

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections October 2021

Dear Family and Friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ ~

I had a strong urge to simply write “Gone Fishing” for our October issue of Mountain Reflections, but by the time you read this, the summer will be quite over and fishing season will soon turn to hunting season. This hasn’t been the first time I thought of it and it seems when I am overwhelmed with other pressing matters I want to give myself a break.

But I just returned from a break. I had an invitation to go to my cousin’s home located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. It was good to reconnect with family and actually sit and do nothing. The salt air and the balmy weather were just the medicine I needed to relax ergo “Gone Fishing.”

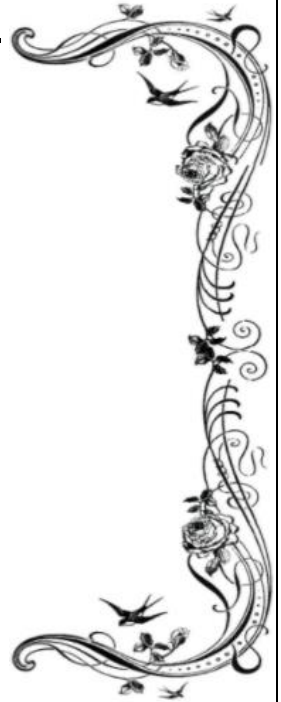
This has been an overwhelming time for me at Good Shepherd with things needing to have been done yesterday. But I began to think that this is what we are called to do, “Go Fishing.” Isn’t that the image that Christ offers, “to make us fishers of people?” How am I doing that? How are you doing that? How are we doing that? May our opportunities to share the gospel continue and may we continue to welcome friend and stranger to join our fold at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. In this we give God glory as we take in the beauty of autumn and the anticipation of some special family holidays.

Blessings always and in all ways,

Pastor James

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

- 3-Oct 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:13-16
Let the Little Children Come
- 10-Oct 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:17-31
What Must I do?
- 17-Oct 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:35-45
Who Has the Wisdom?
- 24-Oct 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:35-45
What Do We See
- 31-Oct 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 12:28-34
How then Do We Love?



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

World Wide Communion October 3rd

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.

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 in memory of, 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.





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



Homebound Members

Mary Bilheimer	Dolores Gruber	Betty Humanick
Kay Costenbader	Jean Hewitt	Susan 'Tillie' Waller

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Janel Tracy
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer
	Spencer Perkins	

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

Family & Friends

Lori Balliet	Sally Haas	Robert Tully III
Lester Bass	Verna Meckes	Steve Vulcheff
Marvin Bilheimer	Mary Schneider	Dana Wallace
Tom Craig	Debbie Silfies	
Christian Creyer	Marion Straub	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Celia Sue Andrews	Judy Fatzinger	Nancy Smith
Brandon Balliet	Willard (Sonny) Neff	

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



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.

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.**



Mission For October is Meals on Wheels

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.mealsonwheelsamerica.org To empower local community programs to improve the health and quality of life of the seniors they serve so that no one is left hungry or isolated



**Do you know someone who has no
Computer or no Technology?**

but they still would like the Newsletter?

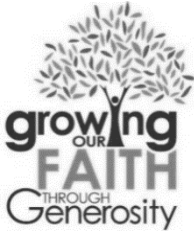
Give their name and address to Susan Layland
(610) 767-9680 or secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org and we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Ryan Fister	Oct 16	Brian Heckman
Oct 1	Brett Hunsicker	Oct 17	Debra DeLong
Oct 2	Jesse White	Oct 17	Jarett White
Oct 3	Ash Nothstein	Oct 22	Lee Haas
Oct 3	Andrea Behler	Oct 22	David Harding
Oct 4	Holley Henderson	Oct 22	Matthew Rex
Oct 4	Ava Geist	Oct 22	Parker Schaffer
Oct 4	Adam Griffith	Oct 22	Dennis Silfies
Oct 4	David Neff	Oct 23	June Kuntz
Oct 5	Barbara Lorah	Oct 24	Alyssa Ferber
Oct 5	Ryan Wentz	Oct 24	Erick Kresge
Oct 6	Linda Bowers	Oct 27	Carlee Hunsicker
Oct 8	Kim Rex	Oct 27	Susan Layland
Oct 10	Ashlynn Ferber	Oct 28	Billy Nagy
Oct 11	Debbie O'Brien	Oct 30	Craig Ferber
Oct 11	Jesse White	Oct 30	Eileen George
Oct 12	Mary Bilheimer	Oct 30	Robin Lichtenwalner
Oct 12	Travis Frantz	Oct 30	Sally Loch
Oct 14	Tom Costenbader	Oct 31	Marion Straub
Oct 15	Phillip White		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 1	Jeremy & Kristine (Wisler) Rinker
Oct 4	Andrew & Jessica (Williams) Mack
Oct 6	Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy
Oct 6	Glenn & Pam (Weaver) Knappenberger
Oct 10	Chris & Alice (Smith) Kegel
Oct 12	Michael & Susan (Endres) Bankes
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) Blöse



