

## GOOD SHEPHERD

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OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

# Mountain Reflections November 2021

Dear Family & Friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ ~

### KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!!

These words came to me in a dream. In my dream many things were happening, and minutia began setting in and I was asked to help. My response was ... keep moving forward. I once heard the misinformation that sharks need to keep moving forward to breathe and thus stay alive. Perhaps this is a metaphor for humanity. We are in need of ever moving forward. We are unable to move back in time, though we can recall and remember things from the past. As time moves forward, our memories become distorted.

So as a congregation, we are called to move forward if we wish to survive. We need to explore new ways of meeting the needs of a world that struggles to honor human rights and share with the less fortunate what we take for granted ~ freedom, liberty, nutritious food, clean water and fresh air. Good Shepherd has made great strides through this pandemic to overcome obstacles that could have toppled our congregation. People have stepped up to the plate and volunteered time and talent.

The leadership of the congregation is asking for each disciple to pray about what we give, why we give, and how we give then to fill out a blue Faith Promise form and place it in the Faith Promise Box in the narthex before November 14th. This allows wishes to be counted as part of the active congregation.

Let us move forward and make our community of faith essential in God's plan of salvation for all creation.

In Christ, Pastor James

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

**NOVEMBER LECTIONARY**

November 7, 2021 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 12:38–44

*How Then Shall We Give?*

November 14, 2021 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 13:1–8

*What Lasts?*

November 21, 2021 **Reign of Christ/Christ the King**

John 18:33–37

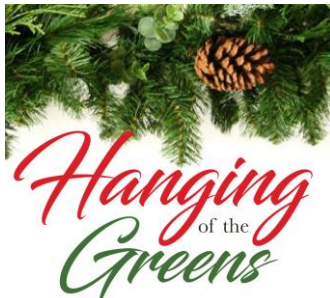
*Reign of Christ*

November 28, 2021 **Advent 1**

**Hanging of the Greens**

Luke 21:25–36

*Hopeful Waiting, Active Trust*

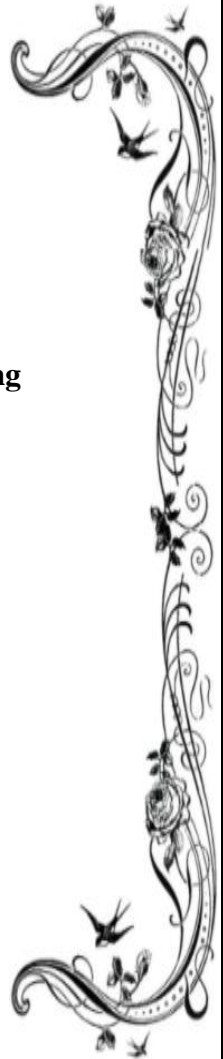


**COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

**Advent 1 ~ November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**“Hanging of the Greens”**

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.





Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...



**Homebound Members**

Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	Jean Hewitt
Kay Costenbader	Janet German	Betty Humanick
Dale-Ann Derr	Dolores Gruber	Susan 'Tillie' Waller

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services**

**Or with The Department of Defense:**

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

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

**Family & Friends**

Jane Achey	Wayne Kuhns	Lena Smith
Ann German	Lois Morrissey	Marion Straub
Karen Hulings	Debbie Silfies	Jim Trainer

**For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:**

Peggy Anthony	Andrew Howett	Jason Smith
Thomas Craig	Linda Kunkel	Steve Vulcheff

*God* is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



**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 in memory of, 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.



**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.**



**Faith and Mission**

For November is **Turning Point**

If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name, and then place a donation in a “Faith & Mission” envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

**[www.turningpointlv.org](http://www.turningpointlv.org)**

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. We provide services in Lehigh and Northampton counties to more than 5,000 victims of domestic violence each year. Our mission is to eliminate domestic violence in the Lehigh Valley through empowerment, education, and engagement

**Season Missions**

Available in the narthex for you to choose which program you can/wish to support

- ❖ Northern Lehigh Christmas gift program for the 7 children.
- ❖ Phoebe gift program for their 30 residents.
- ❖ Mitten and Scarf Tree for Shelters
- ❖ Riverstone Manor- *formally Canal Side Walnutport*, gift program for the 5 residents

**Please have all gifts returned by Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1	Geraldine Boyer	Nov 19	Linda Frey
Nov 3	Ryan Hartmaier	Nov 19	Eric Hantz
Nov 5	Carol Thomas	Nov 19	Dick Nothstein
Nov 6	Sheri Fallon	Nov 20	Sterling Christman
Nov 8	Sophia Ferber	Nov 20	Jenelle Heilman
Nov 10	Jasmine Feller	Nov 20	Carol Kresge
Nov 11	Jed Gilly	Nov 20	Paul Pitruzzello
Nov 11	Mayson Moyer	Nov 21	Kerry Loch
Nov 11	Gerald Phillips	Nov 21	Lily Gad
Nov 13	Ryan Hewitt	Nov 21	Alex Beblavy
Nov 13	Kyle Kremposky	Nov 22	Matthew Snyder
Nov 14	Samantha Richardson	Nov 23	Ryan Smoyer
Nov 15	Ann Johnson	Nov 26	Marge Bass
Nov 15	Landon Moll	Nov 24	Jasmine Rodrigues
Nov 15	Kylie Solt	Nov 24	Colleen Shields
Nov 15	Susan Zellner	Nov 27	John Gellis
Nov 16	Lauren Gad	Nov 28	Richard Croll
Nov 16	Andrew Mack	Nov 28	Andrew Trelease
Nov 17	Brad Ferber	Nov 30	Pam Puskas
Nov 17	Avery Hewitt		

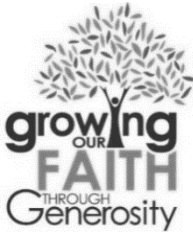
## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 7	Billy & Ashley (Miller) Nagy
Nov 11	James & Angie (Shelly) Rex
Nov 18	Matt & Kim (Cougles) Rex



Drew and Kara Lynn Rice welcome Barrett Rice.  
Born Tues, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:26 am, weighing 7 lbs 5.6 oz and 19 3/4 inches long! Bryson and Braxton are his big brothers.

Lydia and Josh Kichline welcome Nolan James.  
Born Sat, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:55 pm. weighing 8 lbs 12.6 oz. and 21.5 inches long! Darlene and Dick Nothstein are the proud Great Grandparents



## 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.*

“It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.”

— Germany Kent


### SCRIP Summary

Participants	11	<b>October 2021</b> Don't forget to order your gift cards for Gas, Groceries and other items, and it's not too early to start thinking about Christmas!
Cards Ordered	91	
Profit	\$ 243.83	
Profit Year-To-Date	\$ 1,170.39	
Next month's orders are due	<b>Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>	

and will be delivered on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

### Financial Update

<b>Oct 03</b>	\$2,735.00	E-giving \$305.00
<b>Oct 10</b>	\$3,630.00	E-giving \$217.96
<b>Oct 17</b>	\$2,723.00	E-giving \$650.00
<b>Oct 24</b>	\$1,085.00	E-giving \$639.82

 Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy

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

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.



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# Thanksgiving Community Worship Service November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

Join us in worship when we give our Thanks for all we have.

Bring your bread (*wrapped*) for your Thanksgiving meals' blessing and another to be bless for someone in need at CACPAC food bank.

All are Welcome



\*\*\*\*\* Mask may be required per CDC Guidelines \*\*\*\*\*

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Nov 20 at 9 Am – Nov 21 at 12 Pm



Come meet Santa & join in on the fun!  
Benefits the remodel of Little Shepherds preschool playground!  
Photos with Santa \$25 per family.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/577074216708723?ref=newsfeed>

Karens2@hotmail.com 610.657.5133

## Totenfest Service will be November 7<sup>th</sup>

A time of remembrance in our regular morning worship on the first Sunday in November. The time is one to remember and celebrate the lives of friends and members of the congregation who have died since the last time of memorial and remembrance. Perhaps state a bit of the history of “Totenfest,” “All Saints,” and “All Souls” days, and the appropriateness of remembering those “whom we have loved and lost but for a while”.

*We will have names of those we remembered at this worship listed in December’s newsletter.*



**Saturday**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am**

Our Church family and friends are invited to come and help decorate our sanctuary and church. We will gather at 9:00am, Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We need assistance with putting the lights and snowflakes on our Christmas tree, placing candles and garlands at the windows, and getting our house of worship ready to celebrate the birth of Christ.

There will be goodies and caroling and a wander-filled time waiting for all.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Budget Hearing after worship

Ask questions get information to understand our moving forward

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Budget Approval after worship





**LOTTERY TICKETS     October winner:**

**Eddie Smith**

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



**November 14<sup>th</sup> during worshi.**

Budget Hearing- Congregational members will have the opportunity to ask questions and to clarify information regarding the 2022 Budget.



**Corn for Northern Lehigh Food Bank**

We will be collecting 200 cans of corn for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for Thanksgiving meals and Christmas meals.

For Thanksgiving, the corn is needed by **Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>** and the corn for Christmas is needed by Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>.



**November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm via Zoom**

Our next Vitality Team meeting. Contact Pastor James for information on this important team!

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

Pick-up (no sit-down service)

Pick up between noon to 2 PM    Doors open at 12:00 PM

Family out of town? Or living alone? Let us provide this holiday meal and together we can pause to give thanks to God for the harvest we all enjoy. You are welcome to a free Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Questions, call the Church office 610-767-5554 or  
Or Lisa Hofmann 610-760-9991 Or Sharon Kuntz 610-767-7018

## Staying in Touch

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### **NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Elder:**      Tuesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Eve Eve,  
7pm Dennis Silfies  
Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Advent Susie Blöse

**Deacon:** Joe Conway

**Acolytes:** Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Noah Griffith -Totenfest

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Kyan Block

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Patrick Conway

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Breonna Richardson -Advent

**Lay Readers:** Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Jen Sommers

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Tyla Block

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Susan Bankes

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor James

**Altar Guild:** Mary Storm

**Power Point Designer:** Deb Craig

**A/V Operators:** Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger

Evan Horninger, Stacy Cunningham

**Videographer:** Beth Kutzner, Stacy Cunningham

**Faith Formation Classes**

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Teaching: Pam Puskas      Craft: Deb Craig

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Teaching: Stacy Cunningham and Craft

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Teaching: Pam Puskas      Craft: Deb Craig

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Teaching: Pam Puskas      Craft: Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord