



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Pastor James D. Robison, Jr

3940 Mountain Road Slatington, PA 18080

610/767-9680

Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections June 2023

Greetings friends and members of Good Shepherd UCC, Slatington ~

Summer Vacation is just around the corner. Community swimming pools have opened, and people are preparing for trips to rest and get a new perspective. With the beautiful weather, camping is at the forefront and golfing is once again a high priority. The planting of flowers and shrubs have ended for the most part and now one can sit back and enjoy the beauty as it blossoms all around them and they can see their fingerprints on God's beauty of nature.

As a congregation, we too are experiencing excitement for renewed summertime activities. Plans are in the works for Preschool Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School. The Fundraising Group is hosting a community yard sale in the Fellowship Hall. And I am sure the Property Committee is looking at tasks that need to be accomplished before the Fall Season begins.

The question I ask is ... where do we fit in to all of this as parishioners? I hope we find ourselves working together to further the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ offering our special gifts to honor God.

Yours in the Service of Christ,
Pastor James

JUNE LECTIONARY

June 4, 2023	Trinity Sunday
Lesson:	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Meditation:	Community of Creation
June 11, 2023	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Meditation:	Community of Grace
June 18, 2023	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Meditation:	Responding in Community
June 25, 2023	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Matthew 10:24-39
Meditation:	Community that Disrupts

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**.



**Missions Outreach For June is
Northern Lehigh Food Bank and
S.O.A.P. (Save Our Appearance Please)**



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 them in the shopping cart in the narthex.

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.

Volunteers 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 Gian, Weis, Walmart, Redners, 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.

If you, or a loved one is graduating in 2023, please fill out the form in the Narthex so we can honor them on June 11 during Graduation Sunday.



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	David Neff	Jacqueline Tracy
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Spencer Perkins	Janel Tracy

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey		
Gary Anthony	Jen G.	Chris Newhard
Connie Beblavy	Lisa Gilly	Connie Renner
Gail Bell	Diane Gross	Alice Schnell
Jim Craig	Lee Haas	Dee Dee Sloane
Michael Dieffenderfer	Dwayne Kern	Eddie Smith
Amanda Dieter	Bob Koons	Craig Solt
Fiona Dieter	Shawn Kress	Sallie Solt
Doug Farber	Kevin Kroboth	Rich Taylor
Beverly Fehnel	Wayne Kuhns	Anna Mae Weiss
Citizens of Guam and everyone affected by Typhoon Mawar		

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Howard Bowers	Laura Castellani	Norman Eckhart
Mariano Fileni	Dan Hamm	Amy Hollenbach
Jim Joyce	Lori Stradley	Justin Thompson

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 • May 2023

Participants	–	9
Cards Ordered	–	56
Profit	–	\$142.75
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$582.57

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, June 11 (Graduation Sunday)** and delivered on **Sunday, June 18 (Father’s Day)**.

The office is in need of a new copy machine to replace our 2 outdated ones. We currently have about 2/3 of the money set aside. If you wish to donate to this expense, please mark your offering envelope appropriately and place it in the offering plate.

Greeters, Lay Readers and Acolytes needed for fall/winter 2023.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

5

Calendar

6

Calendar

June Birthdays

Jun 1	June Frohnheiser	Jun 12	Makenna Frantz
Jun 1	Michelle Walters	Jun 13	Linda Dries
Jun 2	Dave Derkits	Jun 13	Willow Fister
Jun 2	Donna Heller	Jun 13	Samantha Mack
Jun 2	Mark Schaeffer	Jun 14	Madeline Balliet
Jun 3	Sharon Conway	Jun 16	Eddie Krum II
Jun 3	Michael Passaro	Jun 17	Justin Conway
Jun 3	Shirley Smith	Jun 19	Amanda Dieter
Jun 4	Emily McGinnis	Jun 19	Keith Haas
Jun 5	Corey Breiner	Jun 20	Kathy Elston
Jun 5	Albert Falat	Jun 20	David Neff III
Jun 6	Debra Derhammer	Jun 20	Roxane Prutzman
Jun 6	Betty Humanick	Jun 21	Joanne Feller
Jun 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	Jun 22	Randy Kresge
Jun 6	Eric Walters	Jun 22	Tyler Schappell
Jun 6	Bruce Zellner	Jun 24	Dale Boyer
Jun 6	Edward Zink, Jr.	Jun 24	Dennis Boyer
Jun 7	Barbara Kremposky	Jun 24	Holden White
Jun 8	Robert Schramel	Jun 26	Greg Koneschusky
Jun 9	Jean Edwards	Jun 28	Tom Bollinger
Jun 9	Emily Gad	Jun 28	Matthew Bowers
Jun 9	Susan Shelly	Jun 28	Katy Griffith
Jun 10	Erv Prutzman	Jun 29	Blaine Horn
Jun 11	David DeLong	Jun 30	Logan Bachman
Jun 11	Jordan Knittle-Moser	Jun 30	Cindy Parks

