Jackie Alexandria **Minnich** m. July 2, 2016
Brian Michael **Neff** and Alexandra Nicole **Oertner** m. July 4, 2016
Ryan James **Fister** and Jennifer Ann **Chilcoat** m. September 10, 2016
Jeremy Leroy **Rinker** and Kristine Ann **Wisler** m. October 1, 2016
Cody Dean **Fatzinger** and Paulina Magdalena **Truszkowska** m. September 10, 2016

Vow Renewals 1

Thomas Read **Deans** and Gail Vina (Bruch) **Deans** / February 6, 2016 (February 6, 1971) at their home

Funerals 11

John Ralph **Passaro**, d. February 10, 2016; aged 79 y, 5 m, 25 d / service on February 15, 2016
Timothy George **Mascornick**, d. May 14, 2016; aged 67 y, 6 m, 0 d / graveside service on May 18, 2016
Geraldine Hazel (Werley) Ohl **Bailey**, d. May 20, 2016; aged 93 y, 8 m, 18 d / service on May 25, 2016
Gretchen Paula (Schuck) **Hartranft**, d. May 21, 2016; aged 43 y, 4 m, 27 d / service on May 28, 2016
Joan Elizabeth (Shea) **Diefenderfer**, d. May 24, 2016; aged 90 y, 3 m, 0 d / service on June 1, 2016
Norman Robert **Handwerk**, d. July 21, 2016; aged 89 y, 8 m, 14 d / service on July 25, 2016
Alvin Edgar **Hamm**, d. June 8, 2016; aged 71 y, 3 m, 18 d / memorial service on October 9, 2016
Elda Acquilla (Zellner) **Mack**, d. October 31, 2016; aged 93 y, 4 m, 8 d / service on November 3, 2016
Carol Jean (Ivins) **Erndle**, d. November 8, 2016; aged 73 y, 1 m, 22 d / service on November 13, 2016
Reuben James **Bachman**, d. November 11, 2016; aged 74 y, 10 m, 26 d / service on November 14, 2016
Eugene Elvin **Miller**, d. November 30, 2016; aged 88 y, 9 m, 22 d / service on December 6, 2016

Holy Communion 18

Epiphany - January 3, 2016 (2x); Ash Wednesday - February 10, 2016 (1x); Maundy Thursday - March 24, 2016 (1x);
Easter - March 27, 2016 (3x); Ascension Day - May 5, 2016 (1x); Pentecost - May 15, 2016 (2x); God and Country
Communion - July 3, 2016 (2x); World Wide - October 2, 2016 (2x); Advent - November 27, 2016 (1x); Christmas Eve -
December 24, 2016 (3x)

Miles Traveled 12,157.9

Pastoral Statistics 1998-2016:

Baptisms	206
Confirmands	111
Weddings	118
Funerals	191

James D. Robison, Pastor

Spiritual Council 2016 Annual Report

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of January 1, 2016 = 347

- 10 new members [March 13, 2016 - Robert Acker, LouAnn Gill, Dwayne Kern, Larry & Mary Lacy; November 13, 2016 - Bryan & Amy Horninger, Sharon Miller, Rhonda Kern, Renae Hamm]
- 6 reinstated [May 15, 2016 - Jeff & Michelle Hewitt, Kristi Storm, Kristine Wisler, Billy & Ashley Nagy]
- 7 confirmands [May 15, 2016 - Bryce Allen, Dylan Coffin, Ahstin Creyer, Benjamin Griffith, Jade Rice, Ariana Smoyer, Aidan Williams]
- 2 removed by request [March 26, 2016 - Pat David, Lauren David via text message – attending St. Anne’s Episcopal]
- 5 removed by order of the Spiritual Council [Brett & Heather German, Corrie & Carrie John, Alyssa Ferber]
- 0 transfers out
- 4 deaths [May 20, 2016 - Geraldine Bailey; May 21, 2016 - Gretchen Schuck Hartranft; October 31, 2016 - Elda Mack; November 30, 2016 - Eugene Miller]

Total Membership on the Rolls of Good Shepherd as of December 31, 2016 = 359

With going to one service on Sunday mornings, changes in the confirmation process occurred. There are still ten (10) confirmands, but classes begin at 8:45am instead of 9:30am during the Sunday school hour. The Spiritual Council will continue to review the confirmation process.

It was decided to give one more year of grace, but after December 2017, those who haven’t communed or contributed will be removed from the church rolls due to inactivity.

As we pray for the spiritual life of Good Shepherd we ask for your prayers as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor James Robison

Elders: Pam Puskas, Eddie Smith, Dennis Silfies and Kerry Loch

2016 Confirmation Class Annual Report for 2016

On May 15, 2016 the following were received into membership at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ through the rite of confirmation:

Bryce Logan Allen	Benjamin Mark Griffith	Ariana Lee Smoyer
Dylan Michael Coffin	Jade Marie Rice	Aidan Gregory Williams
Ahstin Lee Creyer		

These seven have all participated in Good Shepherd Youth Fellowship and have been active in acolyting and one served as a Youth Deacon 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	147.00
2014 Grandparents' Day Tributes	71.00
2014 Pumpkin Decorating Contest	63.29
2014 Gingerbread Decorating Contest	96.70
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
2016 Valentines' Day Candy Sale	239.25
2016 Mothers' Day Tributes	162.00
TOTAL	\$1,537.58

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

**Good Shepherd UCC Youth Fellowship
2016 Annual Report**

Regularly participating members of our Good Shepherd UCC Youth Fellowship during 2016 included the following 17 youth:

Abigail Allen	Aricka Creyer	Cameron Shields
Bryce Allen	Toby Frantz	Ariana Smoyer
Kyan Block	Adam Griffith	Calista Smoyer
Tyla Block	Ben Griffith	Gabriella Smoyer
Dylan Coffin	Katy Griffith	Aiden Solt
Ahstin Creyer	Noah Griffith	

Officers included Dylan Coffin, President, Tyla Block, Vice President, Ben Griffith, Secretary, and Cassie Knittle, Treasurer. Advisors included Pastor James, Eric Hantz, RaeAnn Creyer, Monica Griffith, and Deb Craig.

