

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections July 2023

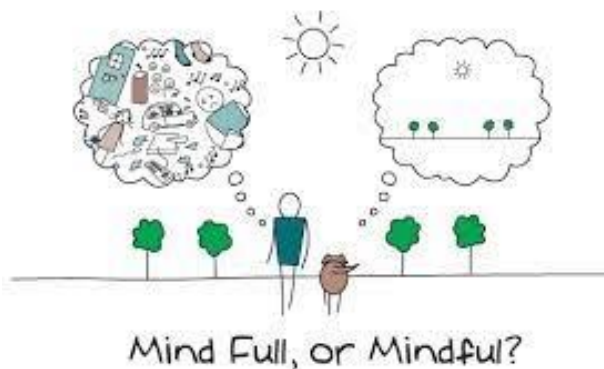
Hello friends and members of Good Shepherd ~

Wouldn't it be nice if everything was picnics and fireworks? I suppose not, otherwise life would be boring. I guess I'm looking for some stability in the world. I thought we had lived through the worst when 911 happened and since then we've now gone through a pandemic and most recently, the smoke from the forest fires in Canada.

It is good to know that through it all we are not alone. God walks beside us as Christ leads us boldly into God's future. All we can do is enjoy the picnics and fireworks as they come and trust the Lord through the trying times.

All in the name of Christ,

Pastor James



JULY LECTONARY

July 2, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Meditation: Welcoming Community

July 9, 2023

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Meditation: Choose

July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Meditation: Struggle

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Meditation: Blessed

July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

Meditation: Transform

God and Country Communion

Sunday, July 2, 2023

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**

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>

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**.



**Mission Outreach for July is
Lancaster Theological Seminary**

Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS) is a seminary of the United Church of Christ, that serves students from diverse Christian traditions. The campus is located in historic Lancaster, Pennsylvania. LTS is known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues of importance to our world. Recently, LTS and Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem merged together.

They offer three advanced degrees: Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. They offer convenient weekday and weekend options for their masters programs. Their Doctor of Ministry program features online learning combined with an on-campus intensive week in the fall and spring.
www.lancasterseminary.edu

Volunteers Still Needed

The Breakfast Bunch will provide breakfast and a bag lunch Monday through Friday, From 8:30 – 10 am from June 12 to August 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 40 2nd St., Slatington. All children in the community, ages 2 – 17, are welcome to attend. We are looking for volunteers to do the following: make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pour a glass of milk for a child, toast bread or pour cereal into a bowl, grocery shop or pick up donations from local businesses. Six volunteers are needed each day and time commitments and days are flexible. To volunteer, please call the office at St. John's at (610) 767-6361 or email the church at stjohnslatington@gmail.com. Monetary donations or gift cards to Giant, Weis, Walmart, Redner's, etc. are always appreciated and can be delivered to the church. Checks can be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Breakfast Bunch" written on the memo line.

All items for the August Newsletter must be in the church office no later than Sunday, August 16.

**Lawn Mowing Volunteers needed for the weeks of:
July 3, 24 and 31; August 14, 21 and 28. Please sign up in the Narthex.**



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr
Mary Bilheimer	Betty Humanick
Kay Costenbader	Susan 'Tillie' Waller

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services
Or with The Department of Defense:**

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Nicholas Sander
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Dalton Housenick	Jacqueline Moyer	Janel Tracy
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Spencer Perkins	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Donna Fox	Chris Newhard
Dorothy Arnold	Lisa Gilly	Richard Paradis
Jeffrey Bachman	Al Jones	Connie Renner
Connie Beblavy	Donna Keener	Alice Schnell
Gail Bell	Bonnie Kleppinger	Dee Dee Sloane
Chastity Corvino	Bob Koons	Eddie Smith
Jim Craig	Shawn Kress	Craig Solt
Rob Davis	Kevin Kroboth	Sallie Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Wayne Kuhns	Rich Taylor
Daniel Evans	Richard Kuntz	Anna Mae Weiss
Beverly Fehnel	Glenn Knappenberger	

Those who suffer miscarriages

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Scott Gordon	Bob Heckman
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God is watching over you...
I know because I asked God to

Altar Flowers and Bulletins
Given To 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 in the Narthex by the prior Sunday. Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.



