



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving Compassionately accepting~Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections July 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd ~

July seems to be a time of reminiscing to an earlier time with summer vacations beginning and celebrating our country's independence on July 4th. I receive newsletters from the many historical associations I am a member of and one seemed particularly interesting. It connected events of the past with the present, considering the pandemic and concerns over COVID.

When George Washington commanded the Continental Army, he knew that an outbreak of smallpox could kill soldiers and quickly ruin an army's effectiveness. As a preemptive measure, during the early years of the Revolution, he ordered all recruits to be inoculated through a crude method known as variolation. Despite some political grousing, the strategy worked and significantly reduced potential fatalities.

Throughout the nineteenth century, public health officials fought smallpox with the cowpox vaccine developed by Edward Jenner. Despite the campaign's success, editorial cartoons, news articles, and pamphlets written by Dr. William Rowley claimed that children born to inoculated mothers had ox-shaped heads and bulging "cow eyes." Other anecdotes insisted that those who received vaccinations had horns growing out of their heads.

Even during the 1918 influenza pandemic, citizens objected to wearing face masks. Medical historians argue that this reluctance to wearing a face mask may have contributed to two powerful reoccurrences throughout 1919 and 1920. Let us hope that doesn't repeat itself with our current pandemic.

As we find in Ecclesiastes, there is nothing new under the sun.

Blessings and happy Fourth of July,
Pastor James

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

JULY LECTONARY

- 4-Jul-21** **6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gospel : Mark 6:1-13
Meditation *Resilient Leadership*
- 11-Jul-21** **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gospel : Ephesians 1:3-14
Meditation *Lavishing Grace*
- 18-Jul-21** **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gospel : Ephesians 2:11-22
Meditation *Building without Walls*
- 25-Jul-21** **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gospel : John 6:1-21
Meditation *More than Enough*



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

God and Country ~ July 4th

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 the congregation. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our FM Station 88.5.





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

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

Family & Friends

Donna Fox	Connie Konnick	Rich Taylor
Betty Humanick	Patty Sager	Susan "Tillie" Waller

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Sandy Endres	Thomas Jones	Mick Smith
Freda Horn	Holly Kuneck	

Those in higher education: Jenna Blynn studying at Florida International University; Toby Sander and Caden Shields, studying at LCCC; Angie Lopez, studying at Widener University; Matthew Shields, studying at Moravian College; Calista Smoyer, studying at West Virginia University; Jacob Taylor, studying at Drexel University; Nathan Taylor, studying at Penn State; Dylan Coffin, studying at Susquehanna University.

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 IN YOUR CAR:

Communion 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. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.



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.



Recently **Altar Guild** went through a major setback with the loss of our coordinator Mary Lacy. Volunteers are needed to help change the paraments (cloths on the Pulpit and Altar) and care for the flowers. If interested, please let pastor know. We need someone to take of July & August. Please see Pastor James.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jul 1	Connie Fogle	Jul 12	Tucker Hosier
Jul 1	Jennifer Sommers	Jul 16	Paul Castillo
Jul 1	Shane White	Jul 17	Tyla Block
Jul 1	Isabella Palmer	Jul 17	Tara Hunter
Jul 3	Ellen Biegly	Jul 17	Robert Koons
Jul 3	Donald Hartwig	Jul 18	Jean Hewitt
Jul 4	Mason Bowers	Jul 18	Beth Kutzner
Jul 4	Judy Mack	Jul 19	Derrick Hewitt
Jul 4	Diane Reitz	Jul 19	Nick Horvath
Jul 5	Cameron Kelsey	Jul 20	Braxton Andrew Rice
Jul 7	Michael Bankes	Jul 20	William "Biff" Hayes
Jul 7	Graham Hantz	Jul 21	Ariana Smoyer
Jul 7	Lisa Gilly	Jul 22	Tania Hewitt
Jul 7	Trevor Rex	Jul 22	Cynthia Schramel
Jul 8	Brock Boyer	Jul 23	Peter Beblavy
Jul 8	Robert Pierce	Jul 23	Kenny Reimert
Jul 8	Jessica Redline	Jul 24	Savannah Knittle
Jul 8	Julie Solt	Jul 24	Jazmin Richardson
Jul 9	Brandi Palmer	Jul 29	Matthew Shields, Jr.
Jul 9	Janice Silliman	Jul 29	Joe Puskas
Jul 9	Tammy White	Jul 31	Terry Derhammer
Jul 11	Madison Sommers		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 2	Wally and Jackie (Minnich) Amey
Jul 4	Michael Smith & Mark Miller
Jul 7	Greg & Katie (White) Koneschusky
Jul 10	Richard & Linda (Snyder) Schock
Jul 11	Jed & Lisa (Horninger) Gilly
Jul 14	Donald & Candy (Quier) Hartwig
Jul 14	Peter & Shirley (Nothstein) Blynn
Jul 14	Jeffry & Peggy (Blynn) Shupp
Jul 16	"Duke" Sterling & Alice (Musselman) Christman
Jul 20	Kerry and Sally (Sensinger) Loch
Jul 20	Mark and Jennifer (Stafiniak) Sander
Jul 21	Josh & Kara (Solt) Richardson
Jul 20	Jim & Barbara (Rice) Sensinger
Jul 21	Travis & Jessica (Miller) Redline
Jul 27	William "Biff" & Ann (Leiphart) Hayes

Mission for July:

Lancaster Theological Seminary
www.lancasterseminary.edu

Lancaster Theological Seminary is a vibrant and inclusive graduate school of theology committed to the integration of intellectual, spiritual, social, and vocational learning. A seminary of the United Church of Christ, ours is an **ecumenical** seminary that serves students from diverse Christian traditions. Our campus is located in historic Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a charming and affordable city within driving distance of Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

LOTTERY TICKETS

June winner :

Eddie Smith

thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

Youth Fellowship News

Youth Fellowship meeting on July 4th. Youth Group meets right after church. Come on out kids! Have some fun and make a joyful noise! Their fundraiser for the Heifer Foundation's mission will be decided at the meeting.



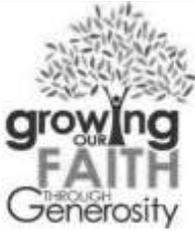
Paige Bachman, Megan Banks, Carissa Fallon, Ben Griffith
Evan Horninger, Ariana Smoyer, Caleb Sommers, Cole Wheeler

Save the date!

Good Shepherd's outdoor service and picnic is
September 19th.

Watch for more information and sign-up sheets.





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.*

Dear God, All the beauty, goodness, tenderness, peace, hope and love are yours. You are the source of all kindness, the beginning of grace and the birth of compassion. O God, how we sing your praise! We will proclaim your greatness and dwell in your wonderful ways forever. Amen.

SCRIP Summary JUNE 2021

Participants	9	Don't forget to order your gift cards for Vacations, Gas, Groceries and gifts
Cards Ordered	52	
Profit	\$130.03	
Profit Year-To-Date	\$646.05	

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, July 11th**
and will be delivered on **Sunday, July 18th**

Financial Update

May 23	\$1,263.00	E-giving \$439.12
May 30	\$2,269.00	E-giving \$345.00
June 6	\$1,118.01	E-giving \$339.12
June 13	\$1,853.00	E-giving \$330.00

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.

Financial Peace University 2021

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

July 9 through August 11, 2021 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Classes usually last about 90 minutes.

We'll meet together 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! If you're interested, it's not too late. You can catch up by watching videos.

Here is the direct link to the Good Shepherd class:

www.fpu.com/1133881

Ramsey+

"Free Trial - 3, 6, or 12 Month plans available, after your free trial" At no additional cost, Good Shepherd will host the local classes with Monica Zellner (MBA/MEd, NBCT) to guide us through it as a group. Contact: monicagriffith@hotmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Save The Dates: August 1st to August 5th

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

Monday thru Wednesday 6pm to 8pm -

classes, crafts and activities Thursday 7pm - Closing program



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.



Have a musical talent that you would like to share? Beth is looking to fill summer Sundays' special music with talented people from our

congregation. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please email or call Beth Kutzner. beperkins@live.com or 570-240-0044

PRAYER CHAIN



Interested in joining our prayer chain? By phone call or email.

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,
Sharon Conway at sconjo0429@gmail.com;
or Eileen Andrews for phone calls at 610-390-4302



Repair the Roof

A Campaign to raise funds for the restoration of our Church Roof.

Originally installed in 1986 is now in need of replacing at a cost of \$48,000. Would you like to help? Gifts in Honor of or in Memory of ~ Fathers' Day or Graduation Day, can be placed in the offering plate and noted as such.

Good Shepherd's Fellowship Hall

is the perfect venue for your event. The hall has the capacity to hold 210 people, and there are members of Good Shepherd who can help you plan the event, right down to the last detail.

For more information, call Madeline Balliet at (610) 769-0810



Staying in Touch

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And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Amanda Bowers

Elder: Sunday July 4 Chris Kegel

Acolytes: Sunday July 4 Aiden Solt

Sunday July 11 Kyan Block

Sunday July 18 Breonna Richardson

Sunday July 25 Jazmin Richardson

Lay Readers: Sunday July 4 Darlene Nothstein

Sunday July 11 Beth Kuntzer

Sunday July 18 Dylan Coffin

Sunday July 25 Susie Blose

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

July 6: Teaching: All

Picnic with snacks and games

July 13: Teaching: Susie Blose

Craft: Beth Kutzner

July 20: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

July 27: Teaching: Linda Coffin

Craft: Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord