



## GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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**Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.**

**Mountain Reflections May 2024**

Dear Family and Friends of Good Shepherd ~

As Mother's Day approaches, we're invited to celebrate the profound attributes embodied by mothers worldwide. Motherhood is a tapestry woven with threads of love, sacrifice, and boundless compassion. It's a reflection of nurturing tenderness and unwavering strength.

Mothers epitomize resilience, facing challenges with grace and determination, often putting the needs of their loved ones above their own. Their unconditional love knows no bounds, offering support and guidance through life's twists and turns.

Yet, Mother's Day isn't solely about biological mothers. It's a celebration of all people who embrace the role of nurturer, whether by birth, adoption, or through the bonds of friendship and mentorship. It's a recognition of the countless ways individuals shape and enrich our lives, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts.

On this day, let us express our gratitude for the mothers and mother-figures who have touched our lives. Whether through a heartfelt message, a warm embrace, or a simple gesture of appreciation, let us honor their invaluable contributions to our families and communities.

May this Mother's Day be a reminder of the profound impact of love and the enduring legacy of kindness and compassion it leaves in its wake.

Blessings and love,  
*Pastor James*

## **MAY LECTIONARY**

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>May 5, 2024</b>  | <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> |
| Lesson:             | John 15:9-17                |
| Meditation:         | Friends Together            |
| <b>May 12, 2024</b> | <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> |
| Lesson:             | John 17:6-19                |
| Meditation:         | Guided in Prayer            |
| <b>May 19, 2024</b> | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>     |
| Lesson:             | I Corinthians 12:3b-13      |
| Meditation:         | Spirit for All              |
| <b>May 27, 2024</b> | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>       |
| Lesson:             | John 3:1-17                 |
| Meditation:         | Mysterious Encounter        |

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## **COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 19, 2024

We will be celebrating communion. If you wish to stay in your vehicle, simply listen to the service on FM Station 88.5 and 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.

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

### **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**.

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**Memorial Day Service at Slatedale Cemetery on  
Monday, May 27, 2024 at 8:30 am**

## **Mission Outreach for May is Muscular Dystrophy**

**[www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org)**

Muscular Dystrophies are a group of diseases that cause weakness and degeneration of the skeletal muscles. MDA is leading the fight to free individuals – and the families who love them – from the harm of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle debilitating diseases that take away physical strength, independence, and life. We use our collective strength to help kids and adults live longer and grow stronger by finding research breakthroughs across diseases, caring for individuals from day one and empowering families with services and support in hometowns across America.

### **Missed:**

**I wish to apologize for not mentioning the brass performers who played on Easter morning. They were Joe Plechave and Mitchell Hourt on the trombones, and Mike Reph and Brian Eckert on the trumpets. The music was stupendous, and we thank them and all those who made our Easter celebration extra special. Also, a thank you to Patti Dietzel, our violinist on Good Friday as well. Again, my humble apologies, Pastor James**

**Faith Formation** will be **honoring graduates** on **June 9, 2024**. Forms are in the Narthex. Please fill out the information by May 19 and place it in the offering plate or the church office. We would also like to know of anyone attending college, university or trade school.

There will be a **New Members Class** on **June 2** for those who are interested in joining Good Shepherd. These individuals will be received on **June 16**.

### **Airing of the Quilts – Saturday, May 11, 2024 (rain or shine) 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

Over 500 handmade quilts will be displayed throughout historic downtown Palmerton. Live entertainment & vendors will be in the park, including the Dixieland jazz band, 14th & Spring, who performed at Good Shepherd recently.



Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...



Homebound Members

|                       |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Marge Bass            | Dennis Derr           | Richard Kuntz    |
| Mary Bilheimer        | Donna Fox             | Carol Schweitzer |
| Peter & Shirley Blynn | 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           | Spencer Perkins   |
| Anthony Babb       | Marcus Loch              | Nicholas Sander   |
| Sean Bolza         | Rebecca McMichael        | Benjamin Schaffer |
| Dalton Housenick   | Jacob Molchan            | Janel Tracy       |
| Kira (Kern) Kelsey | Adam Moyer               |                   |
|                    | Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer |                   |

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

**Family & Friends**

|                 |                       |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Jane Achey      | Anthony Keen          | Kayla Schappell |
| Connie Beblavy  | Shawn Kress           | Kylie Schneider |
| Gail Bell       | Kevin Kroboth         | Sandy Serfass   |
| Michael Bossons | Wayne Kuhns           | Dennis Silfies  |
| Larry Correll   | Don Kutzner           | DeeDee Sloane   |
| Louise Croll    | Barbara Mathias       | Eddie Smith     |
| Sheri Fallon    | Tina Minnich          | Mary Storm      |
| Lisa Gilly      | Heather Moyer         | Frank Strohl    |
| Keith Gross     | Chris Newhard         | Rich Taylor     |
| Lee Haas        | Mike Passaro          | Ed Zook         |
| Steph Hamby     | Connie Renner         |                 |
| Daniel Howard   | Catherine Shellhammer |                 |
| Boden Kearney   | Faith Mondrick Lauer  |                 |

