

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections August 2022

Dear Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

I hope and pray during this time of vacations and short get-aways, that you all are finding yourselves rejuvenated and refreshed. Sundays should be a lot like that ~ time to simply be with God along with sisters and brothers in Christ to find renewal and support. Not to have to be concerned about doing things to make worship happen, but to simply soak in the freedom of being fed and nurtured. How peaceful!

It seems that there are many who “work” Sunday mornings on behalf of the congregation. They are at the door handing out bulletins and greeting, lighting the Christ Candle, acolyting, reading scripture, counting the number in attendance, taking the offering forward and then staying after to count. It takes a lot of people who volunteer to make worship on Sunday mornings enjoyable and reviving.

Think for a minute what you might be able to do as a volunteer on a Sunday morning (not every Sunday, but occasionally) to take the pressure off others. For they certainly need a break, too. Think about how you can lighten the load of others so they can embrace some quality time as well. There is an old proverb that says, “Many hands make light work” and it is true. And let’s look to Christ, who took opportunities to be with God and get away from the crowds so he could continue to center himself in God.

My hope is that the Church remains pretty steady with worship, work, and opportunity as we serve and minister on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Remember, you are the Church and if you are rested and rejuvenated, so is the Church.

Shalom,

Pastor James

AUGUST LECTIONARY

August 7, 2022 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Meditation: Dynamic Faith

August 14, 2022 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Meditation: Persevering Faith

August 21, 2022 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

Meditation: Boundary Breaking Love

August 28, 2022 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Meditation: Radical Hospitality



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Worldwide Communion ~ October 2nd

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.

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	Erin Stenger-Guth
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Barry Silfies

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 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.**



Financial

G Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy

<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

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 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.



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

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

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Janel Tracy
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer
	Spencer Perkins	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Lisa Gilly	Dee Dee Sloane
Randy Andrews	Russ Greenawalt	Craig Solt
Dave Bauer	Jane Haldeman	Sallie Solt
Darlene Bean	Ann Johnson	Eileen Sutton
Kevin Bowers	Cindy Jones	Rich Taylor
Joe Conway	Frances Kuntz	Kevin Trelease
Colleen DeLong	Richard Kuntz	Bob Zellner
Michael Diefenderfer	Alice Schnell	
Ronald Fritzinger	Nancy Schumaker	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Pete Papay	Jimmy Trainer
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God is watching over you.....
I know because I asked God to

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

1-Aug	Hazel Heffernan	16-Aug	Jennifer Sander
1-Aug	Jackson Koneschusky	16-Aug	Seth White
2-Aug	Lori Balliet	16-Aug	Kayla Bishop
3-Aug	Chelsea Harding	17-Aug	Tori Dimmig
6-Aug	Richard Kunkle III	17-Aug	Amy Knittle
8-Aug	Michelle Harding	17-Aug	Susan Patrick
8-Aug	Kelsey Knittle	18-Aug	David Blose
8-Aug	Edgar Smith	18-Aug	Sean Harding
8-Aug	Craig Solt	18-Aug	Denise Koons
9-Aug	Noah Griffith	20-Aug	Tanner Rice
9-Aug	Alice Kegel	21-Aug	Debbie Ritter
9-Aug	Barry Rice Jr	21-Aug	Trevor Hartmaier
10-Aug	Angela Carbin	21-Aug	James Robison
10-Aug	Cindy Evans	24-Aug	Judy Bollinger
10-Aug	Robert White	25-Aug	Suzanne Blose
11-Aug	Jocelyn Rodrigues	25-Aug	Blaine Reitz
12-Aug	Jean Gellis	26-Aug	Stephanie Fister
12-Aug	Arthur Kuntz	27-Aug	Gary Bellesfield
15-Aug	Larry Allen	28-Aug	Kayla Babb
16-Aug	David Kuremsky	29-Aug	Karl Heffelfinger
16-Aug	Brent Meinhart	29-Aug	Taylor Rex
16-Aug	Shirley Phillips	29-Aug	David Williams Jr
16-Aug	Kristine Rinker	30-Aug	Cameron Shields
16-Aug	Bryler Rodrigues	31-Aug	Brody Ritter

Aug 2	Duane & Becky (Kaul) Haas
Aug 2	Craig & Sheri (Young) Fallon Jr.
Aug 3	Richard & Marilyn (Neff) Smith
Aug 5	Todd & Julie (Coffin) Solt
Aug 7	Edwin & Dena (Weil) Krum II
Aug 11	Anthony & Susan Patrick
Aug 15	Bryan & Amy (Heffelfinger) Horninger
Aug 16	Sean & Brandi (DeLong) Palmer
Aug 17	Robert & Cynthia (Sowden) Schramel
Aug 18	David & Carol (Kroboth) Blose
Aug 20	Michael & Cheryl (Bender) Bowers
Aug 21	Michael & Kayla (Creed) Sander
Aug 22	Stephen & Ashley (Fesselman) Reimert
Aug 23	Mark & Tammy (Whitenight) Schaeffer
Aug 23	Frank & Jean (Bowman) Gellis



Pastor James is recruiting youngsters interested in joining the church to begin the Confirmation Process.

There are approximately 14 Sessions with most of them taking place on Sunday morning during Faith Formation Classes.

Requirements: completed Fifth Grade, been Baptized (or willing to be), a willingness to participate in Faith Formation and a desire to become part of the congregation here at Good Shepherd.

