

GOOD SHEPHERD

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections May 2023

Greetings friends and members of Good Shepherd UCC,
Slatington ~

Spring is such a wonder-filled time of the year. Trees are budding and flowers blossoming. Butterflies are emerging from cocoons, and everything feels fresh and new. It is in these small miracles that we find God's faithfulness. Seeing the beauty God creates for our benefit should bring a sense of thankfulness in our hearts and lives.

I know there is a downside to all these gifts called allergies. My heart goes out to those that have pollen induced allergies and are unable to enjoy this time. I know there are medicines and precautions people can take to lessen the nuisance of sneezing and watery eyes, but it is still such a bother.

We are called to be the Church to celebrate when spring has sprung and we are called to be the Church when we sadly deal with allergies, but we are all in this together.

May the love of God and calling of Jesus Christ be beyond our own biases and shortcomings so that we might share the compassion of Christ to all God's people.

Yours in the Service of Christ,

Pastor James

MAY LECTIONARY

May 7, 2023

Easter 5

Lesson:

Acts 7:55-60

Meditation:

Emboldened to Proclaim

May 14, 2023

Easter 6

Lesson:

John 14:15-21

Meditation:

To See Is to Love

May 21, 2023

Easter 7

Lesson:

John 17:1-11

Meditation:

Sensory Glory

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

Lesson:

Acts 2:1-21

Meditation:

Life-Giving Spirit

Pentecost Sunday Communion

Sunday, May 28, 2023

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>

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**.



**Missions Outreach For May is
Muscular Dystrophy**

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Breakfast Bunch will provide breakfast and a bag lunch Monday through Friday, From 8:30 – 10 am from June 12 to August 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 40 2nd St., Slatington. All children in the community, ages 2 – 17, are welcome to attend. We are looking for volunteers to do the following: make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pour a glass of milk for a child, toast bread or pour cereal into a bowl, grocery shop or pick up donations from local businesses. Six volunteers are needed each day and time commitments and days are flexible. To volunteer, please call the office at St. John's at (610) 767-6361 or email the church at stjohnslatington@gmail.com. Monetary donations or gift cards to Gian, Weis, Walmart, Redners, etc 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.



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



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr
Mary Bilheimer	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	Nicholas Sander
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Dalton Housenick	David Neff	Jacqueline Tracy
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Spencer Perkins	Janel Tracy

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Rich Keen	Chris Newhard
Gail Bell	Alice & Chris Kegel	Connie Renner
Laura Castellani	Sandy Keller	Alice Schnell
Jim Craig	Dwayne Kern	Donald Schraden
Michael Dieffenderfer	Jim Koch	Carol Schweitzer
Fiona Dieter	Bob Koons	Nan Slanina
Norm Eckart	Shawn Kress	Dee Dee Sloane
Faust Falcone	Kevin Kroboth	Craig Solt
Beverly Fehnel	Wayne Kuhns	Sallie Solt
Lisa Gilly	Karen Kuntzman	Rich Taylor
Diane Gross	Don Kutzner	Anna Mae Weiss
Dan Hamm	Judy Mack	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Claude "Butch" Biegly	Melba Bisko	Lisa DeLong
Gordon Derhammer	Dale-Ann Derr	Veronica Fabian
Sterling Frable	Edith Frantz	Jane Haldeman
Roy Hughes	Jim Joyce	Ryan Schock
Frances Slanina	Norm Snyder	Mary Alice Snyder

God is watching over you...
I know because I asked God to

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 2023

Participants	–	7
Cards Ordered	–	46
Profit	–	\$97.99
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$439.82

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, May 14 (Mother’s Day)** and delivered on **Sunday, May 21.**

The office is in need of a new copy machine to replace our 2 outdated ones. We currently have about 2/3 of the money set aside. If you wish to donate to this expense, please mark your offering envelope appropriately and place it in the offering plate.

