



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections May 2025

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd UCC ~

I came across this one day and thought it worthy to share. I hope you enjoy.

In order to be born you needed

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 great grandparents

16 great great grandparents

32 3rd great grandparents

64 4th great grandparents

128 5th great grandparents

256 6th great grandparents

512 7th great grandparents

1024 8th great grandparents

2048 9th great grandparents

Over the past 12 generations, spanning approximately 400 years, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors to come into existence. We are the result of thousands of lives, choices, and sacrifices that came before us.

This reminds us how precious and unique our existence is.

A gift shaped by generations of ancestors. Honor their legacy by living with purpose and gratitude.

Peace and Love,

Pastor James

MAY LECTIONARY

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

Lesson:

Acts 9:1-6

Meditation:

The Way Forward

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Lesson:

Acts 9:36-43

Meditation:

Life-giving Acts

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Lesson:

Revelation 21:1-6

Meditation:

Imagine

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Lesson:

Acts 16:9-15

Meditation:

Disciples Together

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Pentecost ~ Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 10:00 am

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>

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.



Our *Thoughts* &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

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

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

Sherry Bishop	Hayden Keller	
Shirley Blynn	Rick & Sandy Keller	Dennis Raver
Chastity Corvino	Jamie Klotz	Rich Remaley
Dennis Derr	Susan Lukon	Gary Schneck
Doug Farber	Marion Madenheim	Kylie Schneider
Steve George	Barbara Mathias*	Destinee Slanina
Lee Haas	Walter Miller	Frank Strohl
Frank Hart	Ernest Moyer	Jenn Wentz
Tracey Haydt	Misty Nagata	John Zellner
Barbara Hower	Chris Oertner	Helen Zolnowsky
Gary Johannes	Eva Marie Poliquim	
Boden Kearney	Agnes Puskas	

***Denotes hospice care**

Purged at beginning of each month.

Renews are welcomed

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Janice Herzog	Midge Klotz	Grace Moyer
Scott Pellington		

New Members classes will be held on the following dates:
June 1, 2025 ~ 11:15 am with members joining June 8, 2025.
September 7, 2025 ~ 11:15 am with members joining September 14, 2025.

To volunteer for weekly mowing please sign up in the Narthex.

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

MDA is leading the fight to free individuals 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.

www.mda.org

May Anniversaries

May 1	Jasmine & Megann (Gracely) Rodrigues
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	Giovanni & Samantha (George) Fricchione
May 27	Randy & Carol (Gruber) Kresge
May 27	Donovan & Rebecca (Shoop) White
May 29	Blaine & Marilyn (Bisko) Reitz

May Birthdays

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

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.

We need \$700 more in receipts to submit the tapes we have. It doesn't matter how old they are, as long as they have Save-A-Tape on the bottom of the receipt.

Clothing drop-off box at the rear of the property earns our church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. **Profit for 2025 is \$165.**

Calendar

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This summer, the **Breakfast Bunch at St. John's Lutheran Church**, Slatington will again **provide breakfast** and a **bag lunch Monday through Friday from 8:30 – 10:00 AM**. The program will run from **June 16 to August 22**. All children in the community, **ages 2-17**, are welcome to attend. They are looking for 6 volunteers for each day (whatever your schedule allows) to make sandwiches, pour milk or cereal into a bowl, scramble eggs, toast bread, flip pancakes, go grocery shopping or pick up donations. To volunteer, please call the office at St. John's Lutheran Church at 610-767-6361 or email the church at stjohnslatington@gmail.com. **Monetary donations or gift cards to local grocery stores 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. **They are also looking for donations of new or gently-used children's books and school supplies.**

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.

There are **extra weekly offering envelopes** in the Narthex on the center podium. If you forgot your envelopes, do not have them or are not a member and want to use these, please feel free to help yourself.

Thank you to all who donated soup and crackers for "Soup"er Bowl Sunday. We collected 171 cans of soup and 22 boxes of crackers for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, and \$300 for CACPAC from Joyful Noise.

