



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections May 2026

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd UCC ~

May is the month when creation reaches toward fullness ~ blossoms widen, fields green, and the world feels alive with promise. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit moves in much the same way: surprising, empowering, calling us to boldness in faith.

The Holy Spirit is not distant. The Spirit is the breath in our lungs, the wisdom that stirs us, the fire that ignites courage when we feel uncertain. When we listen deeply to scripture, to one another, to the quiet voice within we discover that the Spirit continues to guide the church toward love, justice, and renewal.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us ask: What is the Spirit calling us to notice? Whom is the Spirit urging us to serve? Where is the Spirit nudging us to grow?

May we open ourselves to the movement of the Holy One and trust that the same Spirit who enlivened the early disciples is still breathing new life into us today.

With hope and anticipation,

Pastor James

MAY LECTIONARY

May 3, 2026	5th Sunday of Easter
Lesson:	John 14:1-14
Meditation:	Enduring Witness
May 10, 2026	6th Sunday of Easter
Lesson:	John 14:15-21
Meditation:	Witness of Love
May 17, 2026	7th Sunday of Easter
Lesson:	John 17:1-11
Meditation:	Spirit of Witness
May 24, 2026	Pentecost Sunday
Lesson:	Acts 2:1-21
Meditation:	Pentecost
May 31, 2026	Trinity Sunday
Lesson:	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Meditation:	This is Good

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 24, 2026 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>

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.



Our **Thoughts &**
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

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

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

Karen Anthony	Steve George	Chris Oertner
Gail Bell	Lee Haas	Randy Parks
Bill Black*	Diane Hardey	Bill Puskas
Lori Clay	Dean Harper	Ty Sander
Mary Eckhart	Barbara Hower	Gary Schneck
Gloria Engle	Brett Hunsicker	Sandy Sillers
Doug Farber	Baby Jack	Lynn Solt
Donna Fox	Gary Johannes	Bonnie Spangler
Brian Frey*	Hayden Keller	Donna Tully
Ruthann Fries	Randy Kern*	Wehr Family
Jennifer Frohnheiser	Jim Koneschusky	Jenn Wentz
	Lauri	John Zellner

***Denotes hospice care**

Purged at beginning of each month.

Renews are welcomed

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Kevin Banico	Alan Ivan	Edna Nicholas
Jesse Taylor	Willard Wanamaker	

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Thank you to our **April bulletin sponsor:**

April 12-In Honor of Randy Andrews' birthday by Eileen Andrews.

Thank you to our **April flower sponsors:**

April 12-In Memory of Louise Shelly

by Robert Shelly and Bonnie & Matthew Hewitt.

April 26-In Honor of the congregation by Pastor James

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.

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 29 Blaine & Marilyn (Bisko) Reitz

May Birthdays

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

SCRIP Report • April 2026

Participants	-	10
Cards Ordered	-	60
Profit	-	\$122.40

Orders Due **Sunday, May 10** (Mother's Day) with delivery on **Sunday, May 17**. Don't forget gift cards for Father's Day and graduations!

As a reminder, orders are open to everyone – **Please ask family and friends, neighbors and coworkers.**

Mission Team is **collecting packages of individual goldfish packs** for **Backpack Buddies through June 28**. Northern Lehigh School District serves about 100 families each week.

Calendar

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Thank you to those who made contributions in memory of the following:

In Memory of James B. George, Sr. (1938-2026)

Ann Behler, Diana, David & Natasha Haines, Peter & Nancy Herzog, Brett & Michele Hunsicker, Russell McKenzie, Peter & Patsy Noll, John & Linda Rehus, Marilyn Snyder & Kelly Wanamaker.

In Memory of Geraldine A. (Mack) Boyer (1946-2026)

Ellen Biegley, Ronald & Annette Diehl, Marilyn Snyder and John & Susan Zellner.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Gracie Ellen Duch** on February 18, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Gracie, born February 8, 2019, is the granddaughter of Michael & Cheryl (Butz) Bowers with whom she resides. Welcome Gracie!!!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Levi Hayes Schultz**, on March 8, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Levi, born March 17, 2025, is the son of Ralph & Emily (Grady) Schultz. Welcome Levi!!!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Aubrey Lynn Hagenbuch** on March 15, 2026, at Good Shepherd UCC. Aubrey, born on June 2, 2016, is the daughter of Kailey (Frable) Haas. Welcome Aubrey!!!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Jace Elliott Allen Haas** on March 15, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Jace, born April 23, 2024, is the son of Jonathan & Kailey (Frable) Haas. He joins a sister Aubrey. Welcome Jace!!!

