

## GOOD SHEPHERD

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Finding God's Blessings In Serving Others For Christ

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# Mountain Reflections ~ February 2020

Dear family and friends of Good Shepherd ~

I am moved by the possibilities we have at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. Possibilities of becoming whole and healthy, the possibilities of ministry and mission, the possibilities of being a reflection of Christ to a world longing for miracles and recognizing God in our midst. It hasn't been too long since we celebrated the birth of Emanuel 'God-with-us' and my prayers are for God to be seen in our actions, our speech, our very essence.

Attending the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Lehigh Conference of Churches I was reminded that Martin Luther King, Jr. was only 39 when he died 52 years ago and that just before he was killed he was planning a Poor People's March on Washington to gain economic justice for the poor people in the United States regardless of the color of a person's skin or ethnic heritage or genetic makeup. It was a call of a moral nature to fulfill God's command to care for our sisters and brothers and not leave anyone behind. That he would have been 90 years old this year. We were asked how things might have been different had his life not been ended so soon by an assassin's bullet.

As we move into this new year our Conference is going to lift up different faith traditions we at Good Shepherd are going to add our voice as we celebrate our Lenten Gatherings with Interfaith Journey's as we did a number of years ago, we will be inviting people of different faith traditions to break bread with us. The Spring Conference Meeting April 24th and 25th at Camelback will include similar experiences. In addition to these opportunities,

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**FEBRUARY LECTIONARY**

**Feb 2, 2020            4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Hebrew Lesson    Micah 6:1–8  
Epistle:            1 Corinthians 1:18–31  
Gospel Lesson:    Matthew 5:1–12  
Meditation        *Blessed*

**Feb 9, 2020            5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Hebrew Lesson    Isaiah 58:1–9a, (9b–12)  
Epistle:            1 Corinthians 2:1–12, (13–16)  
Gospel Lesson:    Matthew 5:13–20  
Meditation        *Shine*

**Feb 16, 2020          6th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Hebrew Lesson    Deuteronomy 30:15–20  
Epistle:            1 Corinthians 3:1–9  
Gospel Lesson:    Matthew 5:21–37  
Meditation        *Grow*

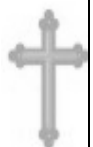
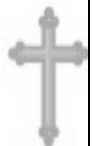
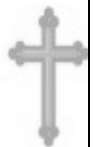
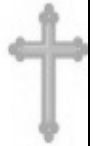
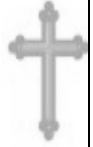
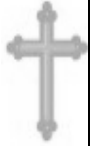
**Feb 23, 2020          Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

Hebrew Lesson    Exodus 24:12–18  
Epistle:            2 Peter 1:16–21  
Gospel Lesson:    Matthew 17:1–9  
Meditation        *Sent*

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

February 26th Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes/Circle Communion - 7:00pm

For our parishioners with food sensitivities our communion bread is now gluten free.



**Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

**Are Given In The Honor And Glory Of God**

*Reminder: Those that have requested Flowers and/or Bulletins; please see that the office gets your monies prior to the end of that month.*

Flowers: \$25

Bulletins: \$10

Flowers are in Memory of: Eugene Miller by Bonnie & Matt Hewitt  
and Robert Shelly

Please note in Memory or in Honor as well as your Name, Phone Number, and date for bulletins and/or flowers. Give payment to an Altar Guild member: Carol Oswald, Laura George, Mary Lacy, Julie Solt or Linda Coffin; or you can put your payment in a designated envelope located in the narthex and place it in the offering plate.

**FAITH AND MISSION OUTREACH**

**For February is Soup / Ecumenical Kitchen**

Nourishing Those in Need

If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name, and then place a donation in a "Faith & Mission" envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

Over 35 years of feeding the hungry, serving more than 35,000 meals a year and provides access to medical care for those in need.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
8th and Walnut Streets, Allentown, PA 18101 Noon to 1 pm,  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Since 1982, we've partnered with Catholic Charities to ensure that the working poor, homeless, elderly, children, those between jobs, individuals on fixed incomes, and those who have nowhere else to turn receive at least one hot, nutritious meal every day of the week. The LCC's kitchen operates three days a week; Catholic Charities', four. Medical care is made available on a weekly basis by the LVHN Street Medicine Team and Sacred Heart Parish Nurses, who offer free screenings, referrals for follow up care, and assistance with health insurance enrollment.



Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...



**Homebound Members**

Mary Bilheimer      Dolores Gruber      Kathryn Smith  
Kay Costenbader      Carolyn Mann      Susan "Tillie" Waller  
Sandra Endres

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services**  
**Or with The Department of Defense:**

Colby Adams      David Neff      Jacqueline Tracy  
Elijah Colon      Rebecca McMichael      Nicholas Sander  
Kira (Kern) Kelsey      Cory Musser      Benjamin Schaffer  
Michael Kelsey      Janel Tracy

*All that serve ~ Please do let us know if you have someone serving*

**Members:**

Mason Post-Bowers      Frank Johnson      Michelle Schramel  
Fiona Dieter

**Family & Friends**

Joyce Kohler      Robert Wiley

**For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:**

Jack Diehl      Claire Haas      Ronald "Taff" Wilkins

*God* is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to!



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 4	Frances Kuntz	Feb 20	Mackenzie Thomas
Feb 4	Kara Richardson	Feb 21	Robin Bellesfield
Feb 6	Timothy Gad	Feb 21	Stephanie Gallagher
Feb 8	Janet German	Feb 22	Laura George
Feb 8	Ashley Nagy	Feb 22	Patricia Reimert
Feb 8	Angela Rex	Feb 23	Morgan Farber
Feb 10	Roy Kleintop	Feb 23	Jeffrey Hewitt, Jr.
Feb 11	Becky Haas	Feb 24	Kayla Belles
Feb 13	Rodney Kuntz	Feb 24	Barbara Horn
Feb 14	Janet Kern	Feb 24	Evan Kresge
Feb 17	Bryan Horninger	Feb 26	Kennedy Walters
Feb 17	Sharon Miller	Feb 27	Pam Knappenberger
Feb 18	Caden Shields	Feb 27	Todd Solt



## FEBRIARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 7	David & Sonja (Loch) Derkits
Feb 13	Skip & Marie (Knittle) Detrick

Penn Northeast Conference “Care for the Caregiver!”

A Workshop for Faith Based Caregivers!

An opportunity to share stories and receive information

MARCH 12, 2020 10: A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Jordan United Church of Christ

1837 Church Road, Allentown, PA 18104

Contact: Rev. Rodney Wells; (610) 360-3027; Pastor1972@verizon.net



## Called to *Serve*

There are many openings for ushers beginning in March and running through the remainder of the year. Please sign up in the Narthex. The Worship Team would like to have all the spots filled as soon as possible.

The office is looking for a volunteer to take care of the Redner Tapes. See Pastor James if you are interested by the end of January.



### Like to bake? Like to Cook

The fellowship team is looking for help with baked goods and casseroles for fellowship and events. See Sign-up in the Narthex



Looking for assistance with Audio/Visual and computer for worship services ~ will train. Youth and Adults alike. See Eric Hantz, Deb Craig or Pastor James for more information.



### Soup and Chili Sale Pick up Sat February 8th, 9:00am-12:30pm

Order form in the Narthex



Snow, Ice, Winter Emergency. With the winter months upon us, we need to prepare for winter time cancellations.

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out if events have been cancelled or check out TV Channel 69, Blue Ridge Channel 13 or Radio Station WAEB 790am

## Youth Group News!

Join us for our Monthly Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> after worship at 11:15am

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> is “Souper” Bowl Sunday** and the youth of Good Shepherd are sponsoring the "*Souper Bowl Sunday*" canned soup drive. If you would like to donate cans of soup or boxes of crackers, you can drop them off in the Soup Can in the narthex. The soup and crackers will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank to help those who are in need.



## **February 9<sup>th</sup> is Sweetheart Sunday**

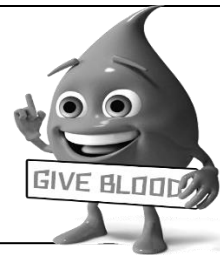


The Youth Group will be selling Sweets in the Narthex after worship for their activity fund. Stop by and buy your favorite Valentine a little treat and support the Youth at the same time!

## **Miller – Keystone Blood Mobile**

**Sat February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:30pm**

Sign-up in the Narthex or see Barbara DeLong for more information



## **February 16<sup>th</sup> is Acolyte Training**

Youths from ages 10 and up wishing to become an Acolyte, see Pastor James for training during Sunday School time.



## **February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Youthful Sunday / Scout Su**

The Youth will be participating in our Worship Services with special recognition to our Girl Scout and Boy Scouts both past and present along with Leaders in the Scouting programs.





Starting in French  
**Gratitude Reminder - A Little or A Lot**

*If you use gratitude a little,  
your life will change a little.  
If you use gratitude a lot every day,  
your life will change a lot.*

With gratitude I remember the people, animals, plants, insects, creatures of the sky and sea, air and water, fire and earth, all whose joyful exertion blesses my life every day.

With gratitude I remember the care and labor of a thousand generations of elders and ancestors who came before me.

I offer my gratitude for the safety and well-being I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the blessing of this earth I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the measure of health I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the family and friends I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the community I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the teachings and lessons I have been given.

I offer my gratitude for the life I have been given.

~ Jack Kornfield



**January Scrip Summary**

Participants = 10      Cards ordered = 64  
Profit = \$120.16

Next month's orders are due on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**,  
and orders will be delivered on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Congratulations to :**      Dick Smith  
on January's Lottery ticket!

Next month's drawing will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. Chance to win \$100  
See Karen Smith for your tickets and a chance to win!

**REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND TEAM COORDINATORS:**

Annual Reports are due into the office or Eric Hantz as soon as possible please.





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I am hoping that we see movement within our congregation to begin conversations of reparations for slavery and how to heal a nation divided, to participate in the Poor People's Campaign and answering the national call for moral revival, culminating on June 20, 2020 with a gathering in Washington DC, to start looking into becoming a congregation that is Open and Affirming ending prejudices and hatred toward gays, lesbians, transgendered, bisexual, and questioning folk and look beyond stereo types of all kinds ~ racism, ageism, sexism, elitism, anti-Semitism, classism, ableism, etc.

"Let us continue our journey together into the future establishing the Reign of God as our Creator calls us each to live in harmony with one another as citizens of a world that has no end. Amen."

Yours in the Service of Christ,  
Pastor James



## **JOIN US FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT!**

**Ash Wednesday Is February 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm**  
Imposition of Ashes/Circle Communion



Join us each Wednesday night at 7:00pm, during Lent, for our Annual Lenten Gatherings with Vegetarian-based Soup, Salad & conversations with speakers from different Faith Traditions.



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Good Stewardship  
Made Easy

# Staying in Touch

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## FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

### ELDER:

February Tammy White

### HEAD DEACON:

February Tammy Schaeffer

### ACOLYTE:

February 2 Patrick Conway

February 9 Landon Moll

February 16 Landon Moll

February 23 Landon Moll

### USHERS:

February 2 Lester Bass Linda Coffin  
Dylan Coffin Tammy White

February 9 Lester Bass Aiden Solt  
Dylan Coffin Todd Solt

February 16 Lester Bass Joe Conway  
Dylan Coffin Tammy White

February 23 Lester Bass Tammy White  
Dylan Coffin Eric Hantz

### LAY READERS:

February 2 Pam Puskas

February 9 Pam Puskas

February 16 Pam Puskas

February 23 Pam Puskas

### GREETERS:

February 2 Mary Lacy

February 9 Mary Lacy & Julian Cancel

February 16 Mary Lacy

February 23 Mary Lacy & Julian Cancel

### ALTAR GUILD:

February Mary Lacy

### AUDIO/VISUAL

February Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord