

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Pastor James D. Robison, Jr

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections July 2022

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

May we at Good Shepherd
though many voices ~ be one in faith
though many dreams ~ be one in hope
though many backgrounds ~ be one in baptism
though many disciples ~ be one in Christ
though many communities ~ be one in Spirit



www.familypromise.org

*Transforming the lives of families experiencing
homelessness. Because every child deserves a home.*

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Family Promise recognizes that family homelessness and poverty are complex issues that require comprehensive, innovative solutions. Solving homelessness is not just about housing. Our holistic approach to the crisis of family homelessness includes three key areas of focus:

prevention, shelter, and stabilization.

God bless you one and all.

In Christ's Service, *Pastor James*

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

JULY LECTIONARY

July 3, 2022	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	2 Kings 5:1–14
Meditation:	Power of Compassion
July 10, 2022	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Luke 10:25–37
Meditation:	Faithful Action
July 17, 2022	6th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Luke 10:38–42
Meditation:	Faithful Listening
July 24, 2022	7th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Luke 11:1–13
Meditation:	Faithful Prayer
July 31, 2022	8th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Luke 12:13–21
Meditation:	Abundant Love



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 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.

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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	Erin Stenger-Guth
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Barry Silfies
Little Shepherd Preschool Director	Karen Weaver

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.**



Financial

G 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 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.



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



Homebound

Marge Bass
Mary Bilheimer
Kay Costenbader

Dale-Ann Derr
Dennis Derr

Members

Jean Hewitt
Betty Humanick
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
	Spencer Perkins	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Ann Johnson	Craig Solt
Dorothy Arnold	Cindy Jones	Sallie Solt
Dave Bauer	Penny Keen	Joshua Sophy
Darlene Bean	Sandy Keller	Marilyn Sowden
Miriam Burbes	Rick Keller	Rich Taylor
Lisa Gilly	Alice Schnell	Faye Zellner
Jane Haldeman	Nancy Schumaker	Nanette Zink
Barbara Hanks	Dee Dee Sloane	
	The People of Ukraine	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Michael Ciccarelli	Mary Derr	Janet German
Barbara Hanks	"Kitch" Kitchell	

The families the victims of the mass shootings:
At a shopping center in Buffalo, NY.
An Elementary School in Uvalde, TX

God is watching over you..... I know because I asked God to

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1-Jul Connie Fogle 16-Jul Paul Castillo

1-Jul	Jennifer Sommers	17-Jul	Tyla Block
1-Jul	Shane White	17-Jul	Bob Koons
1-Jul	Isabella Palmer	18-Jul	Jean Hewitt
3-Jul	Ellen Biegly	18-Jul	Beth Kutzner
4-Jul	Frank Gellis	19-Jul	Derrick Hewitt
4-Jul	Mason Bowers	19-Jul	Nick Horvath
4-Jul	Judy Mack	20-Jul	Braxton Rice
4-Jul	Diane Reitz	20-Jul	William "Biff" Hayes
7-Jul	Michael Bankes	21-Jul	Ariana Smoyer
7-Jul	Graham Hantz	22-Jul	Tania Hewitt
7-Jul	Lisa Gilly	22-Jul	Cynthia Schramel
7-Jul	Trevor Rex	23-Jul	Michael Kremposky
8-Jul	Robert Pierce	23-Jul	Peter Beblavy
8-Jul	Jessica Redline	23-Jul	Kenny Reimert
8-Jul	Raelyn Rinker	24-Jul	Savannah Knittle
8-Jul	Julie Solt	24-Jul	Jazmin Richardson
9-Jul	Brandi Palmer	29-Jul	Matthew Shields, Jr.
9-Jul	Janice Silliman	30-Jul	Ellen Perkins
9-Jul	Tammy White	30-Jul	Joe Puskas
11-Jul	Chastity Corvino	31-Jul	Terry Derhammer
11-Jul	Madison Sommers	31-Jul	Mason Rex
12-Jul	Tucker Hosier		

- 2-Jul Wally and Jackie (Minnich) Amey
- 7-Jul Michael Smith & Mark Miller
- 7-Jul Greg & Katie (White) Koneschusky
- 10-Jul Richard & Linda (Snyder) Schock
- 14-Jul Donald & Candy (Quier) Hartwig
- 14-Jul Peter & Shirley (Nothstein) Blynn
- 17-Jul Randy & Cindy (Passaro) Parks
- 19-Jul "Duke" & Alice (Musselman) Christman
- 20-Jul Mark and Jennifer (Stafiniak) Sander
- 20-Jul Jim & Barbara (Rice) Sensinger
- 21-Jul Josh & Kara (Solt) Richardson
- 23-Jul Darryl & Annette (Bellangee) Fatzinger
- 24-Jul Travis & Jessica (Miller) Redline
- 27-Jul Travis & Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Frantz
- 27-Jul William "Biff" & Ann (Leiphart) Hayes
- 28-Jul Kerry and Sally (Sensinger) Loch

Pastor James is recruiting youngsters interested in joining the church to begin the Confirmation Process.

There are approximately 12 Sessions with most of them taking place on Sunday morning during Faith Formation Classes.



Requirements: completed Fifth Grade, been Baptized (or willing to be), a willingness to participate in Faith Formation and a desire to become part of the congregation here at Good Shepherd.

Give Pastor James a call at 484.571.6083 for more information.

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Faith Formation is looking for mentors for our future confirmands. Mentors may not be related to the child. Must be a member of our church for at least 5 years. If interested please contact Pastor James or Faith Formation Director, Amanda Dieter at [ffdir@ptd.net](mailto:ffdir@ptd.net).

### **Financial Peace University 2022**

Wednesdays - June 15<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Classes usually last about 90 minutes. We'll meet together at Good Shepherd UCC, 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!

Here is the unique class link: [fpu.com/1151000](https://fpu.com/1151000)

| Lesson | Date   | Lesson | Date   | Lesson | Date   |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3      | 6-Jul  | 6      | 27-Jul | 9      | 17-Aug |
| 4      | 13-Jul | 7      | 3-Aug  |        |        |
| 5      | 20-Jul | 8      | 10-Aug |        |        |

### **Faith Formation**

**July 3rd:** Power of Compassion ~ Susie Blose teach & Craft

**July 10th:** Faithful Action ~ Deb Craig teach and craft

**July 17th:** Faithful Listening ~ Pam Puskas teach and Craft

**July 24th:** Faithful Prayer ~ Deb Craig teach and craft

**July 31st:** Abundant Love ~ Monica Griffith teach/and Deb Craft.

## June 2022

### SCRIP Summary

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Participants        | 9         |
| Cards Ordered       | 67        |
| Profit              | \$162.08  |
| Profit Year-To-Date | \$ 954.19 |

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



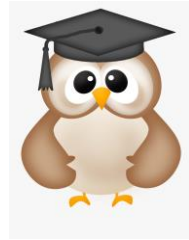
Next month's orders are due **Sunday, July 10th**  
and will be delivered on **Sunday, July 17th**

**Congrats** to the kids receiving college acceptance to their dream schools. But also, a shoutout to all those students who are bravely selecting trade schools, choosing community colleges, joining the military, taking a gap year to focus on their mental health or earn money, or still have no idea what they are doing next. There is no one path to doing life.

Let's celebrate it all! Good Luck to you All!

### Congratulations Graduates:

Toby Frantz  
Ryan Hartmeier  
Olivia Horninger  
Megane Lawson  
Brody N. Ritter  
Allison (Conway) Schaffer  
Robbie Schramel, Jr.  
Matthew Shields, Jr.



**LOTTERY TICKETS**    **June winner:** Frank Soldridge

Thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

### Congratulations

The Birth of Lucas Steven Hermany

on June 16, 2022,

son of Kyle & Ashleigh Hermany

Happy Grandparents Kellie and Kevin Smith

Happy Great Grandparents Karen and Eddie Smith



## Staying in Touch

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

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

And also "Like" us on:

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

[secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org](mailto:secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org)

**CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR**

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### JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

**Elder:** July 3      Chris Kegel

**Deacon:** July      Joe Conway

**Acolytes:** July 3      Jazmin Richardson

July 10      Adam Griffith

July 17      Aiden Solt

July 24      Jazmin Richardson

July 31      Patrick Conway

**Lay Readers:** July 3      Linda Coffin

July 10      Marie Bachman

July 17      Aaron Oswald

July 24      Darlene Nothstein

July 31      Eileen Andrews

**Greeters:** July 3      Tracy Gurskey

July 10      Madeline Balliet

July 17      Eddie & Karen Smith

July 24      Alice Kegel

July 31      Eileen Andrews

**Altar Guild:** July      **xxxxxxx**

**Power Point Designer:**      Deb Craig

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

Evan Horninger

**Videographer:**      Beth Kutzner

**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,*





Father God, thank You for the joy found in giving.  
Give me a generous heart even toward ordinary needs.

### **MISSION OUTREACH**

For July is: Lancaster Theological Seminary  
[www.lancasterseminary.edu](http://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

### **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 and/or bulletin

sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday.  
Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.



**The Northern Lehigh Food Bank** needs volunteers to unload the truck from Second Harvest. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Also, help needed every Monday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am to lift crates/boxes of food. Must be able to lift 25lbs. **Must be vaccinated.**

Calendar



**Youth Fellowship  
meets on  
July 3rd at 11:15 am  
after worship.**

**youth**



# SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

## Saturday, August 13, 2022

Doors Open at 4:00 P.M.  
( Meal Served 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. )

**GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.**  
3940 Mountain Road, Slatington, PA.  
Lic. #: 0121R21

Cost: \$20.00

Includes: Ticket Prize Raffle,  
Meal & Refreshments  
(Only 250 Tickets Printed)

- Winners Need Not Be Present -

- - - Special Drawings Throughout Event. - - -



Door Prizes &  
50/50 Drawing



For Advanced Tickets Call:  
Eddie Smith @ 610-767-3776

See Karen in the  
Narthex to purchase  
tickets.

Or call Eddie @  
610-767-3776

Volunteers and  
Donations are needed  
and appreciated.

See signup sheet in  
the narthex

## Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

If interested in helping,  
see Dennis Silfies



All Church Picnic