

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd-Faithfully serving Compassionately accepting-Transforming together

Mountain Reflections ~ October 2020

Dear Family and Friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ ~

Part of my devotional recently talked about beginning ministries. It is a very long time since I began my ministry, but my early experiences remind me the words are true. If you want people to be interested in what you have to say, you must first need to be interested in what they say and do.

Returning to worship after so long a time away, it is as if we are starting a new ministry together and I am interested in hearing what you all have to say as you share with me and one another what you have been doing over the past 6 months.

I know some continue to self-quarantine and so I will look forward to visits via the telephone. My number is 484.571.6083. I understand a few of you are going off to college or entering the armed services ~ please email me and keep me posted on the joys and trials of life away from home. My email address is jamdarrob@gmail.com. Those who would like an in-person visit, please let me know. I understand hospitals and nursing homes are still very sensitive to visitors normally limiting it only to immediate family, but please know I am there in spirit with you and your loved one.

October will be filled with new experiences for us to share with one another through faith formation and worship together or via YouTube and Face Book. In all this, I take comfort in knowing that God transcends both time and space so God is with each and every one of us wherever we are at the same time. This connects me with you spiritually and I look forward to connecting with each of you personally.

In the Service of Christ,
Pastor James

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

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

Oct 4, 2020

18th Sun after Pentecost

Hebrew Lesson Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b–14

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33–46

Meditation *Words for Living*

Oct 11, 2020

19th Sun after Pentecost

Hebrew Lesson Exodus 32:1–14

Epistle: Philippians 4:1–9

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1–14

Meditation *Living as a Liberation Community*

Oct 18, 2020

20th Sun after Pentecost

Hebrew Lesson Exodus 33:12–23

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15–22

Meditation *Known by Goodness and Mercy*

Oct 25, 2020

21st Sun after Pentecost

Hebrew Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34–46

Meditation *A Prophetic Vision's Power*

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

World Wide Communion ~ October 4

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

It will be celebrated using sealed communion elements.
If you wish to commune in your vehicle Tune to FM 87.5
and the elements will be brought to you.

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.

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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 thru FaceBook

Live Streaming and Children's Time

with Pastor James on Wednesdays on our YouTube channel.

This allows us to continue our services for those at church and those at home.

To view these services, go to our website

<http://www.goodshepherdslatedale.org>

Or our FaceBook page

<https://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington>

SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel.

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

Worship in your Car

We now have an FM Transmitter to transmit our services over FM 88.5 which allows anyone to receive it on the radio in their vehicle.

Park along the front of the parking lot for best reception.

We also have FM receivers which will be given to anyone, who has trouble hearing the service, to use indoors during the service.





Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Mary Bilheimer

Sandra Endres

Kathryn Smith

Kay Costenbader

Dolores Gruber

Susan "Tillie" Waller

**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:

Eileen Andrews

Paul Hewitt

Freda Horn

Family & Friends

Darlene Bean

Dale Bossons

Stuart Schwartz

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Those that are known to the Lord himself.

ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

God is watching over you...

I know because I *asked* God to



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Ryan Fister	Oct 15	Phillip White
Oct 1	Brett Hunsicker	Oct 16	Brian Heckman
Oct 2	Jesse White	Oct 17	Jarett White
Oct 3	Ash Nothstein	Oct 21	Daniel Newhard
Oct 3	Andrea Behler	Oct 22	Lee Haas
Oct 4	Holley Bowers	Oct 22	Matthew Rex
Oct 4	Ava Geist	Oct 22	Dennis Silfies
Oct 4	Adam Griffith	Oct 23	June Kuntz
Oct 4	David Neff	Oct 24	Alyssa Ferber
Oct 5	Barbara Lorah	Oct 24	Erick Kresge
Oct 5	Ryan Wentz	Oct 27	Carlee Hunsicker
Oct 6	Linda Bowers	Oct 28	Billy Nagy
Oct 8	Kim Rex	Oct 30	Craig Ferber
Oct 10	Ashlynn Ferber	Oct 30	Eileen George
Oct 11	Debbie O'Brien	Oct 30	Robin Lichtenwalner
Oct 12	Mary Bilheimer	Oct 30	Sally Loch
Oct 12	Travis Frantz	Oct 31	Marion Straub
Oct 14	Tom Costenbader		



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 4	Andrew & Jessica (Williams) Mack
Oct 6	Glenn & Pam (Weaver) Knappenberger
Oct 10	Chris & Alice (Smith) Kegel
Oct 12	Kevin & Stephanie (Bortz) Fister
Oct 12	Michael & Susan (Endres) Bankes
Oct 14	Robert & Michelle (Horn) Schramel
Oct 15	Craig & Sallie (Arndt) Solt
Oct 17	Michael & Barbara (Herrmann) Kremposky
Oct 18	Barry & Carol (Humanick) Oswald
Oct 20	Jeff & Karen (George) Bachman
Oct 26	Carson & Suzanne (Derr) Blose





Confirmation Sunday will be Celebrated on
October 25th



A new class is forming for anyone who has completed 5th grade. If you are interested contact Pastor James as soon as possible so you can go through the confirmation process and answer any questions.

