



GOOD SHEPHERD

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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Good Shepherd~Faithfully serving~Compassionately accepting~Transforming together

Mountain Reflections March 2021

Dear Disciples of Christ,

We are in the midst of Lent and as we journey forth, we search within but what are we searching for? Direction? Affirmation? Empath? The list can go on but my thought is we are searching for connection with something bigger than ourselves.

To find God within our hearts to know we are worthy in the sight of God. To understand that God knows our joys and our woes.

May we continue even beyond Lent into God's promise of everlasting life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor James



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

MARCH LECTIONARY

MAR 7	Lent 3
Hebrew Lesson	Exodus 20:1-17
Meditation	<i>Faithful Living Together</i>
MAR 14	Lent 4
Hebrew Lesson	Numbers 21:4-9
Meditation	<i>Choose to Give Thanks</i>
MAR 21	Lent 5
Hebrew Lesson	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Meditation	<i>A Heart for God</i>
MAR 28	Palm/Passion Sunday
Liturgy of Palms	Mark 11:1-11
Meditation	<i>Palm/Passion</i>



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1st = Virtual
Good Friday, April 2nd = Virtual
Easter Sunday, April 4th Sunrise-6am
Worship-8am
Worship-10am

We are Following CDC guidelines:

Communion will be celebrated using sealed elements of bread and grape juice. If you wish to stay in your vehicle simply respond at the appropriate time to receive communion by turning on your 4-way flashers and an usher with a mask and gloves will bring you the pre-packaged elements. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by 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, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday.

Contact Mary Lacy at (610) 820-9188

or email at cancellacy@AOL.com with any questions.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Worship-10am

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

Virtually

Good Friday, April 2nd

Virtually

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th Sunrise-6am & Worship-8am & 10am **Reservations needed. Contact Susan at the office at (610)767-9680 or secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org with time and number joining you.

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>

OUR NEW WEBSITE:

<https://GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org/>

WORSHIP IN YOUR CAR:

We now have an FM Transmitter to transmit our services over FM 88.5, which allows anyone to receive it on the radio in their vehicle.

Park along the front of the parking lot for best reception.

We also have FM receivers, which will be given to anyone who has trouble hearing the service, to use indoors during the service.





Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Mary Bilheimer	Sandra Endres	Kathryn Smith
Kay Costenbader	Dolores Gruber	Susan "Tillie" Waller

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby Adams	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer
Michael Kelsey	Janel Tracy	

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

Family & Friends

Peggy Anthony	Carol Teichert	Nicholas Teichert
Mary Behler	John Teichert	

Those effected by Covid-19

Those effected by Cancer

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Grace Knappenberger	Barry Oswald	Ronald Silliman
Linda Schoenberger	Thomas Horninger	

Those in higher education: Jenna Blynn, Toby Sander and Caden Shields, studying at LCCC; Angie Lopez, studying at Widener University; Matthew Shields, studying at Moravian College; Calista Smoyer, studying at West Virginia University; Jacob Taylor, studying at Drexel University; Nathan Taylor, studying at Penn State; Dylan Coffin, studying at Susquehanna University and Paige Bachman, studying at Kutztown University

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1	Dolores Gruber	Mar 17	Wylan Redline
Mar 1	Skylie White	Mar 18	Linda Henninger
Mar 2	Melissa Gellis	Mar 18	Megann Rodrigues
Mar 3	Carlton Miller	Mar 19	Gary Fatzinger
Mar 4	Kellie Smith	Mar 21	Mackenzie Ferber
Mar 6	Denise Biegly	Mar 21	Dwayne Kern
Mar 6	Victoria Regan	Mar 22	Linda Coffin
Mar 7	Debra Craig	Mar 23	Joan Fatzinger
Mar 7	James George, Jr.	Mar 23	Susan Waller
Mar 7	Delaney Lilly	Mar 24	Kendra Link
Mar 8	Jamie Horvath	Mar 24	Eric Smith
Mar 9	Sonja Derkits	Mar 25	Megan Banks
Mar 9	Olivia Horninger	Mar 25	Tania Kresge
Mar 9	Cassie Knittle	Mar 25	Michael Sander
Mar 9	Missy Lilly	Mar 26	Douglas Farber
Mar 9	Amber Snyder	Mar 26	Michael Gellis
Mar 11	Jeffrey Bachman	Mar 26	Calliope McGinnis
Mar 11	Rhonda Kern	Mar 26	Gail Nonnemaker
Mar 12	Tiffany Lloyd	Mar 27	Kathryn Smith
Mar 13	Eric Heckman	Mar 27	Richard Smith
Mar 13	Barry Silfies	Mar 28	Kevin Fister
Mar 14	Lynne Newhard	Mar 28	Tucker Kern
Mar 14	Gavin Parks	Mar 30	Richard Kohler
Mar 17	Madelynn Mack	Mar 31	Fiona Dieter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 10	Rodney & Dolly (Geary) Kuntz
Mar 10	Robert & Roxy (Borger) Pierce
Mar 16	Gary & Jean (Fritzinger) Fatzinger
Mar 21	William & Diane (Wassum) Fister
Mar 21	James & Eileen (Walters) George

FEBRUARY LOTTERY WINNER IS:

Congratulations Robert Schramel Sr
Thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

Mission
For March is Habitat for Humanity

www.habitat.org

At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. More than building homes, we build communities, we build hope and we build the opportunity for families to help themselves.

Your donation will help families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. Your support can help us do more in all the many ways that Habitat builds.

Thanks to you, Habitat is transforming the lives of more than 5 million people around the world!



