

GOOD SHEPHERD

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OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd~Faithfully serving~Compassionately accepting~Transforming together

Mountain Reflections ~ June 2020

Dear Disciples of the Good Shepherd ~

Imagine hiding in fear of your life and wondering what life will be like when you are able to come out into the open again. I know it seems that we are locked up, but it is a decision we make to protect ourselves and others from sickness and death. The early followers of the WAY must have had a similar experience with the exception of sickness, but some would face persecution and possibly execution. Having accepted Christ and becoming followers of the 'new' faith, life as an early Christian changed their whole world. Likewise, our whole world is changing even as we read this pastoral letter.

How do we gather knowing that we are safe and can trust others to be practicing social distancing? What guarantee do we have that the environment where we are meeting has been satisfactorily sanitized? How do we alter long-standing traditions in light of what we know about the Coronavirus? Passing the offering plate is out of the question along with singing. Blessings and Children's Time will be removed from the service for the foreseeable future. Congregating in the Narthex before or after services is a 'no no' along with greeting one another in the customary manner of shaking hands or hugging.

The question is, what would you want someone to do for you? The Golden Rule ~ do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is not a selfish model, but a giving model. You and I are giving others the assurance that we would not put them in harm's way and give someone a potentially fatal illness.

As we continue to be patient let us pray for those in need (including ourselves) for God's intervention and protective shelter... for those combatting this pandemic...

Faith Formation Classes: 9:00am
Sunday Services: 10:00am

JUNE LECTIONARY

June 7, 2020	Trinity Sunday
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Epistle:	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 28:16-20
Meditation	<i>The Mountains Are Calling</i>
June 14, 2020	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Epistle:	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Meditation	<i>Sacrifices</i>
June 21, 2020	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 21:8-21
Epistle:	Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 10:24-39
Meditation	<i>Solidarity</i>
June 28, 2020	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 22:1-14
Epistle:	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 10:40-42
Meditation	<i>Choosing a Braver Faith</i>

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

God & Country ~ July 5th

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

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for those speedily trying to find a vaccine to protect others from sickness and death ... for those who are sick and dying ... for those who have lost loved ones from COVID-19 ... for those who have lost loved ones from other causes and were not able to be with them at the time of their passing ... for those in the healthcare profession and essential jobs that are placed in dangerous circumstances for our sake and the sake of others ... for those who are feeling impatient and resentful because they forget the many blessings we continue to receive ... for those who are suffering from economic hardship or the loss of employment during these trying times.

For all we do, may it be to the glory and honor of God and in support of one another and the world. Amen.

Much Heart,

Pastor James

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Given In The Honor And Glory Of God

If you signed up to receive flowers or bulletins during our paused worship services you need not pay, as flowers are unavailable. We will still include your request in the newsletters.

Choir News

If you are interested in providing special music contact Beth Hudlow at beperkins@live.com

Virtual Worship News

Virtual Worship Group is part of the Worship Team bringing the online message to those connected via the internet. They produce Sunday worship services, Tuesday and Thursday Connections, and Children's Time with Pastor James on Wednesdays. This allows us to continue our services for both worship and faith formation. To view these video services, go to our website where you will find 'online worship.' Click on the play key in the video and SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVYHuSsU56ddNI3fhpeqQfg>



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Mary
Kay

Sandra
Dolores

Kathryn
Susan "Tillie"

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby
Elijah
Kira
Michael

Rebecca
Cory
David
Janel

Jacqueline
Nicholas
Benjamin

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

Members:

Jesse

Family & Friends

Cherokee

William

Floyd

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Dorothy
Carolyn

Brenda
Vincent

Ada
Terry

ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

God is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Jun	June	13-Jun	Samantha
1-Jun	Michelle	14-Jun	Madeline
2-Jun	Dave	16-Jun	Eddie
2-Jun	Donna	16-Jun	Shirley
2-Jun	Brian	17-Jun	Kenneth
3-Jun	Sharon	17-Jun	Justin
3-Jun	Jane	19-Jun	Amanda
3-Jun	Christy	19-Jun	Keith
3-Jun	Shirley	20-Jun	David
5-Jun	Albert	21-Jun	Joanne
6-Jun	Betty	22-Jun	Randy
6-Jun	Eric	22-Jun	Dolly
6-Jun	Debbie	24-Jun	Dale
7-Jun	Barbara	24-Jun	Dennis
8-Jun	Walter	24-Jun	Holden
8-Jun	Robert	26-Jun	Greg
8-Jun	Madison	28-Jun	Matthew
9-Jun	Jean	28-Jun	Kathryn
9-Jun	Emily	28-Jun	Tom
9-Jun	Susan	29-Jun	Blaine
11-Jun	David	30-Jun	Logan
12-Jun	Makenna	30-Jun	Cindy
13-Jun	Linda		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Jonathan & Monica
June 3	Chad & Jennifer
June 5	Edgar & Shirley
June 14	Brett & Michele
June 16	Richard & Darlene
June 21	Kenny & Pat
June 23	James & Laura
June 24	Terry & Susan
June 26	Eric & Michelle
June 29	Thomas & Judy

On May 18th Lee & Evelyn welcomed their great granddaughter Ava Raelynn into the world
Congrats to her Parents Beth-Ann and Matthew

Moving Forward: The consistory and property committee are looking into much needed storage space. Spillman Farmer Architects have presented a design and consistory will seek bids to be brought to the congregation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save The Date: Sunday July 12th thru Thursday July 16.

Sunday 5pm to 8pm - we will have a small supper for the kids.
Monday thru Wednesday 6pm to 8pm- classes, crafts and activities
Thursday 7pm - Closing program



Staying in Touch

We are continuing to work on the Breeze Data Base. Please let us know if your mailing address, email or mobile number has changed by contacting Susan Layland, Church Secretary at

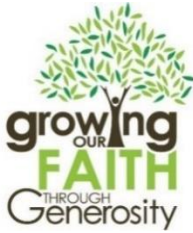
secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org

Little Shepherd's Preschool

Register Now for the 2020-2021 school year.

We offer classes for both 3 and 4 year-old children. Little Shepherd's Preschool is a place where young children can learn, play, discover, explore, make friends, and have fun! For more info, call Karen Weaver @ 610-657-5133





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.*

Always giving gratitude without remembering, and always receiving without forgetting. May you be so fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

Special Offerings Opportunities: June 21st

“Organ Special Offering”

This is a special offering to support maintenance and upkeep of our organ. You can also make a contribution using Tithe.ly if you would like. Thank you for considering this need within Good Shepherd.

Scrip Summary

Due to the current stay-at-home order that is prohibiting the safe collection and distribution of scrip orders, we will resume our regular scrip program when we return to our normal worship schedule.

Financial Update

4/26	envelopes	\$2,336.00		
5/3	envelopes	\$840.00	tithe.ly	\$861.11
5/10	envelopes	\$4,365.00	tithe.ly	\$697.08
5/17	envelopes	\$2,525.00	tithe.ly	\$517.41
5/24	envelopes	\$1,445.00	tithe.ly	\$618.88

 **Giving** - Good Stewardship Made Easy

<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

We are invited to share our gifts so we might fulfill our call to walk with our sisters and brothers proclaiming God’s love, forgiveness, and acceptance for everyone. For those with pre-addressed Church Envelopes, place a stamp on it with your gift and mail. Or, please consider electronic giving using the link marked, “Give Online”. Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.



Financial Peace University – Dave Ramsey June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 5, 12

For class membership, here is the unique class site with dates, times, location, and lesson information:

fpu.com/1117598

Given the current state of social distancing, Ramsey Solutions has options for virtual formats, etc. If the format needs to change from the traditional format, appropriate modifications can be made closer to the start date of the class.

(June's meetings to be held on Zoom)

Instructor: Monica

To Our Graduates:

With Graduation, now comes a bigger challenge in life. May you face every challenge with your sincere efforts as you have always done before. Congratulations on Graduation. God bless you.

- ✚ Joseph graduated from Wm Allen High School and is working for Amazon.
 - ✚ Jordan received his Master's Degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from Lehigh University. He is currently employed by Mack Trucks as a Lead Sales Engineer.
 - ✚ Jacob graduated from Whitehall High School and is headed to Penn College of Technology for Design Engineering.
 - ✚ Jade graduated from Parkland High School and is headed to Bloomsburg University to study Speech Pathology.
 - ✚ Matthew graduated from Moravian majoring in business and plans to continue at Moravian for a Masters in Supply Chain Management.
 - ✚ Janel graduated from the US Military Academy-West Point as a 2nd Lieutenant and begins her Army career.
 - ✚ Nathaniel graduated from Northampton High School and is headed to Methodist University on a Golf Scholarship.
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- ✚ Chaplain Rebecca promotion from Captain to Major.



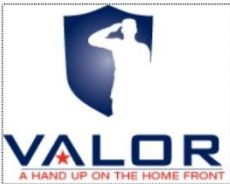
Faith and Mission for June
is the Northern Lehigh Food Bank

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. Place a donation in a “Faith & Mission” envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

In June we will be collecting items for Save Our Appearance Please (*SOAP*). The following items are needed: **toilet tissue, bars of soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissues.** If anyone can donate any of these items, you can bring them to church and place in the shopping cart in the narthex.



Our Mission Team hopes you will continue to collect items to donate to Backpack Buddies when we return to gathering for worship.



We also look forward to resuming our VALOR dinners as soon as we are able.

Keep on the lookout for updates. And thank you for your generosity to those in need of knowing and feeling the presence of God.

What is AmazonSmile?

www.smile.amazon.com

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. And, it's also worth mentioning that you can pay for your AmazonSmile purchase with an Amazon scrip card to increase the rebate to the church more than five-fold!

It would increase the contribution from 0.5% to 2.75% (0.5% + 2.25%), as the rebate to the church on the sale of Amazon gift cards alone is 2.25%. So, that same \$100.00 purchase on AmazonSmile that nets the church 0.50¢ now goes to \$2.75 when you pay with a scrip card.

Amazon scrip cards are available in denominations of \$10, \$25, and \$100.

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Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org

And also "Like" us on:

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Need to add someone to prayer chain:

requestprayers@ptd.net

Contact Susan Layland

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JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

June Worship leaders when worship resumes the following will be serving as follows:

HEAD DEACON: Eddie

ACOLYTE: Patrick June 7th & 28th
TBD 14th & 21st

LAY READERS: Darlene

GREETERS: Mary

ALTAR GUILD: Julie

AUDIO/VISUAL: Deb

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June 25<sup>th</sup>  
63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of  
The United Church of Christ

In Service to the Lord