

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Pastor James D. Robison, Jr

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections October 2022

My Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

What a wonderful time autumn is. We closed out the summer with a church picnic with guests and community gathering worship God, dedicate the playground equipment, enjoy food and games, and continue to follow where Jesus leads us.

Seven (7) new members formalized their membership with our congregation. Welcoming to the fold are: Chastity Corvino, Kathy Elston, Gail Fetchko, Tina Fetchko, Todd Fetchko, Randy Parks, and Michael Passaro. They each received an apron that says "Serving for the Good Shepherd since 2022" as a remembrance of their joining Good Shepherd and a reminder that we are called to serve and not be served.

The Open and Affirming Covenant is being discussed with much support and enthusiasm for receiving this distinction as we continue to create a community of faith where all are welcome and are invited to worship and serve alongside one another in Christian unity and love.

Individuals are getting their dogs and cats and rabbits and birds and ... you name it, ready for the special blessing of the pets. There is excitement as Halloween approaches and people decorate their trunks for trunk or treat at Good Shepherd.

I have met with Pastor Michelle at Heidelberg Union Church and we are planning a community Thanksgiving Eve service on Tuesday at Good Shepherd and I believe we may have a combined choir that evening and the following week our joint-mission project, Family Promises will launch at Heidelberg.

So much happening and I pray you may all take part in the blessings at Good Shepherd as the falls unfolds in a brilliance of colored leaves and cooler nights.

Much heart, Pastor James

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

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

October 2, 2022 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

Meditation: Good Treasure

October 9, 2022 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson: Luke 17:11–19

Meditation: With Loud Voices

October 16, 2022 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson: Luke 18:1–8

Meditation: Never Give Up

October 30, 2022 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Lesson: Luke 19:1–10

Meditation: The Strength of Our Witnes



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Worldwide Communion ~ October 2nd

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 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

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.**



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.



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	Alice Schnell
Randy Andrews	Dan Hamm	Michelle Schramel
Dave Bauer	Matthew Hewitt	Nancy Schumaker
Darlene Bean	Cindy Jones	Dee Dee Sloane
Barbara Beltz	Theresa Jones	Craig Solt
Dorothy Blose	Jim Joyce	Sallie Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Rick Keller	Donald Sutton
Fiona Dieter	Sandy Keller	Mike Sutton
Walter Fox	Don Kutzner	Rich Taylor
Doug Gaumer	LaRae Kutzner	
Lisa Gilly	Tony Patrick	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Miriam Burbes	Bonnie Snyder	Barbara Trelease
	HRH Elizabeth II	

God is watching over you.....

I know because I asked God to

Totenfest Service will be November 6th

During the month of October, we will be gathering names of those who died in the last year. If you would like to submit a photo, please send it to Deb Craig, gsucc@ptd.net, by October 27. Please include your loved one's name, date of birth, and date of death.

October Birthdays

Oct 1	Ryan Fister	Oct 15	Phillip White
Oct 1	Brett Hunsicker	Oct 16	Elijah Cruz
Oct 1	Brian Puskas	Oct 16	Brian Heckman
Oct 2	Jessie White	Oct 16	Kelly Heckman
Oct 3	Andrea Behler	Oct 17	Debra DeLong
Oct 4	Holley Henderson	Oct 17	Jarett White
Oct 4	Ava Geist	Oct 22	Lee Haas
Oct 4	Adam Griffith	Oct 22	David Harding
Oct 5	Barbara Lorah	Oct 22	Matthew Rex
Oct 6	Linda Bowers	Oct 22	Parker Schaffer
Oct 8	Kim Rex	Oct 22	Dennis Silfies
Oct 9	Allison Kremposky	Oct 24	Tanya Boyer
Oct 11	Lori Mroczka	Oct 24	Erick Kresge
Oct 11	OB O'Brien	Oct 27	Carlee Hunsicker
Oct 11	Jesse White	Oct 28	Billy Nagy
Oct 12	Mary Bilheimer	Oct 30	Craig Ferber
Oct 12	Travis Frantz	Oct 30	Eileen George
Oct 12	Madison Harding	Oct 30	Kyle Hermany
Oct 12	Jeff Hewitt, SR	Oct 30	Robin Lichtenwalner
Oct 13	Kathryn Rehrig	Oct 30	Sally Loch
Oct 15	Kara Rice		

**THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING OUR ANNUAL
OUTDOOR WORSHIP, ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS,
ARK DEDICATION, PICNIC AND GAME DAY**

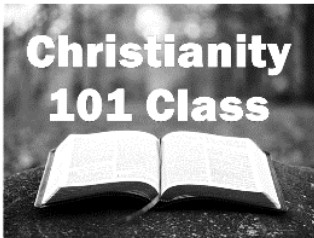


FANTASTIC!

