



GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections September 2023

Hey friends and members of Good Shepherd ~

As we enter the autumn season, I cannot help but think about the number of people who work diligently to serve God here at Good Shepherd on behalf of the Good Shepherd. Our benevolence in offering beautiful talents, precious time, and financial support reaches friends and family as well as neighbors and strangers.

We witness to the love of God so others see the love of Christ through our Mission Calendar, Joyful Noise Offering, and time spent volunteering at CACPAC and Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Others experience the welcome of Christ through our Faith Formation classes, Confirmation sessions, Fellowship Team, not to mention the Worship Team creating space for individuals to share in choir, reading scripture, acolyting, and greeting.

Our love blesses homeless families by providing warm meals and a place to rest their head. Through our faithful service to the teams and committees we serve on, as well as task forces, we make an impact as partners in Christ demonstrating the generous love of God to all God's people.

Through our mutual love for one another, we inspire countless people to take steps of faith moving closer to the heart of God from wherever people are in life's journey. Our giving emanates from the love God gave to us through Jesus Christ. The call to love is a call to generosity and care for one another.

I look forward to our continued work together in ministry in the months to come as we respond with love for one another as Christ has called us to love.

All in the name of Christ,

Pastor James

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

September 3, 2023 First Sunday of Creation

Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Meditation: Here I Am

September 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Creation

Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Meditation: Remember, Restore, Renew

September 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Creation

Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Meditation: Road to Freedom

September 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Creation

Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

Meditation: Tensions in the Wilderness

Labor Day Communion **Sunday, September 3, 2023**

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. 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:

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**. 2



Mission Outreach for September is Allentown Rescue Mission

The **Allentown Rescue Mission** is a non-denominational, Christian, social services organizations, which provides critically-needed goods and services to homeless and impoverished men, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin or religion. The Mission is not a church, but does cooperate with many different churches that are concerned about poverty and homelessness.

The Mission continues to reinvent itself to address the increasingly complex root causes and issues of homelessness.

The **Emergency Shelter** provides the essentials to homeless men. They receive warm meals, hot showers, clean clothes and respite from the hardships of the streets.

The **Transformation Program** provides their guests with life and workforce skills and religious classes to help them reclaim their lives.

Clean Team Workforce members do a variety of jobs, earn wages, and save money as they transition back into the community.

Since 2007, DeSales University has offered **free medical services** to the clients of the Allentown Rescue Mission.

www.allentownrescuemission.org

[www.facebook.com/Allentown RescueMission](https://www.facebook.com/AllentownRescueMission)

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. Year to date earnings is \$105.31.

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. Year to date earnings is \$505.00.

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.

Thank you to Tracy Gursky for coordinating this fundraiser.



Our *Thoughts* &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Dennis Derr
Mary Bilheimer	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	Spencer Perkins
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Nicholas Sander
Dalton Housenick	Adam Moyer	Benjamin Schaffer
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Jacqueline Moyer	Janel Tracy

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

Family & Friends

Jane Achey	Hazel Goodhile	Chris Newhard
Brian Bachman	Sean Harding	Richard Paradis
Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates	Nancy Heckman	Connie Renner
Gail Bell	Gary Johannes	Eleanor Schlinkman
Callie Benninger	Dwayne Kern	Alice Schnell
Sherry Bishop	Bonnie Kleppinger	Doris Schoch
Jim Craig	Junior Kemmerer	Mackenzie Mae Seltzer
Gene Cree	Bob Koons	Edgar Smith
Rob Davis	Shawn Kress	Craig Solt
Debra Derhammer	Kevin Kroboth	Sallie Solt
Michael Dieffenderfer	Wayne Kuhns	Rich Taylor
Bonita Engelman	Faith Mondrick Lauer	Richard Thomas
Charles Erndl	Shane Moyer	Donna Walters
Doug Farber	Dave Myers	Rev. Karen Yonney
Lisa Gilly	John Neff	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Janine Snyder Carazo	Leonard Chowansky	Richard Thomas
Ruth Webb	Anna May Weiss	

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 **e 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 •August 2023

Participants	–	10
Cards Ordered	–	52
Profit	–	\$152.15
Profit Year-To-Date	–	\$1,017.40



Scrip Orders Due on **Sunday, September 10** and delivered on **Sunday, September 17.**

Confirmation sessions begin on **September 3.** Confirmands must have completed Fifth Grade. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Calendar

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September Birthdays

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

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	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, Jr.
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 29	Rick & Sandy (Teichert) Keller, Jr.
Sep 29	Drew & Kara (Mathesz) Rice
Sep 30	Gary & Robin (Balliet) Bellesfield

The Winner of the July Lottery was Gary & Jean Fatzinger.

The Winner of the August Lottery is John Zellner.

See Karen Smith to participate.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

If you have a student going to college, trade school or any secondary education institution, please fill out the College information sheet in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate. We will once again be listing those students in the bulletin, under our prayer list.

Chancel Choir practice resumes on Tuesday, August 29.

Whether you can sing for one Sunday, during special services, or want to join us every week, we will be happy to have you with us to sing praises to the Lord. Practice starts at 7:00 pm.

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. Youth Ensemble will begin again on September 10.

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 up 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.

Preschool Meet the Teacher Night is September 6 at 6:00 pm.

Preschool Open House is Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 pm.

The **First Day of Preschool** is September 11 for 4 year olds and September 12 for 3 year olds.

For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic is Sunday, September 17. Mark your calendars! Sign-up sheets for food and prizes are in the Narthex.

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.

Acolytes needed for: September through December.
Altar Guild needed for December.
Lawn Mowers needed for weeks of September 11 through October 30.
Please sign up in the Narthex.

A basket social is planned for Thursday, October 19 in Fellowship Hall. Fundraising will be looking for filled basket donations valued at \$20 or more. If you don’t want to do a basket, a monetary donation is also appreciated. There will be a fundraising meeting on Sunday, September 10 after church. Everyone interested in helping with the event, please attend.

<u>Faith Formation Classes: 9:00am Sunday Services: 10:00am</u>			
Youth and Children Teachers			
Sept 3	Pam Puskas	Sept 17	No Class
Sept 10	Youth: Monica Griffith Children: Pam Puskas	Sept 24	Youth: Deb Craig Children: Mary Storm

<u>Our Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Faith Formation Director	Amanda Dieter
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist/Pianist	Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matthew Shields

Staying in Touch

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

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder:		Chris Kegel
Deacon:		Jim George
Altar Guild:		Linda Coffin
Acolytes:	3	TBD
	10	TBD
	17	TBD
	24	TBD
Lay Readers:	3	Eric Hantz
	10	Linda Coffin
	17	Pam Puskas
	24	Darlene Nothstein
Greeters:	3	Alice Kegel
	10	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
	17	Tammy Schaeffer
	24	Matt Shields

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