

## GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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

# Mountain Reflections August 2021

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

We are coming to the close of summer and revving up for the new school year. I'm looking forward to the renewal of our worship in September as we move into the final third of the year. As I reflect on all that has happened and is happening, I think of Jesus preparing the disciples to go out into the world. We are called to be diligent, faithful, and sincere. We are called to care for those who are seeking, for those who are wrestling, those who are mourning. Even if we feel lost, or struggling, or saddened, we have the ability to choose to do what we can in the service of Christ.

Actually, in doing just that ~ serving on behalf of Christ to so many, we begin to find the promises of God to never leave us or forsake us. We are transformed by the love we offer to those who are hungry, those who are sick, those who are homeless. We can also be equipped as we equip others who are new to the faith or exploring ways of reaching out. May God bless us in all our endeavors whether we are feeding others or being spiritually fed ourselves.

Blessings,

Pastor James



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

**AUGUST LECTIONARY**

**1-Aug-21 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gospel : John 6:24–35

Meditation *Grow, Grow Together*

**8-Aug-21 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gospel : John 6:35, 41–51

Meditation *Help Not Hinder*

**15-Aug-21 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

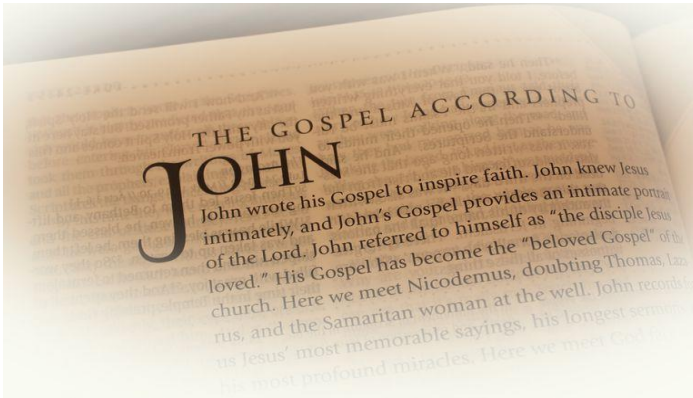
Gospel : John 6:51–58

Meditation *Spend Time Well*

**22-Aug-21 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Gospel : John 6:56–69

Meditation *Prayers and Protection*



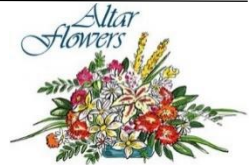
**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

**World Wide Communion ~ October 3rd**

**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 in memory of, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday. Contact Julie Solt.





Our **Thoughts &**  
**Prayers**  
are with...



**Homebound Members**

Mary Bilheimer  
Kay Costenbader

Dolores Gruber  
Susan "Tillie" Waller

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services**

**Or with The Department of Defense:**

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

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

**Family & Friends**

Eileen Andrews	Sharon Greene	Donald Schraden
Jane Ackey	Violet Hantz	Danny Stafiniak
Michael Bossons	Linda Henninger	Debbie Silfies
Amanda Dieter	Betty Humanick	Sallie Solt
Judy Fatzinger	John Kisthardt	Rich Taylor
Bill Fister	Rev. Allen Miller	Jonathan Zellner
Ruth Ann Fries	Marilyn Pezoldt	Helen Zolnowsky
Donna Fox	Mason Post	
Janet German	Pat Reimert	
Lisa Gilly	Sarah Romig	

**For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:**

Barry Rice	Mark Reitz	Sharon Zanders	Rev. Sally Zelker
		Brinda Zelinsky	

*God* is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



**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, position your vehicles in the front parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.

When we have Communion, it 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 four-way flashers. An usher with a mask and gloves will bring you the pre-packaged elements.



**Outdoor  
Worship  
Service**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Good Shepherd's outdoor service and picnic is in the

Grove on:

**September 19th.**

Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.

**Church  
Picnic**



**We Repaired the Roof**

The Campaign to replenish the funds for the restoration of our Church Roof is ongoing.

Originally installed in 1986 is now replaced at a cost of \$48,000.

Would you like to help? Gifts in Honor of or in Memory of ~ can be placed in the offering plate and noted as such.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1	Hazel Emily Heffernan	Aug 17	Amy Knittle
Aug 1	Jackson Koneschusky	Aug 17	Susan Patrick
Aug 2	Lori Balliet	Aug 18	David Blose
Aug 8	Michelle Harding	Aug 18	Sean Harding
Aug 8	Kelsey Knittle	Aug 18	Julian Cancel
Aug 8	Edgar Smith	Aug 20	Tanner Rice
Aug 8	Craig Solt	Aug 21	Debbie Ritter
Aug 9	Lester Bass	Aug 21	Trevor Hartmaier
Aug 9	Noah Griffith	Aug 21	James Robison
Aug 9	Alice Kegel	Aug 24	Judy Bollinger
Aug 10	Angela Lopez	Aug 25	Suzanne Blose
Aug 10	Robert White	Aug 25	Blaine Reitz
Aug 11	Jocelyn Rodrigues	Aug 26	Stephanie Fister
Aug 12	Jean Gellis	Aug 26	Barbara Sensinger
Aug 12	Arthur Kuntz	Aug 27	Gary Bellesfield
Aug 15	Larry Allen	Aug 28	Keyla Babb
Aug 16	David Kuremsky	Aug 29	Karl Heffelfinger
Aug 16	Brent Meinhard	Aug 29	Taylor Rex
Aug 16	Shirley Phillips	Aug 29	David Williams
Aug 16	Jennifer Sander	Aug 30	Cameron Shields
Aug 16	Seth White	Aug 31	Brody Ritter