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 January 30, 2016 helped at Sportsman's Night tearing raffle tickets for drawings
- On February 6, 2016 made potpie and sold it raising \$84
- On February 10, 2016 collected 119 cans of soup and 17 boxes of crackers for "Soup"er Bowl Sunday. In addition, the Youth took a special offering and received \$105 for Allentown Soup Kitchen
- On April 28, 2016 sold T-shirts for autism awareness donating \$94.25
- During the summer of 2016 had a lemonade stand at Neffs Bank and raised \$208.34
- In the fall raised \$318.88 for capital fund through H2O Bottle Fundraiser
- Had raised an additional \$143.71 for future projects
- On December 4, 2016 sponsored a Subway Hoagie Sale raising \$123

In 2017 the Youth hope to increase the number of participants in 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday and to sponsor the 2018 Confirmands' Valentine Candy Sale by purchasing the chocolate bars for the class.

2016 Church Secretary Report

During 2016 the Secretary 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 4 Certificates of Baptism
- Printed 5 Certificates of Marriage
- Printed 7 Certificates of Confirmation
- Printed 10 Certificates of Membership
- Made up and framed 4 Baptism certificates with family pictures
- Prepared fifty-two Sunday bulletins and ten bulletins for special services (six Wednesday night Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Thanksgiving Eve)
- Two large-print bulletins were printed for each service
- Prepared 6 Funeral Bulletins
- 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 2017
- Created the Deacon's offering grid for 2017
- Put Worship Leaders' grid together
- Updated computer data bases

Submitted by Debbie Silfies, Church Secretary

-2016 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The Communications Coordinator shares church events and programs of Good Shepherd with the surrounding community 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 2016, 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. 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 2016. 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 .

- We have 268 Email Contacts through our Church Post system
- 54 notices and an additional 1 notice from Pastor James were sent using Church Post.
- 46 event posters were created, that then on average 20 copies made to be distributed in the community.
- 20 posters that were used for display within the Church.
- 12 Monthly Newsletters, which averaged 78 copies each apart from April's and December's which were 150 to accommodate the Easter and Christmas worshipers.
- At the end of 2015 our Facebook page had 185 likes up from 21 the previous year.

Submitted by: Deb Craig

2016 Altar Guild Committee Report

The Altar Guild Committee members for 2016 were Carol Oswald (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 25 sponsors for Altar Flowers for Church Services this year. Also, 25 orders for Easter Flowers, 7 Geraniums ordered for Pentecost, 25 Poinsettias ordered for Christmas Eve Services and 18 candelabra's were sponsored. The bulletins were sponsored for 9 Church Services. 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.

The price of Altar flowers is \$25.00 for year 2016 and staying the same for the 2017 church year. The bulletins are \$10.00 and staying the same price for the 2017 church year. A dish garden arrangement was used for midweek Lenten services as in the past. Altar flowers are available to be sponsored for 52 Sundays a year, plus six special services, for a total of 58 arrangements a year. Altar flowers are supplied by My Meadow's Creations. The Easter Flowers, Geraniums and Poinsettias are ordered from Hickory Grove Greenhouse in Catasauqua.

Committee members for 2017 will be Amanda Trelease, Penny Bower, Lisa Gilly, Carol Oswald, Linda Coffin, and Julie Solt.

Submitted by

Carol Oswald

Altar Guild

Chair Person

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Fund Raising Committee
2016 Annual Report

January:			
	Sportsman Night	January 30, 2016	
	Income \$ 6,284	Expenses \$2,829.74	Profit: \$ 3,454.26
February:			
	Soup Sale	February 14, 2016	
	Income: \$ 151.50	Expenses \$ 50.88	Profit: \$ 100.62
March:			
	Little Caesar Pizza	March 8, 2016	
	Income: \$ 1,864.00	Expenses: \$ 1,338.00	Profit: \$ 526.00
	Penny Party	March 12, 2016	
	Income: \$ 1,196.17	Expenses: \$ 90.00	Profit: \$ 1,106.17
April:			
	Walk-IN Basket Raffle	April 16, 2016	
	Income: \$ 995	Expenses: \$ 45.00	Profit: \$ 950.00
May:			
	Longaberger Basket Bingo	May 21, 2016	
	Income: \$ 1,366.00	Expenses: \$ 45.00	Profit: \$ 1,321.00
June:			
	Meat & Money Raffle	June 26, 2016	
	Income: \$ 3,470.00	Expenses: \$ 710.00	Profit: \$ 2,760.00
August:			
	Little Caesar Pizza Sale	August 8, 2016	
	Income: \$ 2,242.00	Expenses: \$ 1,620.00	Profit: \$ 622.00
September:			
	Penny Party	September 24, 2016	
	Income: \$ 703.08	Expenses: \$ 0	Profit: \$ 703.08
October:			
	Dinner and a Comic	October 8, 2016	
	Income: \$ 2671.51	Expenses: \$ 1461.30	Profit: \$ 1,210.21
	Basket Social	October 20, 2016	
	Income: \$ 2955.61	Expenses: \$ 188.61	Profit: \$ 2767.00
November:			
	Penny Party	November 12, 2016	
	Income: \$ 681.18	Expenses: \$ 27.66	Profit: \$ 652.52

Total Profit 2016: \$ 16,172.86

Respectfully submitted:

Fund Raising Committee

Dennis C. Silfies,	Chair
Linda Bowers,	Chair
Members	Bonnie Hewitt
	Karen Smith
	Eddie Smith
	Frank Johnson
	Edgar Smith
	Beth Frantz

Nominating Committee 2016 Annual Report

We extend a thank you to those who have served on various committees and whose term ended in 2016. They include: Bob Koons as Elder, Amanda Bowers and Randy Edwards as Deacons, and Dylan Coffin and Kelsey Knittle as Youth Deacons of Consistory; Judy Mack and Monica Griffith of Memorial Committee, Linda Bowers of Fund Raising, Randy Edwards of Property, Greg Williams of Personnel, Linda Bowers and Deb Craig of Stewardship, and Linda Bowers of Nominating.

We also congratulate the following individuals who are either continuing or joining the ranks of the faithful to fill positions and work towards our mission here at Good Shepherd. These individuals include: Kerry Loch as Elder, Susie Blose and Bob Koons as Deacons, and Tyla Block and Aricka Creyer as Youth Deacons serving on Consistory, Denise Koons and Alice Christmas on Worship & Music, Penny Bowers and Julie Solt on Altar Guild, Dennis Silfies, Frank Johnson, and Edgar Smith on Fund Raising, Madeline Balliet and Deb Craig on Evangelism.

