



## GOOD SHEPHERD

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OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

# Mountain Reflections June 2025

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd UCC ~

An open letter to those graduating,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! Your dedication, perseverance, and unique gifts have brought you to this moment, and we celebrate all that you have achieved. This is the beginning of a new chapter, full of opportunities to grow, learn, and make a meaningful difference in the world.

As you move forward, remember that you are never walking this journey alone. Christ is with you, offering guidance, encouragement, and strength every step of the way. Scripture reminds us, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and your paths will be made straight”* (Proverbs 3:5-6). In moments of uncertainty or challenge, seek Christ’s wisdom and love. Trust that your Creator, who knows you fully and loves you unconditionally, will guide you toward a future filled with hope and purpose.

Inviting Christ to be a part of your decision-making doesn’t mean the road will always be easy, but it does mean you’ll have a steady and loving presence to lean on. By seeking God in prayer, reflecting on Scripture, and surrounding yourself with a supportive community, you can navigate life’s path with confidence and grace.

May your future be filled with joy, love, and the light of Christ.

With blessings,  
Pastor James

## **JUNE LECTIONARY**

**June 1, 2025**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

Lesson:

Acts 16:16-34

Meditation:

Breaking Chains

**June 8, 2025**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Lesson:

Life-giving Acts

Meditation:

**June 15, 2025**

**Trinity Sunday**

Lesson:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Meditation:

**June 22, 2025**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson:

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Meditation:

In God's Presence

**June 29, 2025**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Meditation:

Pick up the Mantle

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## **COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

Pentecost ~ Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 10:00 am

**Virtual Worship Services:** Live-Streaming You Tube and Facebook allows us to continue our services for those unable to attend in person.



**Our Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington>



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## **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.



Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...



**Homebound Members**

Marge Bass	Kay Costenbader	Judy Mack
Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	Carol Schweitzer
Shirley Blynn	Donna Fox	“Tillie” Waller

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services**

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Adam Moyer
Anthony Babb	Marcus Loch	Spencer Perkins
Sean Bolza	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Jacob Molchan	Janel Tracy
	Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer	

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

**Family & Friends**

Sherry Bishop	Gary Johannes	Agnes Puskas
Shirley Blynn	Boden Kearney	Dennis Raver
Richard Christman	Hayden Keller	Audrey Rehrig
Chastity Corvino	Rick & Sandy Keller	Rich Remaley
Deb Craig	Susan Lukon	Gary Schneck
Dennis Derr	Marion Madenheim*	Destinee Slanina
Doug Farber	Barbara Mathias*	Frank Soldridge
Steve George	Walter Miller	Frank Strohl
Lee Haas	Ernest Moyer	Angela Weidner
Frank Hart	Misty Nagata	Jenn Wentz
Tracey Haydt	Chris Oertner	John Zellner
Holley Henderson	Pope Leo XIV	Helen Zolnowsky
Barbara Hower	Lawrence Whitenight*	

**\*Denotes hospice care**

*Purged at beginning of each month, Renewals are welcomed*

**For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:**

Wade Fisher	Janice Herzog	Jamie Klotz
Midge Klotz	Rodney Mareira	Grace Moyer
Scott Pellington	Renee Phillips	
Eva Marie Poliquim	Kylie Schneider	

**New Members classes** will be held on the following dates:  
June 1, 2025 ~ 11:15 am with members joining June 8, 2025.  
September 7, 2025 ~ 11:15 am with members joining September 14, 2025.

**To volunteer for weekly mowing please sign up in the Narthex.**

**Mission Outreach for June is  
Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association**

**Contact Rev. James LeVan@revjlevan@hotmail.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.

**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. It doesn't matter how old they are, as long as they have Save-A-Tape on the bottom of the receipt.

**Clothing drop-off box** at the rear of the property earns our church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. **Profit for 2025 is \$315.**

Looking for office volunteers who have organizational skills and enjoy history. Also looking for someone who is able to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive. Please contact Pastor James or Eileen Andrews if you would like to help.

**Vacation Bible School, July 14-18, Monday – Friday 5:45-8 pm, with closing on Sunday, July 20-10 am at Heidelberg Union Church.** See Amanda Smith for more information or to volunteer to help.

### **June Birthdays**

June 1	June Frohnheiser	June 11	Jordan Knittle-Moser
June 2	Allen Hunsicker	June 12	Makenna Frantz
June 2	Emmett Sander	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	Eddie Krum II
June 3	Shirley Smith	June 17	Justin Conway
June 4	Emily McGinnis	June 18	Harlow Rodrigues
June 5	Albert Falat	June 19	Amanda Dieter
June 6	Debbie Derhammer	June 20	Kathy Elston
June 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	June 20	Roxane Prutzman
June 6	Bruce Zellner	June 21	Joanne Feller
June 6	Edward Zink, Jr.	June 22	Randy Kresge
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 30	Cindy Parks