Calendar

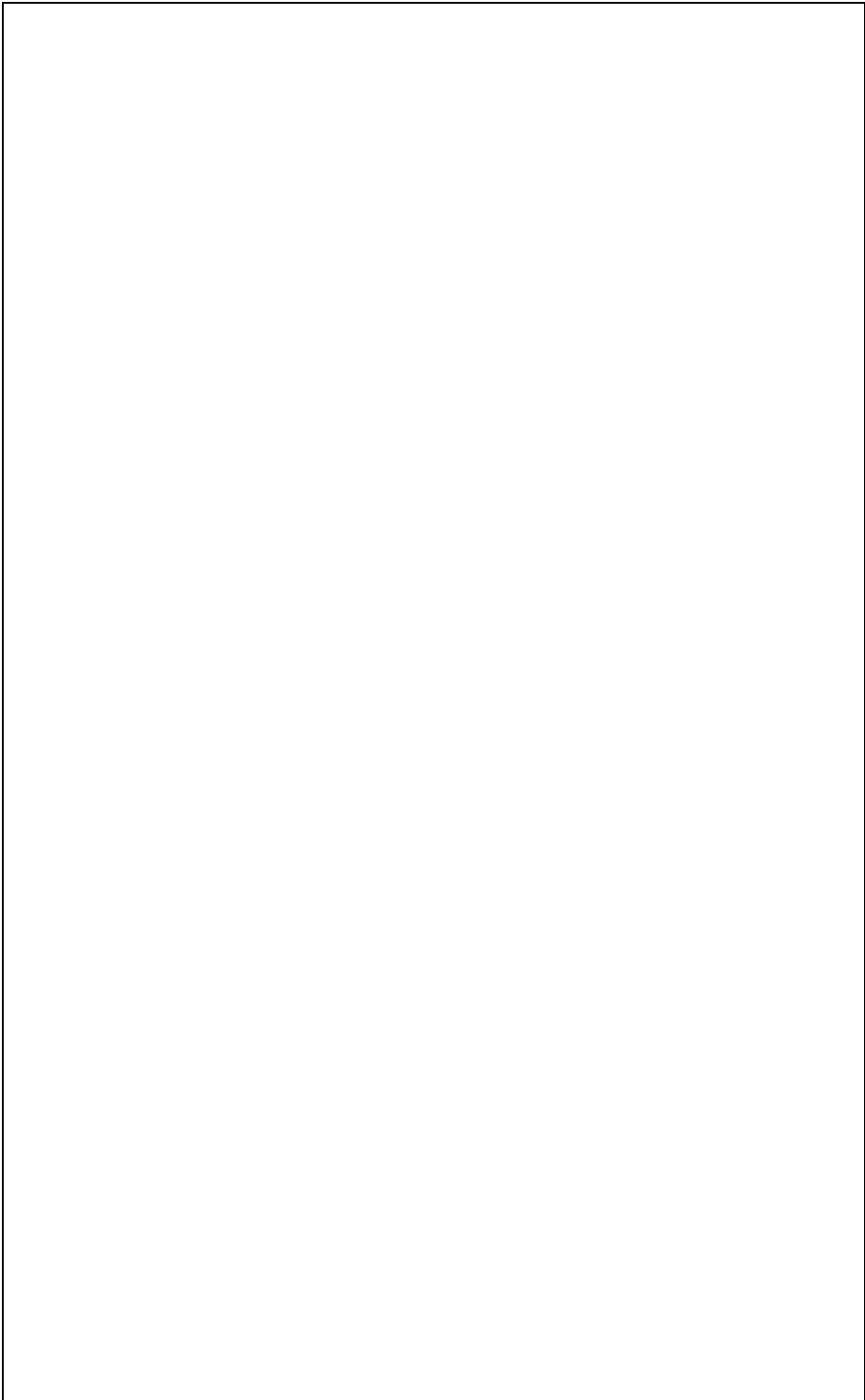
Calendar

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	Karen Smith	May 23	Kelsey Goodhile
May 3	Mary-Beth Fatzinger	May 23	Tanner Kresge
May 4	Brynn Frano	May 23	Breonna Richardson
May 4	Elizabeth Frantz	May 24	Jonell Kuremsky
May 5	Joan Heffelfinger	May 25	Rowan Rinker
May 6	Tracey Gursky	May 26	Carrie Block
May 8	Craig Fallon, Jr.	May 26	Glenn Knappenberger
May 8	Riley Fallon	May 26	Spencer Perkins
May 8	Michael Perkins	May 26	Reagan Walters
May 9	Janice Farber	May 27	Jackie Amey
May 10	Abby Allen	May 27	Dylan Coffin
May 10	Kierston Fink	May 27	Gabriella Smoyer
May 10	Keegan Kohler	May 28	Ann Behler
May 12	Hayley Knittle	May 28	Amanda Bowers
May 12	Gary Reider	May 28	Richard Schock
May 12	Ella White	May 29	Amy Horninger
May 12	Annette Zuber-Kohler	May 29	David Silfies
May 13	Matthew Shields, Sr	May 31	Cheryl Bowers
May 14	Gavin Parks	May 31	Rick Keller
May 15	Richard Kuntz	May 31	Emma Kremposky
May 16	Donna Fox		

Congratulations to:
The Winner of the April Lottery: Gary & Jean Fatzinger
See Karen Smith to participate.





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 7	Michael & Susan (Endres) Bankes
May 7	Eddie & Karen (Youse) Smith
May 13	Kelsey (Knittle) & Jordan (Moser) Knittle-Moser
May 13	Tyler & Taylor (Lagler) Rex
May 14	Kevin & Kellie (Romig Belles) 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 29	Blaine & Marilyn (Bisko) Reitz

Youth Ensemble meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month after church until 11:45 am. We play games, sing, and play bells.

Sally Loch is leading an 8-week women's group entitled Women of the Bible, during Faith Formation at 9 am, through June 4. If interested contact Faith Formation Director
faithdir@goodshepherduccslatington.org

Preschool summer camp registration is now open for the following weeks: June 12-16, June 19-23, July 31-Aug 4, Aug 7-Aug 11.

Hours are Monday - Friday 9 am to noon. Registration costs \$100 per week. For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.

Greeters, Lay Readers and Acolytes needed for 2023.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Grill'In Raffle