Anyone who would like to serve on a committee should see one of the members of Nominating.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Karen Smith, Deb Craig, Jim George, Pastor James

2016 Rental Coordinator Report

The Fellowship Hall and Grove were rented 17 times in 2016 by varied groups for family reunions, wedding showers, baby showers, birthday Celebrations and about 8 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 \$ 1475.00 was received for the use of Fellowship Hall and Grove throughout the Year.

AA Back to Basics paid \$ 375.00.

Little Shepherd Preschool \$ 3600.00.

Slatington Senior Citizens paid \$ 1260.00.

Miscellaneous rentals were \$ 95.00.

Submitted by Madeline Balliet

2016 WORSHIP AND MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT

Our monthly missions and dollar amount contributions were as follows:

January – Valor - \$77.50
February – Soup Kitchen - \$12.50
March – Habitat for Humanity - \$12.50
April – Autism - \$42.50
May – Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$12.50
June – NL Food Bank - \$12.50
July – Lancaster Seminary - \$22.50
August – Bethany Children - \$37.50
September – Allentown Rescue Mission - \$85.00
October – Meals on Wheels - \$45.00
November – Turning Point - \$12.50
December – AIDS Awareness - \$52.50

Lent – This year during Lent we had speakers from different faiths each Wednesday evening such as Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, and Hindu. These Lenten services were held in our fellowship hall with a different soup, salad and bread served to all who attended each week.

Fall/Thanksgiving – The committee decorated the sanctuary for the autumn season.

A Thanksgiving service was held on Nov 22nd.

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

Mitten Tree – The mitten tree was placed in the narthex for the collection of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, etc. We collected 8 pairs of women’s gloves, 6 pairs of men’s gloves, 15 scarves, 1 children’s glove and hat set, 11 pairs of children’s gloves, and 17 children’s hats. These items were donated to the Sixth Street Shelter and Allentown Rescue Mission.

Hanging of the Greens – On Nov 27th we celebrated the beginning of the Advent season during an 10:00 am service. Snowflake ornaments were handed to each person entering the church to be placed on the Christmas tree which was donated by the Kevin Minnich family. This year our theme was “Teach the Children” during which Saint Nicholas was telling us that our children should be taught the real meaning of Christmas. The confirmands assisted in the program as well as speakers, Bob Koons, Christie Bilheimer, and Tammy White. We also had special music by Logan Bachman performing “Mary Did You Know”. Small filled children’s gift boxes were again carried forward by our children which were then donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. The committee did prior decorating on Saturday Nov 26th.

On Sunday, Dec 4th we celebrated the 30th anniversary of Good Shepherd UCC. Rev. James Knappenberger was our speaker with scripture read by his son, Rev. Joshua Knappenberger. Special music was provided by our youth, our hand bell choir, Michael Fister, who was our first organist at Good Shepherd and his wife, Barbara Fister. A light luncheon followed the service which was provided by the Worship and Music Committee.

Submitted by,
Judy Neff, Chairperson

2016 Hand Bell Choir

Good Shepherd's Hand Bell Choir had a wonderful year. The Bell Choir started rehearsing in October of 2015 with eight members. That group played until May 2016. They re-organized in October 2016 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:

2/21/16	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
3/13/16	Amazing Grace
4/3/16	It is Well with my Soul
5/1/16	Just as I Am- Donated by: Barbara DeLong and Girls in memory of Clark DeLong
5/1/16	<u>Hymn Sing:</u> 1. Deep and Wide 2. In the Garden 3. Battle Hymn of the Republic 4. God Bless America
10/16/16	Holy Ground
11/13/16	We Gather Together
12/4/16	Joy to the World - Donated by: Michele Hunsicker Family and Gregory Schuck Family in Memory of Diane and Allen Schuck and Gretchen Schuck-Hartranft

The Bell Choir starts rehearsal in October (average 2 Wednesday nights a month 7 p.m. -7:45 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.

Christian Education Annual Report

The committee held 10 meetings, one per month on the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July and December.

In February, there was a Youthful worship service, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Sunday combined service and the youth collected 119 cans of soup and 17 boxes of crackers. The preschool also helped in this endeavor. In addition to the soup drive which benefitted the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, the youth collected \$ 105 for the Allentown Soup Kitchen.

In March, the Sunday School held an Easter Pageant on Palm Sunday, did egg coloring for the egg hunt which was held on March 26. In the midst of the Easter happenings, the youth did another Youthful Worship on Good Friday with 10 children reading, and 6 or 7 other children helping with greeting, handing out bulletins and other light "duties".

In May, the confirmation class was confirmed. Promotion Sunday was held on May 29th.

In June, the high school graduates and college graduates were honored. Another Youthful worship was held at the end of the month on June 26th.

In September, we held Rally Day with the Slatedale Fire Company, who showed the children/youth some ways they can keep themselves safe when confronted with a fire. Also, we had homemade ice cream and made sundaes.

October was busy with the Blessing of the Animals at the beginning of Sunday School class. Pastor James blessed 12 dogs. The confirmands did pumpkin decorating for the congregation to vote on, and help raise funds for the confirmation class. At the end of the month, was Trunk or Treat, where we had 10 trunks that the children could come in costume and "visit" each trunk for a treat. Refreshments of hotdogs and drinks were served in the Fellowship Hall.

The Christian Ed department also participated in the Adopt-A-Child program to benefit the children from the Northern Lehigh Food Bank along with the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association. 24 gifts were received from the congregation to be distributed in December.

In December, the youth/confirmands decorated gingerbread houses, made baskets for the homebound and delivered them while caroling on December 3rd. There was another Youthful worship held on the 18th, in which the confirmands participated in the service. The confirmands also held a fundraiser to benefit the church, and that was selling SUBWAY coupons. The profit for the coupons was \$ 178.00.

The Scrip program, managed by Monica Griffith, had a profit of \$ 3,497.62 for the year 2016.

**GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.
Scrip Program 2016**

MONTH	PARTICIPANTS	CARDS	DEPOSIT	PROFIT		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	TOTAL
January	11	58	3,775.00	174.75		144.65	144.50	167.85	142.10	153.25	263.10		
February	14	78	3,545.00	183.38		177.15	180.55	152.15	162.74	285.75	321.75		
March	16	95	4,005.00	213.13		255.53	224.25	255.95	262.65	225.25	253.46		
April	15	83	3,675.00	186.98		211.05	250.88	179.68	172.51	283.75	206.12		
May	12	71	3,378.00	170.55		239.68	171.35	188.70	234.75	231.95	284.80	\$ 99.08	
June	14	78	3,470.00	183.53		258.38	134.85	177.10	235.70	218.37	268.44	216.53	
July	14	96	4,805.00	251.03		205.93	195.50	154.45	259.83	237.50	183.98	234.15	
August	14	99	5,305.00	303.33		263.60	225.15	214.85	155.23	145.78	203.85	328.54	
September	15	94	4,615.00	240.98		245.20	260.13	297.68	213.82	146.58	298.80	343.66	
October	16	90	3,985.00	199.48		285.70	231.50	229.30	255.52	208.64	264.40	346.45	
November	37	363	11,480.00	675.43		489.20	495.05	530.63	345.75	625.30	573.45	524.06	
December	41	397	11,178.00	715.05		784.58	720.25	740.58	911.63	636.33	962.29	1,339.13	
						\$ 3,560.65	\$ 3,233.96	\$ 3,288.92	\$ 3,352.23	\$ 3,398.45	\$ 4,084.44	\$ 3,431.60	
TOTALS	219	1,602	\$ 63,216.00	\$ 3,497.62	5.53%								\$ 27,847.87
AVERAGES	18.3	133.5	\$ 5,268.00	\$ 291.47	5.53%								
						\$ 63,953.50	\$ 59,280.50	\$ 58,671.50	\$ 59,486.13	\$ 63,016.04	\$ 71,422.00	\$ 58,434.94	
													\$ 497,480.61

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

February-meeting was held Feb 7th. Barbara DeLong no longer on committee, Deb Craig to replace her. Discussion on updating welcome packages and what going in them.

March-Thank you to Deb Craig for creating new package information for new members.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

January-Served Luncheon after the 10:00 service and Congregational meeting on January 10th to about 35 people. Thanks to all who prepared food.

July 25-Served lunch following Norman Handwerk funeral for about 50 people.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

January-Checking to see if Bryan Puskas will also serve on the Committee.

May-Tammy to speak with Monica on monies given in her Mother's memory. Would like to see a drop down screen that photos, videos and the like can be used for Weddings, funerals and worship.

June-Marilyn Sowden asked about Memorial Thank you's still not going out. Also willing to purchase an artificial plant when no plants are purchased.

September-Tammy is still waiting to hear back from the IT guy and will begin looking for someone else if she doesn't get a response soon.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

August-Deb Craig working with Pastor James on Stewardship Letter to send out to those members that may only attend sporadically or not at all, to encourage them to come back more often.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

January-Recommended to conduct an exit interview with Susie Blose, Barry and Debbie Silfies in an effort to assist those doing the duties now and support new people.

May-Pastor taking vacation June 11th -14th, June 18th-23rd and sabbatical Aug 22nd -Sept 6th. Pam will take care of worship for June 12th, June 19th and August 28th. Need speaker for July 31st and September 4th.

August-Pastor requested taking his Sabbatical August 17th -21st and his vacation begins the 22nd. Needs to have 3 Sundays covered total. Pam will cover 21st and 28th, 1st and 2nd services, Tammy and Dennis will cover the other two weeks. Suggested speaking to Marion for the September 4th worship. Plan to have a Hymn Sing type service with a presentation of some sort.

September-Bob Koons suggested to pay Marion Straub, church organist, \$100.00 cash per service to eliminate payroll tax. This would be contingent on going to one service per Sunday.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

January-Painted windows and still waiting for lighting change over to happen.

February-John Zellner informed Pastor that he was no longer a member of committee. Austin Creyer interested in helping. Dennis Silfies joined and Kevin Minnick needs to be asked. Need to set meeting date. No manual is available at this time for property information. Thermostat was replaced in Sanctuary, emergency light in kitchen, men's urinal fixed. Took down Christmas tree and manger scenery. Sean Harding plowed church parking lot after the 30 inches of snow fall. David and Barry Silfies cleared sidewalks. David used John Zellners front end loader to move the mounds of snow for two hours.

March-Met prior to Consistory. Dennis Silfies to chair committee. Looking for volunteers to do weeding bi-weekly. Septic was emptied last year. Looking for a sound systems person. The wireless mic is missing. Large tree on the side of the church needs to be removed. They can have the wood. Eric will try to repair lock on back fellowship door but we may need to find a locksmith. Next property committee will be May 9th 6:30 prior to Consistory.

April-Eric repaired lock on back Fellowship Hall door. Need volunteers for weeding the Meditation Gardens. April thru October, weekly or monthly. Next meeting on May 9th 6:30 prior to Consistory.

May-Completed cleaning and repairs to the playground. Memorial garden fountain is ready to run. Little Shepherd School Sign installed. Assist Altar Guild with the Sacristy cleaning. List of several repairs, painting and installations to be done the next few months with spring cleanups.

July-Kudo's once again to the property committee and Altar Guild for the work they did in the sacristy.

September-Parking lot repairs were approved in September's meeting and now waiting on contractor to do work. Floors in Fellowship Hall and restrooms have been cleaned, waxed and sealed. The total cost was \$77 and was paid out of profit from Dinner and a Comic event. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th 6pm. Future items that will need to be planned and organized within the next month are as follows:

- Remove garments from coat rooms and place them in the attic rack
- Install tack rails in Fellowship Hall
- Schedule completion date for property and equipment inventory
- Repair classroom Altars
- Repair finish on table to the right of the Altar in Sanctuary
- Schedule fall clean-up and complete fall check list

November-The telephone is still not working in Pastor James's office. The phone is like in a permanent hold mode. Calls cannot be transferred from the office to James's office. Dennis Silfies has the phone manual. The doorbell by the handicap door does not work and may just need batteries.

December-Drains were winterized and water was shut off in the grove. Septic alarm went off and Dennis Silfies is looking into why or what to do about it. Tammy White advised that her security code for the church alarm is under someone else's name and Pastor James will call the security company to make sure that the names and codes match and update.

2016 NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK

The food that is distributed is donated, purchased or picked up at 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

On average per month, 233 families were served for 2016.