Thank you to Dave & Carol Blose for supplying the water, Bob & Denise Koons for donating the bread, Terry Shelly, Pam Puskas, Mary Storm, Eileen Andrews and our anonymous donor for sponsoring the salad and Barry Silfies for preparing the salad for the Lenten Gatherings. Also thank you to Dennis Silfies, Jean Frantz, Deb Craig and Angie Shoemaker for making the soups.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Nursery Faith Formation Leaders are looking for youngsters 5 years of age and under to join them in the nursery room Sunday mornings at 9 am. Contact Kelsey Knittle-Moser or Mary Storm for more information.

Children's Faith Formation is continuing to revamp their room and merging with the Youth Ensemble. If interested see Amanda Smith, Chastity Corvino, and/or Beth Kutzner. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of music on Sundays at 9 am.

Youth Faith Formation welcomes all young people in Grades 5 through 12 to join them in the youth lounge on Sundays at 9 am.

Prayers for Our College Students:

Dane Badman at LCCC, Megan Bankes at Glenville State WV, Tyla Block at Widener, Aricka Creyer at LCCC, Carissa Fallon at Penn State, Riley Fallon at Penn State, Ben Griffith at Luzerne, Katy Griffith at Cedar Crest, Emma Hope at Kutztown, Sarah Hope at LCCC, Evan Horninger at DeSales, Olivia Horninger at Cedar Crest, Cece Pyfer at LCCC, Jade Rice at DeSales, Brody Ritter at the University of Delaware, Caden Shields at Muhlenberg, Colleen Shields at Strayer, Caleb Sommers at Kutztown, Calista Smoyer at West Virginia, Gabriella Smoyer at Cedar Crest, Luke Zook at Villanova.

Confirmation Schedule:

Session 4 ~ *Jesus in Half a Day*

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025; 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Session 14, 4 ~ *What Protestants Believe/Jihad*

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025; 11:15 am – 4:00 pm

Session 15 ~ *Religions of the World*

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025; 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Winner of the April Lottery was: Dot Arnold



See Karen Smith to participate.

The Fundraising Team sold 198 **Little Caesars pizza kits** with a profit of \$1,239. Thank you to all who sold pizzas!

Registration is open for Little Shepherd Preschool for 3 year olds. Contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or visit their Facebook page to learn more.

We are **collecting individual goldfish packs for Backpack Buddies through June 29.**

PNEC Spring Meeting will be **May 3, 2025** at **Union UCC, Neffs.**

PNEC Fall Meeting and Final PNEC Meeting will be **November 1, 2025** at **St. John's UCC, Nazareth.**

SCRIP Report • April 2025

Participants	– 10
Cards Ordered	– 48
Profit	– \$115.70

Orders Due **Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)** with delivery on **Sunday, May 19.** Order scrip cards in May to have them in time for Graduation celebrations, Wedding gift-giving and Father's Day! As a reminder, orders are open to everyone – **Please ask family and friends, neighbors and coworkers.**

On May 25, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pampered Chef Party, Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be food samples & refreshments. Please RSVP to Kellie at 610-349-3984 or Bonnie at 484-225-2947.

Outdoor Clean-up 9 am to noon, Saturday, May 3.
Stay for Bingo afterwards!



Cash & Gift Card **May 3rd, 2025**
1:00 pm
Doors open at Noon
Kitchen will be open

BINGO

\$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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For Info Call Bonnie 484-225-2947
L.F. # 19-0259824

Tickets Sold in Advance or at the Door

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209 cans of corn were delivered for Easter to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

Staying in Touch

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

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Our Church Staff

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May Worship Leaders

Deacon:		Darlene Nothstein
Altar Guild:		Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	4	Samantha Richardson
	11	Matthew Bowers (Mother's Day)
	18	Holden Schaffer
	25	Weslie Frano (Memorial Weekend)
Lay Readers:	4	Linda Coffin
	11	Peter Beblavy (Mother's Day)
	18	Pam Puskas
	25	David DeLong (Memorial Weekend)
Greeters:	4	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	11	Colleen Shields (Mother's Day)
	18	Kelsey & Jordan Knittle-Moser
	25	Karen Smith (Memorial Weekend)