

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections April 2023

Greetings friends and members of Good Shepherd UCC,~

Recently, I took advantage of some free time and started watching a series on Netflix called *100 Humans - Life Questions Answered*. It is a series of experiences to find answers to some basic questions regarding people. It covered an array of topics dealing from attraction to bias to intelligence to ... Well, you get the drift.

I found it curious and wondered how that would work within our own network of friends here at Good Shepherd UCC. How does our gathering affirm us or challenge us? Or doesn't it? What power does belief have in our daily endeavors over and against questions and disbelief? How do we follow examples set by our spiritual and secular leaders? Or do we turn from them because it is too outrageous or painful, even?

I'd like to think that, as a community of faith, we are above average in our acceptance of others, in working with people of other faith traditions or no faith traditions at all. My hope is that we continue to embrace the beauty of diversity within our worship and service so that all God's children might experience the same love and forgiveness we all receive from God.

What are your growing edges? What would you like to receive as you commit yourself to following the WAY "Jesus Christ?" What challenges are you willing to accept? What gifts do you wish to hone and make better?

As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ as a symbol of new birth, I invite each one of us to think on these things

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and to have conversations that might enlighten and support our ministry and mission here at Good Shepherd as we serve the world at large. May our work be to spread the good news ~ Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Yours in the Service of Christ,

Pastor James

APRIL LECTIONARY

April 2, 2023 Lent 6

Lesson: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
 Matthew 27:11-54

Meditation: Among Palms and Betrayals

April 9, 2023 Easter Day

Lesson: John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Meditation: Joy Comes Alive

April 16, 2023 Easter 2

Lesson: John 20:19-31

Meditation: Resurrection Witness

April 23, 2023 Easter 3

Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Meditation: Eyes of the Heart

April 30, 2023 Easter 4

Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Meditation: Sensing Awe



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 6th 7:00 pm

Good Friday Prayers, April 7th Noon

Good Friday, April 7th 7:00 pm at Heidelberg Union Church

Sunrise Service Communion, April 9th 6:00 am

Brunch in Fellowship Hall after Sunrise Service

Easter Communion, April 9th 10:00 am

We will be celebrating communion as we have prior to the pandemic. If you wish to stay in your vehicle, simply respond at the appropriate time to receive communion by turning on your four-way flashers. Ushers with masks and gloves will bring elements to you and any passengers in your car. Those who wish to remain in their vehicles can participate by listening to the service on **FM Station 88.5**

Virtual Worship Services thru Facebook Live-Streaming, allows us to continue our services for those at church and for those at home.

Our Facebook Page:

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

Worship With Us In Your Car:

For those who wish to, you can at any time, remain in your vehicles and park in the front parking lot to enjoy the service by tuning in and listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.



**Missions Outreach For April is
Autism Awareness Month**

www.autismspeaks.org

Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events.

How will you celebrate?

Use **#LightItUpBlue** to share your experience across social media and help light the world up blue this April!

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions across the spectrum and throughout the life span.



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dale-Ann Derr	
Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	Susan 'Tillie' Waller
Kay Costenbader	Betty Humanick	

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

Colby Adams	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Anthony Babb	David Neff	Jacqueline Tracy
Dalton Housenick	Spencer Perkins	Janel Tracy
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Nicholas Sander	
Michael Kelsey	Clint Schaeffer	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Jane Haldeman	Connie Renner
Butch Biegley	Dan Hamm	Alice Schnell
Sherry Bishop	Jeff Hanzarik	Donald Schraden
Laura Castellani	Jennifer Harris	Sandy Sillers
Michael Dieffenderfer	Holley Henderson	Nan Slanina
Barry & Blaine Eckhart	Jim Joyce	Frank Soldridge
LeRoy Eckhart	Sandy Keller	Dee Dee Sloane
Pauline Eckhart	Bob Koons	Craig Solt
John Erndl	Shawn Kress	Sallie Solt
Greg Fink	Kevin Kroboth	Rich Taylor
Sterling Frable	Wayne Kuhns	Anna Mae Weiss
Lisa Gilly	Karen Kuntzman	Lawrence Whitenight
	Chris Newhard	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Dave Bauer	David Blose	Keith Fehnel
Jean Hewitt	Shirley Knappenberger	Stephen Poliquin
Chuck Portz	Earl Snyder	Burnell Wertman
	Dale Wertman	

