



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections June 2024

To our Good Shepherd Graduates ~

As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter, poised to embark on life's journey, I pray you reflect on the profound significance of this moment. Graduation isn't just a ceremony; it's a milestone marking your achievements, your growth, and your readiness to embrace the unknown with courage and determination.

Your years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication have brought you to this pivotal moment. Now, as you step forward into the world to further your academic career or beyond academia, remember that graduation is not just an end but also a beginning—a beginning filled with endless possibilities and opportunities waiting to be seized.

As you navigate this new phase of your life, may you hold on to your faith remembering the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the dreams that fuel your aspirations. And may your faith help you embrace the challenges that ignite your soul.

Remember, the journey ahead may be filled with twists and turns, but with faith in yourself and the support of those who believe in you, there's nothing you cannot achieve.

Congratulations, graduates. May your future be bright, your path be clear, and your endeavors be filled with fulfillment and joy.

With heartfelt congratulations,

Pastor James

JUNE LECTIONARY

June 2, 2024	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Mark 2:23-3:6
Meditation:	Stretch Out Your Hand
June 9, 2024	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Mark 3:20-35
Meditation:	God's Will
June 16, 2024	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Mark 4:26-34
Meditation:	Flourishing
June 23, 2024	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Mark 4:35-41
Meditation:	Pushing the Boat Out
June 30, 2024	6th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Mark 5:21-43
Meditation:	Healing Powers

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

God & Country Communion ~ Sunday, July 7, 2024

Virtual Worship Services thru Facebook Live-Streaming allows us to continue our services for those unable to attend in person.

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**.

There are four Sunday's **needing special music**. They are: June 23, June 30, July 28, and August 11th. If you would like to present special music, please let Beth Kutzner know as soon as possible. She will need the piece you plan on performing and a short bio to include in the bulletin.

**Mission Outreach for June is
Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association
Contact Rev. James LeVan@revjlevan@hotal.com**

Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association is an ecumenical group of authorized ministers serving the Northern Lehigh Area. They sponsor scholarships at Northern Lehigh High School, organize baccalaureate services and midweek Lenten services in the community.

Faith Formation will be **honoring graduates** on **June 9, 2024**. Forms are in the Narthex. Please fill out the information and place it in the offering plate or the church office.

There will be a **New Members Class** on **June 2** for those who are interested in joining Good Shepherd. These individuals will be received on **June 16**.

St. John's Lutheran Church "Summer Breakfast Brunch" is **June 10, 2024 to August 23, 2024** for **all children ages 2 -17**. Breakfast and a bag lunch will be provided Monday -Friday, 8:30 – 10 am. Volunteers needed for: Making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, pouring milk or cereal into a bowl for a child, scrambling eggs, and/or toasting bread/bagel. **6 volunteers needed per day, time commitments are flexible**. Volunteer as often or as little as your schedule allows. To volunteer, call the office at St. John's Lutheran Church at 610-767-6361 or email the church at stjohnsslatington@gmail.com.

Aricka Creyer is hosting a **Field Hockey Clinic at Eagles Nest for girls K-6. June 3-6 from 6 pm to 9 pm**. This is to help her achieve her Gold Award. Cost: \$15. Returning players are welcome to bring their own gear. For new players sticks will be provided. Shin guards and mouth guards are recommended. Call Aricka at 484-788-4292 or amc122305@gmail.com.

Financial Peace University, Wednesday's 6:30-8 pm taught by Monica Griffith again this summer. Dates are June 12,19,26, July 3,10,17,31, August 7, 14.



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



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr	Richard Kuntz
Mary Bilheimer	Donna Fox	Carol Schweitzer
Peter & Shirley Blynn	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	Spencer Perkins
Anthony Babb	Marcus Loch	Nicholas Sander
Sean Bolza	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Dalton Housenick	Jacob Molchan	Janel Tracy
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Adam Moyer	
	Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Boden Kearney	“Skee”
Connie Beblavy	Shawn Kress	Maria Smith
Gail Bell	Kevin Kroboth	Shirley Smith
Barbara Beltz	Barbara Mathias	Mary Storm
Charlotte	Chris Newhard	Sally Hoffman Stout
Jim Craig	Connie Renner	Frank Strohl
Louise Croll	Kayla Schappell	Rich Taylor
Fiona Dieter	Kylie Schneider	Richard Tully
Keith Gross	Sandy Serfass	Helen Zolnowsky
Lee Haas		
Faith Mondrick Lauer		

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Joe Bechtel	Larry Correll	Roy Dengler
Jayden Gable	Davie Hittinger	Bob Zellner

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

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Texting the word “give” to **610.615.7657**

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, text 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 • May 2024

Participants	-	8
Cards Ordered	-	54
Profit	-	\$130
Profit Year-To-Date	-	\$621.63

Orders Due **Sunday, June 9**; delivery on **Sunday, June 16**.

Don't forget to order cards for graduations, weddings, and Father's Day.

Choir picnic, in the pavilion, on **Tuesday, June 18th** starting at **6 PM**. All choir and media members, as well as their families, are invited to the picnic. Please use the link below to sign up to bring an item. Beth will supply water and soda.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13C7xbUf9sr_Z7URPGIEk1qmdn584SHC_dnSy9VpqNSM/edit?usp=sharing

Calendar

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June Birthdays

June 1	June Frohnheiser	June 13	Linda Dries
June 2	Allen Hunsicker	June 13	Willow Fister
June 2	Mark Schaeffer	June 13	Macie Haberman
June 3	Sharon Conway	June 14	Madeline Balliet
June 3	Jane Evans	June 15	Matt Dait
June 3	Michael Passaro	June 16	Lucas Hermany
June 3	Shirley Smith	June 16	Eddie Krum II
June 4	Emily McGinnis	June 17	Justin Conway
June 5	Corey Breiner	June 19	Amanda Dieter
June 5	Albert Falat	June 20	Kathy Elston
June 6	Debbie Derhammer	June 20	David Neff III
June 6	Betty Humanick	June 20	Roxane Prutzman
June 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	June 21	Joanne Feller
June 6	Bruce Zellner	June 22	Randy Kresge
June 6	Edward Zink, Jr.	June 22	Tyler Schappell
June 7	Barbara Kremposky	June 24	Dale Boyer
June 8	Robert Schramel	June 24	Holden White
June 9	Jean Edwards	June 26	Greg Koneschusky
June 9	Susan Shelly	June 28	Matthew Bowers
June 10	Erv Prutzman	June 28	Katy Griffith
June 11	David DeLong	June 29	Blaine Horn
June 11	Jordan Knittle-Moser	June 30	Logan Bachman
June 12	Makenna Frantz	June 30	Cindy Parks

The Winner of the May Lottery is: Carol Blöse



See Karen Smith to participate.

A total of 266 Individual packs of crackers and misc. snacks were delivered to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Fantastic job. Thanks to everyone for their continuing support.

Michele Hunsicker

June Anniversaries

June 1	Greg & Connie (Smoyer) Fogle
June 3	Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers
June 5	Edgar & Shirley (Kocher) Smith
June 14	Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
June 16	Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein
June 21	Kenny & Pat (Romig) Reimert
June 22	Bruce & Lori (Frantz) Balliet
June 23	Jim & Laura (Parks) George
June 24	Terry & Susan (Schlosser) Shelly
June 25	Nicholas & Kelsey (Spragley) Sander
June 25	Troy & Karen (Conarty) Weaver
June 28	Kyle & Allison (Sosik) Kremposky

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor James is looking for individuals in junior and/or senior high school that would like to explore possible service and mission opportunities. Pastor James will meet with the youth on the first Sunday of the even months in 2024: **June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1**. Youth Fellowship is collecting socks for VALOR from **May through June 16** in their “**Sock it**” to VALOR drive.

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

The Youth Ensemble meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Sunday of each month after church until 11:45. Children ages 5 and up are invited to participate. Littles, ages 3 and 4, can participate with an adult present. This spring the children will be presenting music during the service on **June 16**.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes: 9:00am

Teachers – Combined Classes for the Summer

June 2	Pam Puskas
June 9	Monica Griffith
June 16	Beth Kutzner
June 23	Mary Storm
June 30	Deb Craig

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Lehigh Valley Pride will be Sunday August 18th from 2pm-7pm. A booth sponsored by PNEC will represent all the Open & Affirming congregations in the conference. If you would like to volunteer to be at the booth to greet people and hand out fun giveaways, you can sign up to share God's boundless love at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DAAAA29A3F94-49585463-2024/135895903#/>

We are also partnering with our sister churches to be a presence at the Allentown **Out and Proud** celebration on June 30th, 4 pm – 7pm at Allentown Arts Park on N. 5th St. If interested in helping, please contact Pastor James or a member of the Open and Affirming Task Force.

FUNDRAISING

<u>Event</u>	<u>Profit for 2024</u>
Sportsman Night Raffle	\$5,750.07
Soup Sale	\$353.00
Hoagie Sale	\$291.00
Clear toy lollipops & pieces	\$74.25
Redner's Save-A-Tape	\$21.85
Floyd's Used Clothing	\$280.00
Fisherman's Raffle	\$1,976.01
Little Caesars Pizza Sale	\$1,045.00
Cash & Gift Card Bingo	\$355.25



**Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Good Shepherd UCC
11 AM in the narthex after Morning Worship**

Grand Prize: Black Stone 36" 4 Burner Griddle w/ accessories

- 2. \$25 Giant Gift Card**
- 3. \$25 Wegman's Gift Card**
- 4. \$25 Country Harvest Gift Card**
- 5. \$25 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 6. \$25 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 7. \$25 Martin Meats Gift Card**
- 8. \$50 Country Harvest Gift card**
- 9. \$50 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 10. \$50 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 11. \$50 Martins Meats Gift Card**
- 12. \$25 Country Harvest Gift Card**
- 13. \$25 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 14. \$25 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 15. \$25 Martin Meats Gift Card**
- 16. \$25 Country Harvest Gift Card**
- 17. \$25 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 18. \$25 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 19. \$25 Martin Meats Gift Card**
- 20. \$25 Country Harvest Gift Card**
- 21. \$25 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 22. \$25 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 23. \$25 Martin Meats Gift Card**
- 24. \$25 Country Harvest Gift Card**
- 25. \$25 Thomson's Gift Card**
- 26. \$25 Todd's Island Seafood Gift Card**
- 27. \$25 Martin Meats Gift Card**

See Karen Smith or Bonnie Hewitt for tickets - \$5.00 per ticket

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 to noon

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Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist/Pianist	Dr. Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matthew Shields

June Worship Leaders

Deacon:	Mary Storm
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Hewitt
Lay Readers:	2 Marie Bachman
	9 Rae Anne Creyer
	16 Marie Bachman
	23 Kelsey Knittle-Moser
	30 Darlene Nothstein
Greeters:	2 Gary & Jean Fatzinger
	9 Rae Anne Creyer & Judy
	16 O.B. O'Brien & Marie Bachman
	23 Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	30 Eddie & Karen Smith
Power Point Designers:	Deb Craig, Eric Hantz
A/V Operators:	Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Bryan Horninger
Videographer:	Beth Kutzner