



## GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

# Mountain Reflections June 2026

## June 2026 — Summer Sabbath

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd UCC ~

June arrives with longer days and softer evenings ~ an invitation to embrace a different pace. Summer has always offered the gift of Sabbath, a holy pause in which the Holy One encourages rest, reflection, and renewal.

We often imagine Sabbath as inactivity, but at its heart it is about presence. It is choosing to notice beauty, to make room for gratitude, to remember that we are more than our schedules or accomplishments. In Sabbath, we rediscover that we are beloved simply because we exist in the heart of God.

This month, I invite you to practice small acts of rest: sit in sunlight for five quiet minutes; breathe deeply; savor a meal; spend time with someone who brings joy; let yourself be still. These simple moments open our souls and help us listen for the Spirit's gentle whisper.

May this season bless you with spaciousness and peace. May your days be filled with glimpses of the Holy One in laughter, in creation, and in quiet grace.

Resting with you in God's love,

Pastor James

## **JUNE LECTINARY**

<b>June 2, 2026</b>	<b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Scripture:	Genesis 12:1-0
Meditation:	The Call of Abram
<b>June 14, 2026</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Scripture:	John 15:12-14
Meditation:	Field of Valor
<b>June 21, 2026</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Scripture:	Matthew 10:24-39
Meditation:	Daring Discipleship
<b>June 28, 2026</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Scripture:	Matthew 10:40-42
Meditation:	Holy Welcome

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### **COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

God and Country ~ Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 10:00 am

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**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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**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.**

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We received a check from **Redner’s Save-A-Tape Program** for \$119.92. Keep your receipts coming. It’s a great way to make money for the church without any extra effort on the part of the congregation.



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



**Homebound Members**

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

**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**

Tom Alcaro	Diane Hardey	Billy Markell
Karen Anthony	Barbara Hower	Chris Oertner
Gail Bell	Brett Hunsicker	Randy Parks
Bill Black*	Baby Jack	Bill Puskas
Lori Clay	Gary Johannes	Ty Sander
Deb Derhammer	Hayden Keller	Gary Schneck
Doug Farber	Gary Johannes	Bonnie Spangler
Deb & Carson Flyte	Jim Koneschusky	Trinity UCC
Donna Fox	Shawn Kress	Wehr Family
Ruthann Fries	Don Kutzner	Jenn Wentz
Jennifer Frohnheiser	Lauri	John Zellner
Steve George	Friends dealing with breast cancer	
Lee Haas		

**\*Denotes hospice care**

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

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

Brian Frey	Stuart & Ruth Gellnet	Randy "Shaw" Kern
Michael Kuba	Eric Michalski	Jack Prizer
Sandra Smith	Chris Sommers	Chaise Terruta
Robyn "Chip" Williams		

**Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

**Thank you to our May bulletin sponsor:**

May 10-In Memory of our mothers: Janet Whitenight and Marion Madeheim by Tammy & Mark Scaheffer.

**Thank you to our May flower sponsor:**

May 24-In Honor of the confirmands by Pastor James.

**Thank you to our May Holy Grounds sponsor:**

May 17- Provided by the Fundraising Committee.

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**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.

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**Field of Valor ~ Sunday, June 14, 2026.** As part of the event, we will offer American-made flags for purchase. Each flag can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone special, whether an individual or on behalf of an organization - and will be displayed in our Field of Valor during the service. After worship, you are welcome to take the flag home as a keepsake.

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Mission Team is **collecting packages of individual goldfish packs for Backpack Buddies through June 28.** We collected 150 individual fruit cups in March and April. Northern Lehigh School District serves about 100 families each week. Thank you to all who donated.

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The Winner of the May Lottery was: Frank Soldridge.



See Karen Smith to participate.

### June Birthdays

June 1	June Frohnheiser	June 12	Makenna Frantz
June 2	Aubrey Hagenbuch	June 13	Willow Fister
June 2	Allen Hunsicker	June 13	Macie Haberman
June 2	Emmett Sander	June 14	Madeline Balliet
June 2	Mark Schaeffer	June 15	Matt Dait
June 2	John Tona	June 16	Eddie Krum II
June 3	Sharon Conway	June 19	Amanda Dieter
June 3	Michael Passaro	June 20	Kathy Elston
June 3	Shirley Smith	June 20	Roxane Prutzman
June 4	Emily McGinnis	June 21	Joanne Feller
June 5	Albert Falat	June 22	Randy Kresge
June 6	Debbie Derhammer	June 22	Tyler Schappell
June 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	June 23	Kathryn Foster
June 7	Barbara Kremposky	June 24	Dale Boyer
June 8	Robert Schramel	June 24	Dennis Boyer
June 9	Jean Edwards	June 24	Holden White
June 9	Susan Shelly	June 26	Greg Koneschusky
June 10	Erv Prutzman	June 28	Matthew Bowers
June 11	David DeLong	June 28	Katy Griffith
June 11	Jordan Knittle-Moser	June 29	Jaxon Kline
		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 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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraising Committee will be holding a meat raffle on **Sunday, June 28, after the church service**. Tickets will go on sale the Sunday after Easter. They will be \$5 per ticket. Please plan to sell to your friends, neighbors and coworkers. This will be an excellent opportunity to help the church raise money.

**Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting** will be held **June 5-7** at **Millersville University** in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster.

Our theme is "Joy at the Table Together" and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God."

The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Rawlynn Creed Sander** on April 19, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC.

Rawlynn, born April 26, 2025, is the daughter of Michael & Michael & Kayla (Creed) Sander. She joins a sister, Rowan. Welcome Rawlynn!!!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Isla Ryan Fister** on May 3, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Isla, born November 13, 2025, is the daughter of Ryan & Jennifer (Chilcoat) Fister. She joins a sister, Willow. Welcome Isla!!!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Luke Michael Hosier** on May 17, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Luke, born September 17, 2021 is the son of Trevor & Kala (Farber) Hosier. He joins a brother Tucker. Welcome Luke!!!

**Summer Breakfast Bunch** at **St. John's Lutheran Church**, Slatington will provide breakfast and a bag lunch Monday through Friday from 8:30 – 10 am. The program will run from June 15-August 24 for ages 2 – 17. Volunteers and monetary donations or gift cards to local grocery stores are needed. To volunteer or donate, 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).

## **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Faith Formation **Summer Hiatus** from **May 31-September 26, 2026.**

**June 7, 2026 ~ Graduation Sunday**

**June 14, 2026~Field of Valor Celebration**

**Sundae Sunday** is **June 28 after church.** Come enjoy a delicious sundae with as many toppings as you want!

**VBS** will begin on **July 13** at 6 pm and conclude **July 19** at 10 am.

There will be a **campout on July 19 at 6 pm**, concluding with a **pancake breakfast Sunday morning, July 19 at 9:30 am.**

**August 2, 2026 at noon-Mini Golf at Bear Rock Junction.** Stay tuned for more more information!

**Friday, August 28, 2026.-Faith Night** at the Iron Pigs Game, **Tickets cost \$13**, which includes a \$2 food voucher. Game starts at 6:45 pm. See RaeAnne Creyer or email her at [raea06@gmail.com](mailto:raea06@gmail.com) for tickets or more information.

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Love Your Neighbor Churches **FUNDRAISER** for Medical Debt Relief **Now through August 15th**

Over 100,000,000 adults nationwide have medical debt that negatively impacts their lives. We can change this!

Union UCC and Friends did this last year and raised over \$10,000 erasing over \$1.1 million of medical debt for 857 patients across Lehigh County.

***Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 of medical debt.***

***Donate anytime between now and August 15<sup>th</sup>.***

A group of churches are gathering around this effort again challenging us to join together to erase all of the medical debt in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

That's \$20,000 to raise, erasing almost \$3 million of debt in our region!

