



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd-Faithfully serving Compassionately accepting-Transforming together

Mountain Reflections ~ September 2020

Dear family and friends of Good Shepherd ~

Parsonage is a somewhat old-fashioned term for the housing a church provides to its clergy. Parsonage literally means “house for a parson” and a parson is the member of the clergy. The term is used more in British Anglican circles and in some instances with Lutherans. An older more informal word would be vicarage. In relation to the term parsonage, the word rectory in the same manner is a house for the rector, another name for clergy and in some cases for academics. The Scottish use the term manse which stems from the root for mansion.

All these terms refer to the place where a pastor lives and yet, I prefer to simply call this place home. And as is true for all of us, our home is a sacred and safe place. Somewhere to get away from the trials and tribulations of work and commerce. It’s a place to and find peace, love, joy, along with rest for the weary soul.

I share these thoughts with you because recently I sold my old home on North Franklin Street in Allentown and purchased a new home on North 30th Street. It is a place that has already given me great sanctuary in the strange times in which we live. My prayer is for blessings on all our homes ~ be they mansions, igloos, apartments, huts, or houses ~ that we might find in them a place where God is known and knows us.

Blessings as we anticipate returning to our spiritual home on Mountain Road on September 13th.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor James



Congrats on your new fall

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

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

Sept 6, 2020	Season of Creation 1
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 2:4b-22
Epistle:	Acts 17:22-28
Gospel Lesson:	John 3:1-16
Meditation	<i>Forest Sunday</i>
Sept 13, 2020	Season of Creation 2
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16
Epistle:	Romans 5:12-17
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 12:38-40
Meditation	<i>Land Sunday</i>
Sept 20, 2020	Season of Creation 3
Hebrew Lesson	Joel 1:8-10, 17-20
Epistle:	Romans 8:18-27
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 3:13-4:2
Meditation	<i>Wilderness/Outback Sunday</i>
Sept 27, 2020	Season of Creation 4
Hebrew Lesson	Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17
Epistle:	Revelation 22:1-5
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 28:1-10
Meditation	<i>River Sunday</i>

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

World Wide Communion ~ October 4
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 a bulletin during our pause on worship services you need not pay, as flowers are unavailable. We continue to include your request in the newsletters.

Please contact Susan in the office if you wish to sponsor bulletin or flowers for September. Her hours are Tuesdays-Thursday from 10-3 Please call before stopping into the office.

Church Office: 610-767-9680 / secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org

Consistory News:

We are having Worship on site on September 13th.

Keeping in mind we will be following CDC guidelines.

We will still have our services available on our YouTube channel for those most vulnerable so they are able to be included.

There will be a Faith Formation Class (Sunday School) held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am to allow for Social Distancing.

Children and Youth that wish to participate from home, there will be packets made up in advance that can be picked up prior to the class.



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.



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:

Eileen

Paul

Freda

Family & Friends

Joey

Andy

Steve

Rev. Sterling

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Floyd

ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

God is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1	Kaitlyn	Sep 13	Jared
Sep 1	Kallista	Sep 14	Judy
Sep 2	Jeff	Sep 15	Michael
Sep 2	Barbara	Sep 16	Lori
Sep 2	Dennis	Sep 16	Dale
Sep 2	Carol	Sep 16	Dean
Sep 3	Carol	Sep 16	Lisa
Sep 3	James	Sep 17	Alexis
Sep 3	Marilyn	Sep 17	McKenna
Sep 3	Alana	Sep 17	Lilly
Sep 3	Erin	Sep 17	Alorah
Sep 3	Jennifer	Sep 18	Taylor
Sep 4	Jamie	Sep 19	Owen
Sep 5	Amy	Sep 19	Karen
Sep 5	Reagan	Sep 20	Kalei
Sep 5	Robbie	Sep 20	Nicholas
Sep 5	Jeffrey	Sep 20	Nathan
Sep 8	Bryce	Sep 20	Trevor
Sep 8	Brady	Sep 21	Kaitlin
Sep 8	Shaelyn	Sep 22	Cody
Sep 8	Kevin	Sep 23	Stephen
Sep 8	John	Sep 23	Chad
Sep 9	Terry	Sep 24	Donald
Sep 10	Patrick	Sep 24	Edward
Sep 10	Jaelyn	Sep 26	Madison
Sep 10	Adam	Sep 26	Michele
Sep 10	Romaine	Sep 26	Roxy
Sep 10	Matthew	Sep 28	Anna
Sep 11	Paige	Sep 28	Kathleen
Sep 11	Michael	Sep 28	Angie
Sep 11	Michele	Sep 29	Nichole
Sep 12	Dale	Sep 29	Travis
Sep 12	Toby	Sep 30	Diane
Sep 13	Zachary	Sep 30	Denis
Sep 13	Joanne	Sep 30	Gregory
Sep 13	Michelle	Sep 30	Sandi

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Sep 4 Ryan & Alana
Sep 6 Joseph & Sharon
Sep 6 Thomas & Deb
Sep 6 Chris & Barbara
Sep 6 Jesse & Tammy
Sep 7 Karl & Joan
Sep 9 Dale & Tanya
Sep 9 Paul & Melissa
Sep 9 Joe & Sharon
Sep 9 Michael & Melissa
Sep 9 Larry & Mary
Sep 12 Michael & Rhonda
Sep 12 Kevin & Tina
Sep 12 Shane & Maggie
Sep 14 Jeff & Tania
Sep 16 Daniel & Lynne
Sep 18 Denis & Amanda
Sep 19 John & Susan
Sep 20 Dennis & Keri
Sep 20 Dale & Joanne
Sep 21 Kenneth & Geraldine
Sep 22 Barry & Debbie
Sep 22 Michael & Cheryl
Sep 29 Rick & Sandy
Sep 30 Gary & Robin





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.*

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do Your will.
Amen. ~ St. Ignatius Loyola

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

DATE	ENVELOPES	E-GIVING
July 26 th	1,926.00	390.71
August 2 nd	2,674.00	297.08
August 9 th	2,215.00	547.08
August 16 th	2,575.50	423.58

 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, call the Church and someone from the Consistory would pick the offering. Also please consider electronic giving using the link marked, "Give Online. Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.

Children's Time with Pastor James

Pastor James will continue his Wednesday's Connections with the Youth through the end of September

Also, those that would like to participate in the Youth Group Zoom twice a month on Sunday Afternoon, please let Pastor James know so he can send you the link to join the fun!



Little Shepherd's Preschool

First Day of School
Monday, September 14th 2020

Any questions or concerns contact the School director: Karen Weaver at: 610-657-5133 or email at: karenls2@hotmail.com

Changes

With the seasons changing and with social distancing we may not be able to have Blessing of the animals in October as we would normally be able to do. If you would like to send in a picture of your pet for a virtual blessing, please do. You can email them to Miss Deb at gsucc@ptd.net and she will see that I get them for the blessing and we post them. Make sure you tell us their names!



Do you know someone who has no Computer or no Technology?

and they still would like the Newsletter and weekly Bulletin?

Give us their name, and address if we don't have it, and we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter and a weekly bulletin.

Contact Susan at the office: 610-767-9680 or email her at:

secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org

Faith and Mission

For September is Allentown Rescue Mission

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.

www.allentownrescuemission.org

Allentown Rescue Mission in Allentown Pennsylvania helps the homeless, feeds the homeless, and provides emergency shelter and programs. These services provide rehabilitation and restoration for people in crisis.



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 monthly 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.

FYI: At this time VALOR is not accepting clothing donations.

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And Power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCCLatington

Need to add someone to prayer chain:

requestprayers@ptd.net

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Volunteers are being asked to help with worship.

See Pastor James to assist

We are looking for a few people to help with our "Faith Formation" services at our Sunday time of 9am. Hopefully if you have teenagers they can help. Tech savvy teens can videotape openings and online sessions to post for youth who cannot attend each week but would like to continue growing their faith. Projects that are being planned for the youth will also be recorded and our members can complete them at home. Teens and young adults will fit this role perfectly. Dennis Silfies will be instructing these talents starting on Sunday September 13th at 9am during the Faith Formation opening in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers do not need to be present every Sunday. Flexible schedules can be met.

Harvest Home Sunday

September 20th



Please bring donations of non-perishable food items such as boxed cereal or canned fruits and vegetables and place them in the shopping cart in front of the worship area.

In Service to the Lord