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

For the year 2016, Good Shepherd has contributed to the Food Bank in the following ways:

For Souper Bowl Sunday we collected 119 cans of soup, and 17 boxes of crackers, for a grand total of 110 pounds.

We collected 376 cans of corn for the Easter meals and ten pounds of assorted food. Thank you to the ten people who helped distribute the Easter meals.

The month of June is Good Shepherd's month to collect items for the soap closet. We collected over 50 pounds of soap products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry detergent and misc. items. 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 220 pounds of assorted foods were donated. The children of the Sunday school also donated their vegetables they grow at the church. In the month of November Good Shepherd donated 233 cans of corn for the Thanksgiving meals. Also, in the month of December, the Food Bank distributed Christmas dinners. Good Shepherd donated 262 cans of corn for those meals.

Through the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association and the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, the church members adopted eight children for the adopt a child Christmas program. Each child received three gifts.

For the year 2016, 1,261 pounds of food and products were donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

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.

2016 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-Samuelsn	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)
Lunnett Hilliard	Pastor	Friedens	Slatington	(2010)
Henry Distler	Licensed Pastor	St. John's	Slatington	(2011)
Bill Albright	Stated Supply	Jerusalem	Kempton	(2011)
Rebecca Thomas	Pastor	St. Peter's	Lynnville	(2016)
Chris Cocca	Licensed Pastor	Christ/St. Paul's	Lowhill/Seiberlingsville	(2016)
Speakers	---	Bethel	Slatington	(2016)
Ernest Diefenderfer	Chaplain	Hospice		(2011)
John Snyder-Samuelsn	Hiatus			(2003)
Candy Cain Borgman	Hiatus			(2016)
Russell Heintzelman	Retired			(1998)
Elaine Bogart	Retired			(1998)
David Mohr	Retired			(2010)
Thomas Thomas	Retired			(2014)

Submitted by
James Robison, Convener

2016 Contributions				
\$	Giving Units		\$	Giving Units
00.01-10.00	35		600.01-620.00	3
10.01-20.00	26		620.01-640.00	1
20.01-30.00	13		640.01-660.00	3
30.01-40.00	7		660.01-680.00	2
40.01-60.00	29		680.01-700.00	1
60.01-80.00	10		SUBTOTAL	10
80.01-100.00	11		700.01-720.00	0
SUBTOTAL	131		720.01-740.00	0
100.01-120.00	9		740.01-760.00	1
120.01-140.00	7		760.01-780.00	0
140.01-160.00	9		780.01-800.00	2
160.01-180.00	7		SUBTOTAL	3
180.01-200.00	5		800.01-820.00	0
SUBTOTAL	37		820.01-840.00	0
200.01-220.00	3		840.01-860.00	0
220.01-240.00	3		860.01-880.00	1
240.01-260.00	3		880.01-900.00	1
260.01-280.00	2		SUBTOTAL	2
280.01-300.00	3		900.01-920.00	0
SUBTOTAL	14		920.01-940.00	1
300.01-320.00	2		940.01-960.00	2
320.01-340.00	0		960.01-980.00	0
340.01-360.00	2		980.01-1000.00	2
360.01-380.00	3		SUBTOTAL	5

380.01-400.00	6		1000.01-1100.00	3
SUBTOTAL	13		1100.01-1200.00	4
400.01-420.00	0		1200.01-1300.00	5
420.01-440.00	5		1300.01-1400.00	2
440.01-460.00	1		1400.01-1500.00	3
460.01-480.00	0		SUBTOTAL	17
480.01-500.00	2		1500.01-2000.00	6
SUBTOTAL	8		2000.01-2500.00	9
500.01-520.00	2		2500.01-3000.00	2
520.01-540.00	0		3000.01-4000.00	3
540.01-560.00	5		4000.01-5000.00	3
560.01-580.00	0		5000.01-+9000.0	3
580.01-600.00	2		9000.01-	1
SUBTOTAL	9		SUBTOTAL	27
TOTAL GIVING	UNITS	276		
MEMBERS		238		
VISITORS		38		
Submitted by Sally A Loch, Financial Secretary				

FINANCIAL AUDIT AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING BOOKS 2016 REPORT

For the Period January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016

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, 2016.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT - (Items that did not clear as of 12/28/2016)

CHECKS

DEPOSITS

Check #	Issued	Amount	Date	Amount
	12/21/16	80.00		

FUND RAISING ACCOUNT - (Items that did not clear as of 12/31/2016)

CHECKS

DEPOSITS

Check #	Issued	Amount	Date	Amount
	12/12/16	50.00		

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

Bank Balance as of 12/28/16	7,154.42
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/28/16	
Uncleared Checks as of 12/28/16	80.00
Adjusted Balance as of 12/28/16	7,074.42

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

Bank Balance as of 12/28/16	16,327.73
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/31/16	50.00
Uncleared Withdrawals as of 12/31/16	
Adjusted Balance as of 12/31/16	16,377.73

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

Bank Balance as of 12/28/16	5,439.94
Uncleared Deposits as of 12/31/16	
Uncleared Checks as of 12/31/16	50.00
Adjusted Balance as of 12/31/16	5,389.94

Audit Committee:

Madeline Balliet

Richard Schock

Susan Zellner June 08, 2017

Madeline A Balliet
Richard Schock
Susan Zellner

GOOD SHEPHERD UCC LITTLE SHEPHERD'S PRESCHOOL FINANCIAL AUDIT

SCHOOL TERM 2015-2016

Receipts \$39,563.00
Expenses -35,191.79
Balance \$ 4,371.21

Beginning Balance \$ 2,863.42
Receipts + 9,970.50
\$12,833.92
Expenses -6,559.47
Balance (10/31/2017) \$ 6,274.45

SCHOOL TERM 2016-2017

Beginning Balance \$ 4,371.21
Receipts +31,980.65
\$36,351.86
Expenses -33,488.44
Balance \$ 2,863.42

SCHOOL TERM 2017-2018 (Y-T-D as of 10/31/2017)

Audit Committee,
Madeline Balliet, Susan Zellner

Susan Zellner
Madeline Balliet

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Slatedale, Pennsylvania
 2017 Proposed Budget