### **June Anniversaries**

June 1	Greg & Connie (Smoyer) Fogle
June 3	Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers
June 14	Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
June 15	Trent & Amanda (Bowers) Smith
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

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This summer, the **Breakfast Bunch** at **St. John's Lutheran Church**, Slatington will again **provide breakfast** and a **bag lunch Monday through Friday** from **8:30 – 10:00 AM**. The program will run from **June 16** to **August 22**. All children in the community, **ages 2-17**, are welcome to attend. They are looking for 6 volunteers for each day (whatever your schedule allows) to make sandwiches, pour milk or cereal into a bowl, scramble eggs, toast bread, flip pancakes, go grocery shopping or pick up donations. To volunteer, please call the office at St. John's Lutheran Church at 610-767-6361 or email the church at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com). **Monetary donations or gift cards to local grocery stores 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. **They are also looking for donations of new or gently-used children's books and school supplies.**

**Financial ~ e-Giving** - Good Stewardship Made Easy

<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>, text the



word "give" to **610.615.7657** or use your pre-addressed Church Envelopes.

**Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.**

There are **extra weekly offering envelopes** in the Narthex on the center podium. If you forgot your envelopes, do not have them or are not a member and want to use these, please feel free to help yourself.

This year we will celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States which began with the first communion at Falkner Swamp, October 15, 1725. This celebration of our immigrant heritage is particularly meaningful and instructive given the current conversations about immigration happening around the nation. Here is the link to learn more: <https://psec.org/300th-anniversary-of-the-german-reformed-church-in-the-us/>

## **FAITH FORMATION UPDATE**

**Nursery** Faith Formation Leaders are looking for youngsters 5 years of age and under to join them in the nursery room Sunday mornings at 9 am. Contact Kelsey Knittle-Moser or Mary Storm for more information.

**Children's** Faith Formation is continuing to revamp their room and merging with the Youth Ensemble. If interested see Amanda Smith, Chastity Corvino, and/or Beth Kutzner. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of music on Sundays at 9 am.

**Youth** Faith Formation welcomes all young people in Grades 5 through 12 to join them in the youth lounge on Sundays at 9 am.

### **Prayers for Our College Graduates:**

Megan Bankes from Glenville State University, Carissa Fallon from Penn State University, Emma Hope from Kutztown University, Evan Horninger from DeSales University, Calista Smoyer from West Virginia Grad School.

<b>June Acolytes</b>	1	Holden Schaffer	[Graduate Sunday]
	8	Kendall Frantz	[Pentecost/Confirmation]
	15	Matthew Bowers	[Father's Day]
	22	Samantha Richardson	
	29	Kendall Frantz	[Open & Affirming Sunday]

The Winner of the May Lottery was:



See Karen Smith to participate.

**Financial Peace University, Wednesday's 6:30-8 pm** taught by Monica Griffith again this summer. Dates are June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 23, 30, August 6, 13. No class on Wednesday, July 16. See Monica Griffith for more information.

In-Person Class Registration:

<https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/031621>

Virtual Class Registration:

<https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/722606>

**Looking for a pink & blue antique baby cradle that was left in Fellowship Hall and has gone missing. Please contact the office if you have any information. Pictures of it are on the Narthex Bulletin Board.**

Registration is open for Little Shepherd Preschool for 3 year olds. Contact Karen Weaver at [karenls2@hotmail.com](mailto:karenls2@hotmail.com) or visit their Facebook page to learn more.

We are **collecting individual goldfish packs for Backpack Buddies through June 29**. We collected 188 fruit packs in April and May.

**PNEC Fall Meeting and Final PNEC Meeting will be November 1, 2025 at St. John's UCC, Nazareth.**

#### **SCRIP Report • May 2025**

Participants	- 8
Cards Ordered	- 40
Profit	- \$134.50

Orders Due **Sunday, June 8** with delivery on **Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day)**. Order scrip cards in June for Father's Day, Graduations, Weddings and Vacations. As a reminder, orders are open to everyone –

**Please ask family and friends, neighbors and coworkers.**



**Grill In Raffle Sunday, June 22, 2025 at Good Shepherd UCC.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, June 22, 2025 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**
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- 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, Wednesday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Thursday 8:00 am – Noon**

**Church Office:** 610-767-9680 Ext. 2

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

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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

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### **June Worship Leaders**

Deacon: Eddie Smith

Elder: Pam Puskas

Altar Guild: Penny Keen

Lay Readers:	1	Riley Fallon	[Graduate Sunday]
	8	Katy Griffith	[Pentecost/Confirmation]
	15	Beth Kutzner	[Father's Day]
	22	Olivia Horninger	
	29	Marie Bachman	[Open & Affirming Sunday]
Greeters:	1	Karen Smith	[Graduate Sunday]
	8	Sommers Family	[Pentecost/Confirmation]
	15	Gail & Tina Fetchko	[Father's Day]
	22	Susan Patrick, Dane & Allie Badman	
	29	Karen Smith	[Open & Affirming Sunday]