



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections November 2022

Dear Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

Greetings to our season of Thanksgiving. That seems to sum up the month of November. Our families and friends gather to eat a huge meal, watch football and enjoy visiting. A number of people, I hope you might be one of them, will be meeting at Good Shepherd UCC with our sisters and brothers from Heidelberg Union to give thanks for all our blessings over the year and years. We will also give thanks for God's continual presence with us whoever and wherever we are in this journey we are traveling. And finally, we will give thanks for the future, though we don't know what things will be like down-the-road, as they say, but trusting who will hold that future is still our God who loves us and provides for us and wants a personal relationship with each of us.

In Christ we can get to know God more fully and see what God wants for us through the teachings and parables that Jesus shared with the disciples long ago. We also witness miracles that give us an opportunity to experience the wonder of God through walking on water, calming the sea, healing the leper and blind, turning water into wine. Thank God for coming to us through his son, Jesus Christ, our brother in faith and truth.

On Sunday, November 6, as we gather, we will also give thanks for the Holy Spirit that gathers us together regardless of time and space. That first Sunday has been named Totenfest and it is a time to remember our loved ones who were members of Good Shepherd that have died this past year and give thanks for their gifts of love and sacrifice made for us, their legacy to the world.

And most assuredly, we are called to give thanks to celebrate the Church and all it has and is and will be for us and so many others. We make our faith promises to help continued on pg 3

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

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 6, 2022 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21

Meditation: Praise God

November 13, 2022 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

Meditation: Infinite Possibilities

November 20, 2022 Reign of Christ/Christ the King

Lesson: Colossians 1:11–20

Meditation: Reign of Christ

November 27, 2022 Advent 1

Lesson: Isaiah 2:1–5

Meditation: Tiptoeing toward Peace



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Advent 1 ~ November 27th

“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.

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support the mission and ministry of the Church hoping to meet our promises to provide for all the comforts and challenges of being disciples. It helps our leadership to know what they have to work with as the future unfolds.

We will also meet on November 6, 2022, for a Budget Hearing following worship that Sunday, so people have a time to ask questions about the line-item budget and discuss the challenges that this world brings to our doorstep. And we gather as a congregation on November 13, 2022, to approve the 2023 Budget and to elect those who will serve on Consistory and Committees. In all this we should be thankful that we continue to be the Church God calls us to be. We must continue to have faith.

Let us at Good Shepherd continue to have an abiding faith, to fight the good fight, and to finish the race. In this we will show God our thanks and praise through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Yours in the service of Christ, *Pastor James*

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	Barry Silfies

Looking for:

Website Administrator,
Fellowship Team Leader, Mission
Team Leader and Altar Guild help.



If interested, please contact:

Pastor James or Dennis Silfies



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



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dale-Ann Derr	Jean Hewitt
Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	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	Christie Peirsel
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Janel Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Jacqueline Tracy
Dalton Housenick	David Neff	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Spencer Perkins	Benjamin Schaffer

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Jane Haldeman	Nancy Schumaker
Randy Andrews	Dan Hamm	Matthew Seifert
Dave Bauer	Cindy Jones	Dee Dee Sloane
Louise Croll	Theresa Jones	Amanda Soldridge
Michael Dieffenderfer	Jim Joyce	Shelby Soldridge
Jane Doe	Joann Kleintop	Charlotte Solt
Mick Fehnel	Shawn Kress	Craig Solt
Donna Fox	Wayne Kuhns	Sallie Solt
Walter Fox	Tony Patrick	Marilyn Sowden
Travis Frantz	Arlene Rex	Mike Sutton
Doug Gaumer	Fred Ruch	Rich Taylor
Lisa Gilly	Alice Schnell	Cheryl Tully
Ted Good	Michelle Schramel	Tony Waller

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Darlene Bean	Burdelle Kern	Rodney Mummey
Arlene Rex	David Saltzer	Matthew Seifert
	Mike Snyder	

God is watching over you.....

I know because I asked God to

Totenfest Service will be November 6th

November Birthdays

Nov 1	Geraldine Boyer	Nov 16	Andrew Mack
Nov 2	Connie Beblavy	Nov 17	Brad Ferber
Nov 2	Jennifer Frohnheiser	Nov 17	Avery Hewitt
Nov 2	David McGinnis	Nov 17	Shannon Williams
Nov 3	Ryan Hartmaier	Nov 19	Linda Frey
Nov 5	Carol Thomas	Nov 19	Eric Hantz
Nov 6	Sheri Fallon	Nov 19	Dick Nothstein
Nov 6	Marilyn Reitz	Nov 20	Duke Christman
Nov 6	Slade Schaffer	Nov 20	Jenelle Heilman
Nov 6	Dayton White	Nov 20	Carol Kresge
Nov 7	Bob Acker, Jr	Nov 20	Paul Pitruzzello
Nov 7	Christopher Knappenberger	Nov 21	Alex Beblavy
Nov 8	Sophia Ferber	Nov 21	Lily Gad
Nov 9	David Goodhile	Nov 21	Kerry Loch
Nov 10	Jasmine Feller	Nov 22	Matthew Snyder
Nov 11	Anthony Babb	Nov 22	Aspen White
Nov 11	Jed Gilly	Nov 23	Marge Bass
Nov 11	Gerald Phillips	Nov 23	Ryan Smoyer
Nov 12	Patti Conway	Nov 24	Jasmine Rodrigues
Nov 13	Ryan Hewitt	Nov 24	Colleen Shields
Nov 13	Kyle Kremposky	Nov 25	Glenn Bishop
Nov 14	Samantha Richardson	Nov 25	Sherry Bishop
Nov 15	Ann Johnson	Nov 25	Bryson Rice
Nov 15	Landon Moll	Nov 27	John Gellis
Nov 15	Kylie Solt	Nov 28	Richard Croll
Nov 15	Susan Zellner	Nov 28	Andrew Trelease
Nov 16	Lauren Gad	Nov 29	Brian DeLong
		Nov 30	Pam Puskas