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!**

**COMMUNITY-WIDE PICNIC & CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 3PM-7PM**

Union UCC Grove 5550 Route 873 Neffs, PA

Food \* Music \* Playground \* Gift Card and Cash Raffle

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL AMOUNT RAISED!**

**Financial Peace University, Wednesday's 6:30-8 pm** will be taught by Monica Griffith again this summer.

<b>LESSONS</b>		
<b>Lesson 1:</b>	Baby Step 1 & Budgeting	Wednesday, Jun 17, 2026
<b>Lesson 2:</b>	Baby Step 2	Wednesday, Jun 24, 2026
<b>Lesson 3:</b>	Baby Step 3	Wednesday, Jul 1, 2026
<b>Lesson 4:</b>	Baby Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7	Wednesday, Jul 8, 2026
<i>(Vacation Bible School)</i>		
<b>Lesson 5:</b>	Wise Spending	Wednesday, Jul 22, 2026
<b>Lesson 6:</b>	Understanding Insurance	Wednesday, Jul 29, 2026
<b>Lesson 7:</b>	Building Wealth	Wednesday, Aug 5, 2026
<b>Lesson 8:</b>	Buying & Selling Your Home	Wednesday, Aug 12, 2026
<b>Lesson 9:</b>	Outrageous Generosity	Wednesday, Aug 19, 2026

Class Link: <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/4B6DF5>



Thank you to the following sponsors of Noah Griffith's Eagle Scout Service Project, the new Christian Education Classroom: Bonnie Hewitt & Robert Shelly~ In Memory of Eugene & Luella Miller; Randy & Eileen Andrews ~ In Honor of Susan Zellner, Volunteer Extraordinaire; MaryAnn Storm ~ In Honor of her Mother, Mary Storm; Tracey Gursky ~ In Memory of Richard S. Gross; Beth Kutzner ~ In Celebration of the Chancel Choir; Dick & Darlene Nothstein ~ In Memory of our Parents; Eric Hantz ~ In Memory of April Hantz; Chris & Alice Kegel; Brett & Michele Hunsicker ~ In Honor of Jordan Hunsicker, Boy Scout Troop #65, Eagle Scout and 3 anonymous donors ~ 1 to the Glory of God and 1 in Honor of Janice Frannssen.

## Confirmation Process Overview

### Requirements

- Desire to be a member of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ
- Completed fifth grade
- Proof of baptism or desire to be baptized

### Goal

#### To nurture discipleship through:

- Attending sixteen (16) sessions
- Participating in worship
- Experiencing different aspects of the church
- Building relationships with mentors

Engaging in a final conversation with the Elders to discern readiness to confirm one's faith before the congregation

**Anyone interested in the Confirmation process, please contact Pastor James.**

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Good Shepherd United Church of Christ is anticipating a wonderful group of young people entering the Confirmation process—and **we are looking for caring, committed adults to serve as mentors.**

A mentor is simply a trusted guide in faith—someone willing to listen, share, encourage, and walk alongside a confirmand as they grow in discipleship.

If you have a heart for supporting youth and helping shape the next generation of the church, we would love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry.

**If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Pastor James.**

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**Thank you to our May volunteers for cutting the grass:**

**Dean Harper, Kevin Minnich, Craig Solt.**

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. The church provides the riding mower and the gas. Please consider volunteering for 1 or 2 weeks this summer to alleviate the burden of looking for volunteers.

Thank you.

## Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

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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:		Darlene Nothstein
Altar Guild:		Penny Keen
Acolytes:	7	Jaxon Kline
	14	TBD
	21	Jaxon Kline
	28	Callie McGinnis
Lay Readers:	7	Rae Anne Creyer
	14	Rae Anne Creyer
	21	Jodie Hourt
	28	Craig Borgman
Greeters:	7	Rae Anne Creyer & Wynn
	14	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	21	Eddie & Karen Smith
	28	Eddie & Karen Smith

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

A/V Operators: Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, Beth Kutzner

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