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 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.

SCRIP Report •June 2023

Participants	–	11
Cards Ordered	–	74
Profit	–	\$161.53
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$744.10



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, July 9** and delivered on **Sunday, July 16**.

Greeters needed for Christmas Eve 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm services.
Lay Readers needed for September 3, October 1 and 22, November 5 and 19, December 10 and December 24 3:00 pm and 11:00 pm services.
Please **sign up** in the Narthex.

Calendar

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July Birthdays

Jul 1	Connie Fogle	Jul 16	Paul Castillo
Jul 1	Isabella Palmer	Jul 17	Tyla Block
Jul 1	Jennifer Sommers	Jul 17	Bob Koons
Jul 1	Shane White	Jul 18	Beth Kutzner
Jul 2	Kellan Heffernan	Jul 19	Derrick Hewitt
Jul 3	Ellen Biegly	Jul 19	Nick Horvath
Jul 4	Mason Bowers	Jul 19	David Nothstein
Jul 4	Frank Gellis	Jul 20	“Biff” Hayes
Jul 4	Judy Mack	Jul 20	Braxton Rice
Jul 4	Diane Reitz	Jul 21	Ariana Smoyer
Jul 7	Michael Bankes	Jul 22	Tania Hewitt
Jul 7	Lisa Gilly	Jul 22	Cynthia Schramel
Jul 7	Graham Hantz	Jul 23	Peter Beblavy
Jul 7	Trevor Rex	Jul 23	Chase Kremposky
Jul 8	Brock Boyer	Jul 23	Jade Kremposky
Jul 8	Jessica Redline	Jul 23	Michael Kremposky
Jul 8	Raelyn Rinker	Jul 23	Kenny Reimert
Jul 8	Julie Solt	Jul 24	Savannah Knittle
Jul 9	Brandi Palmer	Jul 24	Jazmin Richardson
Jul 9	Janice Silliman	Jul 29	Matthew Shields, Jr.
Jul 9	Tammy White	Jul 30	Ellen Perkins
Jul 11	Chastity Corvino	Jul 30	Joe Puskas
Jul 11	Madison Sommers	Jul 31	Terry Derhammer
Jul 13	Joseph Bartczak	Jul 31	Mason Rex
Jul 15	Rowan Sander		

Congratulations to:
The Winner of the July Lottery:
See Karen Smith to participate.



Anniversaries

Jul 2	Wally & Jackie (Minnich) Amey
Jul 7	Michael Smith & Mark Miller
Jul 7	Greg & Katie (White) Koneschusky
Jul 10	Richard & Linda (Snyder) Schock
Jul 14	Peter & Shirley (Nothstein) Blynn
Jul 15	Bruce & Faye (German) Zellner
Jul 17	Randy & Cindy (Passaro) Parks
Jul 19	“Duke” & Alice (Musselman) Christman
Jul 20	Mark & Jennifer (Stafiniak) Sander
Jul 20	Jim & Barbara (Rice) Sensinger
Jul 21	Josh & Kara (Solt) Richardson
Jul 23	Darryl & Annette (Bellangee) Fatzinger
Jul 24	Travis & Jessica (Miller) Redline
Jul 27	Travis & Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Frantz
Jul 27	William “Biff” & Ann (Leiphart) Hayes
Jul 28	Kerry & Sally (Sensinger) Loch

Youth Ensemble will resume again on Sunday, September 10.

Preschool summer camp registration is now open for July 31-Aug 4. Hours are Monday - Friday 9 am to noon. Registration costs \$100 per week. For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.

Redner’s Save-A-Tape bucket in Narthex. The church gets 1% of your receipt if you have a Save-A-Tape card from Redner’s.

