

## GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd~Faithfully serving~Compassionately accepting~Transforming together

# Mountain Reflections ~ July 2020

Dear Family and Friend of Good Shepherd ~

It is hard to believe we are in our fourth month of quarantine and living a life of self-isolation.

It is our hope that we will be able to resume services in person by August 2<sup>nd</sup> for those who feel comfortable with larger crowds.

For the more vulnerable among us, we ask you to join us via our virtual worship, which we will continue through the summer.

As followers of Christ, we are called to putting our trust in that which we cannot see and rely on the promises of God through Christ to guide our steps and our actions. Though this can be very difficult at best...I know God is in the midst of all that is happening. And though my heart aches for the sick and dying, I know God's love and compassion are with them through those who are caring for them ~ just as I know God is with us here at Good Shepherd as we follow in Christ stead serving others in need of reassurance and hope.

Bless you all who continue to fight the good fight and hope to "see" you all soon.

Yours Faithfully,  
Pastor James



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

**JULY LECTIONARY**

<b>July 5, 2020</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67
Epistle:	Romans 7:15–25a
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30
Meditation	<i>A Love that Makes Neighbors</i>
<b>July 12, 2020</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 25:19–34
Epistle:	Romans 8:1–11
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23
Meditation	<i>Love that Disrupts</i>
<b>July 19, 2020</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 28:10–19a
Epistle:	Romans 8:12–25
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43
Meditation	<i>Presence</i>
<b>July 26, 2020</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 29:15–28
Epistle:	Romans 8:26–39
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52
Meditation	<i>Subversive Silence</i>

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

God & Country ~ July 5th

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

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

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

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

## **Choir News**

The church choir will be starting rehearsals on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:00 pm. No experience is necessary!

Help bring another facet of expressing faith to our worship services. Rehearsals will include social distancing and all aspects of keeping everyone safe and healthy!

If you have any questions, or would like to give an affirmative “Yes! I’ll be there!”, feel free to 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 producing 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. SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel.

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

You can also find the Sunday worships posted on the Facebook page of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

## **Green Phase**

### **Keeping us safe: Social Restrictions**

- ✝ Large Gatherings of More Than 250 Prohibited: Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of congregational worship are specifically excluded from the limitations established by this Order. These institutions are strongly encouraged to enforce social distancing and other mitigation measures like masking at their gatherings.
- ✝ We have been very busy cleaning and disinfecting the church in anticipation of us being able to worship together again soon.



Our *Thoughts* &  
*Prayers*  
are with...



**Homebound Members**

Mary	Sandra	Kathryn
Kay	Dolores	Susan "Tillie"

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

Colby	Rebecca	Jacqueline
Elijah	Cory	Nicholas
Kira	David	Benjamin
Michael	Janel	

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

**Members:**

Marge	Jeff	Mary
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**Family & Friends**

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

Sylvia	Elwood "Pepper"
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**ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS**

*God* is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cancelled until 2021



### **Financial Peace University – Dave Ramsey 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](http://fpu.com/1117598)**

Given the current state of social distancing, Ramsey Solutions has options for virtual format. We are meeting VIA Zoom.

Instructor: Monica Griffith

### **Youth Fellowship and FLAT PJ**

The Youth Fellowship are taking FLAT PJ, (*Pastor James*) on a journey and are recording it by taking a Selfie of themselves and Flat PJ at a place where they feel closest to God and the sacred and sending them to Ms. Deb to post on FaceBook.

They have been active with a Pet Rock and its Home, and just did a Crazy Hair for us all to enjoy.

If you too would like to journey with FLAT PJ print out your copy and take him along.

He can be found on face books Good Shepherd UCC Slatington Newsletter / Messages site :

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385277968560389/>) or email Ms. Deb at [gsucc@ptd.net](mailto:gsucc@ptd.net) to get one emailed to you.

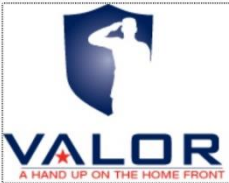


**Faith and Mission** for July:  
*Lancaster Theological Seminary*  
www.lancasterseminary.edu

Lancaster Theological Seminary is a vibrant and inclusive graduate school of theology committed to the integration of intellectual, spiritual, social, and vocational learning. A seminary of the United Church of Christ, ours is an ecumenical seminary that serves students from diverse Christian traditions. Our campus is located in historic Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a charming and affordable city within driving distance of Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.



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 and invited.

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

**Happy** is the  
person who learns  
to wait as he  
prays and  
never loses his  
patience, for  
God's time is  
the best time.

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## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Jul 1	Marie	Jul 9	Tammy
Jul 1	Connie	Jul 11	Madison
Jul 1	Frank	Jul 12	Tucker
Jul 1	Jennifer	Jul 17	Tyla
Jul 1	Shane	Jul 17	Tara
Jul 1	Isabella	Jul 17	Robert
Jul 3	Ellen	Jul 18	Jean
Jul 3	Donald	Jul 19	Derrick
Jul 4	Judy	Jul 20	Braxton
Jul 4	Diane	Jul 21	William "Biff"
Jul 5	Cameron	Jul 21	Ariana
Jul 7	Michael	Jul 22	Tania
Jul 7	Graham	Jul 22	Cynthia
Jul 7	Lisa	Jul 23	Peter
Jul 7	Trevor	Jul 23	Kenny
Jul 8	Brock	Jul 24	Savannah
Jul 8	Jessica	Jul 24	Jazmin R
Jul 8	Julie	Jul 29	Matthew
Jul 9	Brandi	Jul 29	Joe
Jul 9	Janice	Jul 31	Terry

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Jul 2	Wally & Jackie
Jul 4	Michael & Mark
Jul 7	Greg & Katie
Jul 10	Richard & Linda
Jul 10	Ronald & Janice
Jul 11	Jed & Lisa
Jul 14	Donald & Candy
Jul 14	Peter & Shirley
Jul 14	Jeffry & Peggy
Jul 19	Duke & Alice
Jul 20	Kerry & Sally
Jul 20	Mark & Jennifer
Jul 21	Josh & Kara
Jul 24	Travis & Jessica
Jul 27	William "Biff" & Ann

# Car & Motorcycle Show

## September 19<sup>th</sup>

### 10am – 2pm



**Rain date**

September 20th 10am-2pm

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Places  
Trophies for each class  
Pre-50's; 50's; 60's; 70's;  
80's; 90's to current  
Plus, Trophies for  
**Best in Show and People's Choice**

**DJ Music**      **50/50**  
**Drawing**

**Door Prizes**  
**Food**      **Chinese**  
**Vendors**      **Auction**

Register by August 1<sup>st</sup> and receive a Free dash plaque & 4 extra door prize tickets

## Good Shepherd UCC

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A portion of the profits to be donated to  
supporting the veterans at VALOR  
[www.valorclinic.org](http://www.valorclinic.org)

**Pre-50's to Current**  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Places**

Registration form on line  
@GoodShepherdSlatedale.org/ Upcoming Events|  
[www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington](http://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington)

**Car/Bike Space and**  
**Vendor Space**  
**Only \$10**

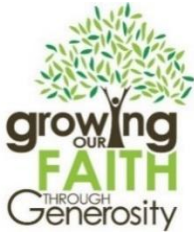
### Little Shepherd's Preschool

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.*

We seem never to be satisfied with what we have—rich or poor, healthy, or sick. But what a difference it makes when we realize that everything we have has been given to us by God! King David prayed, “Wealth and honor come from you ... We give you thanks, and praise your glorious name ... Everything comes from you” (1 Chronicles 29:12-14, NIV).

### 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.

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



### Financial Update

	Envelopes	E-Giving
May 24th	1,445.00	-
May 31st	576.00	538.90
June 7th	2,021.00	725.37
June 14th	1,345.00	707.41

 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.

## Staying in Touch

[www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org](http://www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org)

And also "Like" us on:

[www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington](http://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington)

Need to add someone to prayer chain:

[requestprayers@ptd.net](mailto:requestprayers@ptd.net)

Contact Susan Layland

[secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org](mailto:secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org)

### CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES

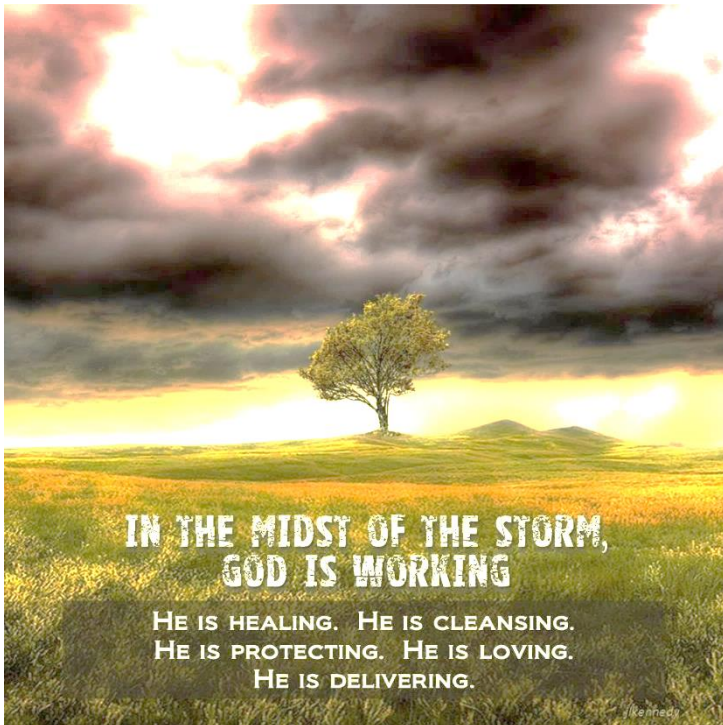
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### JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

*Worship leaders will be reminded when, once again, we can worship in the church.*



**In Service to the Lord**