



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections May 2022

Dear Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

We have been blessed in so many marvelous and wonder-filled ways this Easter season. I'm still filled with such bliss after the services this past Easter Sunday. Between the procession of the choir and sounds of the brass quarter calling us to hear the good news that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! The 200 plus souls that worshiped between both services also sent a renewed confidence that God is with us and ministry is happening each and every season, not just Easter. I believe the live peeps were especially endearing to our children and youth (and some adults, too). Smelling the intoxicating aroma of hyacinths will always take me back to my childhood in Watsontown and the aroma lingers in my home even a week after our festive celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Of course, God isn't finished with us yet (nor will God ever be finished with any of God's children). In a matter of a few weeks we will be gathering to celebrate the birth of the church and the rite of confirmation for possibly eleven young confirmands who are completing the last sessions required of them out of twelve. It too will be a day to gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in our midst as these young individuals reaffirm the vows their parents made when they were baptized.

May this be a formal invitation for all to attend the blessings of the present with the future with the celebration of confirmation on Sunday, June 5th. I am excited not just for that day, but for the souls of the faithful as our number grows along with our spirit.

God bless you one and all.

In Christ's Service, *Pastor James*

PS Bert and Ernie (yellow peeps), Groucho (black peep), and Burns and Allen (brown peeps) have made it safely to their new home on the farm to live out their natural days free from cages and becoming a Sunday dinner.

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

MAY LECTIONARY

May 1, 2022

Easter 3

Lesson:

Acts 9:1-6

Meditation:

Going Global

May 8, 2022

Easter 4

Lesson:

Acts 9:36-43

Meditation:

Life-giving Acts

May 22, 2022

Easter 5

Lesson:

Acts 11:1-18

Meditation:

Boundary Breaking

May 29, 2022

Easter 6

Lesson:

Acts 16:16-34

Meditation:

Liberating Love



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Pentecost ~June 5th 2022

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>

SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVYHuSsU56ddNI3fhpeqQfg>

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.**



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 or remembered, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday. Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.



MISSION OUTREACH

For May is: Muscular Dystrophies Association
www.mda.org

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 how they came to be in our Hymnal, current events in the life at Good Shepherd.



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dale-Ann Derr	Betty Humanick
Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	Susan "Tillie" Waller
Kay Costenbader	Jean Hewitt	

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

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

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Monica Griffith	Nancy Schumaker
Madeline Balliet	Bob Gross	Dee Dee Sloane
Dave Bauer	Jane Haldeman	Edgar Smith
Loretta Betz	Penny Keen	Karen Smith
Janet Berger	Rich Keen	Frank Soldridge III
Fran Borbely	"Kitch" Kitchell	Sallie Solt
Joe Conway	Wayne Kuhns	Marilyn Sowden
Jonathan Diet	David May	Rich Taylor
Lisa Gilly	Susan Riddle	
Jonathon Griffith	Alice Schnell	The People of Ukraine

Prayers for Students in higher education:

Megan Bankes studying at Glenville State WV, Angie Carbin studying at Widener University, Dylan Coffin studying at Susquehanna University, Carissa Fallon studying at Penn State, Ben Griffith studying at Wilkes University, Evan Horninger studying at DeSales University, Jade Rice studying at Bloomsburg University, Caden Shields studying at LCCC, Matthew Shields studying at Moravian College, Caleb Sommers studying at Kutztown University, Ariana Smoyer studying at Metro Beauty Academy, and Calista Smoyer studying at West Virginia University.

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Cheryl Brensinger

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



Remembering
Them All on
Mother's Day

May 8th is Mother's Day



Faith Formation is hoping you will Remember and Honor all those Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and mother figures in your lives.

\$1 each to benefit the Organ Fund. Envelopes in the Narthex.

Memorial Rededication Service

Towamensing Cemetery
3rd St. & Fireline Rd., Palmerton
May 21st at 11:00 am

followed by luncheon in Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd.

Confirm attendance with secretary by May 1st.



Preschool



Preschool Graduations-
May 25th & 26th at 6:30 pm.



Memorial Day Service-

Slatedale Cemetery-South Loop and Brown Street
May 30th at 8:00 am.



With Graduation approaching, and bigger challenges in life.

Please let us know those graduating and what their next step will be by May 22nd.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 Jasmine & Megann (Gracely) Rodrigues
May 2 Donald & Roxy (Oldt) Schraden
May 2 Thomas & Fae (Costenbader) Wentz
May 3 Carlton & Terri (Reinheimer) Miller
May 5 Michael & Carrie (Kohler) Block
May 6 Butch & Ellen (Mack) Biegly
May 7 Michael & Susan (Endres) Banks
May 7 Ed & Karen (Youse) Smith
May 13 Tyler & Taylor (Lagler) Rex
May 14 Kevin & Kellie (Romig) Smith
May 16 Walter and Donna (Kuntz) Fox
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 25 Anthony & Keyla (Saez) Babb
May 27 Randy & Carol (Gruber) Kresge
May 27 Richard & Debbie (Thomas) Taylor
May 30 Blaine & Marilyn (Bisko) Reitz

SAVE THE DATES

Northern Lehigh Food Bank

Sunday, June 5th, 2022

We need to collect 125 of each item for “Kids Packs”. Single Serve Fruit or Applesauce please bring to the church

June 25th

65th Anniversary
of The United Church of Christ



June 26th -30th

Vacation Bible School
Information in the Narthex

Saturday, August 27th
Sportsman Night



Thursday, October 20th
Basket Social

Saturday, November 12th
Gift Card Bingo



Faith Formation

	Instructor	Crafter
May 1	Judy Bollinger/Ann Behler	Judy Bollinger/Ann Behler
May 8	Deb Craig	Deb Craig
May 15	Rae Anne Creyer	Rae Anne Creyer
May 22	Amanda Dieter	Amanda Dieter
May 29	Pam Puskas	Pam Puskas

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Faith Formation Director	Amanda Dieter
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist	TBD
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Erin Stenger-Guth
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Barry Silfies

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 ~ 3:00

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MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Joe Conway

Acolytes: May 1 Kyan Block

May 8 Aiden Solt

May 15 Abby Allen

May 22 Jazmin Richardson

May 29 Noah Griffith

Lay Readers: May 1 Linda Bowers

May 8 Kelsey Knittle

May 15 Amanda Dieter

May 22 RaeAnn Creyer

May 29 Beth Kutzner

Greeters: May 1 Joe & Sharon Conway

May 8 Karen Smith

May 15 Joe & Sharon Conway

May 22 Edgar & Shirley Smith

May 29 Barbara J. Neff

Altar Guild: Julie Solt

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger

Evan Horninger

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

In Service of the Lord



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.*

As the evening beckons with the promise of tomorrow...
may your gratitude rise up and with strength answer, "yes."

- Mary Anne Radmacher

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



SCRIP Summary	April 2022
Participants	11
Cards Ordered	69
Profit	\$ 150.28
Profit Year-To-Date	\$ 615.56

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, May 8th** and will be delivered on **Sunday, May 15th**. **Don't forget to order your gift cards for Father's Day, Weddings and Graduations!**

Financial



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 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.

LOTTERY TICKETS **April winner:** Linda Bowers

Thank you for your Support
See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

Calendar

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Lisa Kuntz	May 18	Dale Ann Derr
May 1	Tyler Rex	May 19	Linda Schock
May 2	Kyan Block	May 20	Zachary Dodd
May 2	William Fister	May 20	Aiden Conway
May 2	Karen Smith	May 22	Gregory Schuck
May 4	Brynn Frano	May 23	Stephanie Gursky
May 4	Elizabeth Frantz	May 23	Tina Hunsicker
May 5	Joan Heffelfinger	May 23	Tanner Kresge
May 6	Tracey Gursky	May 23	Kelsey Goodhile
May 8	Craig Fallon	May 24	Jonell Kuremsky
May 8	Riley Fallon	May 25	Rowan Rinker
May 8	Michael Perkins	May 26	Carrie Block
May 9	Janice Farber	May 26	Glenn Knappenberger
May 10	Kiersten Fink	May 26	Spencer Perkins
May 10	Keegan Kohler	May 26	Reagan Walters
May 10	Abigail Allen	May 27	Dylan Coffin
May 12	Annette Zuber-Kohler	May 27	Jackie Amey
May 12	Hayley Knittle	May 27	Gabriella Smoyer
May 12	Gary Reider	May 28	Amanda Bowers
May 12	Ella White	May 28	Jessica Mack
May 13	Matthew Shields, Sr.	May 28	Richard Schock
May 14	Gavin Parks	May 28	Ann Behler
May 15	Richard Kuntz	May 29	Amy Heffelfinger-Horninger
May 15	Elliott Zink	May 29	David Silfies
May 16	Donna Fox	May 31	Cheryl Bowers
May 17	Thomas Wentz	May 31	Rick Keller
May 18	Anna Trelease	May 31	Emma Kremposky

Guest Musician Would you be willing to sponsor guest musicians during our special services? The Worship Team is looking to invite quest musicians to enhance the music during the upcoming Holiday season. We are looking for monetary donations to be presented to our quest musicians as an honorarium for their time and talent. If you are interested in helping, please place your donation in the offering plate and mark it "Guest Musician" or send your donation in to the church office. For more information contact Pastor James or Beth Kutzner.