Clothing drop-off box at the rear of the property earns the church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. Year to date earnings total \$280.

GRILL'IN RAFFLE WINNERS LIST

May 28, 2023

<u>Prize #</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
Grand Prize, Blackstone Grill	Francis Kuntz	Madeline Balliet
1. Giant \$25	Ellen Rice	Madeline Balliet
2. Wegman's \$25	John Zellner	John Zellner
3. Country Harvest \$25	Brian Schoch	Eileen Andrews
4. Thomson's Meat \$25	Lani Sherman	Tracey Gursky
5. Northampton Seafood \$25	Richard Croll	Pastor James
6. Martin Meats \$25	Matthew Bowers	Frank Soldridge
7. Country Harvest \$50	Frank Soldridge	Frank Soldridge
8. Thomson's Meat \$50	Faythe Vercusky	Eileen Andrews
9. Northampton Seafood \$50	Sue Shelly	Bonnie Hewitt
10. Martin Meats \$50	Matt Shields, Jr.	Carol Krum
11. Country Harvest \$25	Sue Fink	Madeline Balliet
12. Thomson's Meat \$25	Shirley Smith	Edgar Smith
13. Northampton Seafood \$25	Donna Keener	Madeline Balliet
14. Martin Meats \$25	Deb Ritter	Jim George
15. Country Harvest \$25	Todd Hoffman	Terry Derhammer
16. Thomson's Meat \$25	Eric Hantz	Karen Smith
17. Northampton Seafood \$25	Sharon Conway	Sharon Conway
18. Martin Meats \$25	Shannon George	Jayce Flores (PS)
19. Country Harvest \$25	Fred Fenselau	Pam Puskas
20. Thomson's Meat \$25	Sandi Rex	Eileen Andrews
21. Northampton Seafood \$25	Kathy Christman	Kelsey Knittle
22. Martin Meats \$25	Cassie Knittle	Kelsey Knittle
23. Country Harvest \$25	Dianne Rice	Karen Smith
24. Thomson's Meat \$25	Kelly Beblavy	Chris Kegel
25. Northampton Seafood \$25	Dale Knittle	Kelsey Knittle
26. Martin Meats \$25	Pastor James	Pastor James

Please drive slowly through the parking lot especially with preschool summer camp and vacation Bible school going on - we have a large number of children that we want to make sure are safe.

Confirmation sessions will begin on Sunday, September 3. Please sign up in the Narthex or see Pastor James. Confirmands must have completed Fifth Grade.

Looking for **acolytes** for the following dates:

July 9, August 6 and 13

September through December

Please **sign up** in the **Narthex** or let Pastor James know.

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

Confirmands - Pastor James & Young Adults - Mary Storm

Nursery Teacher - Brandi Palmer

Children Teachers -

July 2 Deb Craig

July 23 Pam Puskas

July 9 Mary Storm

July 30 Mary Storm

July 16 Monica Griffith

Our Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.

Faith Formation Director

Amanda Dieter

Preschool Director

Karen Weaver

Organist/Pianist

TBD

Choir Director

Beth Kutzner

Secretary

Eileen Andrews

Treasurer

Tammy White

Financial Secretary

Colleen Shields

Sexton

Matthew Shields

Staying in Touch

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

Office will be closed from Wednesday, July 19 through Monday, July 31, but will be open on Monday July 17 and Tuesday, July 18.

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CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:		Pam Puskas
Deacon:		Joe Conway
Altar Guild:		Jen Sommers
Acolytes:	2	Adam Griffith
	9	TBD
	16	Adam Griffith
	23	Adam Griffith
	30	Matthew Bowers
Lay Readers:	2	Pam Puskas
	9	Linda Coffin
	16	Darlene Nothstein
	23	Beth Kutzner
	30	Marie Bachman
Greeters:	2	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	9	Joe & Sharon Conway
	16	Joe & Sharon Conway
	30	Matthew Bowers & Penny Keen

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

A/V Operators: Riley Fallon, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger

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