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**Good Shepherd**

**Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.**

**UNITED CHURCH**

**O F C H R I S T**

Mountain Reflections July 2022

Dear Friends and Family of

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ;

May we at Good Shepherd

though may voices ~ be one in faith

though may 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

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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

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**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

**God and Country ~ July 3rd**

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** e 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.

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# 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:**

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| 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**

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| Jane Achey | Jane Haldeman | Craig Solt |
| Randy Andrews | Ann Johnson | Sallie Solt |
| Dorothy Arnold | Cindy Jones | Joshua Sophy |
| Dave Bauer | Penny Keen | Marilyn Sowden |
| Darlene Bean | Sandy Keller | Rich Taylor |
| Miriam Burbes | Rick Keller | Faye Zellner |
| Michael Diefenderfer | Alice Schnell | Nanette Zink |
| Lisa Gilly | Nancy Schumaker |  |
| Jane Haldeman | 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 Suzanne Hurst “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

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**July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 | | | |

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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.

**Financial Peace University 2022**

Wednesdays - June 15th through August 17th, 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**

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| 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.

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| **SCRIP Summary** | **June 2022** |
| Participants | 9 |
| Cards Ordered | 67 |
| Profit | $162.08 |
| Profit Year-To-Date | $ 954.19 |

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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

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Staying in Touch

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

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And also “Like” us on:

**www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington**

**secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org**

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

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**Email:** jamdarrob@gmail.com

**JULY WORSHIP LEADERS**

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| **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 |

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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

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

A bouquet of flowers

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**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.

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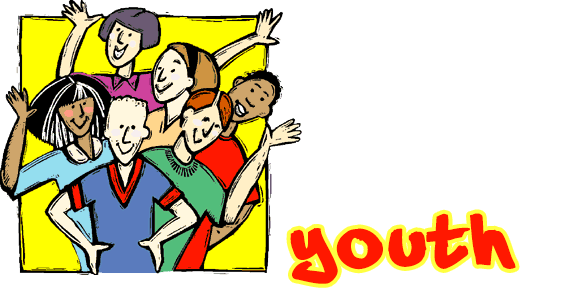
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**The Northern Lehigh Food Bank** needs volunteers to unload the truck from Second Harvest. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Also, help needed every Monday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am to lift crates/boxes of food. Must be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

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**Youth Fellowship**

**meets on**

**July 3rd at 11:15 am**

**after worship.**

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**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 18th, 2022**

**If interested in helping,**

**see Dennis Silfies**

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