Give Pastor James a call at 484.571.6083 for more information.

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Faith Formation is looking for mentors for our future confirmands. Mentors may not be related to the child. Must be a member of our church for at least 5 years. If interested please contact Pastor James or Faith Formation Director, Amanda Dieter at [ffdir@ptd.net](mailto:ffdir@ptd.net).

### **Financial Peace University 2022**

Wednesdays - through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Classes usually last about 90 minutes. We'll meet together at Good Shepherd UCC, to watch and discuss the videos and do activities.

On-site Meetings with Zoom for those needing that option.

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 unique class link: [fpu.com/1151000](https://fpu.com/1151000)

| Lesson | Date   |
|--------|--------|
| 7      | 3-Aug  |
| 8      | 10-Aug |
| 9      | 17-Aug |

### **Faith Formation**

**Aug 7th:** Dynamic Faith ~ Susie Blose Teacher and Crafts

**Aug 14th:** Persevering Faith ~ Monica Teacher, Deb Craig Craft

**Aug 21st:** Boundary Breaking Love ~ Pam Puskas Teacher and Craft

**Aug 28th:** Radical Hospitality ~ Deb Craig Teacher and Craft



**Youth Fellowship  
meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the  
Month at 11:15 am  
after worship.**

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**SCRIP Summary  
July 2022**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Participants        | 6           |
| Cards Ordered       | 50          |
| Profit              | \$101.38    |
| Profit Year-To-Date | \$ 1,055.57 |

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



Next month's orders are due **Sunday, August 14th** and will be delivered on **Sunday, August 21st**.

**LOTTERY TICKETS July winner:** Frank Soldridge

Thank you for your Support  
See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

 **FamilyPromise**

*“Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness.  
Because every child deserves a home.”*

Training sessions at Heidelberg:  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm or  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 10am

Good Shepherd will be taking part in helping to host families at Heidelberg on Nov27<sup>th</sup> to Dec5<sup>th</sup> .

see Pastor James for more information.

[www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org)    [www.facebook.com/FamilyPromise](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromise)

## Staying in Touch

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

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

And also "Like" us on:

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

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

**CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR**

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### JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

**Deacon:** August      Darlene Nothstein

**Acolytes:** August 7      Kyan Block

August 14      Adam Griffith

August 21      Breonna Richardson

August 28      Jazmin Richardson

**Lay Readers:** August 7      Linda Coffin

August 14      Eric Hantz

August 21      Marie Bachman

August 28      Pam Puskas

**Greeters:** August 7      Alice Kegel

August 14      Amanda & Fiona Dieter

August 21      Eddie & Karen Smith

August 28      TBD

**Altar Guild:** August      TBD

**Power Point Designer:** Deb Craig

**A/V Operators:** Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger

**Videographer:** Beth Kutzner

### Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

If interested in helping,

If interested in helping, see Susie Blose,

Joe Conway, Amanda Dieter or Mary Storm







## 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, for what you have given me, I am grateful. For what you are about to give, I am joyful; and for what you will give me, I am hopeful, Lord. You are my confidence and my surety.

### **Mission for August: Bethany Children's Home**

The mission of Bethany Children's Home began in 1863 and continues to serve children and families within our care. We strive to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future. Our vision is of a community where all youth and staff are safe in their environment and feel safe within themselves. To bring this vision into reality, we provide the sources needed to children and families to work through their losses, enabling them to have a brighter future. Bethany Children's Home provides residential services for a school-age, co-ed population who are unable to live with their own or a substitute family. Typically, these young people require more structure, more elaborate programming, and more highly trained staff than is possible in a smaller group setting

### **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 or remembered, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday. Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.



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**SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT**  
**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

Doors Open at 4:00 P.M.  
( Meal Served 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. )

**GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.**  
3940 Mountain Road, Slatington, PA.  
Lic. #: 0121R21

Cost: \$20.00

Includes: Ticket Prize Raffle,

Meal & Refreshments  
(Only 250 Tickets Printed)

- Winners Need Not Be Present -

- - - Special Drawings Throughout Event. - - -

Door Prizes &  
50/50 Drawing

For Advanced Tickets Call:  
Eddie Smith @ 610-767-3776



See Karen or call Eddie @  
**610-767-3776**

**Volunteers and Donations  
are needed and  
appreciated.**

**See signup sheet in  
the narthex**

**The Chancel Choir** will be starting the fall season on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday, from 7-8 pm, in the sanctuary. The choir is looking forward to another great year! Chancel Choir will, once again, be providing a wide variety of music to enhance our worship services. The choir is especially looking forward to the Advent season and will be starting the advent season with a Christmas cantata for all to enjoy! All are welcome to join in the Chancel Choir! If you are unable to sing every Sunday, you are welcome to participate as you can; the more the merrier. The choir will also be continuing our Christmas party and Spring picnic traditions this year. Come and join us! Contact Beth Kutzner if you have any questions. [beperkins@live.com](mailto:beperkins@live.com)  
Cell: 570-240-0044

**Are you a Cat person or a Dog person?**

Benefits:



**Our Youth Group is looking to find out!**  
**August 28th to October 2**  
**(Blessing of the pets)**

**There will be two bins in the narthex  
let's see who wins, cats or dogs?**

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✓ Check out the list of  
needs and cautions