



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections June 2022

Dear Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

We have much to celebrate during the month of June with graduations, beginning summer vacations, planning Vacation Bible School, remembering our fathers and those who have been like fathers to us. But with all these celebrations, the one that I connect with the most is the celebration of eleven young people who are saying yes to Christ and proclaiming their desire to be disciples and participate in the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd UCC.

I was reminded recently that this is the first confirmation class to have gone through the new curriculum culminating in 12 sessions along with Biblical lessons on Sunday mornings. The experiential piece helps connect us with the larger Church and other faith traditions as well as a better understanding of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

There's a part of me that wants to offer these sessions to all the members of the congregation. I would imagine it would be a great refresher course in what we at Good Shepherd believe concerning the Creator of the Universe and how the Holy Spirit continues to speak new truths for us in the twenty-first century.

We have two more confirmands who are continuing the journey and I would invite others who have completed fifth grade and have a desire to join the Church to contact me so we can initiate the process for an eye opening experience.

May the Church continue to be blessed with faithful disciples from the youngest to the eldest.

Amen,

Pastor James

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

JUNE LECTONARY

June 5, 2022

Pentecost

Lesson: Acts 2:1–21

Meditation: Pentecost

June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

Lesson: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 & John 16:12–15

Meditation: Joyful Creating

June 19, 2022

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1–4, (5–7), 8–15a

Meditation: Healing Moments

June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Meditation: Pick Up the Mantle



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Pentecost ~June 5th 2022

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>

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.**



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.



MISSION OUTREACH

For June is: the Northern Lehigh Food Bank If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name. Place a donation in a "Faith & Mission" envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate. In June we will be collecting items for Save Our Appearance Please (SOAP).

The following items are needed: toilet tissue, bars of soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissues. If

anyone can donate any of these items, you can bring them to church and place in the shopping cart in the narthex.





Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



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:

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

Jane Achey	Ann Johnson	Edgar Smith
Randy Andrews	Cindy Jones	Karen Smith
Dorothy Arnold	Penny Keen	Sallie Solt
Madeline Balliet	Craig Scheffler	Rich Taylor
Dean Brobst	Alice Schnell	Debra Warhurst
Lisa Gilly	Joseph Schramel	Willis
Janet German	Craig Sheffler	Dawn Viavro
Jane Haldeman	Chase Slanina	

The People of Ukraine

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Harold Betz	Norman Blose	Fran Borbely
Mary Heiney	Marge Solt	Scott Norwood

The families of those killed at the mass shootings:

At the Supermarket Buffalo, New York

and the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

God is watching over you..... I know because I asked God to

We are looking for people to participate on our Mission Team. This includes VALOR, Northern Lehigh Food Bank, CACPAC and other programs sponsored by multiple denominations. If you have an interest in working with ministries beyond our church walls or making an impact on the larger community, please contact

Pastor James by **Sunday, May 29, 2022**, via email at jamdarrob@gmail.com. 4

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 1	Greg & Connie (Smoyer) Fogle
Jun 1	Jonathan & Monica (Zellner) Griffith
Jun 3	Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers
Jun 4	Michael & Krystal (Parks) White
Jun 5	Edgar & Shirley (Kocher) Smith
Jun 9	Christopher & Sheri (Nothstein) Anthony
Jun 14	Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
Jun 16	Richard & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein
Jun 21	Kenny & Pat (Romig) Reimert
Jun 22	Bruce & Lori (Frantz) Balliet
Jun 23	James & Laura (Parks) George
Jun 24	Terry & Susan (Schlosser) Shelly
Jun 26	Eric & Michelle (Meckes) Walters
Jun 28	Kyle & Allison (Sosik) Kremposky
Jun 29	Thomas & Judy (Behler) Bollinger



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.

Congratulations Confirmands:

Abigail Elizabeth Allen, Alexander Michael Beblavy, Kyan Paul Maurice Block, Patrick Henry James Conway, Noah John Griffith, Savannah Hope Knittle, Hayley Faith Knittle, Cecelia Mary Pyfer, Breonna Debra Richardson, Jazmin Denise Richardson and Aiden Lukas Solt.



Faith Formation is hoping you will Remember and Honor all those Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and father figures in your lives.

\$1 each to benefit the Organ Fund.
Envelopes in the narthex

June 5th, 2022

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 26th - 30th

Sunday, 5pm -8pm,

Monday - Wednesday 6pm -8pm

Thursday Closing Program – 7pm

Sign up papers and more information in the narthex,



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

Lesson	Date	Lesson	Date	Lesson	Date
1	6 /15	3	7/6	7	8/3
2	6/22	4	7/13	8	8/10
		5	7/20	9	8/17
		6	7/27		

I will not be in the area on Wednesday, June 29th...so I need to skip that week, unless the group decides they would rather have a virtual class that week instead.