Congratulations to:
The Winner of the May Lottery: George Roth
See Karen Smith to participate.



Anniversaries

Jun 1	Greg & Connie (Smoyer) Fogle
Jun 3	Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers
Jun 4	Michael & Krystal (Parks) White
Jun 5	Edgar & Shirley (Kocher) Smith
Jun 14	Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
Jun 16	Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein
Jun 21	Kenny & Pat (Romig) Reimert
Jun 22	Bruce & Lori (Frantz) Balliet
Jun 23	Jim & Laura (Parks) George
Jun 24	Terry & Susan (Schlosser) Shelly
Jun 25	Nicholas & Kelsey (Spragley) Sander
Jun 26	Eric & Michelle (Meckes) Walters
Jun 28	Kyle & Allison (Sosik) Kremposky
Jun 29	Tom & Judy (Behler) Bollinger

Youth Ensemble meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month after church until 11:45 am. We play games, sing, and play bells.

Preschool summer camp registration is now open for the following weeks: June 12-16, June 19-23, July 31-Aug 4, Aug 7-Aug 11. 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.

Vacation Bible School is June 25 – June 29

Twist and Turns

Sunday, June 25, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, June 26 – Wednesday, June 28, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, June 29 – Closing Program at 7:00 pm

Looking for volunteers to assist with the program and snacks for Sunday – Wednesday. Contact Amanda Dieter, Faith Formation Director, if interested in helping.



Fundraising will be holding a **Church Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.** We will be taking donations of items to sell, NO FURNITURE PLEASE, starting Sunday, May 28th until Sunday, June 4th. Also looking for volunteers to help with pricing items and on the day of the sale. Proceeds will go for a new church copier. Keep the church in mind as you are doing your Spring Cleaning.

Dates & Times for Yard Sale Item Drop Off

Sunday, May 28 – After Church until 2 PM

Tuesday, May 30 – 11 AM – 2 PM

Wednesday, May 31 – 6 PM – 8 PM

Sunday, June 4 – After Church until 2 PM

Tuesday, June 6 – 11 AM – 2 PM

Thursday, June 8 – 6 PM – 8 PM

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.

The **church choir picnic** will be on **Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 pm.** There will be no Chancel Choir rehearsals in June.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Monica Griffith will be leading a **Financial Peace University** course every **Wednesday from June 14 through August 26** (Except for July 12) from **6:30 pm – 8 pm**. Register for classes at Good Shepherd with Monica Griffith, by using the following link: fpu.com/1163351 or scanning the QR code below.



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

Confirmants - Pastor James & Young Adults - Mary Storm
Nursery Teacher - Brandi Palmer

Children Teachers -

June 4	Pam Puskas	June 18	Pam Puskas
June 11	Monica Griffith	June 25	Mary Storm

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 on Tuesday, June 6, but will be open on
Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8.

www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

Church Office: 610-767-9680 Mobile Phone: 484-571-6083

Email: jamdarrob@gmail.com

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon:		Dennis Silfies
Altar Guild:		Bonnie Hewitt
Acolytes:	4	Maddie Sommers
	11	Maddie Sommers
	18	Adam Griffith
	25	Matthew Bowers
Lay Readers:	4	Pam Puskas
	11	Marie Bachman
	18	Darlene Nothstein
	25	Beth Kutzner
Greeters:	4	Alice Kegel
	11	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	18	Karen Smith
	25	Eddie & Karen Smith

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz
A/V Operators: Riley Fallon, Bryan Horninger,
Evan Horninger

Videographer: Beth Kutzner