Kayla and Tyler Schappell welcomed daughter
Addison Lyn

was Born September 18th, 6:16 pm

Proud Grandparents Kelly and Kevin Smith

Proud Great Grandparents Karen and Eddie Smith

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 11 James & 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

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

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

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 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.



**Youth Fellowship
meets on 1st Sunday of the
Month at 11:15 am
after worship.**

SCRIP

Summary

October 2022

Participants	10
Cards Ordered	62
Profit	\$125.00
Profit Year-To-Date	\$1,524.80

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



Next month's orders are due Sunday, November 13th and will be delivered on Sunday, November 20th.

LOTTERY TICKETS October winner:

Gary & Jean Fatzinger

Thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

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 \$35 and/or bulletin \$10, sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday.

Linda Coffin is the Altar Guild contact.

The Stewardship Group of the Resource Team We want to thank the 40 giving units that returned their lavender faith promise response. A total of \$60,778 has been designated as contributions from this response for 2023 along with many people volunteering for Committees, Teams, Groups, and other things like Office Volunteers. We are accepting Promises and Volunteer acknowledgement until November 6th.



*“Transforming the lives of families
experiencing homelessness.*

Because every child deserves a home.”

Calling All Family Promise Volunteers

Good Shepherd and Heidelberg UCC are working together for Family Promise to provide shelter for the homeless at Heidelberg UCC church every evening/night from Sunday Nov. 27 through Saturday Dec. 3. Volunteers are needed to provide dinners and/or to remain at Heidelberg UCC during the evening and/or overnight. The families will arrive at 6 pm... dinner is at 6 pm...and they will leave Heidelberg UCC at 6:30am the following morning, with the exception of Sunday Dec. 3 when they will leave at 8 am. See Ann Hayes to sign-up and volunteer.

Family Promise Volunteer requirements are the PA Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance as well as the Family Promise training which can be viewed at

<https://fplehighvalley.org/volunteer>.

For more information regarding clearances please contact Barb Weaver at barweav@ptd.net. or 610-767-5187 before November 13th.

See Pastor James for more information on this important ministry.

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 6th** and the corn for Christmas is needed by Sunday December 4th.

Cash & BINGO November 12th, 2022
1:00 pm
Doors open at Noon
Kitchen will be open

\$25 20 Regular Games
4 Specials

All Regular Games Win a \$25 Value Gift Card
Applebee's; Christmas Tree Store;
Bosco's; Cabela's; Macy's; Olive Garden and Walmart

All Special Games Win a \$50 Value Gift Card
Giant, Weis, Thomson's Meat Market & Gas Card

**Two Cash Specials - Mid Game \$100 Cash
& Final Game \$100 Cash plus \$50 in gift cards**

Mid and Final Games Extra ~ \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

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**Tuesday, November 22nd
7pm**

Please bring two loaves of bread and two bottles of juice. One set will be given to local food banks and the other will be blessed for your thanksgiving celebrations.

St. John's United Church of Christ,

15 South Second Street, Slatington, 610-767-5554

is inviting members of our community to a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24, 2022 from noon to 2 pm. This is their 21st annual dinner and, as in previous years, it is free. Due to the unprecedented time we currently live in, this meal will be served as pick-up (*with limited delivery available to shut-ins*). There will be no sit-down service available. As in the past, all monetary contributions exceeding our expenses will be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. We thank God for our many blessings and sincerely hope we can help provide for needy families in our area.

Staying in Touch

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

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CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder: Nov 22 Dennis Silfies - Thanksgiving 7pm
Elder: Nov 27 Tammy White - Advent
Deacon: Nov Mary Storm
Acolytes: Nov 6 Maddie Sommers
Nov 13 Maddie Sommers
Nov 20 Adam Griffith
Nov 22 TBD Thanksgiving 7pm
Nov 27 TBD
Lay Readers: Nov 6 Beth Kutzner
Nov 13 Darlene Nothstein
Nov 20 Pam Puskas
Nov 27 Beth Kutzner
Greeters: Nov 6 RaeAnne Creyer & Lisa
Nov 13 Susie Blose
Nov 20 Karen Smith
Nov 22 Mary Storm/Deb Craig-Thanksgiving 7pm
Nov 27 Linda Bowers
Altar Guild: Nov Carol Oswald
Power Point Designer: Deb Craig
A/V Operators: Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger
Videographer: Beth Kutzner

Faith Formation Classes

November 6, 2022 Monica Griffith & Amanda Bowers
November 13, 2022 Pam Puskas Lesson and Craft
November 20, 2022 Susie Blose Lesson and Craft
November 27, 2022 Deb Craig Lesson and Craft
Youth/Adult Each Sunday in Nov 6,13,20- Christianity 101-Lori Balliet