

## GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

# Mountain Reflections January 2023

Merry Christmas one and all ~

Can you believe we are crossing the threshold into 2023 already? Where does the time go? Of course, we seem to ask the same question every year and probably will in the future.

We have just celebrated Christmas and the Christ-Child is being revealed throughout this season of Epiphany. Both remind us of gifts ~ Christ, God's gift to us; and the gifts of the magi to the Christ-Child. But the gifts or presents continue to pour forth when we live in each moment to the fullest. *The Precious Present* by Spencer Johnson comes to mind reminding me that the past is just that, past. And the future is filled with hopes and fears and not knowing what will come our way. Christ calls us to live in the precious present of all that is holy and sacred.

May the light continue to cast its gleam upon each of our paths as we journey together into the new year and may the light of Christ shine in each and every one of us.

Continued blessings to you all,

*Pastor James*



**JANUARY LECTONARY**

<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>1st Sunday after Christmas</b>
Lesson:	Matthew 2:1–12
Meditation:	New Epiphanies
<b>January 8, 2023</b>	<b>Baptism of Jesus</b>
Lesson:	Matthew 3:13–17
Meditation:	Slow Epiphanies
<b>January 15, 2023</b>	<b>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
Lesson:	Isaiah 49:1–7
Meditation:	Called Together
<b>January 22, 2023</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
Lesson:	Matthew 4:12–23
Meditation:	Following the Call
<b>January 29, 2023</b>	<b>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
Lesson:	Matthew 5:1–12
Meditation:	Beautiful Vision



**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

January 1st Epiphany  
10am

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	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	TBD

## Mission For January is VALOR

### Veterans Assistant Living Outreach

If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name, and then place a donation in a "Faith & Mission" envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

**[www.facebook.com/valorclinic](http://www.facebook.com/valorclinic)**      **[www.valorclinic.org](http://www.valorclinic.org)**

A Hand Up On The Home Front ~ Welcome To Paul's House  
Reaching out to Veterans to provide shelter, food, supplies and access to healthcare. Veterans to help other Veterans to navigate through the process of recovering and rebuilding. VALOR's long-term vision is to be able to provide health clinics, homeless shelters, transition homes and recovery sanctuaries for Veterans in need. VALOR will be joining us **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** for worship and a presentation of the Outreach. They are requesting Beanies, gloves, razors and deodorants should you like to include them in the Valor box in the Narthex. As always, warm clothing and boots, sleeping bags, are always appreciated.

**Snow, Ice, Winter Emergency.** With the winter months upon us, we



need to prepare for wintertime cancellations. Should we have to cancel services or other event, you can receive notices via Church Post by signing up through your email. You can also visit our website

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

[www.Facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington](http://www.Facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington) to find out if events have

been cancelled or check out TV Channel 69 or Radio Station WAEB

790 am.



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	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Anthony Babb	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Elijah Colon	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer
Dalton Housenick	Spencer Perkins	Clint Schaeffer
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Christie Peirsel	
Michael Kelsey	Janel Tracy	

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

**Family & Friends**

Jane Achey	Jane Haldeman	Darrell Remaley
Randy Andrews	Dan Hamm	Connie Renner
Dave Bauer	Gina Hantz	Sean Roth
Pete Beblavy	Dottie Houtz	Alice Schnell
Brenda Berger	Jim Joyce	Nancy Schumaker
David Bilheimer	Shawn Kress	Dee Dee Sloane
Ann Bowers	Kevin Kroboth	Eddie Smith
Laura Castellani	Wayne Kuhns	Craig Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Nick Lloyd	Sallie Solt
Leroy Dreibelbis	Ashley Nagy	Rich Taylor
Doug Gaumer	Tony Patrick	Jamie Klotz
Lisa Gilly	Carol Raifsnider	

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

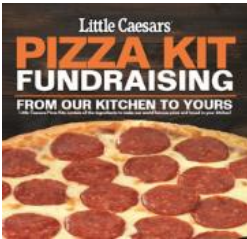
Harry Bowers	Marvin Gruber	Richard Sheffler
Urban Byler	The Rev. Alan Miller	Marilyn Smith
Glenn George	Zach Paris	Mike Sutton

## January Birthdays

Jan 3	Magdalena White	Jan 17	Carol Blöse
Jan 4	Melba Bisko	Jan 17	Monica Griffith
Jan 6	Michelle Hewitt	Jan 18	Melissa Castillo
Jan 6	Katrina Knittle	Jan 18	Clinton Haas
Jan 7	Tina Fetchko	Jan 18	Mackenzi Palmer
Jan 7	Kevin Smith	Jan 19	Sandra Keller
Jan 9	Connie Ferber	Jan 20	Alice Christman
Jan 10	Matthew Hewitt	Jan 21	Penny Keen
Jan 11	Jean Frantz	Jan 22	Duane Haas
Jan 12	Richard Keen	Jan 25	Tammy Schaeffer
Jan 12	Marilyn Sowden	Jan 26	Eileen Andrews
Jan 13	“Butch” Biegly, Jr.	Jan 26	Dennis Derr
Jan 14	Mark Sander	Jan 26	Barbara J. Neff
Jan 15	Jonathan Griffith	Jan 27	Karen Weaver
Jan 15	Bonita Hewitt	Jan 29	Michelle Allen
Jan 15	Tegan Perry	Jan 31	Vivian Neff

## Anniversaries

Jan 3	Darrin & Angela (Long) Carbin
Jan 10	Dennis & Dale Ann (Zeigenfuss) Derr



Little Caesars Pizza Sale  
Watch for the flyers to order your Suppers!  
And delivery for Super Bowl time!

Church Cleanup and packing of  
Christmas Decorations  
Sunday, January 8th, 2020 at 11:15am.

Looking for volunteers interested in  
helping take down The Christmas  
decorations and help sort and pack Them  
in an organized manner. See Pastor James



## **Financial**

## **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 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.

### **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Addison Lyn Schappell

daughter of Tyler and Kayla (Belles) Schappell.

Addison’s grandparents are Kevin and Kellie (Romig) Smith and Jeffrey and Stacey (Walker) Schappell.

Her great grandparents are Clifford and Sarah (Tyson) Romig, Anita (Kloiber) Belles, Edward & Karen

(Youse) Smith and Woodrow and Nancy (Eroh) Schappell.

Addison’s godparents are Joseph Bartczak and Carlee Hunsicker.



### **December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Emma June Kremposky,

Jade Elisabeth Kremposky,

and Chase Anthony Kremposky



**BAPTISM** children of Kyle and Allyson (Sosik) Kremposky.

Emma’s, Jade’s, and Chase’s grandparents are Michael and Barbara (Herrmann) Kremposky, Janice (Mecca) Sosik and the late John Sosik, Edward Kremposky, and Elisabeth (Letterer)

Herrmann. Their great grandfather is Anthony Mecca. Emma’s godparents are her uncle and aunt, Marcus and Heather

Kremposky. Jade and Chase’s godparents are their uncle and aunt, Joseph and Victoria Sosik

Lottery Winner for December is Linda Bowers

Congratulations

See Karen Smith to join next month’s

<b>SCRIP Summary</b>	December	
	Participants	- 14
	Cards Ordered	- 158
	Deposit	- \$6,375.00
	Profit	- \$390.44
	G.L. Scrip debit	- \$5,994.94
	Profit Year-To-Date	- \$2,200.49
	Profit Program-To-Date	- \$42,814.58

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



Thank you to all who participated in the scrip fundraiser in 2022!  
The first monthly order of **2023** will be due on  
**Sunday, January 8th** and delivered on **Sunday, January 15th.**

**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.**



**Souper Bowl Sunday – February 12th**

“Souper” Bowl Sunday and the youth of Good Shepherd are sponsoring the "Soup'er Bowl Sunday" canned soup drive. If you would like to donate cans of soup or boxes of crackers, you can drop them off in the narthex. The soup and crackers will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank to help those who are in need.

**Faith Formation Classes**

Confirmands - Pastor James & Young Adults - Mary Storm

Youth Teachers

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Puskas
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Deb Craig
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Monica Griffith
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Pam Puskas
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Susie Blose



**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 \$35 and/or bulletin \$10, sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday.

Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.

**Youth Group News!**

Join us for our Monthly Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>  
 after worship at 11:15am.



VOTE for your Favorite!  
 Highest total \$ wins  
*(benefits Joyful Noise)*



December was a busy month for us! Created our Gingerbread houses, that were voted on...*(waiting on results Jan 1<sup>st</sup>)* and put together gifts for our shut-ins that we delivered along with our Christmas caroling for them each.

Looking forward to planning some fun times off campus.  
 All are welcome to join in our fellowship

  
 JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL  
**Designer Purse**  
**B I N G O**  
**January 21, 2023 | 11am-2pm**  
 Tickets Include 20 Games!  
 Purchase in Advance: \$25  
 Purchase at Door: \$30  
 Add 5 Special Game : \$5  
 SCAN ME  
  
 JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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 of Lehigh Valley

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**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:**



We would like to express a sincere Thank you for all those that help make our Worship Services, our Outreach projects and Fundraising ventures successful to the benefit of Good Shepherd and those we reach

out to. Whether you offer prayers for success, attend an event; donate items, money or your time in working an event or helping during the worship service. Whether it be just one time or many times, it could not / would not happen without your support! We ask a lot from you and you come through every time. Sincerely, Thank You ~ the Good Shepherd Committees and Team Chairs.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

After church in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. Food will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Thank you to Barry Silfies for his 32 years as sexton of Good Shepherd UCC. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

**Looking for:**



We are still in need of Worship Leaders  
Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers,  
AV Operators, Altar Guild Attendants,  
Fellowship Team Leader, Mission Team Leader

If interested, please contact:  
Pastor James or Dennis Silfies or  
sign up in the Narthex.

## Staying in Touch

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

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### JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:	Jan	Pam Puskas
Deacon:	Jan	Amanda Bowers
Acolytes:	Jan 1st	TBD
	Jan 8th	Maddie Sommers
	Jan 15th	TBD
	Jan 22nd	Matthew Bowers
	Jan 29th	Maddie Sommers
Lay Readers:	Jan 1st	Pam Puskas
	Jan 8th	Karen Kuntzman
	Jan 15th	Linda Bowers
	Jan 22nd	Marie Bachman
	Jan 29th	RaeAnne Creyer
Greeters:	Jan 1st	TBD
	Jan 8th	Tammy Schaeffer
	Jan 15th	Linda Bowers
	Jan 22nd	Karen Kuntzman
	Jan 29th	RaeAnne Creyer
Altar Guild:	January	Linda Coffin
Power Point Designer:	Deb Craig	
A/V Operators:	Eric Hantz, Riley Fallon, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger	
Videographer:	Beth Kutzner	

### **Reminder To Committee Chairs:**

Annual Reports are due into the office or email to [secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org](mailto:secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org) before January 31st.