Sunday, May 28, 2023
In the Narthex after the Church Service



GRILL'IN Raffle

Tickets \$5.00

Grand Prize:

Black Stone 36" ~ 4 Burner Griddle
with accessories

Additional prizes:

26 ~ \$25/\$50 Gift Cards



Sunday,
May 28th
11am after
Morning Service

Church
YARD
SALE

Fundraising will be holding a **Church Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.** We will be taking donations of items to sell, **NO FURNITURE PLEASE**, starting Sunday, May 28th until Sunday, June 4th. Also looking for volunteers to help with pricing items and on the day of the sale. Proceeds will go for a new church copier. Keep the church in mind as you are doing your Spring Cleaning.

Congregational Meeting May 21 at 11 am to approve new covenant and mission statement for Good Shepherd UCC. Copies may be found in the Narthex or on our website. There will be a Covenant hearing on May 7 at 11 am to review the proposed changes to these documents.

If you, or a loved one is graduating in 2023, please fill out the form in the Narthex so we can honor them on June 11 during Graduation Sunday.

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

Confirmands - Pastor James & Young Adults - Mary Storm
Nursery Teacher - Brandi Palmer

Children Teachers -

May 7	Pam Puskas	May 21	Deb Craig
May 14	Monica Griffith	May 28	Deb Craig

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	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matthew Shields

Staying in Touch

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

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MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon:		Joe Conway
Altar Guild:		Penny Keen
Acolytes:	7	Maddie Sommers
	14	Maddie Sommers
	21	Jazmin Richardson
	28	Matthew Bowers
Lay Readers:	7	Mary Storm
	14	Beth Kutzner
	21	Rae Anne Creyer
	28	Darlene Nothstein
Greeters:	7	Karen Smith
	14	Janice Silliman & Marilyn Rice
	21	Rae Anne Creyer & Lisa
	28	Matthew Bowers & Penny Keen

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

A/V Operators: Riley Fallon, Bryan Horninger,
Evan Horninger

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

