



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections September 2022

Dear Friends and Family of Good Shepherd UCC ~

Summer vacations, Vacation Bible School, and Sportsman's Night are but a memory now. And we're revving up for a "wonder"-filled autumn. Soon we will experience the cooler temperatures, notice the shortening of days, dream about upcoming holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I know the Faith Formation is planning some events such as blessing of the pets on October 2nd and possibly a Trunk-or-Treat event the end of October. Plans for Totenfest the first Sunday in November and Thanksgiving Eve services are in the works. The Mission Team is preparing for a new venture with Family Promise the last portion of November and the early portion of December. The choir will be practicing for a Christmas Cantata as well as the regular Sunday morning anthems. And it seems that Christmas is just around the corner to the amazement and disbelief of many.

My prayer is that all of you, the members and friends of Good Shepherd, might take part in the festivities and wonders of this blessed experience of being the "Church." Won't you come out and support the efforts of your sisters and brothers in Christ? Who knows, you might find a new friend or two and feel like you belong to something bigger than us.

However the fall unfolds for you, may you see God in each new day, and give thanks with each and every breath you take, and know that you are the gift that God believes in so that others might know comfort and joy.

May the Church continue to be blessed with faithful disciples from the youngest to the eldest.

Amen, Pastor James

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

SEPTEMBER LECTONARY

September 4, 2022 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Philemon 1–21

Meditation: A New Identity

September 11, 2022 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12–17

Meditation: Growing In God’s Love

September 18, 2022 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

Meditation: Prayerful Living

September 25, 2022 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Luke 16:19–31

Meditation: New Directions



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

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

Jane Achey

Jane Haldeman

Dee Dee Sloane

Randy Andrews

Cindy Jones

Mark Sloane

Dave Bauer

Jim Joyce

Juanita Snyder

Darlene Bean

Rick Keller

Craig Solt

Rita Bilheimer

Sandy Keller

Sallie Solt

Dorothy Blose

Richard Kuntz

Dona Sutton

Howard Bowers

OB O'Brien

Rich Taylor

Michael Diefenderfer

Pam Puskas

Kevin Trelease

Paul Ermlich

Brittany Rieder

Rich Taylor

Weslie Frano

Bob Schramel

Bob Zellner

Doug Gaumer

Alice Schnell

Susan Zellner

Lisa Gilly

Nancy Schumaker

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Kenny Boyer

Jimmy Trainer

Nolie Wernett



God is watching over you.....

I know because I asked God to

September Birthdays

1-Sep	Nelson Frantz	16-Sep	Lori Biegly
1-Sep	Emersyn Rex	16-Sep	Dale Knittle
2-Sep	Jeff Coffin	16-Sep	Dean Knittle
2-Sep	Barbara DeLong	16-Sep	McKenna Orendach
2-Sep	Dennis Dimmig	17-Sep	Heather Moyer
2-Sep	Carol Schweitzer	17-Sep	Lilly Parks
3-Sep	James George Sr.	18-Sep	Taylor Farber
3-Sep	Reagan Orendach	19-Sep	Owen Amey
3-Sep	Marilyn Rice	19-Sep	Darryl Fatzinger
3-Sep	Alana Smoyer	19-Sep	Karen Kuntzman
4-Sep	Heather Kremposky	20-Sep	Kalei Fister
4-Sep	Jamie Rex	20-Sep	Christopher Lorah
5-Sep	Amy Haas	20-Sep	Nicholas Sander
5-Sep	Robbie Schramel, Jr.	21-Sep	Kaitlin Fink
8-Sep	Bryce Allen	21-Sep	Mark Miller
8-Sep	Kevin Minnich	22-Sep	Stacy Cunningham
9-Sep	Terry Shelly	23-Sep	Stephen Reimert
10-Sep	Patrick Conway	23-Sep	Chad Sommers
11-Sep	Paige Bachman	24-Sep	Donald Schraden
11-Sep	Michael Block	24-Sep	Eddie Smith
11-Sep	Michele Hunsicker	26-Sep	Madison Posivak
12-Sep	Dale Feller	26-Sep	Michele Schock
12-Sep	Toby Frantz	26-Sep	Roxy Pierce
12-Sep	Marilyn Sowden	26-Sep	Jake Henderson
13-Sep	Zachary Gellis	28-Sep	Anna Fister
13-Sep	Stella Hluschak	28-Sep	Barrett Rice
13-Sep	Joanne Passaro	29-Sep	Nichole Miller
13-Sep	Michelle Schramel	29-Sep	Travis Redline
14-Sep	Judy Neff	30-Sep	Diane Fister
15-Sep	Michael Kern	30-Sep	Denis Trelease

Faith Formation Classes

September 4 Susie Blöse- Lesson and Craft

September 11 Monica Griffith & Deb Craig- Lesson & Craft

September 18 Pam Puskas- Lesson and Craft

September 25 Deb Craig- Lesson and Craft

September Anniversaries

- Sep 2 Jeff & Michelle (Dieffenderfer) Hewitt
Sep 4 Ryan & Alana (Zellner) Smoyer
Sep 6 Chris & Barbara (Hewitt) Lorah
Sep 6 Jesse & Tammy (Kunkle) White
Sep 7 Karl & Joan (Skutches) Heffelfinger
Sep 7 Erv & Roxane (Shupp) Prutzman
Sep 9 Pete & Kelly (Ruddick) Beblavy
Sep 9 Dale & Tanya (Holubowski) Boyer
Sep 9 Paul & Melissa (Lorah) Castillo
Sep 9 Joe & Sharon (Mack) Conway
Sep 9 Michael & Melissa (Kern) Gellis
Sep 10 Ryan & Jennifer (Chilcoat) Fister
Sep 12 Michael & Rhonda (Hutton) Kern
Sep 12 Kevin & Tina (Roth) Minnich
Sep 12 Kenneth & Debra (George) Ritter
Sep 12 Shane & Maggie (Levan) White
Sep 14 Jeff & Tania (Falcone) Hewitt
Sep 19 John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner
Sep 20 Dennis & Keri (Rose) Dimmig
Sep 20 Dale & Joanne (Gruber) Feller
Sep 25 Michael & Cheryl (Bender) Bowers
Sep 26 Barry & Kelly (Frantz) Heckman
Sep 27 David & Kelsey (Kuntz) Goodhile
Sep 27 David & Shannon (Lindenmuth) Williams
Sep 29 Rick & Sandy (Teichert) Keller
Sep 30 Gary & Robin (Balliet) Bellesfield



Does anyone know of a person that turns old books into Angels? We have old hymnal that we would like to offer to anyone that wants them.

Please see Pastor James or Eileen Andrews

Pastor James is looking for help for the following:

Website Administrator
Fellowship Team Leader
Mission Team Leader



Pastor James is recruiting youngsters interested in joining the church to begin the Confirmation Process.

There are approximately 14 Sessions with most of them taking place on Sunday morning during Faith Formation Classes.

Requirements: completed Fifth Grade, been Baptized (or willing to be), a willingness to participate in Faith Formation and a desire to become part of the congregation here at Good Shepherd.

Give Pastor James a call at 484.571.6083 for more information.

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Faith Formation is looking for mentors for our future confirmands. Mentors may not be related to the child. Must be a member of our church for at least 5 years. If interested please contact Pastor James or Faith Formation Director, Amanda Dieter at [ffdir@ptd.net](mailto:ffdir@ptd.net).



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

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**SCRIP Summary  
August 2022**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Participants        | 8          |
| Cards Ordered       | 65         |
| Profit              | \$174.35   |
| Profit Year-To-Date | \$1,228.92 |

Scrip is Fundraising  
While You Shop!™



Next month's orders are due **Sunday**, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
and will be delivered on **Sunday**, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**LOTTERY TICKETS August winner: John Zellner**

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



## 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.*

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. Your word says that everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. Please help me to receive all the good gifts you give me with thanksgiving and gratitude in my heart.

### **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.



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

Training sessions at Heidelberg:

Wednesday, September 14th 6:30pm or

Saturday, September 24th 10:00am

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

see Pastor James for more information.

[www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org)    [www.facebook.com/FamilyPromise](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromise)



Faith Formation is hoping you will Remember and Honor all Grandmothers and Grandfathers, or Grandparent figures in your lives. Envelopes in the narthex. \$1 each to benefit the Organ Fund



**Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic**  
**and Ark Dedication**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**If interested in helping,  
If interested in helping, see Susie Blose,  
Joe Conway, Amanda Dieter or Mary Storm**



The sign-up sheets are out for food and for the Bingo and game prizes. Also, sign-up sheet for cakes. \*Instead of a cake walk we're planning a Cake Auction with the proceeds going to the Organ Fund.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> is Harvest Home**

Bring in offerings to be shared with Northern Lehigh Food Bank and CACPAC clients in need and place them in the offering display to be blessed on the 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Are you a Cat person or a Dog person?**

Benefits:



**Our Youth Group is looking to find out!  
August 28th to October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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

## Staying in Touch

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

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**CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR**

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### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

**Deacon:** September Amanda Bowers

**Acolytes:** September 4 Aiden Solt  
September 11 Maddie Sommers  
September 18 Adam Griffith  
September 25 Noah Griffith

**Lay Readers:** September 4 Eric Hantz  
September 11 Darlene Nothstein  
September 18 Karen Weaver  
September 25 Beth Kutzner

**Greeters:** September 4 Rich & Penny Keen  
September 11 The Conway Family  
September 18 Mary Storm  
September 25 Eric Hantz

**Altar Guild:** September Linda Coffin

**Power Point Designer:** Deb Craig

**A/V Operators:** Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger

**Videographer:** Beth Kutzner

### Mission for September: Allentown Rescue Mission

The Allentown Rescue Mission we are a team of dedicated employees and volunteers who meet people where they're at and give them the resources to get where they're going. A non-denominational, Christian, social services organization, which provides critically needed goods and services to the homeless and impoverished men, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin or religion.