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

|                            |                   |              |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Harold "Butch" Heiney, Jr. | Dr. Sheela Pandey | Helen Werley |
| Arthur "Artie" Koran, Jr.  | Edith Roeder      | Teddy        |

**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 • April 2024**

|                     |   |          |
|---------------------|---|----------|
| Participants        | – | 9        |
| Cards Ordered       | – | 50       |
| Profit              | – | \$119.43 |
| Profit Year-To-Date | – | \$491.63 |

Orders Due **Sunday, May 12**; delivery on **Sunday, May 19**.

Don’t forget to order cards for graduations, weddings, and Father’s Day.

**Scoring-a-Goal:** Aricka Creyer is hosting a field hockey clinic at Eagles Nest for **girls in grades K-3, May 20-24, 6-8 pm**, to help her achieve her Gold Award. Donations of gently used equipment for Northern Lehigh Youth Association is appreciated. Contact Aricka at [amc122305@gmail.com](mailto:amc122305@gmail.com).

# Calendar

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## May Birthdays

|        |                      |        |                     |
|--------|----------------------|--------|---------------------|
| May 1  | Lisa Kuntz           | May 18 | Anna Trelease       |
| May 1  | Tyler Rex            | May 19 | Linda Schock        |
| May 2  | Kyan Block           | May 20 | Aiden Conway        |
| May 2  | William Fister       | May 22 | Megan Robb          |
| May 2  | Karen Smith          | May 23 | Kelsey Goodhile     |
| May 3  | Mary-Beth Fatzinger  | May 23 | Stephanie Gursky    |
| May 4  | Brynn Frano          | May 23 | Tanner Kresge       |
| May 4  | Elizabeth Frantz     | May 23 | Breonna Richardson  |
| May 5  | Joan Heffelfinger    | May 24 | Jonell Kuremsky     |
| May 6  | Tracey Gursky        | May 25 | Rowan Rinker        |
| May 8  | Craig Fallon         | May 26 | Carrie Block        |
| May 8  | Riley Fallon         | May 26 | Glenn Knappenberger |
| May 8  | Michael Perkins      | May 26 | Karen Papay         |
| May 9  | Janice Farber        | May 26 | Spencer Perkins     |
| May 10 | Abigaile Allen       | May 26 | Willow Robb         |
| May 10 | Keegan Kohler        | May 27 | Jackie Amey         |
| May 11 | Carrie John          | May 27 | Dylan Coffin        |
| May 12 | Hayley Knittle       | May 27 | Gabriella Smoyer    |
| May 12 | Kenneth Ritter       | May 28 | Ann Behler          |
| May 12 | Sandy Sillers        | May 28 | Amanda Bowers       |
| May 12 | Annette Zuber-Kohler | May 27 | Richard Schock      |
| May 13 | Matthew Shields, Sr. | May 29 | Amy Horninger       |
| May 15 | Richard Kuntz        | May 31 | Cheryl Bowers       |
| May 16 | Donna Fox            | May 31 | Rick Keller         |
|        |                      | May 31 | Emma Kremposky      |

The Winners of the April Lottery are: Edgar & Shirley Smith.



See Karen Smith to participate.



## May Anniversaries

|        |                                      |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| May 1  | Jasmine & Megann (Gracely) Rodrigues |
| May 2  | Donald & Roxy (Oldt) Schraden        |
| May 3  | Carlton & Terri (Reinheimer) Miller  |
| May 5  | Michael & Carrie (Kohler) Block      |
| May 7  | Michael & Susan (Endres) Bankes      |
| May 7  | Ed & Karen (Youse) Smith             |
| May 11 | Tom & Jodie (Sillers) Hourt          |
| May 13 | Kelsey & Jordan Knittle-Moser        |
| May 13 | Tyler & Taylor (Lagler) Rex          |
| May 14 | Kevin & Kellie (Romig) Smith         |
| May 16 | Terry & Debra (Ledo) Derhammer       |
| May 17 | Gerald & Shirley (Bowman) Phillips   |
| May 21 | Dale & Amy (Neff) Knittle            |
| May 23 | Erick & Tania (Olsen) Kresge         |
| May 27 | Randy & Carol (Gruber) Kresge        |
| May 30 | Blaine & Marilyn (Bisko) Reitz       |

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor James is looking for individuals in junior and/or senior high school that would like to explore possible service and mission opportunities. Pastor James will meet with the youth on the first Sunday of the even months in 2024: **June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1**. Youth Fellowship is collecting socks for VALOR from **May through June 16** in their “**Sock it**” to VALOR drive.