	2016 Budget	2016 Actuals	2017 Proposed
Mortgage*	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,924.87	\$ 16,000.00
Fuel Oil/Propane	7,500.00	3,642.30	7,500.00
Insurance	9,600.00	8,585.00	9,000.00
Electric	6,000.00	6,008.89	6,000.00
Janitorial	250.00	100.08	250.00
Property	1,500.00	603.32	1,500.00
Service Contracts	850.00	427.20	850.00
Phone	500.00	542.16	575.00
Snow Removal	400.00	-	400.00
Subtotal	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 35,833.82	\$ 42,075.00
Furnace	3,800.00	3,445.20	3,000.00
Total Building Expenses	\$ 45,400.00	\$ 39,279.02	\$ 45,075.00

OCWM	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Bethany	350.00	72.50	350.00
Lancaster Seminary	350.00	107.50	350.00
LCCC	350.00	-	350.00
Meals on Wheels	350.00	-	350.00
NL Food Bank	350.00	244.24	350.00
Phoebe	350.00	-	350.00
Total Missionary	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 424.24	\$ 6,100.00

Mission Giving 3.27% 0.25% 3.27%

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 1/1/2-10/01/15-10/01/16

	2016 Budget	2016 Actuals	2017 Proposed
Church Office Supplies	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 962.18	\$ 2,900.00
Offering Envelopes	1,750.00	1,672.57	1,750.00
Equipment Contracts	1,550.00	595.50	1,650.00
Sunday & Special Bulletins	650.00	605.25	650.00
Postage	250.00	215.00	250.00
Internet Cable/Church Post	800.00	805.35	800.00
Treasurer	250.00	645.45	300.00
Virtual Office Systems (VOS)	960.00	960.00	960.00
Vanco & E-Giving fees	600.00	829.11	700.00
Total Church Office Expenses	\$ 9,710.00	\$ 7,290.41	\$ 9,960.00

Piano Repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 500.00
Organ Repairs	400.00	192.50	400.00
Supply Organist	250.00	-	250.00
CCLI Copyright	200.00	208.00	200.00
Music Supplies	-	-	-
Total Music Ministry	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 628.50	\$ 1,350.00

Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,674.00	\$ 1,700.00
Organist	12,933.24	12,570.60	6,466.50
Music Director	-	-	6,466.50
Secretary	7,044.00	7,826.64	7,044.00
Sexton	6,494.25	6,494.28	6,494.25
Financial Secretary	-	-	-
Treasurer	2,348.00	1,565.36	2,348.00
Total Wages	\$ 30,219.49	\$ 30,130.88	\$ 30,519.25
Payroll Tax Match (7.65%)	2,311.79	2,305.01	2,334.72
Total Salary/Wages	\$ 32,531.28	\$ 32,435.89	\$ 32,853.97

	2016 Budget	2016 Actuals	2017 Proposed
Christian Education	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Confirmation	700.00	-	-
VBS	600.00	-	600.00
Newsletter	50.00	-	50.00
Supply Pastor	900.00	-	900.00
Flowers**	100.00	-	100.00
Stewardship	100.00	-	100.00
Spiritual Council	100.00	53.56	100.00
Evangelism	60.00	-	60.00
Fund Raising	-	-	-
Altar Guild	200.00	259.35	275.00
Social Ministry	100.00	48.17	100.00
Website	60.00	-	60.00
Worship & Music	300.00	221.78	300.00
Youth Group	100.00	-	100.00
Total Ministry	\$ 4,970.00	\$ 582.86	\$ 4,345.00

Salary	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 40,846.69	\$ 41,000.00
Housing	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Transportation	3,500.00	3,499.92	3,500.00
Vision	91.00	91.00	100.00
Pension Dues (14%)	8,260.00	8,719.29	9,000.00
Health/Dental	9,642.00	9,530.56	9,200.00
Disability Insurance (1.5%)	885.00	825.06	1,000.00
Continuing Education	250.00	65.00	250.00
Subtotal	\$ 81,628.00	\$ 81,577.52	\$ 82,050.00
Payroll Tax Match (7.65%)	5,000.00	4,987.73	5,000.00
Total Pastor Benefits	\$ 86,628.00	\$ 86,565.25	\$ 87,050.00

Total Budgeted Items **\$ 186,689.28** **\$ 167,206.17** **\$ 186,733.97**

0.02% Increase \$44.69

Attendance Chart 2016

2016	1st Service	2nd Service
1/3	59	22
1/10	congregational mtg	58
1/17	53	28
1/24	snow	snow
1/31	53	34
2/7	49	82
2/10	Ash Wednesday	49
2/14	38	25
2/17	Lenten service	55
2/21	63	42
2/24	Lenten service	42
2/28	57	45
3/2	Lenten service	49
3/6	62	31
3/9	Lenten service	34
3/13	54	42
3/16	Lenten service	50
3/20	68	44
3/24	Maundy Thursday	44
3/25	Good Friday	62
3/27	46 (6am)/95 (8:30)57	57
4/3	49	41
4/10	53	34
4/17	57	38
4/24	60	45
5/1	55	28
5/5	Ascension Day	16
5/8	46	52
5/15	39	140
5/22	58	22
5/29	60	30
6/5	57	35
6/12	50	24
6/19	35	37
6/26	48	47

2016	1st Service	2nd Service
7/3	46	70
7/10	49	33
7/17	60	37
7/24	39	28
7/31	45	29
8/7	52	38
8/14	64	24
8/21	50	30
8/28	40	16
9/4	44	34
9/11	71	32
9/18	62	43
9/25	56	68
10/2	54	40
10/9	59	28
10/16	68	38
10/23	48	55
10/30	45	42
11/6	75	35
11/13	67	82
11/20	49	24
11/22	Thanksgiving eve eve	19
11/27	one service	114
12/4	37	34
12/11	54	34
12/18		40
12/24	142 (5pm)/ 74 (7pm)/74 (11pm)	74 (11pm)
12/25	one service	43

