



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections August 2023

Hey friends and members of Good Shepherd ~

This is an exciting time in the life of your pastor. I serve as president of the Watsontown Historical Association and we will be dedicating our new museum August 18, 19, and 20. Many individuals have made this a possibility through sacrifice of time, money, and abilities. I think of the saints of Holy Trinity and First UCC and all that they did to move the realm of God forward through the ages.

We do so much that sometimes we forget to stop and enjoy the roses. May we at Good Shepherd continue in the footsteps of the saints of yore as we find blessings in serving others.

I look forward to not only the grand opening of the Watsontown Area Historical Museum, but also the publishing of the book *My Watsontown* which I wrote off and on over the last sixteen years. It was a labor of love and hope that it accurately records the history of my hometown.

All in the name of Christ,

Pastor James

AUGUST LECTONARY

August 6, 2023 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Meditation: Strive

August 13, 2023 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28

Meditation: Dream

August 20, 2023 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Meditation: Reach

August 27, 2023 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Meditation: Act

Summer Communion

Sunday, August 6, 2023

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**.



**Mission Outreach for August is
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 resources 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.

Founded in 1863 and related to the United Church of Christ, Bethany has provided care to over 12, 500 youth since its inception.

www.bethanyhome.org www.facebook.com/bethanyhome1863

Redner's Save-A-Tape bucket in Narthex. The church gets 1% of your receipt if you have a Save-A-Tape card from Redner's. Year to date earnings is \$105.31.

Clothing drop-off box at the rear of the property earns our church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. Year to date earnings is \$430.

There is a container in the Narthex for **aluminum can pull tabs**. These are recycled and the money earned goes to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you to Tracey Gursky for coordinating this fundraiser.



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr
Mary Bilheimer	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	Spencer Perkins
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Nicholas Sander
Dalton Housenick	Adam Moyer	Benjamin Schaffer
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Jacqueline Moyer	Janel Tracy

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Gary Johannes	Richard Paradis
Gail Bell	Dwayne Kern	Connie Renner
Sherry Bishop	Bonnie Kleppinger	Alice Schnell
Michael Bossons	Koneschusky family	Doris Schoch
Jim Craig	Bob Koons	Chase Slanina
Rob Davis	Margaret Kresge	Dee Dee Sloane
Debra Derhammer	Shawn Kress	Craig Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Kevin Kroboth	Sallie Solt
Amanda Dieter	Wayne Kuhns	Rich Taylor
Doug Farber	Richard Kuntz	Richard Thomas
Donna Fox	Sally Loch	Donna Walters
Lisa Gilly	George Minnich	Anna Mae Weiss
Evan Hantz	Chris Newhard	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Amy Miller

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.

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<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 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 •July 2023

Participants	–	7
Cards Ordered	–	48
Profit	–	\$121.15
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$744.10



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, August 13** and delivered on **Sunday, August 20.**

Confirmation sessions begin on **September 3.** Confirmands must have completed Fifth Grade. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Calendar

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August Birthdays

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

The Winner of the July Lottery will be in the September newsletter.
See Karen Smith to participate.



Anniversaries

Aug 2	Duane & Becky (Kaul) Haas
Aug 2	Craig & Sheri (Young) Fallon, Jr.
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	Tyler & Kayla (Belles) Schappell
Aug 22	Stephen & Ashley (Fesselman) Reimert
Aug 23	Mark & Tammy (Whitenight) Schaeffer
Aug 23	Frank & Jean (Bowman) Gellis

Preschool summer camp registration is now open for July 31-Aug 4. Hours are Monday - Friday 9 am to noon. Registration costs \$100 per week. For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.

Acolytes needed for: August 6 and 13, September through December

Lay Readers needed for: October 1 and 22, and December 24 11:00 pm services.

Altar Guild needed for October and December.

Lawn Mowers needed for weeks of August 14, 21, 28 and September 11 through October 30.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Vacation Bible School is August 6 – August 10

Twist and Turns

Sunday, August 6, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, August 7 – Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 10 – Closing Program at 7:00 pm

Sign up in the Narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

If you have a student going to college, trade school or any secondary education institution, please fill out the College information sheet in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate. We will once again be listing those students in the bulletin, so that we can all pray for them as they continue their studies.

Chancel Choir practice will resume on Tuesday, August 29. Whether you can sing for one Sunday, during special services, or want to join us every week, we will be happy to have you with us to sing praises to the Lord.

Youth Ensemble meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month after church until 11:45 am. We play games, sing, and play bells. Youth Ensemble will begin again on September 10.

Sunday, September 3 is Labor Day Communion.

Preschool Meet the Teacher Night is September 6 at 6:00 pm.
Preschool Open House is Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 pm.
The **First Day of Preschool** is September 11 for 4 year olds and September 12 for 3 year olds.
For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic is Sunday, September 17. Mark your calendars!

Friendship Sunday will be Sunday, October 1 for the congregation to invite friends to worship followed by a free meal including Pulled Pork, etc. sponsored by Smokin' Our Butts Off BBQ.

A basket social is planned for Thursday, October 19 in Fellowship Hall. Fundraising will be looking for filled basket donations valued at \$20 or more. If you don't want to do a basket, a monetary donation is also appreciated. There will be a fundraising meeting on Sunday, September 10 after church. Everyone interested in helping with the event, please attend.

Volunteers Still Needed

The Breakfast Bunch will provide breakfast and a bag lunch Monday through Friday, From 8:30 – 10 am until August 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 40 2nd St., Slatington. All children in the community, ages 2 – 17, are welcome to attend. Six volunteers are needed each day and time commitments and days are flexible. To volunteer or donate food, please call the office at St. John's at (610) 767-6361 or email the church at stjohnslatington@gmail.com.

The United Church of Christ PNEC is having a PNEC Pride booth at the SteelStacks in Bethlehem, August 20 from 12 pm to 9 pm. Mary Storm looking for volunteers to man a stand.
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409044daaaa29a3f94-pnec2>

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

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Faith Formation Director	Amanda Dieter
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist/Pianist	Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matthew Shields

Staying in Touch

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

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AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:		Tammy White
Deacon:		Darlene Nothstein
Altar Guild:		Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	6	TBD
	13	TBD
	20	Adam Griffith
	27	Adam Griffith
Lay Readers:	6	Rae Anne Creyer
	13	Jody Hourt
	20	Eric Hantz
	27	Darlene Nothstein
Greeters:	6	Joe & Sharon Conway
	13	Rae Anne Creyer
	20	Debbie DeLong
	27	Karen & Eddie Smith

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