

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections October 2023

Hello friends and members of Good Shepherd ~

It is official! My favorite season is upon us. I am not sure why I enjoy autumn so much. I'm not sure if it is because at one time it was the return to school, meeting the new students, or the cool weather from the hot days of July and August. It might be because of the different celebrations during this time like Blessing of the Pets, All Hallow's Eve, Reformation Day, Thanksgiving, and the Hanging of the Greens. It all seems so magical.

Magical, or simply magic, is the root for Magi ~ a Greek word for wise individuals and in the Christian tradition refers to the "three kings of the Orient." It is a time where God is revealed to not only the Jewish people, but to all, including gentiles. I suppose that is why I truly appreciate this time of year, because I see God in the events of the season and how we connect with God and with one another making all things new.

What is your favorite season? And why? It is always good to ponder why we like things and what makes us tick. All the seasons are wonder-filled and whichever season is your favorite, may you find God in the midst of it blessing you and those you love.

All in the name of Christ,

Pastor James

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

October 1, 2023	18th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Exodus 17:1-7
Meditation:	Quarrels and Questions
October 8, 2023	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Meditation:	Covenant and Community
October 15, 2023	20th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Exodus 32:1-14
Meditation:	Engaging Emotions
October 22, 2023	21st Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Exodus 33:12-23
Meditation:	Hearts in Holy Rhythm
October 29, 2023	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson:	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Meditation:	God's Story, Our Stories

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Worldwide Communion ~ October 1st

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.**



Mission Outreach for October is Meals On Wheels America

Meals On Wheels America is a leadership organization supporting more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network serves virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time.
www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org
www.facebook.com/MealsonWheelsAmerica

Volunteers Still Needed

Good Shepherd and Heidelberg UCC will be hosting Family Promise the week of October 15-22. To prepare, Kelly Frisch the Heidelberg coordinator would like us to meet Wednesday Oct. 4 at 6:30pm at Heidelberg.

All of our documentation from last year remains current so there is no need to redo any of the abuse programs or background checks. Please let Ann Hayes know if you will be able to attend Oct. 4. And if you know of anyone else who is interested in helping with Family Promise invite them to attend! You can reach her at ahayes2395@gmail.com

Family Promise is looking for a few more drivers to help transport our families in the 14-passenger van/bus. You do not need any special license. Families are picked at the congregations at 6 a.m. and at the Day Center at 6 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday mornings which is 7 a.m. Congregations are within a 30-minute drive of the Day Center, some just minutes away. If you can sign up for one or two shifts per week please contact Roslyn at director@fplehighvalley.org.



Our *Thoughts* &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr	
Mary Bilheimer	Betty Humanick	Richard Kuntz
Kay Costenbader	Susan 'Tillie' Waller	

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby Adams	Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Spencer Perkins
Anthony Babb	Michael Kelsey	Nicholas Sander
Sean Bolza	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Dalton Housenick	Adam Moyer	Janel Tracy
	Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer	

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Lisa Gilly	Nyla Grace Njoga
Wanda Bauman	Bonnie Kleppinger	Connie Renner
Connie Beblavy	Shawn Kress	Eleanor Schlinkman
Gail Bell	Kevin Kroboth	Dee Dee Sloane
Jim Craig	Wayne Kuhns	Edgar Smith
Rob Davis	Teri Kuhns	Sallie Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Richard Kuntz	Marilyn Sowden
Doug Farber	People of Libya	Rich Taylor
People of Maui	Chris Newhard	MaryEllen White
People of Morocco	Faith Mondrick Lauer	

Prayers for Students in higher education:

Megan Bankes-Glenville St. WV	Olivia Horninger-Cedar Crest
Asa Blynn-Kutztown	Mitchell Hourt-Moravian
Dylan Coffin-Moravian	Jade Rice-Bloomsburg
Carissa Fallon-Penn State	Brody Ritter-University of Del
Riley Fallon-Penn State	Caleb Sommers-Kutztown
Ben Griffith-Wilkes University	Calista Smoyer-WV University
Emma Hope-Kutztown	Gabriella Smoyer-Cedar Crest
Luke Zook-Villanova	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Barbara Diehl

Richard Paradis

Karen Wiener

Shirley Zellner

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

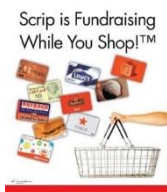
<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

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 •September 2023

Participants	–	8
Cards Ordered	–	53
Profit	–	\$112.93
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$1,130.23



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, October 8** and delivered on **Sunday, October 15**. It’s not too early to begin thinking about Christmas.

Calendar

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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	Jesse White	Oct 16	Kelly Heckman
Oct 3	Andrea Behler	Oct 17	Debra DeLong
Oct 4	Holley Henderson	Oct 17	Jonathan Ruch
Oct 4	Ava Geist	Oct 17	Jarett White
Oct 4	Adam Griffith	Oct 22	Lee Haas
Oct 5	Barbara Lorah	Oct 22	David Harding
Oct 6	Linda Soldridge	Oct 22	Matthew Rex
Oct 8	Kim Rex	Oct 22	Parker Schaffer
Oct 8	Danielle White	Oct 22	Dennis Silfies
Oct 9	Allison Kremposky	Oct 24	Erick Kresge
Oct 11	OB O'Brien	Oct 27	Carlee Hunsicker
Oct 12	Mary Bilheimer	Oct 28	Billy Nagy
Oct 12	Travis Frantz	Oct 30	Craig Ferber
Oct 12	Madison Harding	Oct 30	Eileen George
Oct 12	Jeff Hewitt, Sr.	Oct 30	Kyle Hermany
Oct 15	Esmae Bartczak	Oct 30	Robin Lichtenwalner
Oct 15	Kara Rice	Oct 30	Sally Loch

Congratulations to:
The Winner of the September Lottery:
See Karen Smith to participate.



October Anniversaries

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

Friendship Sunday will be **Sunday, October 1** for the congregation to invite friends to worship followed by a free meal including Pulled Pork, etc. Sponsored by Smokin' Our Butts Off BBQ.

We will also be celebrating **Pastor James' 25th anniversary** as Pastor of our congregation. If you would like to bring a covered dish or dessert, contact Dennis Silfies or the church secretary. You can also sign up in the Narthex. Please come out and join us on this very special day.

Clothing drop-off box at the rear of the property earns the church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. Year to date earnings total \$505.

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BASKET SOCIAL

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Good Shepherd U.C.C.

3940 Mountain Rd, Slatington, PA

(1) 26 Chance Ticket for \$6.00

(3) 26 Chance Tickets for \$15.00

Doors Open @ 5:00 pm

Drawings @ 7:00 pm

**If Staying for Drawing,
Please Purchase Tickets in Advance.**

- Limited Seating -

Kitchen Open for Refreshments

Need Not To Be Present To Win

Thank You for Your Support

Lic. #:

Fundraising is looking for filled basket donations valued at \$20 or more, or an equivalent monetary donation.

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 5th** and the corn for Christmas is needed by Sunday **December 3rd**.

Grass cutters needed for the weeks of October 2, 9, 16, 23, 29.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

Altar Guild is looking for volunteers for December. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Looking for **acolytes** for the following dates:

October through December

Please **sign up** in the **Narthex** or let Pastor James know.



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

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.

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



Our Church Staff

Pastor
Faith Formation Director
Preschool Director
Organist/Pianist
Choir Director
Secretary
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Sexton

Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Amanda Dieter
Karen Weaver
Yezi Chen
Beth Kutzner
Eileen Andrews
Tammy White
Colleen Shields
Matthew Shields¹¹

Staying in Touch

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

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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:		Pam Puskas
Deacon:		Amanda Bowers
Altar Guild:		Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	1	TBD
	8	TBD
	15	TBD
	22	TBD
	29	TBD
Lay Readers:	1	Beth Kutzner
	8	Pam Puskas
	15	Darlene Nothstein
	22	Eileen Andrews
	29	Pam Puskas
Greeters:	1	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	8	Carol Krum
	15	Rae Anne Creyer
	23	Matt Shields
	29	Tammy Schaeffer

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

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

Videographer: Beth Kutzner