



GOOD SHEPHERD

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OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving ~ Compassionately accepting ~ Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections September 2025

Dear Friends and Members of Good Shepherd UCC ~

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to change, September invites us into a sacred rhythm of renewal. After the restfulness of summer, we return to the familiar joy of gathering ~ reconnecting in worship, study, service, and community. This season reminds us that faith is not a solo journey; it grows when we come together to learn, pray, and serve.

This month we celebrate the beginning of a new season of faith formation. Children, youth, and adults alike are welcomed into spaces where curiosity is honored, questions are embraced, and God's love is explored more deeply. Whether in classrooms, fellowship halls, or around campfires, the Spirit moves among us as we grow together.

We also look forward to our *Outdoor Worship Service*, a time to celebrate creation and give thanks for God's abundance. Surrounded by the beauty of the earth, we will gather in praise and gratitude. As part of our *Harvest Home celebration*, we will collect nonperishable food to share with those in need ~ a tangible act of love and justice.

Let us enter this season with open hearts, ready to be renewed, to give generously, and to grow in faith together.

With joy and peace,

Pastor James

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY

September 7, 2025 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Philemon 1:1-21

Meditation: A New Identity

September 14, 2025 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Timothy 1:12-17

Meditation: Growing in God's Love

September 21, 2025 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Meditation: Prayerful Living

September 28, 2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: I Timothy 6:6-19

Meditation: Surprising Investment

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Labor Day Communion ~ September 7, 2025 at 10:00 am

Virtual Worship Services: Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington>

Live-Streaming You Tube and Facebook allows us to continue our services for those unable to attend in person.



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.

Hopefully you enjoyed your vacation and that you are planning to return to regular worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Please don't forget to fill your envelopes that didn't make it while you were on vacation! God was still here!

Mission Outreach for September is Allentown Rescue Mission

They are a non-denominational, Christian, Social services organization, which provides critically needed goods and services to homeless and impoverished men, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin or religion. For more than a century, the Mission has addressed the changing face of homelessness, tackling the root causes of homelessness, and helping to end homelessness one life at a time throughout the Lehigh Valley. Their programs include Emergency Shelter, Christian Living Program, the Clean Team, and DeSales Free Clinic.

FAMILY PROMISE

Good Shepherd & Heidelberg UCC will be **hosting Family Promise the week of October 19 to 26**. 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 19 and October 26. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, please see Ann Hayes or email at ahayes2395@gmail.com.

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on August 26th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We welcome anyone age 12 and up to join us in providing a variety of music for church services. Please consider joining us as we raise our voices in spirit and create lasting friendships! The Christmas Cantata has been chosen and will be wonderful! You don't have to attend every rehearsal or sing every Sunday. We are happy to have you join in whenever you can! You do not have to be a trained vocalist to join us; a love of singing, worship and fellowship is all you need.



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



Homebound Members

Marge Bass	Kay Costenbader	Judy Mack
Mary Bilheimer	Dennis Derr	Carol Schweitzer
Shirley Blynn	Donna Fox	“Tillie” Waller

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Adam Moyer
Anthony Babb	Marcus Loch	Spencer Perkins
Sean Bolza	Rebecca McMichael	Benjamin Schaffer
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	Jacob Molchan	Janel Tracy
	Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer	

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

Family & Friends

Jonathan Andrews	Tracey Haydt	Dennis Raver
Randy Andrews	Mitchell Hourt	Rich Remaley
Sherry Bishop	Barbara Hower	Art Rudlick
Barbara Cannon	Gary Johannes	Gary Schneck
Chastity Corvino	Penny Keen	Barry Silfies
Deb Craig	Hayden Keller	Dennis Silfies
David Demera	Sandy Keller	Janice Silliman
Chad Dieter	Frances Kuntz	Deb Smith
Wilder Estrada	Susan Lukon	Frank Soldridge
Doug Farber	Walter Miller	Frank Strohl
Jean Fatzinger	Robie Niksher	Jenn Wentz
Lee Haas	Chris Oertner	John Zellner
Frank Hart		Helen Zolnowsky

Purged at beginning of each month, Renewals are welcomed

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Catherine Geiger	Rick Keller	Felicia Spinelli-Dixon
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SCRIP Report • August 2025

Participants	–	9
Cards Ordered	–	49
Profit	–	\$117.11

Orders Due **Sunday, September 14** with delivery on **Sunday, September 21**. As a reminder, orders are open to everyone – **Please ask family and friends, neighbors and coworkers.**

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation Group meetings will resume at 9am on September 21.

