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Our Church Staff

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October Worship Leaders

Deacon:		Matt Shields
Head Elder:		Pam Puskas
Altar Guild:		Sharon Conway
Acolytes:	4	Evan Kresge
	11	Jaxon Kline
	18	Evan Kresge
	25	Jaxon Kline
Lay Readers:	4	Marie Bachman
	11	Rae Anne Creyer
	18	Amanda Smith
	25	Darlene Nothstein
Greeters:	4	Mary Storm
	11	Linda Henninger
	18	Tammy Schaeffer
	25	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener

Power Point Designers: Dr. Yezi Chen, Eric Hantz

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

Mountain Reflections October 2026

Courage in Faith

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd

October brings the brilliance of autumn ~ 1 with color, reminding us that transformation possible but beautiful. In this season, we re courage required to live faithfully in a world compassion.

As we celebrate Reformation heritage, we re faith is active. It calls us to stand for justice, to with love, and to trust the Holy One even wh forward feels uncertain. Courage is not fearle choosing love despite fear.

This month, consider where God may be inv boldness: reaching out to someone new, forgiv held hurt, volunteering in a ministry, or adv those in need. The Spirit empowers us far b we imagine.

May the vibrant colors of autumn remind us can be sacred and that God's transforming lov at work.

October 11, 2026 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9
 Meditation: Praiseworthy Living

October 18, 2026 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
 Scripture: I Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Meditation: Living Messages

October 25, 2026 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
 Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46
 Meditation: The Compassionate Life

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Worldwide Communion ~ Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 10:00 am
 Advent Communion ~ Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 10:00 am

Virtual Worship Services: Live-Streaming You Tube and Facebook allows us to continue our services for those unable to attend in person.
Our Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington>

Financial ~ e-Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy
<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>, text the word “give” to 610.615.7657, or use your pre-addressed Church Envelopes.
Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.

Still Looking for office volunteers who would be able and willing to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive (provided) as a way to preserve our congregation’s history. Please

September 6-16 the Honor & Glory of God by Pastor James
Thank you to our September Holy Grounds Sponsors
 The Fellowship Team, Pastor James

SCRIP Summary • September 2026

Participants	—	8
Cards Ordered	—	43
Profit	—	\$121.55

This month's orders will be due on Sunday, October 11 and delivery on Sunday, October 18.
 As a reminder, orders are open to everyone — *please ask your family and friends, neighbors and coworkers!*

Choir Rehearsal began Thursday, September 3, 2026
Choir practice is held on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.
 be no choir rehearsal on October 1. All are welcome to join.

Thank you to our September volunteers for cutting trees
Duane Haas, Kevin Minnich, Evan Shoemaker, and Chris
We need mowers for the Month of October. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The church provides the riding mower and gas.

The Winner of the September Lottery was: Mathew



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. Looking for a new Family Promise coordinator to work with Heidelberg. Ann Hayes is retiring at the end of October. She would be glad to offer any information or guidance you might need. If interested, please contact her at ahayes2395@gmail.com or by phone at 610-826-2994.	Marge Bass Mary Bilheimer Shirley Blynn Kay Costenbader	Dennis Derr Donna Fox Susan ‘Tillie’ Waller
Mission Outreach for September is Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) FMSC is a Christian non-profit who is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. Meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. FMSC work with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long-haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.	<u>Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services</u> Colby Adams Anthony Babb Sean Bolza Kira (Kern) Kelsey <i>All that serve ~ Please do let us know if you have someone s</i>	<u>Family & Friends</u> Steve George Lee Haas Macie Haberman Diane Hardy Dwayne Henritz Jeff Hewitt Tania Hewitt Barbara Hower Brett Hunsicker Gary Johannes Hayden Keller Jim Koneschusky Lauri Shane M Chris Oe Randy P Joanne P Ty Sande Harriet S Gary Sch Barry So Megane Donna T Jenn We John Zel
We will participate in Feed My Starving Children food packing event on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Our time slot is from 1 pm - 3 pm. There are positions for those who cannot stand for 2 hours. This year the location has been moved from Neffs UCC to Mack Trucks at 7000 Alburty Road, Macungie, PA 18062. Arrangements will be made for those who want to go. We have a great time every year. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.	Tom Alcaro Karen Anthony Gail Bell Barbara Beltz Marc Benninger Howard Bilheimer Barbara Cannon* Lori Clay Jane Evans Doug Farber Dean Fatzinger Donna Fox	*Denotes hospice care <i>Purged at beginning of each month, Renewals are we</i> For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternity

Breonna Richardson ~ West Chester, Colleen Shields ~ Strayer, Moser Gabriella Smoyer ~ Cedar Crest The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Ari Jai Keen on September 6, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Ari, born May 19, 2024 is the daughter of Anthony Richard Keen and Becca Jai Alberti. Her grandparents Richard & Penny (Bowers) Keen are members at Good Shepherd. Welcome Ari!!!	Children (K thru 4th grade) with Amanda Smith, MaryAnn Preteens (5th thru 7th grade) with RaeAnne Creyer, Beth Youth (8th thru 12th grade) with Monica Griffith College Faith Formation with Marie Bachman, Carrie Ben Griffith, Pastor James Staff – Pam Puskas, Dennis Silfies, Phillip White, Tamr
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Preston Michael Alberti on September 6, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Preston, born December 31, 2025 is the son of Anthony Richard Keen and Becca Jai Alberti. Her grandparents Richard & Penny (Bowers) Keen are members at Good Shepherd. Welcome Preston!!!	Frank or Treat, Sunday, October 25 ~ 12:00 pm. Pizzas will be served to the children before the event starts. Sign in the Narthex for treats and decorating your vehicle. Jersey Sunday, Sunday, November 8. Wear your favorite jersey to church.
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Veea Liz Barclay on September 13, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Veea, born on October 18, 2020 is the daughter of Stephen & Ashley (Hahn) Barclay. Welcome Veea!!! The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Venna Layne Barclay on September 13, 2026 at Good Shepherd UCC. Venna, born on September 12, 2024 is the daughter of Stephen & Ashley (Hahn) Barclay. Welcome Venna!!!	Friendsgiving Potluck Luncheon Sunday, November church serviced. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for casseroles, dessert and if you are planning to attend. Children’s Christmas Gift Program ~ Pam Puskas is coordinating Good Shepherd UCC’s participation, and the congregation will be adopting 5 children each getting 3 gifts; total of 15 gifts; gifts are to be wrapped with their tags attached and delivered by Sunday 12/6.
We need volunteers in these areas of worship. Looking for someone to take Baptismal pictures of the family for the Baptismal certificates. Please see Pastor James if interested. Printer, camera and flash drive will be provided. Acolytes and lay readers needed for the fall. Signup sheets are in	Blanket Sunday ~ December 6th ~ we will be collecting gently used blankets during the month of November; a collection box has been placed in the Narthex. Mitten Tree ~ we will be collecting mittens, scarves, gloves during the month of November with women and children

\$535.00. If anyone is interested, passes will be available in the narthex. We also encourage everyone to help with promoting this worthwhile project.

"WALK-IN" - ONE DAY - BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tickets will be drawn at 2:00 PM

Tickets Available at Door

(1) 26 Chance Ticket for \$5.00

(5) 26 Chance Tickets for \$20.00

Winners Will Be Notified

Kitchen Open

Good Shepherd U.C.C.

3940 Mountain Rd, Slatington, PA

610-767-9680

Lic. #: 0275R25

Sign-up sheets in the Narthex to donate baskets, baked goods and to help the day of the social or to set up the day before.

Oct 8
Oct 10
Oct 10
Oct 12
Oct 14
Oct 15
Oct 17
Oct 20

Trevor & Madison (Zangl) Rex
Chris & Alice (Smith) Kegel
Marcus & Heather (Chandler) Kremposky
Jonathan & Sara (Sanders) Ruch
Jordan & Tiffany (Hamm) Hunsicker
Robert & Michelle (Horn) Schramel
Craig & Sallie (Arndt) Solt
Michael & Barbara (Hermann) Kremposky
Jeff & Karen (George) Bachman

October Birthdays

Oct 1	Ryan Fister	Oct 15	McKayla
Oct 1	Brett Hunsicker	Oct 15	Phillip V
Oct 1	Bryan Puskas	Oct 17	Debra D
Oct 2	Jesse White	Oct 17	Jonathan
Oct 4	Adam Griffith	Oct 17	Jarett W
Oct 5	Barbara Lorah	Oct 22	Lee Haa
Oct 6	Linda Soldridge	Oct 22	David H
Oct 8	Danielle White	Oct 22	Matthew
Oct 9	Allison Kremposky	Oct 22	Parker S
Oct 11	Obie O'Brien	Oct 22	Dennis S
Oct 12	Mary Bilheimer	Oct 24	Erick K
Oct 12	Travis Frantz	Oct 27	Carlee H
Oct 12	Madison Harding	Oct 30	Eileen C
Oct 12	Jeff Hewitt	Oct 30	Robin L
Oct 15	Esmae Barczak	Oct 30	Sally L

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