October Anniversaries

- Oct 4 Andrew & Jessica (Williams) Mack
Oct 6 Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy
Oct 6 Glenn & Pam (Weaver) Knappenberger
Oct 10 Jake & Holley (Bowers) Henderson
Oct 10 Chris & Alice (Smith) Kegel
Oct 10 Marcus & Heather (Chandler) Kremposky
Oct 12 Kevin & Stephanie (Bortz) Fister
Oct 12 Jordan & Tiffany (Hamm) Hunsicker
Oct 14 Robert & Michelle (Horn) Schramel
Oct 15 Craig & Sallie (Arndt) Solt
Oct 17 Michael & Barbara (Herrmann) Kremposky
Oct 19 David & Jonell (Rinker) Kuremsky
Oct 20 Jeff & Karen (George) Bachman
Oct 26 Carson & Suzanne (Derr) Blose
Oct 26 Edward & Nanette (Hayes) Zink
Oct 31 Kyle & Ashleigh (Nichol) Hermany

Starting October 2nd, Lori Balliet will be teaching a Sunday morning class called Christianity 101.



Join her as you explore topics ranging from the Bible to the Sacraments during the Faith Formation time starting at 9am and ending about 9:45am. Except for a two part class on Jesus all the dates cover only one topic. You can attend all classes or just a few according to your schedule.

Dates and topics are listed below.

- Oct 2, The Bible an overview including its history, its contents, and its usage
Oct 9, The life of Jesus part 1 Oct 16, The life of Jesus part 2
Oct 23, God and the Holy Spirit
Oct 30, Creeds: What are they and why are they important
Nov 6, The Sacraments: Baptism and Communion/Creeds
Nov 13, Prayer: Who, what, where, when, how, and why.
Nov 20, Order of Worship and the Church Year



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

**SCRIP
Summary
September
2022**

Participants	10
Cards Ordered	72
Profit	\$169.88
Profit Year-To-Date	\$1,399.80

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



Next month's orders are due Sunday, October 9th and will be delivered on Sunday, October 16th.

LOTTERY TICKETS September winner: Bonnie Hewitt

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



**OCTOBER
23RD
2 - 4 PM**



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PA 18080**



Information contact the
Faith Formation Director:
faithdir@goodshepherduccslatington.org

Join the Fun

See list in Narthex to join
by decorating your car and
passing treats out

or

sign up to bring your
youthful members to enjoy
showing us their costumes!

For more information see
Amanda Dieter

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.

Coming in November

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

Saturday, November 12th Gift Card Bingo



*“Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness.
Because every child deserves a home.”*

Good Shepherd will be taking part in helping to host families at Heidelberg on November 27th to December 5th.

Family Promise volunteers will need background checks.

Contact Barbara Weaver, Clearance Coordinator at barweav@ptd.net or 610-767-5187 before November 13th.

see Pastor James for more information.

www.familypromise.org www.facebook.com/FamilyPromise

Blessing Of The Pets

Sunday, October 2 at 9:45am in the courtyard
Please send photo scanned to Deb Craig at gsucc@ptd.net



Are you a Cat person or a Dog person?



Our Youth Group is looking to find out!
Ending on October 2nd
which will be Blessing of the pets

There will be two bins in the narthex
let's see who wins, cats or dogs?

✓ Check out the list of needs and cautions in the narthex

“WALK IN” TWO DAY BASKET SOCIAL

Friday, October 21st 3:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, October 22nd 12:00pm to 4:00pm



Tickets Available at the Door
(1) 26 Chance Tickets for \$5.00
(4) 26 Chance Tickets for \$15.00

Winners will be Notified!!

Seating Not Available!

Refreshment available for Take-out only



Time to Winterize the Grove!

Look for Volunteer list in the Narthex.

Staying in Touch

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

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And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

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CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:	2-Oct	Pam Puskas
Deacon:		Susan Bankes
Acolytes:	2-Oct	Maddie Sommers
	9-Oct	Maddie Sommers
	16-Oct	Adam Griffith
	23-Oct	TBD
	30-Oct	TBD
Lay Readers:	2-Oct	Lori Balliet
	9-Oct	Darlene Nothstein
	16-Oct	Linda Bowers
	23-Oct	Eileen Andrews
	30-Oct	Dennis Silfies
Greeters:	2-Oct	Eric Hantz
	9-Oct	Carol Krum
	16-Oct	Joe, Sharon & Patrick Conway
	23-Oct	Eileen Andrews
	30-Oct	Joe, Sharon & Patrick Conway
Altar Guild:		Linda Coffin
Power Point Designer:		Deb Craig
A/V Operators:		Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger
Videographer:		Beth Kutzner

Faith Formation Classes

October 2nd- Blessings of the animals -Amanda Bowers, Lesson & Craft

October 9th- Susie Blose, Lesson & Craft

October 16th- Pam Puskas, Lesson & Craft

October 23rd- Trunk or Treat -Deb Craig, Lesson & Craft

October 30th- Pam Puskas, Lesson & Craft

Youth/Adult Each Sunday in October- Christianity 101-Lori Balliet