Gratitude Reminder - A Little or A Lot


*If you use gratitude a little,
your life will change a little.
If you use gratitude a lot every day,
your life will change a lot.*

A generous lifestyle is where you realize just how well God has provided for you that leads you, in return, to a desire to be a generous giver to others. Living generously is living gratefully and offering to others without worrying about getting something in return. It is gratitude in action. A generous life is a life lived with our hands open. A generous lifestyle is an intentional way of living that reflects a life touched by God.

SCRIP Summary		SEPTEMBER	Don't forget to order your gift cards for Gas, Groceries, and it's not too early to start thinking about Christmas!
Participants	9		
Cards Ordered	44		
Profit	\$ 98.50		
Profit Year-To-Date	\$ 926.56		
Next month's orders are due Sunday, October 10th and will be delivered on Sunday, October 17th			

Financial Update

Aug 29	\$1,428.00	E-giving \$	120.00
Sept 05	\$2,282.00	E-giving \$	120.00
Sept 12	\$1,636.00	E-giving \$	210.00
Sept 19	\$1,418.50	E-giving \$	612.96

 **Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy**

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

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.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:



“WALK IN” TWO-DAY BASKET SOCIAL

Friday, October 22nd 3:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, October 23rd 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

***** Mask may be required per CDC Guidelines *****

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

***** Take-Out Only *****

Saturday, October 30th
Pick Up 2:00pm to 5:00pm

COST \$10.00

Dinner includes:

Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce & Dessert

Call the Church Office @ 619-766-9680 to place order by Oct 25th

***** Mask may be required per CDC Guidelines *****



Blessing Of The Pets

**Sunday, October 3,
2021**

at 9:45am in the
courtyard

Please send photo
scanned to Deb Craig at
gsucc@ptd.net

Totenfest Service will be November 7th

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 at gsucc@ptd.net, by October 31st.

Please include your loved one's name, date of birth, and date of death to be included.



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Thanksgiving Community Worship Service November 23rd at 7pm

Join us in worship when we give our Thanks for all we have.

Bring your bread (*wrapped*) for your Thanksgiving meals' blessing and another to be bless for someone in need at CACPAC food bank.

All are Welcome



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LOTTERY TICKETS September winner:

Edgar and Shirley Smith

thank you for your Support

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets



Pastor James will be initiating those who have completed fifth (5) grade and wish to confirm their baptismal vows and join Good Shepherd. If you're interested, please let Pastor James know or sign up in the narthex



Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 11:00am

Initial meeting will be Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 at 11:00am. Agenda for meeting is to decide on tri-chairs to oversee this Subcommittee.

Join these members.

Peter Beblavy	Monica Griffith	Pastor James
Mary Storm	Jeff Coffin	Chris Kegel
Barry Silfies	Karen Weaver	Joe Conway
Dean Knittle	Dennis Silfies	Susan Zellner



November 18th at 6pm via Zoom

Our next Vitality Team meeting. Contact Pastor James for information on this important team!



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 14th** and the corn for Christmas is needed by Sunday December 5th.

Staying in Touch

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And also "Like" us on:

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Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder: Pam Puskas

Deacon: Joe Conway

Acolytes: Sunday Oct 3rd Breonna Richardson

Sunday Oct 10th Breonna Richardson

Sunday Oct 17th Aiden Solt

Sunday Oct 24th Alex Beblavy

Sunday Oct 31st Jazmin Richardson

Lay Readers: Sunday Oct 3rd Beth Kutzner

Sunday Oct 10th Linda Coffin

Sunday Oct 17th Dennis Silfies

Sunday Oct 24th Marie Bachman

Sunday Oct 31st Beth Kutzner

Altar Guild: Linda Coffin

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger

Evan Horninger, Stacy Cunningham

Videographer: Beth Kutzner, Stacy Cunningham

Faith Formation Classes

Oct 3: Teaching: Pam Puskas Craft: Deb Craig

Oct 10: Teaching: Stacy Cunningham and Craft

Oct 17: Teaching: Susie Blose Craft: Deb Craig

Oct 24: Teaching: Pam Puskas Craft: Deb Craig

Oct 31: Teaching: Deb Craig Craft: Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord