



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections October 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd UCC ~

As we enter the month of October, I want to take a moment to talk about stewardship and the importance of supporting our church's ministry. Our church is not just a building; it's a community where we grow in faith, support one another, and reach out to those in need. This mission requires our collective effort and generosity.

Stewardship is about managing the gifts God has given us—our time, talents, and treasures—in a way that honors God. As we reflect on our blessings, let us also consider how we can give back to our church. Your financial contributions enable us to maintain our programs, support our outreach efforts, and keep our facilities running smoothly.

I ask each of you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving this month. Even a small increase can make a significant impact. Your support is vital for us to continue our mission and grow as a church family.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity. Let us work together to ensure our church remains a beacon of hope and love in our community.

Blessings,

Pastor James

OCTOBER LECTONARY

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| October 6, 2024 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Lesson: | Mark 10:2-16 |
| Meditation: | Enfolding Love |
| October 13, 2024 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost |
| Lesson: | Mark 10:17-31 |
| Meditation: | What Must I Do? |
| October 20, 2024 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost |
| Lesson: | Mark 10:35-45 |
| Meditation: | Great Service |
| October 27, 2024 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost |
| Lesson: | Mark 10:46-52 |
| Meditation: | Take Heart |

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

World Communion ~ Sunday, October 6, 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

October 05 ~ Mary Storm

October 13 ~ Monica Griffith

October 20 ~ Pam Puskas

October 27 ~ Deb Craig

**Mission Outreach for October is
Guardianship Support Agency Inc**

The mission of Guardianship Support Agency is to act as guardian for decision impaired persons who are unable to take care of their own financial and/or personal needs and have no other person willing and/or qualified to do so. They are located at St. John's UCC, Allentown, PA. Mailing address is PO Box 8540, Allentown PA 18105-8540. Phone number is (610) 351-2013.

FAMILY PROMISE

Good Shepherd & Heidelberg UCC will be **hosting Family Promise the week of October 13 to 20**. We need volunteers to greet the arriving families at 6 pm & stay until 8:30 pm; to cook a meal; to stay overnight (8:30pm-6am); and/or to assist with set-up & clean-up on October 13 and October 20. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, please see Ann Hayes or email at ahayes2395@gmail.com.

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.



Everyone is invited to wear their favorite sports team's jersey (high school, college or professional) for Sunday worship on Sunday, October 27. Come join in the fun!



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

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| 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:

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| 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

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| Sherry Bishop | Frank Hart | Karen Papay |
| Michael Bossons | Jeff Hewitt | Dennis Raver |
| Bonnie Brozey | Michelle Hewitt | Alice Schnell |
| 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:

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| Luis Cespedes | Blaine Horn | Roger Mantz |
| Barbara Pfefferkorn | Norris Rudjord | Bruce Schnell |
| Nancy Xander | | |

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

G Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy

<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 • September 2024

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|---------------|---|---------|
| Participants | – | 7 |
| Cards Ordered | – | 52 |
| Profit | – | \$87.64 |

Orders Due **Sunday, October 13th** with delivery on **Sunday, October 20th.**

Preschool registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year for 3 and 4-year-olds. For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karens2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.

Calendar

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October Birthdays

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|--------|-------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Oct 1 | Ryan Fister | Oct 12 | Jeff Hewitt |
| Oct 1 | Brett Hunsicker | Oct 15 | Esmae Bartzak |
| Oct 1 | Bryan Puskas | Oct 15 | Kara Rice |
| Oct 2 | Hayden Lilly | Oct 15 | Phillip White |
| Oct 2 | Jesse White | Oct 17 | Debra DeLong |
| Oct 3 | Samantha Weaver | Oct 17 | Jonathan Ruch |
| Oct 4 | Holly 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 Soldridge | Oct 22 | Parker Schaffer |
| Oct 8 | Kim Rex | Oct 22 | Dennis Silfies |
| Oct 8 | Danielle White | Oct 24 | Erick Kresge |
| Oct 9 | Allison Kremposky | Oct 27 | Carlee Hunsicker |
| Oct 11 | Obie O'Brien | Oct 28 | Billy Nagy |
| Oct 12 | Mary Bilheimer | Oct 30 | Eileen George |
| Oct 12 | Travis Frantz | Oct 30 | Robin Lichtenwalner |
| Oct 12 | Madison Harding | Oct 30 | Sally Loch |

The Winner of the August Lottery was John Zellner.
The Winner of the September Lottery was Eddie Smith.



See Karen Smith to participate.

A sincere **Thank You** to John Zellner and Kevin Minnich for mowing the grass and making sure our church property looked nice all summer.

October Anniversaries

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| Oct 6 | Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy |
| Oct 6 | Glenn & Pam (Weaver) Knappenberger |
| Oct 8 | Trevor & Madison (Zangl) Rex |
| Oct 10 | Jake & Holley (Bowers) Henderson |
| Oct 10 | Chris & Alice (Smith) Kegel |
| Oct 10 | Marcus & Heather (Chandler) Kremposky |
| Oct 10 | Jonathan & Sara (Sanders) Ruch |
| 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 (Hermann) Kremposky |
| Oct 19 | David & Jonell (Rinker) Kuremsky |
| Oct 20 | Jeff & Karen (George) Bachman |
| Oct 26 | Edward & Nanette (Hayes) Zink |
| Oct 29 | Michael & Missy (Horn) Lilly |
| Oct 31 | Kyle & Ashleigh (Nichol) Hermany |

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: **October 13, 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.

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 | \$465.00 |
| Fisherman's Raffle | \$1,976.01 |
| Little Caesars Pizza Sale | \$1,045.00 |
| Cash & Gift Card Bingo | \$355.25 |
| Grill In' Raffle | \$2,412.84 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

"WALK-IN" - ONE DAY - BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tickets will be drawn at 2:00 PM

Tickets Available at Door

(1) 26 Chance Ticket for \$6.00

(3) 26 Chance Tickets for \$15.00

Winners Will Be Notified

Kitchen Open

**Good Shepherd U.C.C.
3940 Mountain Rd, Slatington, PA
610-767-9680**

Lic. #: 0121R24

Cash & Gift Card Bingo - Saturday, November 9th, 2024



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 \$465.

There is a container in the Narthex for **aluminum can pull tabs**. These are recycled and the money earned goes to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Chancel Choir resumed practice on August 27. Rehearsals are held each week from **7-8 pm** in the sanctuary. We welcome anyone age 12 and up 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 cannot 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. **There will be no choir practice on Tuesday, October 1.**

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Church Office: 610-767-9680 Ext. 2

Email: secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

Pastor James Mobile Phone: 484-571-6083

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Our Church Staff

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| 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 |

October Worship Leaders

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| Deacon: | Matt Shields, Sr. |
| Elder: | Pam Puskas |
| Altar Guild: | Linda Coffin |
| Lay Readers: | 6 Pam Puskas |
| | 13 Jodie Hourt |
| | 20 Sheri Fallon |
| | 27 Darlene Nothstein |
| Greeters: | 6 Karen Smith |
| | 13 Carol Krum |
| | 20 Randy & Eileen Andrews |
| | 27 Kelsey & Jordan Knittle-Moser |

Power Point Designers: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz

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