

Good Shepherd UCC, Slatington Covenant and Mission Statement

We are a Christian fellowship that invites all people “no matter who they are or where they are on life’s journey” to join in the ministry of Christ demonstrating that all are welcome here. Our community encourages the freedom of expression from our varied backgrounds. Yet, with all our differences there is a coming together as one at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through this unity we agree to seek and follow the Word of God as made known to us through the witness and teaching of Jesus Christ. With this simple understanding we work together for growth in Truth, Grace, Wholeness, and Peace in ourselves, in our faith community, and in the wider community in which we live and serve.

As a community formed by the living presence of Jesus Christ, we embrace Christ’s teachings and regard each human being as a sacred child of God, to be treated with respect and dignity. We welcome to this fellowship all those who seek to build, by God’s direction and grace, lives based upon personal integrity, compassion for others, and faithfulness in human relationships. The presence and spiritual gifts of each person are treasured regardless of age, marital status, education, gender-identity, race, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, politics, cultural background, or physical, cognitive, or emotional abilities. The services and ministries of this congregation are available to all. As a diverse people, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of being an Open and Affirming congregation, one that lives out the belief that “God is still speaking.” Guided by the Holy Spirit and faithful to Jesus and his commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we seek to break down the barriers that divide us as a human family and to bring healing to all of God’s creation.