



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Finding God's Blessings In Serving Others For Christ

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Mountain Reflections ~ March 2020

Dear family and friends of Good Shepherd ~

As this Lenten Season unfolds, we are called to reflect on our individual journeys of faith. During this reflection, questions that help to center us include what are the things we've done in the past that we know we shouldn't have done? And, what are the things we've not done in the past that we know we should have done? When we can make those two lists, we are able to take the next step in following Jesus Christ to the cross. Repentance is about turning from our ways and following Christ's way.

And what is Christ's way? This is an important question to ask as we read the scriptures and listen to the messages on Sunday mornings. It helps us to get-in-tune with what is right with God and how to treat those we meet along life's journey. The ultimate question when we get to this point in our reflections is, what will I do in response to Christ's call to follow? Am I willing to be a 'reflection' of God's love and forgiveness as seen in the teachings and modeling of Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God-with-us?

Come make a pledge to attend worship regularly during this season of Lent and gather with us for listening to other faith traditions in their centering prayers.

Yours in the Service of Christ,

Pastor James



MARCH LECTIONARY

March 1, 2020 Lent 1
Hebrew Lesson Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7
Epistle: Romans 5:12–19
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1–11
Meditation *One Voice, One Choice*

March 8, 2020 Lent 2
Hebrew Lesson Genesis 12:1–4a
Epistle: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
Gospel Lesson: John 3:1–17
Meditation *Blessed to Be a Blessing*

March 15, 2020 Lent 3
Hebrew Lesson Exodus 17:1–7
Epistle: Romans 5:1–11
Gospel Lesson: John 4:5–42
Meditation *The Well of Living Water*

March 22, 2020 Lent 4
Hebrew Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1–13
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14
Gospel Lesson: John 9:1–41
Meditation *I Am Because We Are*

March 29, 2020 Lent 5
Hebrew Lesson Ezekiel 37:1–14
Epistle: Romans 8:6–11
Gospel Lesson: John 11:1–45
Meditation *Conversations that Unbind Us*

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 9th 7:00 pm
Good Friday Prayers, April 10th Noon
Good Friday, April 10th 7:00pm
Sunrise Service Communion, April 12th 6:00am
Easter, April 12th 10:00am

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

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 March is

For March is *Habitat for Humanity*

www.habitat.org

At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. More than building homes, we build communities, we build hope and we build the opportunity for families to help themselves.

Your donation will help families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. Your support can help us do more in all the many ways that Habitat builds.

Thanks to you, Habitat is transforming the lives of more than 5 million people around the world!

Easter Flowers by Blue Mountain Farms

Sparkling Joy Lillies, 6”pot	\$8.00	Tulips-10 bulbs, 8”pot	\$10.00
Sparkling Joy Double Stems, 8”pot	\$17.50	Hyacinths-3 bulbs, white	\$7.00
Sparkling Joy Triple Stems, 10”pot	\$25.50	Hyacinths-3 bulbs, pink	\$7.00
Daffodils-Yellow, 6”pot	\$7.00	Hyacinths-3 bulbs, blue	\$7.00
Tulips-6 bulbs, 6”pot	\$7.00	Hydrangea, 8” pot	\$15.00

Orders are due by Sunday, March 23, 2020 - Forms in the Narthex
Please see letter regarding Easter Lillies



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	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	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
Deb Craig	Chris Kegel	Debbie Silfies
Fiona Dieter	Bryson Rice	

Family & Friends

Linda Achenbach	Jim Joyce	Isabella Oswald
Dorothy Berger	Rick Keller	Elwood Scherer
Harold Betz	Mary Kemmerer	Mark Queen
Christopher Culp	Rev. Alan Miller	Jonathan Zellner
Judy Hughes	Allyson Dee Miller	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Betty Handwerk	Ernest K. Heil	Warren "Butch" Leiby
William Neff	George "Dutch" Ruch	Betty Waidelich

God is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1	Dolores Gruber	Mar 14	Destinee Slanina
Mar 1	Skylie White	Mar 17	Madelynn Mack
Mar 2	Melissa Gellis	Mar 17	Wylan Redline
Mar 3	Carlton Miller	Mar 18	Linda Henninger
Mar 4	Kellie Smith	Mar 18	Megann Rodrigues
Mar 6	Denise Biegly	Mar 19	Devin Thomas
Mar 6	Victoria Regan	Mar 21	Mackenzie Ferber
Mar 7	Debra Craig	Mar 21	Dwayne Kern
Mar 7	James George, Jr.	Mar 22	Linda Coffin
Mar 7	Delaney Lilly	Mar 23	Susan Waller
Mar 8	Sonja Derkits	Mar 24	Kendra Link
Mar 9	Olivia Horninger	Mar 24	Eric Smith
Mar 9	Cassie Knittle	Mar 25	Skip Detrick
Mar 9	Missy Lilly	Mar 25	Tania Kresge
Mar 9	Amber Snyder	Mar 26	Douglas Farber
Mar 11	Jeffrey Bachman	Mar 26	Michael Gellis
Mar 11	Rhonda Kern	Mar 26	Calliope McGinnis
Mar 12	Tiffany Lloyd	Mar 27	Richard Smith
Mar 13	Eric Heckman	Mar 28	Kevin Fister
Mar 13	Barry Silfies	Mar 28	Tucker Kern
Mar 14	Lynne Newhard	Mar 30	Richard Kohler
Mar 14	Gavin Parks	Mar 31	Fiona Dieter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 10 Rodney & Dolly (Geary) Kuntz
Mar 16 Gary & Jean (Fritzinger) Fatzinger
Mar 19 William & Ines (unknown) Kuhenbeaker
Mar 21 William & Diane (Wassum) Fister
Mar 21 James & Eileen (Walters) George

BAPTISMS

Feb 2 Holy Baptism for
Braxton Andrew Rice

Feb 9 Holy Baptism for
Hazel Emily Heffernan



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.



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.

In Search of: A Volunteer who would be willing to maintain files in the church office. See Pastor James if able and willing.



Hymn sing & Music Fest XVIII Sunday, May 3, 2020 3:00pm

Special Guests will be:

Tim Fogelman and the "Shadow Oak Mountain Boys"

Bell Choir is playing: **March 8** – "*Just as I Am.*" -donated by Barbara DeLong and Girls in memory of Clark DeLong
Practice at 9:30 in the social hall



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

Visit our website www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org or www.Facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington to find 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 March 1st after worship at 11:15am for Fun and Activities! Ping Pong, Wii and more!

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 or
Pastor1972@verizon.net

March 14th Vitality Days Reunion (SNOW DATE: March 21)

Faith UCC,

21 Faith Drive, Hazleton

9am-12pm

See Pastor James if you are able to attend

Penny Party ~ Saturday, March 21st

If you would like to donate household products, please place them on the counter by the A/V Area in the Narthex by March 20, 2020.



Doors opening at noon and officially starting at 1pm.

Church Cleanup



Sanctuary Spring Cleaning

Saturday, March 28, 2020 8am

Cleaning along with Christian Education Wing.

If you are willing and able to help clean, please sign up in the Narthex or see Barry Silfies.

Food Bank - We will be collecting 250 cans of corn for the Easter Meals, for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. until **Sunday March 29th**



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL LENTEN GATHERINGS!



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.

Mar 4 - Gary & Jean Fritzinger	Quinoa Vegetable Chili Soup
Mar 11-Deb Craig	Potato Soup
Mar 18-Dennis Silfies	Vegetarian Chili Soup
Mar 25-Dennis Silfies	Wild Rice Soup
April 1 -Scott Pettenton	Vegetarian Bean Soup
Bob and Denise Koons for the Egypt Star Bread each week	

Preparing for Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020 7:00pm

Lenten Gatherings

March 4, 2020 7:00pm

March 11, 2020 7:00pm

March 18, 2020 7:00pm

March 25, 2020 7:00pm

April 1, 2020 7:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Donkey Processional 9:45am

Worship 10:00am

Egg Coloring

April 8, 2020 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020 7:00pm

Good Friday

April 10, 2020 7:00pm

Annual Egg Hunt

April 11, 2020

Registration 10:30am

Hunt Begins 11:00am

Easter Worship

Sunrise Service 6:00am

Worship 10:00am

Donations of Hard-Boiled Eggs, Dye and prizes appreciated by Sunday, April 5th at the latest please. More information in Narthex. For more information see Susie Blose for Eggs and or Dyes and Pam Puskas for prizes.



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MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

HEAD DEACON:

March Cameron Shields

ACOLYTE:

March 1 Landon Moll **March 22** Julian Cancel

March 8 Landon Moll **March 29** Julian Cancel

March 15 Landon Moll

USHERS:

March 1 Linda Bowers Linda Coffin
 Jeff Coffin Dylan Coffin

March 8 Tracy Gursky Nick Horvath
 Dylan Coffin

March 15 Mary Storm Carol Oswald

March 22 Linda Coffin Jeff Coffin

March 29 Carol Oswald

LAY READERS:

March Darlene Nothstein

GREETERS:

March 1 Carol Oswald **March 22** Jeff & Linda Coffin

March 8 Carol Oswald **March 29** Carol Blose &

March 15 Carol Oswald Tina Minnich

ALTAR GUILD

March Laura George

AUDIO/VISUAL

March Eric Hantz

In Service to the Lord