Also any individuals who have been a member of Good Shepherd for at least 5 years and would like to mentor a young person, please also contact Pastor James.

Faith Formation

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.

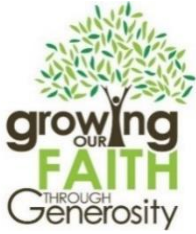
Tech savvy teens can videotape openings and online sessions to post for children and youth who cannot attend each week but would like to continue growing their faith.

Projects that are being planned for children and youth will also be recorded and can be completed at home.

Teens and young adults will fit this role perfectly.

Volunteers do not need to be present every Sunday.
Flexible schedules can be met.

God pours all of God's love into you and wants you like a fountain, to pour it out to others. When you think that you have run out God keeps pouring. What are some ways that we can pour God's love into other people? We are so blessed that God loves us so much and give us all of God's love every day. Let's tell everyone we know about this love! Go ahead take a drink of water and imagining God filling you up with love.



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.*

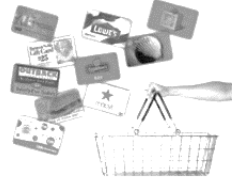
“Be grateful for what you already have while you pursue your goals. If you aren’t grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more.” — Roy T. Bennett

Scrip Summary

SCRIP Summary September 2020

Participants	6
Cards Ordered	44
Profit	\$86.05
Profit Year-To-Date	\$533.56
Profit Program-To-Date	\$37,508.34
Next month's orders are due Sunday, October 11 th and will be delivered on Sunday, October 18 th .	

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



Financial Update

DATE	ENVELOPES	E-GIVING
August 23rd	1,815.00	370.62
August 30th	2,040.00	332.08
September 6th	1,310.00	401.20
September 13th	4,958.00	491.50
September 20 th	2,497.00	

 **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 October

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!



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 to make sure we 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



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.

Faith Formation Classes

10/04/2020 Teacher: Mary Lacy
Crafters: Stacy Cunningham & Karen Weaver
10/11/2020 Teacher: Pastor James
Crafter: Beth Kutzner
10/18/2020 Teacher: Susie Blose
Crafter: Pam Puskas
10/25/2020 Teacher: Monica Griffith
Crafter: Deb Craig

Faith and Mission

For October is Meals on Wheels

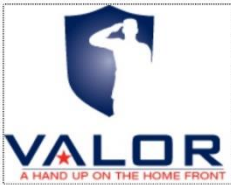
If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name, and then place a donation in a “Faith & Mission” envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering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

www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

To empower local community programs to improve the health and quality of life of the seniors they serve so that no one is left hungry or isolated.



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



We will be delivering our VALOR monthly dinners.

At this time, we will not be joining them for the meal until it is safe for us all.

Donations for the meals are appreciated and they thank you for your generosity.

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

Sunday October 4th

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!



Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdSlatedale.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Need to add someone to prayer chain:

requestprayers@ptd.net

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherdslatedale.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES

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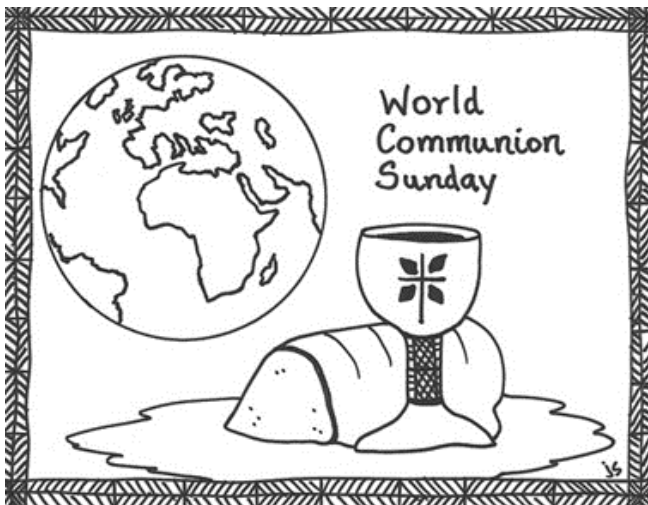
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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

*Volunteers are being asked to help with worship.
See Pastor James to assist.*

World Communion Sunday~ October 4th



In Service to the Lord