GOOD SHEPHERD UCC, SLATEDALE, PA - 2017 SCHEDULE

- January**
- 1 - Enrollment for Preschool begins
 - 8 - Epiphany Communion
 - 15 - Congregational Meeting **10:00am service**
 - 28 - Sportsmen's Banquet
 - 29 - *Energy/Fuel Special Offering*
- February**
- 1 - Enrollment for Preschool begins for general public
 - 5 - Souper Bowl Sunday Boy and Girl Scout Sunday
 - 18 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 9:00am - 12:30pm
Chili and Soup Sale Noon - 2:00pm
 - 26 Scout Sunday
- March**
- 1 - **Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes/Circle Communion** – 7:30pm
 - 8 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
 - 11 - Penny Party
 - 12 - Daylight Savings begins at 2:00am
 - 15 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
 - 19 - *Mortgage Special Offering*
 - 22 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
 - 29 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
- April**
- 1 - Indoor Clean-up
 - 5 - Lenten Service 7:30pm
 - 13 - **Maundy Thursday Communion** 7:00pm
 - 14 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12:00-3:00pm
Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd 7:00pm
 - 15 - Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am
 - 16 - **Easter Communion Service 6am/8:30am/11am**
 - 22 - PNEC Annual Meeting at Northampton CC ???
 - 23 - *Capital Fund Special Offering*
 - ?? - Walk-in Basket Social
- May**
- 7 - Hymn Sing & Music Fest 3:00pm
 - 13 - Mother's Day Tea sponsored by Prayer Pals
 - 14 - Mother's Day
 - 20 - Longaberger Bingo 12:00pm
 - 25 - Preschool Graduation 6:30pm ???
 - 28 - Christian Education Promotion Sunday
 - 29 - Memorial Day Service - Slatedale Cemetery 8am
- June**
- 4 - **Pentecost Communion & Confirmation**
 - 11 - Graduate Sunday
 - 18 - Father's Day *Organ Special Offering*
 - 25 - 60th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ
 - 25 - Meat & Money Raffle
- July**
- 2 - **God & Country Communion**
 - 17-21 - Vacation Bible School
 - 19 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 3:30-7:00pm
 - 21 - Vacation Bible School Closing 7pm
 - 23 - Covered dish luncheon & Family Fun Day 12am
- August**
- 20 - Prayer Pal revealing
 - 27 - Christian Education Registration Day 9:30am
- September**
- 3 - *Mortgage Special Offering*
 - ? - Preschool Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm
 - 10 - Grandparents' Day
 - 11 - 1st Day of Preschool
 - 17 - Preschool Welcome *Harvest Home*
 - 24 - Bring a Friend Sunday sponsored by Evangelism
Outdoor Service with campfire
- October**
- 1 - **World Wide Communion**
 - 14 - Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 9:00am - 12:30pm
 - 19 - Basket Social 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
 - 21 - Winterize Grove Kitchen 4-6pm
 - 29 - Pennsylvania German Luncheon
- November**
- 5 - Daylight Saving Ends at 2:00am Totenfest
Hymn Sing & Music Fest 3:00pm
 - 11 - Penny Party
 - 12 - Stewardship Sunday
 - 19 - Consistory Elections *Energy/Fuel Special Offering*
 - 21 - Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd
- December**
- 3 - **Advent Communion/Hanging of Greens 10:00am**
Capital Fund Special Offering
 - 10 - Christmas Caroling sponsored by Youth
Fellowship 12:30pm
 - 17 - Sunday School Christmas Program 3pm
 - 24 – One Service 10:00am
Christmas Eve Holy Communion at
5pm/7:30pm/11pm w/ Candlelight Service

2017 Holy Communion Schedule

January	1	Epiphany	8:30am/11:00am
March	1	Ash Wednesday	7:30pm
April	13	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm
April	16	Easter	6:00am/8:30am/11:00am
June	4	Pentecost	8:30am/11:00am
July	2	God & Country	8:30am/11:00am
October	1	World Wide Communion	8:30am/11:00am
December	3	Advent	8:30am/11:00am
December	24	Christmas Eve	5:00pm/7:30pm/11:00pm

2017 Lenten Schedule

March	1	Ash Wednesday/ Imposition of Ashes	7:00pm
March	8	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March	15	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March	22	Lenten Service	7:00pm
March	29	Lenten Service	7:00pm
April	5	Lenten Service	7:00pm
April	9	Palm Sunday	8:30am/11:00am
		Procession with Donkey	10:45am
April	13	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm
April	14	Good Friday Meditation noon-3:00pm Good Friday Service at Good Shepherd	7:00pm
April	15	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00am
April	16	Easter	6:00am/8:30am/11:00am

GOOD SHEPHERD UCC CONSISTORY & STANDING COMMITTEES / 2017

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

%2017 Edward Smith 610.767.3776
 #2018 Dennis Silfies, VP 484.707.2704
 *2019 *Pam Puskas* 484.553.1827
 %2020 Kerry Loch, P 610.349.5706

Deacons

#2017 Susie Blose 610.826.8043
 %2017 Tammy White 610.390.5806
 %2018 James George 610.767.2558
 *2018 Bryan Puskas 484.553.1828
 %2019 Eric Hantz 610.262.9608
 %2019 Todd Solt 610.703.0790
 %2020 Bob Koons 610.360.5338
 %2020 TBD

Youth Deacons

%2017 Tyla Block 443.567.9972
 %2017 Aricka Creyer 610.760.8511

Pastor

c. 1998 James Robison 610.432.3980

Secretary

c. 2016 Robin Bellesfield 610.509.4300

Treasurer

c. 2016 Jasmine Rodrigues 610.704.5421

Financial Secretary

c. 2016 Sally Loch 610.295.7085

Worship and Music Committee

%2017 Lisa Kuntz 610.767.3549
 %2017 Kelsey Kuntz 610.767.3549
 *2018 Marilyn Smith 610.767.5270
 *2018 Judy Neff, C 610.769.8018
 *2019 Denise Koons 610.826.7845
 #2019 Alice Christman 610.767.8389
 Organist Marion Straub 610.377.0110
Bob Koons 610.360.5338

Christian Education

Officers

Supt. Pam Puskas, R 484.553.1827
 Ass't Sec. Barbara J. Neff 610.767.3151
 Ass't Sec. Phillip White 610.767.4420

Teachers

Nursery TBD

Nursery TBD

Beginners RaeAnne Creyer 610.657.7345

Beginners Ahstin Creyer 610.760.8511

Middlers Deb Craig 610.751.5200

Middlers Ann Johnson 610.767.8829

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Congregational Representatives

%2017 Carrie Block 443.567.9972

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Aricka Creyer 610.760.8511

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

Tyla Block 443.567.9972

Altar Guild

#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

*2019 Penny Bowers 610.969.9061

%2019 Julie Solt 610.730.6585

Edward Smith 610.767.3776

Fund Raising Committee

%2017	Linda Bowers, C	484.294.5661
#2017	Bonnie Hewitt	610.767.9155
#2018	Eddie Smith	610.767.3776
#2018	Karen Smith	610.767.3776
*2019	Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
*2019	Edgar Smith	610.767.4657
	<i>Dennis Silfies</i>	<i>484.707.2704</i>

Social Ministry Committee

%2017	Barbara J. Neff	610.767.3151
%2017	Dorothy Arnold	610.767.8037
*2018	TBD	
%2019	Frank Johnson	610.767.8829
%2019	TBD	
	<i>Edward Smith</i>	<i>610.767.3776</i>

Evangelism Committee

*2017	Ann Johnson, C	610.767.8829
*2018	Evelyn Haas	610.767.5878
#2018	<i>Tammy White</i>	<i>610.390.5806</i>
*2019	Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
%2019	Deb Craig	610.751.5200

Audit Committee

*2017	Susan Zellner, C	610.767.2305
%2018	Madeline Balliet	610.767.8134
*2019	Richard Schock	610.767.5625
Treasurer	Jasmine Rodrigues	
	<i>Todd Solt</i>	<i>610.703.0790</i>

Memorial Committee

%2017	Sally Loch	610.295.7085
#2017		
%2018		
%2019		
%2019	<i>Bryan Puskas</i>	<i>484.553.1828</i>

Property Committee

#2017	Ahstin Creyer	610.760.8511
#2017	Dwayne Kern	484.426.7532
%2018	Kevin Minnich	610.767.0611
%2019	Kerry Loch	610.349.5706
%2019	Dennis Silfies, C	484.707.2704
Sexton	Barry Silfies	610.984.7779
	<i>Susie Blose</i>	<i>610.826.8043</i>

Personnel Committee

#2017	Monica Griffith	610.285.2787
%2017	Richard Smith	610.767.5270
*2018	Marie Bachman	610.440.2550
%2019		
%2019	Greg Williams	610.760.2050
	<i>Bob Koons</i>	<i>610.360.5338</i>

Stewardship Committee

#2017		
#2018		
#2018		
#2019		
*2019	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
	<i>Eric Hantz</i>	<i>610.262.9608</i>

Nominating Committee

%2017	Karen Smith	610.767.3776
%2018		
%2019	Deb Craig	610.751.5200
	<i>James George</i>	<i>610.767.2558</i>
Pastor	Pastor James	484.571.6083

**Good Shepherd United Church of Christ
2017 Worship Leaders**

Month	Special Services	Head Deacons	Elders	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Altar Guild
January	Epiphany Jan. 8	10:00am Eric Hantz	10:00am Eddie Smith	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Toby Frantz	10:00am Frank & Ann Johnson	10:00am Penny Bowers
February		10:00am Tyla Block	10:00am Dennis Silfies	10:00am Mary Lacy	10:00am Robbie Schramel	10:00am Eddie & Karen Smith	10:00am Penny Bowers
March		10:00am Eric Hantz	10:00am Eddie Smith	10:00am Ben Griffith	10:00am Olivia Horninger	10:00am Madeline Balliet & LouAnn Gill	10:00am Mandi Trelease
	Ash Wednesday Mar. 1	7:00pm Susie Blose	7:00pm Eddie Smith		7:00pm Tyla Block		
	Wednesday, Mar. 8	7:00pm Eric Hantz					
	Wednesday, Mar. 15	7:00pm Tammy White					
	Wednesday, Mar. 22	7:00pm Eric Hantz					
Wednesday, March 29	7:00pm Tammy White						
April		10:00am Susie Blose	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Susie Blose	10:00am Tyla Block	10:00am Donald & Roxy Schraden	10:00am Linda Coffin
	Wednesday, Apr. 5	7:00am Tammy White					
	Maundy Thursday, Apr. 13	7:00pm	7:00pm Kerry Loch		7:00pm Aricka Creyer		
	Good Friday, Apr. 14	7:00pm Tyla Block			7:00pm Toby Frantz		
	Easter Sunrise, Apr. 16	6:00am Bob Koons	6:00am Dennis Silfies		6:00am Cameron Shields	6:00am Carol Krum & Grandchildren	
May		10:00am Jim George	10:00am Dennis Silfies	10:00am tbd	10:00am Gabriella Smoyer	10:00am Edgar & Shirley Smith	10:00am Carol Oswald
June	Pentecost June 4	10:00am Bryan Puskas	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Abby Williams	10:00am Deb Craig	10:00am Lisa Gilly
July	God & Country July 2	10:00am Bryan Puskas	10:00am Kerry Loch	10:00am Mary Lacy	10:00am Evan Horninger	10:00am Sonny & Barb J. Neff	10:00am Julie Solt
August		10:00am Bob Koons	10:00am Kerry Loch	10:00am tbd	10:00am Katy Griffith	10:00am Lee & Evelyn Haas	10:00am Linda Coffin
September		10:00am Aricka Creyer	10:00am Dennis Silfies	10:00am Linda & Dylan C.	10:00am Tyla Block	10:00am Sonny & Barb J. Neff	10:00am Lisa Gilly
October	World Communion Nov. 1	10:00am Jim George	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Pam Puskas	10:00am Cameron Shields	10:00am Carol Krum	10:00am Julie Solt
November		10:00am Tammy White	10:00am Kerry Loch	10:00am tbd	10:00am Abby/Olivia	10:00am Eddie & Karen Smith	10:00am Mandi Trelease
	Thanksgiving Eve Nov. 21	7:00pm Bob Koons			7:00pm Katie Griffith	7:00pm Eddie & Karen Smith	
December	Advent Communion Dec 3	10:00am Tammy White	10:00am Dennis Silfies	10:00am tbd	10:00am Aricka Creyer	10:00am Madeline Balliet	10:00am Carol Oswald
	Christmas Eve Dec. 24	5:00pm Jim George	5:00pm Pam Puskas		5:00pm Gabriella Smoyer	5:00 pm	
		7:30pm Susie Blose	7:00pm Eddie Smith		7:30pm Robbie Schramel	7:00 pm Eddie & Karen Smith	
		11:00pm Bob Koons	11:00pm Dennis Silfies		11:00pm Cameron Shields	11:00 pm Carol Krum	

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