The Winner of the April Lottery was Shirley Smith.



See Karen Smith to participate.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Groups meet on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM with opening activities in the Fellowship Hall.

Sundae Sunday is June 28 after church. Come enjoy a delicious sundae with as many toppings as you want!

VBS will begin on **July 13** at 6 pm and conclude **July 19** at 10 am. There will be a **campout on July 19 at 6 pm**, concluding with a **pancake breakfast Sunday morning, July 19 at 9:30 am.**

Mini Golf at Bear Rock Junction will be on **August 2 at noon.** Stay tuned for more more information!

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs Game, **Friday, August 28, 2026.** **Tickets cost \$13**, which includes a \$2 food voucher. Game starts at 6:45 pm. See RaeAnne Creyer or email her at raaaa06@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

Love Your Neighbor Churches FUNDRAISER for Medical Debt Relief **Now through August 15th**

Over 100,000,000 adults nationwide have medical debt that negatively impacts their lives. We can change this!

Union UCC and Friends did this last year and raised over \$10,000 erasing over \$1.1 million of medical debt for 857 patients across Lehigh County.

Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 of medical debt.

Donate anytime between now and August 15th.

A group of churches are gathering around this effort again challenging us to join together to erase all of the medical debt in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

That's \$20,000 to raise, erasing almost \$3 million of debt in our region!

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

**COMMUNITY-WIDE PICNIC & CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH 3PM-7PM**

Union UCC Grove 5550 Route 873 Neffs, PA

Food * Music * Playground * Gift Card and Cash Raffle

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL AMOUNT RAISED!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cash & BINGO May 16th, 2026
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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Fundraising Committee will be holding a meat raffle on **Sunday, June 28, after the church service**. Tickets will go on sale the Sunday after Easter. They will be \$5 per ticket. Please plan to sell to your friends, neighbors and coworkers. This will be an excellent opportunity to help the church raise money.

Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting will be held **June 5-7** at **Millersville University** in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster.

Our theme is "Joy at the Table Together" and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 "Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God."

The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

Financial Peace University will **begin on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm** for **9 Wednesdays**. Stay tuned for details, click the link below to register, or see Monica Griffith.

Class Link: <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/4B6DF5>



Confirmation Process Overview

Requirements

- Desire to be a member of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ
- Completed fifth grade
- Proof of baptism or desire to be baptized

Goal

To nurture discipleship through:

- Attending sixteen (16) sessions
- Participating in worship
- Experiencing different aspects of the church
- Building relationships with mentors

Engaging in a final conversation with the Elders to discern readiness to confirm one's faith before the congregation

You and your youth are warmly invited to **attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 31 at 11:15 AM**, where we will share more details, introduce mentors, and answer any questions you may have.

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ is anticipating a wonderful group of young people entering the Confirmation process—and **we are looking for caring, committed adults to serve as mentors.**

A mentor is simply a trusted guide in faith—someone willing to listen, share, encourage, and walk alongside a confirmand as they grow in discipleship.

If you have a heart for supporting youth and helping shape the next generation of the church, we would love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Pastor James.

If you are interested in joining Good Shepherd, Pastor James will be holding a class on May 24, 2026 after church at 11:15 am, with individuals joining May 31, 2026.

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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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

May Worship Leaders

Deacon:	Evan Shoemaker
Elder:	Pam Puskas
Altar Guild:	Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	3 Callie McGinnis
	10 Jaxon Kline
	17 TBD
	24 Jaxon Kline
	31 Samantha Richardson
Lay Readers:	3 Beth Kutzner
	10 Rae Anne Creyer
	17 Monica Griffith
	24 Darlene Nothstein
	31 Beth Kutzner
Greeters:	3 Karen Smith
	10 Madelin Balliet & Donna Keener
	17 Janice Silliman & Marilyn Rice
	24 Karen Smith
	31 Randy & Eileen Andrews
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