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2-Aug	Duane & Becky (Kaul) Haas
2-Aug	Craig & Sheri (Young) Fallon
3-Aug	Keith & Sally (Best) Haas
3-Aug	Richard & Marilyn (Neff) Smith
5-Aug	Todd & Julie (Coffin) Solt
11-Aug	Anthony & Susan Patrick
15-Aug	Bryan & Amy (Heffelfinger) Horninger
16-Aug	Sean & Brandi (DeLong) Palmer
17-Aug	Robert & Cynthia (Sowden) Schramel
18-Aug	David & Carol (Kroboth) Blose
23-Aug	Mark & Tammy (Whitenight) Schaeffer
23-Aug	Frank & Jean (Bowman) Gellis

## Mission for August: Bethany Children's Home

The mission of Bethany Children's Home is to continue a Christian ministry, begun in 1863, 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



A prayer chain can bring a deep sense of comfort to someone going through a difficult time. Join us in prayer.

Contact Deb Craig for emails at [dkcraig@ptd.net](mailto:dkcraig@ptd.net),  
Sharon Conway at [sconjo0429@gmail.com](mailto:sconjo0429@gmail.com);  
or Eileen Andrews for phone calls at 610-390-4302

## Prayer For The Beginning Of A New School Year



Gracious God, we come to you at the beginning of this academic year with our many feelings, expectations, fears and hopes. Help us to remember, however, we have the comforting assurance from you: "I will always be with you."

**Faith Formations Classes starting September 12<sup>th</sup> 9am**



## 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.*

Today we call upon God to help us get through one more day. Help us to have **gratitude** in the face of scarcity, strength in our private struggles and the wisdom to live a good life for ourselves and others.


### SCRIP Summary JULY 2021

Participants	7	Don't forget to order your gift cards for Vacations, Gas, Groceries, Back to School needs and gifts.
Cards Ordered	35	
Profit	\$79.38	
Profit Year-To-Date	\$725.43	

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, August 8th** and will be delivered on **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

### Financial Update

**June 20 \$2,233.36 E-giving \$519.12**  
**June 27 \$1,312.00**  
**July 04 \$5,057.00 E-giving \$264.12**  
**July 11 \$1,699.20 E-giving \$280.00**

 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 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.

**The Chancel Choir** will begin rehearsing for the fall season on Tuesday, August 24th from 7-8 pm. The Chancel Choir will sing, during church, for the first time on September 12th. Chancel Choir meets every Tuesday, and all are invited to attend! Chancel Choir will work with your schedule! If you cannot make every Tuesday rehearsal, or sing every Sunday, that is okay; we welcome you to sing as you can. Please consider joining this special group. Come for the fun, stay for the comradery, help us lift praises to God! Contact Beth if you have any questions. [bep Perkins@live.com](mailto:bep Perkins@live.com) or 570-240-0044

**My Tribute ~ Andraé Crouch**

My song is my offering.  
It is not much I know  
in comparison with what I have received.  
And yet it is an intimate  
and vital part of who I am.

My voice is not the voice of an angel.  
It is in many ways an average voice.  
Sometimes I sing out of tune.  
Sometimes I am afraid to sing out.  
But I am always thankful of a voice  
To sing God's praise.

I thank God for the gift of song  
and I thank God for the gracious gift of music.  
When I sing  
I find joy  
and peace  
and fulfilment  
even when my song is imperfect

My song is my offering  
and I offer it with a grateful and willing heart.

By Mary Kay Beall





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

but they still would like the Newsletter?

Give their name and address to Susan Layland  
(610) 767-9680 or secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org and  
we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter.

**Lottery Tickets**

**July winner :**

**Marilyn Sowden**

thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets



**Vacation Bible**

**School**

August 1st

to

August 5th



Sunday 5pm to 8pm  
and we will have a small  
supper for the kids

Monday thru Wednesday 6pm to 8pm -  
classes, crafts and activities  
Thursday 7pm - Closing program

**Youth Fellowship News**

Youth Fellowship meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth Group meets right  
after church. Come on out kids! Have some fun and make a joyful  
noise!

## Staying in Touch

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

And also "Like" us on:

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

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### **AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Deacon:** Darlene Nothstein

**Acolytes:** Sunday Aug 1 Kyan Block

Sunday Aug 8 Noah Griffith

Sunday Aug 15 Breonna Richardson

Sunday Aug 22 Alex Beblavy

Sunday Aug 29 Jazmin Richardson

**Lay Readers:** Sunday Aug 1 Monica Griffith

Sunday Aug 8 Dylan Coffin

Sunday Aug 15 Lori Balliet

Sunday Aug 22 Beth Kutzner

Sunday Aug 29 Dennis Silfies

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Conway

**Power Point Designer:** Deb Craig

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

Evan Horninger, Stacy Cunningham

**Videographer:** Beth Kutzner

### **Faith Formation Classes**

Aug 1: Teaching: Tammy White

Craft: VBS Craft-Tammy

Aug 8: Teaching: Stacy Cunningham

Craft: Stacy & Karen Weaver

Aug 15: Teaching: Monica Griffith

Craft: Deb Craig

Aug 22: Teaching: Susie Blose

Craft: Beth Kutzner

Aug 29: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord