



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections November 2024

Dear Friends ~

As we enter November, a month of reflection and gratitude, let us focus on the blessings we have received. This is a special time to thank God for the love and support we find in our families, friends, and our church community. We are reminded of the importance of being grateful for even the smallest of gifts that come our way.

Let us take this season to open our hearts and express our appreciation to God and to one another. Whether it is a kind word, a helping hand, or a shared moment of joy, each act of kindness is a reflection of God's love among us.

As we gather for Thanksgiving, let us remember those who may be in need and find ways to share our blessings. Simple acts of generosity can make a profound difference.

May this time of gratitude deepen our faith and strengthen our bonds with one another. Let us continue to walk in God's grace, thankful for all we have and hopeful for all that is to come.

In Christ's love,

Pastor James

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 03, 2024 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18
Meditation: Wherever You Go

November 10, 2024 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Meditation: Risk and Restoration

November 17, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: I Samuel 1:4-20
Meditation: Praise the Holy One

November 24, 2024 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: John 18:33-37
Meditation: A Wise Reign

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Advent Communion ~ Sunday, December 1, 2024

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**.

Faith Formation Classes

November 03 ~ Mary Storm
November 10 ~ Monica Griffith
November 17 ~ Pam Puskas
November 24 ~ Deb Craig

**Mission Outreach for November is
Turning Point**

Domestic violence is a crime. If you are mentally, sexually, physically assaulted, threatened or harassed by a person you are living with or intimately involved with, you are a victim of domestic abuse. Abuse can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or economic. An abused person can be male or female, gay or straight, of any age, race, class, culture, religion or occupation. Recognizing a growing need, a small group came together in 1976 to establish "May Day Anonymous." This dedicated group answered hotline calls from women who were victims of domestic violence in the area.

In 1978, the group was granted nonprofit status and evolved into Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Since its incorporation, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley (TPLV) has helped more than 85,000 victims of domestic abuse.

www.turningpointlv.org or www.facebook.com/turningpointlv

The **Northern Lehigh Food Bank** is requesting **donations of corn for Thanksgiving and Christmas. 200 cans of corn for each holiday** would be appreciated. Please bring your donations to church and put them in the shopping cart located in the Narthex. Thanksgiving is needed by Sunday 11/10/2024. Christmas is needed by Sunday 12/8/2024.

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	Dennis Derr	
Mary Bilheimer	Donna Fox	Carol Schweitzer
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

Michael Bossons	Frank Hart	
Michael Bowers	Michelle Hewitt	Dennis Raver
Bonnie Brozey	Amy Horninger	Warren "Boise" Reitz
Louise Croll*	Gary Johannes	Kylie Schneider
Robert Eckhart	Boden Kearney	Kim Schock
Doug Farber	Hayden Keller	Frank Strohl
Beverly Ruth Fehnel	Steve Mansueto	Jenn Wentz
Lee Haas	Barbara Mathias*	Helen Zolnowsky
Tammy Henninger Filchner		

***Denotes hospice care**

Purged at beginning of each month.

Renews are welcomed

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Ted Good	Trish Hennings	Danny Smith
Daughter of Mep & Rita Moyer		Vernon Smith

Prayers for Students in higher education:

Dane Badman at LCCC, Megan Bankes at Glenville State WV, Tyla Block at Widener, Aricka Creyer at Cedar Crest, 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, Cameron Shields at LCCC, Colleen Shields at Strayer, Caleb Sommers at Kutztown, Calista Smoyer at West Virginia, Gabriella Smoyer at Cedar Crest, Luke Zook at Villanova.

Financial

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<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

Texting the word “give” to **610.615.7657**

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, text 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 • October 2024

Participants	-	6
Cards Ordered	-	47
Profit	-	\$103.13

Orders Due **Sunday, November 10th** with delivery on **Sunday, November 17th.**

November Birthdays

Nov 1	Geraldine Boyer	Nov 19	Dick Nothstein
Nov 2	Connie Beblavy	Nov 20	Stefan Bartczak
Nov 2	David McGinnis	Nov 20	Duke Christman
Nov 3	Ryan Hartmaier	Nov 20	Carol Kresge
Nov 6	Sheri Fallon	Nov 20	Paul Pitruzzello
Nov 6	Marilyn Reitz	Nov 21	Alex Beblavy
Nov 6	Slade Schaffer	Nov 21	Kerry Loch
Nov 6	Dayton White	Nov 22	Matt Snyder
Nov 9	David Goodhile	Nov 22	Aspen White
Nov 11	Gerald Phillips	Nov 23	Marge Bass
Nov 12	Patti Conway	Nov 23	Ryan Smoyer
Nov 13	Kyle Kremposky	Nov 24	Jasmine Rodrigues
Nov 14	Samantha Richardson	Nov 24	Colleen Shields
Nov 15	Ann Johnson	Nov 25	Sherry Bishop
Nov 15	Landon Moll	Nov 25	Bryson Rice
Nov 15	Kylie Solt	Nov 27	John Gellis
Nov 15	Susan Zellner	Nov 28	Richard Croll
Nov 19	Linda Frey	Nov 30	Pam Puskas
Nov 19	Eric Hantz		

The Winner of the October Lottery was: Eddie Smith



See Karen Smith to participate.

A sincere **Thank You** to all the people who helped with inventory: Craig and Sallie Solt for all the time they spent to inventory the outside structures, storage units and playground, Pam Puskas for inventorying the Sanctuary, Amanda Smith and Linda Soldridge for inventorying the Narthex Storage and Susan Zellner for inventorying the Narthex.

November Anniversaries

Nov 1	Randy & Eileen (Brobst) Andrews
Nov 2	Robert & Denise (Rodrigues) Koons, Sr.
Nov 4	Frank & Emily (Fister) Heffernan
Nov 7	Billy & Ashley (Miller) Nagy
Nov 12	Jamie & Angie (Shelly) Rex
Nov 17	Sean & Chelsea (Tinker) Harding
Nov 18	Matt & Kim (Cogle) Rex
Nov 18	Ben & Allison (Conway) Schaffer
Nov 23	Robert & Jane (Humphries) Evans

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 Sunday of the even months in 2024: **December 1. Collecting new or gently used blankets for the homeless or those in need.**

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

The Youth Ensemble began meeting again on **September 8**. We meet the **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month immediately following the worship service until 11:45 am**. Youth Ensemble meetings take place in the social hall. Meetings consist of singing, playing bells, a game and a snack! Children of any age are welcome to join in the fun! Parents should accompany children who are 4 or under.

Totenfest is Sunday, November 3.

Budget Hearing is Sunday, November 10 after worship.

Congregational Meeting is Sunday, November 17 after worship.

Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am

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	\$74.25
Redner's Save-A-Tape	\$21.85
Floyd's Used Clothing	\$575.00
Fisherman's Raffle	\$1,976.01
Little Caesars Pizza Sale	\$1,045.00
Cash & Gift Card Bingo (Spring)	\$355.25
Grill In' Raffle	\$2,412.84
Walk-In Basket Social	\$2,670.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cash & Gift Card Nov. 9th, 2024
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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Tickets Sold in Advance or at the Door

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PHOTOS WITH
11/23
9am - 3pm *Santa*

Photos will be taken by **DK Sports n More Photography**
Digital photos will be emailed to you.

Children are
welcome to bring
SANTA Christmas
notes and wishlists!

This is a fundraiser
benefiting the preschool and is
non-reimbursable.
Please arrive 10 minutes prior to
your scheduled time
Sign Up through
SignUpGenius link

Little Shepherds Preschool
3940 Mountain Rd, Slatington PA 18080

\$25 per family

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DADAB2FAAFBC70-52026916-photos>

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.

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 this year is \$575.

The Chancel Choir is looking for additional singers.

Rehearsals are held each Tuesday from **7-8 pm** in the sanctuary. We welcome anyone age 12 + to join us in providing a variety of music for church services. The Chancel Choir will be presenting a cantata and singing with brass for Christmas and Easter. Please consider joining this year! If you can't make it to every rehearsal and every Sunday, that is okay; we are always happy to have individuals join us when they are able. You do not have to be a trained vocalist to join us; a love of singing, worship and fellowship is all you need.

Staying in Touch

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

November Worship Leaders

Deacon:	Darlene Nothstein
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Hewitt
Lay Readers:	3 Pam Puskas
	10 Linda Coffin
	17 Susan Bankes
	24 Darlene Nothstein
	26 Pam Puskas (Thanksgiving Eve Eve)
Greeters:	3 Carol Krum
	10 Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	17 Chad & Jen Sommers & Family
	24 Tom & Jodie Hourt
	26 TBD (Thanksgiving Eve Eve)

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

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