



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd~Faithfully serving~Compassionately accepting~Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections April 2021

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

This year Lent has been a season of focusing on the care for God's creation and working towards justice in the world. As the Easter season arrives, we turn our attention to celebrating new birth and renewal. We explore gardening and growth and new life and listen through the mixture of doubt and anticipation of what might be.

During this time, I pose the following questions, how might we take part in the movement of God? As Easter comes, again and again, what do we have to offer in this mystery of faith as our answers and discoveries unfold like blossoms.

In the shadow of last year when Easter services were cancelled due to the pandemic, we gather much like the early disciples on that first Easter morn ~ with fear and trepidation of what might happen to us. Some have received their shots, others have survived the effects of having COVID, we all continue to practice social distancing, self-quarantining, hand sanitizing, and mask wearing to protect our neighbors as well as our selves. This demonstrates the foundations of love as God calls us to live our lives committed to all God's children.

May this Easter season find us secure in the knowledge of God's love for creation and all things within it. May we be the light others might need to find their all-in-all through Christ Jesus. And may we commit ourselves again and again to living out the promises of Jesus Christ as a resurrected people.

Amen.

Pastor James

APRIL LECTIONARY

APR 4	Easter Day
Gospel Lesson:	John 20:1-18
Meditation	<i>That First Easter</i>
APR 11	Easter 2
Gospel Lesson:	John 20:19-31
Meditation	<i>Seen, Heard and Known</i>
APR 18	Easter 3
Gospel Lesson:	Luke 24:36b-48
Meditation	<i>We Are Witnesses</i>
APR 25	Easter 4
Gospel Lesson:	John 10:11-18
Meditation	<i>Love is a Verb</i>



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1st = Virtual
Good Friday, April 2nd = Virtual
Easter Sunday, April 4th Sunrise-6am *
Worship-8am *
Worship-10am *

****Reservations needed.**

Contact Susan at the office at (610)767-9680 or
secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org with time and number
joining you





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Virtually

Good Friday, April 2nd

Virtually

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

Sunrise-6am & Worship-8am & 10am

We Follow CDC Guidelines: To make a **reservation** contact Susan Layland at the office: 610-767-9680 or email her at: secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

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>

SUBSCRIBE to our **YouTube channel.**

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

WORSHIP IN YOUR CAR:

Communion will be celebrated using sealed elements of bread and grape juice. If you wish to stay in your vehicle, simply respond at the appropriate time to receive communion by turning on your 4-way flashers and an usher with a mask and gloves will bring you the pre-packaged elements. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Given In 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, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday. Contact Mary Lacy at (610) 820-9188 or email at cancellacy@AOL.com with any questions.





Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Mary Bilheimer	Sandra Endres	Susan "Tillie" Waller
Kay Costenbader	Dolores Gruber	

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

Family & Friends

Eileen Andrews	Lisa Gilly	Bill Klotz
Lester Bass	Eric Hantz	Rev. Allen Miller
Mary Behler	Amy Horninger	Mason Post
Althea Bowman	Ann Johnson	Marilyn Pezoldt
Debbie DeLong	Frank Johnson	Mary Lou Sloop
Billy Fister	John Kisthardt	Shirley Smith
Pearl Fowlweller	Frances Kuntz	Weldon Ziegenfus

Those effected by Covid-19 ~Those effected by Cancer

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Thomas Horninger	Elaine Smith
Emily Kattner	Kathryn Smith

Those in higher education: Jenna Blynn studying at Florida International University; Toby Sander and Caden Shields, studying at LCCC; Angie Lopez, studying at Widener University; Matthew Shields, studying at Moravian College; Calista Smoyer, studying at West Virginia University; Jacob Taylor, studying at Drexel University; Nathan Taylor, studying at Penn State; Dylan Coffin, studying at Susquehanna University and Paige Bachman, studying at Kutztown University.

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 2	Connor Solt	Apr 20	Drew Rice
Apr 3	Ahstin Creyer	Apr 20	Blake Snyder
Apr 3	Abigail Dodd	Apr 20	Jeanette Christman
Apr 3	Lamont Kern	Apr 20	Toby Sander
Apr 4	Sonny Neff	Apr 22	Richard Kunkle II
Apr 4	Karen Bachman	Apr 24	Matthew Anthony
Apr 4	Tina Minnich	Apr 25	Bob Beblavy
Apr 5	Kendall Frantz	Apr 25	Emily Heffernan
Apr 5	David Williams, III	Apr 26	Sean Palmer
Apr 6	Freda Horn	Apr 27	Benjamin Griffith
Apr 10	Wally Amey	Apr 27	Joshua Bankes
Apr 10	Ann Hayes	Apr 29	Joseph Conway, III
Apr 10	Jordan Hunsicker	Apr 29	Kamryn Fink
Apr 15	Randy Andrews	Apr 29	Candy Hartwig
Apr 15	Amanda Trelease	Apr 29	Alex Heckman
Apr 16	Roxy Schraden	Apr 30	Carson Blose
Apr 17	Tony Patrick	Apr 30	Stephen Herstitch, Sr.
Apr 17	Jade Rice	Apr 30	Westin Redline
Apr 18	Aiden Solt	Apr 30	Beau Louis Pitruzzello
Apr 19	Carissa Fallon		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 1	William & Donna (Berger) Heller
Apr 16	William & Diane (Wassum) Fister
Apr 16	Lee & Evelyn (Bachman) Haas
Apr 21	Devon & Angie (Long) Lopez
Apr 21	Joe & Pam (Bossons) Puskas
Apr 22	Dwayne & Janet (Matthews) Kern
Apr 24	Jeff & Linda (Bachman) Coffin
Apr 24	Jed & Lisa (Horninger) Gilly
Apr 26	Robert & Cheryl (Fehnel) Tully

MARCH LOTTERY WINNER IS:

Congratulations Stacy Cunningham
Thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

Mission

For April is Autism Awareness
www.autismspeaks.org

World Autism Awareness Day is celebrated on April 2. 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!

Youth Fellowship News

The Youth Fellowship would like to thank the congregation for the pet food donations. We received: 12 cans of dog food, 1 bottle of Lysol cleaner, 1 bottle of Clorox bleach, 6 rolls of paper towels, 90 cans of cat food and 32 cat toys.

These donations were given to Forgotten Felines and Fidos.

All youth are invited to play bells during church service on Mother's Day, May 9th, and Father's Day, June 20th. Practice will be held during Youth Fellowship on May 2nd and June 6th. What a great way for our kids to show how much love they have in their hearts for mom and dad! Youth Group meets right after church. Come on out kids! Have some fun and make a joyful noise!

Financial Peace University 2021

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

June 16 through August 11, 2021

Classes usually last about 120 minutes.

We'll meet together to watch and discuss the videos and do activities.



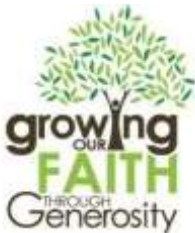
Financial Peace University (FPU) is the nine-lesson class that will teach you how to pay off debt, save and invest for your future. You'll also connect with others, just like you who can hold you accountable, encourage you, and celebrate your progress!

Here is the direct link to the Good Shepherd class:

fpu.com/1133881

Here is the link to promotional materials for print and online:

<https://www.financialpeace.com/coordinator/promo>



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.*

Easter, and the Great Fifty Days of Easter, is truly a season for great thanksgiving. It is a season of gratitude as we offer great thanks for the gift of the Risen Christ. But it is also a time to thank God for all the gifts God has so generously given us, many of which we may take for granted.

SCRIP Summary March 2021

Participants	9
Cards Ordered	69
Profit	\$ 121.91
Profit Year-To-Date	\$ 329.51

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, April 11th**
and will be delivered on **Sunday, April 18th**

Don't forget to
order your gift
cards for
Mother's Day
and
Graduations!

Financial Update

Feb 17	\$ 241.00	(Ash Wed.)
Feb 21	\$2,904.00	E-giving \$588.24
Feb 28	\$1,847.00	E-giving \$474.12
Mar 7	\$2,886.00	E-giving \$265.00
Mar 14	\$2,237.00	E-giving \$314.12

 **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 will pick up the offering. Also, please consider electronic giving using the link marked, "Give Online." If you would like 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

Do you know someone who has no Computer



or no Technology?

but they still would like the Newsletter?

Give us their name, and address to make sure we have it, and we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter.

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

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FOOD BANK NEWS

We had a final count of 208 cans of corn that was Delivered to the food bank on Friday March 19th for handout Saturday March 20th. Thank you ~ Michele Hunsicker

The food bank needs **CLERICAL** volunteers.

NO LIFTING OR STANDING REQUIRED.

The hours that need to be covered are:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month (1pm-3pm)

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month (4pm-6pm)

Last Saturday of the month (9am-noon)

Tuesday mornings

These hours can be divided among several volunteers.

We will be happy with any amount of time you can give.

The food bank is in desperate need of **PEOPLE TO LIFT**

supplies, stock shelves, organize food that comes off trucks or supplied by outside vendors, stock refrigerators and freezers, light housekeeping (sweeping floors, etc.) and other warehouse duties. Any hours that you can help with warehousing on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday would be very helpful.

Food Distribution Hours are as Follows:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month (1pm-3pm)

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month (4pm-6pm)

Last Saturday of the month (9am-noon)

Please call the food bank and ask for Barbara Scheirer

(610-767-9525) or speak to one of the warehouse volunteers.

Even one or two hours a week would be helpful.

Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Contact Susan Layland

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CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES

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APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Elders: April 4, 6am Pam Puskas
April 4, 8am Susie Blose
April 4, 10am Tammy White

Deacon: Amanda Bowers

Acolytes: April 4, 6am Breonna Richardson
April 4, 8am Alex Beblavy
April 4, 10am Aiden Solt
April 11, 10am Alex Beblavy
April 18, 10am Abby Allen
April 25, 10am Noah Griffith

Altar Guild: Bonnie Hewitt

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz
Bryan Horninger
Evan Horninger

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

Attendance Monitors: Pam Puskas
Amanda Bowers

Greeters & Sanitizers: Eddie & Karen Smith

In Service to the Lord