## YOUTH ENSEMBLE

The Youth Ensemble meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Sunday of each month for children to play games, sing songs, play instruments, and enjoy a snack after church until 11:45. Children ages 5 and up are invited to participate. Littles, ages 3 and 4, can participate with an adult present. This spring the children will be presenting music during the following church services: May 12, and June 9.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**VALOR Dinners** are prepared on the last Sunday of every month and taken to Jonas for our homeless veterans. There are index cards in the Narthex on the Sunday prior to the meals. Each card has an ingredient that is needed for that month's meal plan. Please consider taking one and donating the food needed. For more information or to help prepare the meals, please see Deb Craig.

**On May 26**, we will be taking a Special Offering for Strengthen the Church, which reflects our shared commitment with people across the United Church of Christ to build up the UCC cooperatively. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **You build up the Body of Christ with your generosity to this offering.** This envelope is in with your quarterly giving envelopes, or you can use a "Love" envelope in the and mark it "Strengthen the Church" offering.

Last year the Food Bank packed **Kids packs for the summer break.** They are going to do it again this year. They are requesting enough snack cracker packs to fill 125 bags. **Please have them at the church by Sunday May 19** so they can be delivered to the food bank for distribution of the bags over the summer months.

**Make sure to wear RED to church on  
Sunday, May 19.**

## **FUNDRAISING**

| <u>Event</u>                 | <u>Profit for 2024</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sportsman Night Raffle       | \$5,750.07             |
| Soup Sale                    | \$353.00               |
| Hoagie Sale                  | \$291.00               |
| Clear toy lollipops & pieces | \$51.25                |
| Floyd's Used Clothing        | \$195.00               |
| Fisherman's Raffle           | \$1,976.01             |
| Little Caesars Pizza Sale    | \$1,044.00             |

**Cash & May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**1:00 pm**  
 Doors open at Noon  
 Kitchen will be open



**\$25 20 Regular Games**  
**5 Specials**

All Regular Games Win  
\$25 Gift Card or \$25 Cash  
 As Specified

All Special Games Win Various Cash Prizes

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Tickets Sold in Advance or at the Door

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**GONE FISHIN' NIGHT WINNERS**  
**April 20, 2024**

**Prize #**

**Winner**

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Quantum Rod & Reel Combo            | Jeff Hanzarik   |
| 2. Timber Hawk Camo Backpack           | Carlton Davies  |
| 3. Challenge Minnow Bucket             | Daniel Romig    |
| 4. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo        | Randy Parks     |
| 5. Tackle Factory Trout Net            | David DeLong    |
| 6. P-Line Filet Knife                  | Cindy Parks     |
| 7. Zebro Rod & Reel Combo              | Brody Ritter    |
| 8. Plano double sided storage box      | Tom Williams    |
| 9. Berkley Portable Line Spooling Stn. | John Zellner    |
| 10. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Comb        | Terry Derhammer |
| 11. Rapala Pinch Tool/Light Combo      | Randy Parks     |
| 12. Challenge Flow Troll Bucket        | Colleen Shields |
| 13. Dock Demo Rod & Reel Combo         | Robert Shelly   |
| 14. Fishing pliers/Jaw gripper Combo   | Tyler Passaro   |
| 15. Shakespeare Rod & Reel Combo       | Jeffrey Passaro |

**Thank you to everyone who participated in  
 Fisherman's Night and bought and sold Pizza kits.**

**Sunday, June 23 – Grill'In Raffle**  
**See Bonnie Hewitt or Karen Smith for tickets.**

# Staying in Touch

**Office Hours Tuesday and Wednesday 11:00 ~ 3:00**

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

**Email:** secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

**Pastor James Mobile Phone:** 484-571-6083

**Email:** [jamdarrob@gmail.com](mailto:jamdarrob@gmail.com)

## 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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## May Worship Leaders

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Deacon:      | Jim George                        |
| Altar Guild: | Penny Keen                        |
| Lay Readers: | 5 Linda Coffin                    |
|              | 12 Kelsey Knittle-Moser           |
|              | 19 Pam Puskas                     |
|              | 26 Darlene Nothstein              |
| Greeters:    | 5 Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener |
|              | 12 Kathy Elson & Mike Passaro     |
|              | 19 Karen Smith                    |
|              | 26 Bob & Michelle Schramel        |

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

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

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

## FAITH FORMATION

**Classes: 9:00am**

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Teachers - <u>Youth Class</u> | <u>Children (K-Grade 4)</u> |
| May 5 Deb Craig               | Pam Puskas                  |
| May 12 Monica Griffith        | Beth Kutzner                |
| May 19 Deb Craig              | Mary Storm                  |
| May 26 Deb Craig              | Amanda Dieter               |