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Given To The Honor And Glory Of God

To honor someone with altar flowers, or to sponsor a bulletin, please place your name, and the person(s) to be honored or remembered, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders \$35 and/or bulletin \$10, sponsorship must be on the calendar in the Narthex by the prior Sunday. Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.



Financial

G Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy

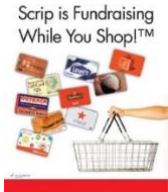
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Texting the word “give” to **610.615.7657**

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 will pick up the offering. Also, please consider electronic giving using the link marked, “Give Online.” If you would like to give through texting, you can do so by texting the word “give” to 610.615.7657 and follow the prompts on your mobile phone. Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.

SCRIP Report •March 2023

Participants	–	8
Cards Ordered	–	47
Profit	–	\$137.55
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$341.83



Sunday, April 9 (Easter) and delivered on **Sunday, April 16.**

The office is in need of a new copy machine to replace our 2 outdated ones. We currently have about 2/3 of the money set aside. If you wish to donate to this expense, please mark your offering envelope appropriately and place it in the offering plate.

Calendar

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April Birthdays

Apr 1	Caleb Sommers	Apr 18	Aiden Solt
Apr 2	Jennifer Fister	Apr 19	Carissa Fallon
Apr 2	Weslie Frano	Apr 20	Chelsea Bilheimer
Apr 2	Connor Solt	Apr 20	Drew Rice
Apr 3	Ahstin Creyer	Apr 20	Blake Snyder
Apr 3	Abigail Dodd	Apr 20	Toby Sander
Apr 3	Lamont Kern	Apr 23	Adam Bishop
Apr 4	Karen Bachman	Apr 24	Matthew Anthony
Apr 4	Tina Minnich	Apr 25	Bob Beblavy
Apr 4	Michael White	Apr 25	Emily Heffernan
Apr 5	Kendall Frantz	Apr 26	Sean Palmer
Apr 5	David Williams, III	Apr 27	Benjamin Griffith
Apr 6	William Heller	Apr 27	Ashely Haas
Apr 10	Wally Amey	Apr 27	Michael Smith
Apr 10	Ann Hayes	Apr 29	Joshua Bankes
Apr 10	Jordan Hunsicker	Apr 29	Joseph Conway, III
Apr 12	Annabelle Oswald	Apr 29	Kamryn Fink
Apr 12	Jessica Oswald	Apr 29	Candy Hartwig
Apr 15	Randy Andrews	Apr 29	Alex Heckman
Apr 15	Nancy Mendsen	Apr 29	Freya Lynn Palmer
Apr 16	Roxy Schraden	Apr 30	Stephen Herstitch
Apr 17	Enzo Fricchione	Apr 30	Kase Kohler
Apr 17	Gerri Lawson	Apr 30	Beau Pitruzzello
Apr 17	Tony Patrick	Apr 30	Westin Redline
Apr 17	Jade Rice	Apr 30	Holden Schaffer
Apr 18	Gregory Fogle		

Congratulations to:
The Winner of the March Lottery. Alice Kegel
See Karen Smith to participate.