Food Bank - We will be collecting 250 cans of corn for the Easter meals. We will be collecting until Sunday March 14th.

Thank you for Soup'er Bowl Sunday!

114 cans of soup and 21 boxes of crackers



Financial Peace University 2021

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

June 16 through August 11, 2021

Classes usually last about 120 minutes.

We'll meet together to watch and discuss the videos and do activities.

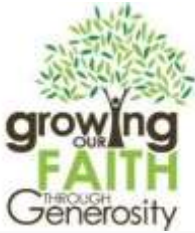
Financial Peace University (FPU) is the nine-lesson class that will teach you how to pay off debt, save and invest for your future. You'll also connect with others, just like you who can hold you accountable, encourage you, and celebrate your progress!

Here is the direct link to the Good Shepherd class:

fpu.com/1133881

Here is the link to promotional materials for print and online:

<https://www.financialpeace.com/coordinator/promo>



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.*

“Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment’s hesitation.”

-Catherine Doherty

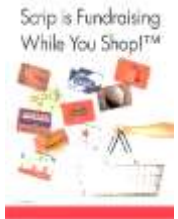
SCRIP Summary February 2021

Participants	8
Cards Ordered	47
Profit	\$100.60

Profit Year-To-Date \$207.60

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, March 14th**
and will be delivered on **Sunday, March 21st**

Don't forget to order your gift cards for Easter!



Financial Update

DATE	ENVELOPES	E-GIVING	TOTAL
31-Jan	\$1,599.00	\$288.53	\$1,887.53
7-Feb	snow	\$465.16	\$465.16
14-Feb	\$3,980.60	\$284.12	\$4,264.72

 **Giving** - Good Stewardship Made Easy

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

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

Faith Formation Classes

7-Mar	Teacher: Susie Blose Crafter: Stacy Cunningham & Karen Weaver	21-Mar	Teacher: Rae Ann Creyer Crafter: Beth Kutzner
14-Mar	Teacher: Pam Puskas Crafter: Deb Craig	28-Mar	Teacher: Monica Griffith Crafter: Karen Weaver

**Remember you can stop by and
pick-up Lessons for home students.**

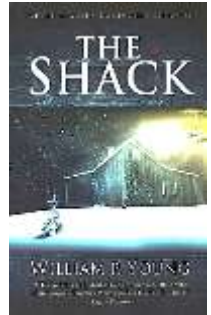
“The Shack” by William P Young

Faith Formation Pastor James is leading another book read. The book chosen is an older one entitled, *The Shack* by William P. Young. It is filled with many teachings of the church revealed through tragedy.

If interested please sign up via email to jamdarrob@gmail.com and register.

Since there is much to talk about regarding this particular book, we will plan to converse as follows:

Wednesdays at 6:00 to 7:30pm
March 3 ~ Chapters 7-9
March 10 ~ Chapters 10-12
March 17 ~ Chapters 13-15
March 24 ~ Chapters 16-18



Drive-Through Easter Egg Hunt ~ April 3rd 10am to 11am ~ (Ages 1 through 18.)

Faith Formation is going to take the “work” out of the Easter Egg Hunting by awarding those who register with an Easter treat. If you would like to participate, sign up in the narthex or you can email Deb at dkcraig@ptd.net, subject: Egg Hunt, and she will register you.



You can then drive up and pick up an Easter treasure bag and see if you have a “special egg” for a prize.

Those who wish to help by supplying items i.e. plastic filled eggs with candy in them, or colored hard boiled eggs can see that Deb or Pam gets the items before Wednesday, March 31st.

**Do you know someone who has no Computer
or no Technology?**



but they still would like the Newsletter?

Give us their name, and address to make sure we have it, and we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter.

Contact Susan Layland at the office: 610-767-9680 or email her at:
secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org



Soup and Chili Fundraiser

Place your order by Sunday, March 21st
for pickup on Sunday, March 28th

Your choice: Potato Soup, Chicken Corn Soup or Vegetable Barley
Pint Size: \$4 or Quart Size: \$7

If you prefer Chili: Pint Size: \$6 or Quart Size: \$10

Order form in the Narthex or contact Dennis Silfies at:
president@goodshepherducc.org

Easter Flowers



Name: _____
Address: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Phone: _____
Cash / Check _____

March 21st
Easter Sunday April 4th, 2021

Hyacinths	3 bulbs	6" pot	\$7.75
	5 bulbs	8" pot	\$10.75
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<b>Tulips</b>	6 bulbs	6" pot	\$7.75
	10 bulbs	8" pot	\$10.75
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	Daffodils	6" pot	\$7.75
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<b>White Easter Lilies</b>	Single Stem	6" Pots	\$8.75
	Double stems	8" Pots	\$18.75
	Triple stems	10" Pots	\$25.75
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	Palm Trees	10" pot	\$24.00
	Hydrangea	8" pot	\$15.50
	Mums	6" pots	\$7.75

Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Need to add someone to prayer chain:

requestprayers@ptd.net

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES

Church Office: 610-767-9680

Mobile Phone: 484-571-6083

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MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Volunteers are being asked to help with worship.

See Pastor James to assist.

**NEW WEBSITE
LAUNCH**



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president@goodshepherducc.org



Snow, Ice, Winter Emergency. With the winter months upon us, we need to prepare for winter cancellations. Should we have to cancel services or other events, you can receive notices *via Breeze* by signing up through your email.

You can also visit our website www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org or www.Facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington to find out if events have been cancelled or check out TV Channel 69, Blue Ridge Channel 13 or Radio Station WAEB 790am

In Service to the Lord