Faith Formation

Instructor

Crafter

June 5 Susie Blose

Susie Blose

June 12 Pam Puskas

Pam Puskas

June 19 Monica Griffith

Deb Craig

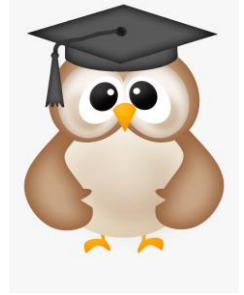
June 26 Tammy White

Tammy White

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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:

Ryan Hartmeier,

Olivia Horninger,

Megane Lawson-granddaughter of Gerri Lawson, graduated on June 13th, 2022 from Commonwealth Academy. She plans to attend Empire Beauty School to become a Cosmetologist.

Megane's grandparents Gerald and Shirley Phillips are members of Good Shepherd UCC.

Brody N. Ritter-Son of Melanie Dawn Ritter and Marie Elizabeth Bachman, graduated from Parkland High School on June 7, 2022.

He will be attending the University of Delaware for Wildlife Management, Ecology and Conservation. Brody's mother Mari Backman is a member of Good Shepherd UCC.

Allison (Conway) Schaffer-Daughter of Joseph Conway and Christine Conway, Graduated June 6, 2022 from Drexel University and will be pursuing doctorate in Education She is currently a teacher. Joseph Conway is a deacon of Good Shepherd UCC

Matthew Shields, Jr.

Toby Frantz-

Staying in Touch

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

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JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>Elder:</u>		Chris Kegel
<u>Deacon:</u>		Amanda Bowers
<u>Acolytes:</u>	June 5	Adam Griffith
	June 12	Adam Griffith
	June 19	Noah Griffith
	June 26	Breonna Richardson
<u>Lay Readers:</u>	June 5	Kelsey Knittle-Moser
	June 12	Amanda Bowers
	June 19	Darlene Nothstein
	June 26	RaeAnne Creyer
<u>Greeters:</u>	June 5	Kelsey Knittle-Moser
	June 12	Joe & Sharon Conway
	June 19	Deb Craig & Fiona
	June 26	Sally Loch

Altar Guild: Julie Solt

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger,
Evan Horninger

Videographer: Beth Kutzn

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



Gratitude Reminder - A Little or A Lot

*If you use gratitude a little,
your life will change a little.
If you use gratitude a lot every day,
your life will change a lot.*

A Prayer for Wisdom

“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

(James 1:5)

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While You Shop!™



SCRIP Summary May 2022

Participants	14
Cards Ordered	73
Profit	\$ 176.55
Profit Year-To-Date	\$ 792.11

Next month's orders are due Sunday, June 12th and will be delivered on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day).

**Don't forget to order your gift cards for
Father's Day or Weddings and Graduations!**

Financial

 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.

LOTTERY TICKETS May winner: Eddie Smith

Thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

Calendar

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jun 1	June Frohnheiser	Jun 13	Linda Dries
Jun 1	Michelle Walters	Jun 13	Samantha Mack
Jun 2	Dave Derkits	Jun 14	Madeline Balliet
Jun 2	Donna Heller	Jun 16	Jason Angel Cancel
Jun 2	Brian Knappenberger	Jun 16	Eddie Krum II
Jun 2	Mark Schaeffer	Jun 17	Kenneth Boyer
Jun 3	Sharon Conway	Jun 17	Justin Conway
Jun 3	Jane Evans	Jun 18	Anthony Waller
Jun 3	Emily McGinnis	Jun 19	Amanda Dieter
Jun 3	Christy Oswald	Jun 19	Keith Haas
Jun 3	Shirley Smith	Jun 20	Kala Farber
Jun 5	Corey Breiner	Jun 20	David Neff III
Jun 5	Albert Falat	Jun 21	Sheri Anthony
Jun 6	Betty Humanick	Jun 21	Joanne Feller
Jun 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	Jun 22	Randy Kresge
Jun 6	Eric Walters	Jun 22	Dolly Kuntz
Jun 6	Debbie Derhammer	Jun 24	Dale Boyer
Jun 6	Edward Zink, Jr	Jun 24	Dennis Boyer
Jun 7	Barbara Kremposky	Jun 24	Holden White
Jun 8	Walter Fox	Jun 26	Greg Koneschusky
Jun 8	Robert Schramel	Jun 28	Matthew Bowers
Jun 9	Jean Edwards	Jun 28	Kathryn Griffith
Jun 9	Emily Gad	Jun 28	Tom Bollinger
Jun 9	Susan Shelly	Jun 29	Blaine Horn
Jun 10	Erv Prutzman	Jun 30	Logan Bachman
Jun 11	David DeLong	Jun 30	Cindy Parks
Jun 11	Jordan Knittle-Moser		
Jun 12	Makenna Frantz		



Congratulations

The Birth of Freya Lynn,
on April 29th, 2022,
daughter of

Sean & Brandi (DeLong) Palmer