Anniversaries

Apr 1	William & Donna (Berger) Heller
Apr 7	Greg & Sharon (Rex) Miller
Apr 16	William & Diane (Wassum) Fister
Apr 16	Lee & Evelyn (Bachman) Haas
Apr 17	Nelson & Jean (Walters) Frantz
Apr 21	Drew & Mary-Beth (Kern) Fatzinger
Apr 22	Dwayne & Janet (Matthews) Kern
Apr 24	Jeff & Linda (Bachman) Coffin
Apr 24	Jed & Lisa (Horninger) Gilly
Apr 28	Marie Bachman & O.B. O'Brien

Gone Fishin Raffle Winners from March 4, 2023

1. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo - Herbert White, Jr.
2. Eagle Claw filet knife - Richard Bowman, Jr.
3. 2 tray Flambeau tackle box - Haley Kuntz
4. Diawa Rod & Reel Combo - Ed Smith
5. Berkley portable line spooling - Ronald Szapacs
6. Eagle Claw trout net - John Zellner
7. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo - Jeff Schwab
8. Nebo Brite lite bucket - Paul Peters
9. Piano Prolatch stowaway tackle box - Ryan Williams
10. Challenge Troll King minnow bucket - Matthew Bowers
11. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo - John Zellner
12. Quarrow fishing pliers & Jaw gripper combo - Bob Acker
13. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo - Rae Anne Creyer
14. Plano double sided storage box - Bonnie Hewitt
15. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo - Trevor Fronheiser

Greeters, Lay Readers and Acolytes needed for 2023.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

EASTER Eggs-travaganza DRIVE-IN



Good Shepherd UCC, 3940 Mountain Rd.
Slatington,
will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Drive-In.
Hosted by our Bunny.
Bags, Prizes, Games,

April | **DRIVE-** | **10 Am**
8th | **IN** | **- 11 AM**

Must Sign-Up to join the fun!
Contact Faith Formation Director:
faithdir@goodshepherduccslating.org or call 610-767-9680

GIFT CARD & BASKET BINGO

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

- FEATURING -

LONGABERGER® BASKETS and POTTERY

GAMES
START
@ 1:00 PM



20 REGULAR
AND
5 SPECIAL
GAMES
\$25.00

50/50 DRAWING - DOOR PRIZES - REFRESHMENTS

DOORS & KITCHEN OPEN @ 12:00 PM

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

484-225-2947

- Longaberger® name used solely for prize description and is not sponsoring this fundraiser -
Proceeds will Benefit ORGAN FUND

Outdoor Cleanup Day Saturday, April 22



**Come and
Join Us!**

Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

May 21 = Meat & Money Raffle



Church YARD SALE

Fundraising will be holding a **Church Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.** We will be taking donations of items to sell, **NO FURNITURE PLEASE**, starting Sunday, May 28th until Sunday, June 4th. Also looking for volunteers to help with pricing items and on the day of the sale. All proceeds to benefit a new church organ. Keep the church in mind as you are doing your Spring Cleaning.

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

Confirmants - Pastor James & Young Adults - Mary Storm

Nursery Teacher - Brandi Palmer

Children Teachers - Apr 16 Amanda Bowers

Apr 2 Easter Skit Practice Apr 23 Monica Griffith

Apr 9 Monica Griffith Apr 30 Amanda Bowers

Our Church Staff

Pastor Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.

Faith Formation Director Amanda Dieter

Preschool Director Karen Weaver

Organist TBD

Choir Director Beth Kutzner

Secretary Eileen Andrews

Treasurer Tammy White

Financial Secretary Colleen Shields

Sexton Matthew Shields

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 ~ 3:00

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APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon:		Mary Storm
Altar Guild:		Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	2	TBD
	9 (6 am)	TBD
	(10 am)	Jazmin Richardson
	16	Maddie Sommers
	23	TBD
	30	Maddie Sommers
Lay Readers:	2	Linda Coffin
	9 (6 am)	TBD
	(10 am)	Darlene Nothstein
	16	Beth Kutzner
	23	Pam Puskas
	30	Marie Bachman
Greeters:	2	Randy & Eileen Andrews
	9 (6 am)	Carol Krum
	(10 am)	
	16	Linda Henninger
	23	Randy & Eileen Andrews
	30	Madeline Balliet
Power Point Designer:	Eric Hantz	
A/V Operators:	Riley Fallon, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger	
Videographer:	Beth Kutzner	