September Schedule:

All Faith Formation Groups from Nursery through College and any member or friend of Good Shepherd are invited to the following Faith Formation Team Events:

Movie Night in Fellowship Hall on September 7 at 5pm

Family Fun Day during Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic on September 21 at **10:00 am**.

There is a **Christmas play** sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Play will be December 14 with practices at 10 am on December 6 and 13.** Contact Amanda Smith for more information.

For details, contact a Faith Formation Leader:

Nursery ~ Kelsey Knittle-Moser or Mary Storm

Children's ~ Amanda Smith, Chastity Corvino, or Beth Kutzner

Youth ~ Monica Griffith, Eric Hantz, or RaeAnne Creyer

College ~ Marie Bachman or Pastor James

Staff ~ Deb Craig or Pam Puskas

2025 Fall Confirmation Schedule

Session 8 ~ *Worship*

Date: Sunday – September 28, 2025; 11:15am – 2:00 pm

Session 9 ~ *Sacraments*

Date: Sunday – October 5, 2025; 11:15 am – Noon

Session 10 ~ *Church History*

Date: Saturday – October 25, 2025; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Calendar

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September Birthdays

Sep 1	Nelson Frantz	Sep 13	Michelle Schramel
Sep 1	Emersyn Rex	Sep 14	Judy Neff
Sep 2	Jeff Coffin	Sep 15	Gail Fetchko
Sep 2	Barbara DeLong	Sep 16	Dale Knittle
Sep 2	Dennis Dimmig	Spe 16	Dean Knittle
Sep 2	Carol Schweitzer	Sep 17	Alorah Badman
Sep 3	James George, Sr.	Sep 17	Annette Fatzinger
Sep 3	Giovanni Fricchione	Sep 18	Taylor Farber
Sep 3	Marilyn Rice	Sep 18	Addison Schappell
Sep 3	Eden Shoemaker	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	Christopher Lorah
Sep 5	Robbie Schramel, Jr	Sep 20	Nicholas Sander
Sep 8	Kevin Minnich	Sep 21	Mark Miller
Sep 9	Ryland Hausman	Sep 23	Easton Sander
Sep 9	Terry Shelly	Sep 23	Chad Sommers
Sep 10	Patrick Conway	Sep 24	Edward Smith
Sep 11	Michael Block	Sep 26	Jake Henderson
Sep 11	Michele Hunsicker	Sep 28	Zachary Haberman
Sep 12	Toby Frantz	Sep 28	Barrett Rice
Sep 13	Stella Hluschak	Sep 29	Nichole Jones
Sep 13	Jodie Hourt	Sep 29	Travis Redline
Sep 13	Joanne Passaro	Sep 30	Diane Fister

The Winner of the August Lottery was:



See Karen Smith to participate.

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 & Roxanne (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	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 21	Jarett & Danielle (Schmidt) White
Sep 25	Michael & Cheryl (Bender) Bowers
Sep 27	David & Kelsey (Kuntz) Goodhile
Sep 29	Drew & Kara (Mathesz) Rice
Sep 30	Gary & Robin (Balliet) Bellesfield

Preschool Meet the Teacher Night is Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 pm.

The **First Day of Preschool** is September 8 for 4-year-olds and September 9 for 3-year-olds.

For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karens2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.

GRILL'IN RAFFLE WINNERS LIST

July 27, 2025

<u>Prize #</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
Grand Prize, Blackstone Grill	Michele Bachman	Dave Blöse
2. Giant \$25	Susan Zellner	Susan Zellner
3. Wegman's \$25	Dennis Silfies	Dennis Silfies
4. Country Harvest \$25	Evan Shoemaker	Evan Shoemaker
5. Thomson's Meat \$25	Marie Bachman	Marie Bachman
6. Todd's Island Seafood \$25	Carol Bandi	Carol Blöse
7. Martin Meats \$25	Lee Teck	Gary Fatzinger
8. Country Harvest \$50	Amanda Dieter	Karen Smith
9. Thomson's Meat \$50	Alejandro P.	Dennis Silfies
10. Todd's Island Seafood \$50	Carol Lewis	David Blöse
11. Martin Meats \$50	William Warren	Susie Sensinger
12. Country Harvest \$25	Lori Miller	Chastity Corvino
13. Thomson's Meat \$25	Macie Haberman	Jodie Hourt
14. Todd's Island Seafood \$25	Don Rumbie	Thomson's
15. Martin Meats \$25	Pauline Nemechik	Bryan Horninger
16. Country Harvest \$25	Tina Fetchko	Tina Fetchko
17. Thomson's Meat \$25	Banel	Bryan Horninger
18. Todd's Island Seafood \$25	Sue Fink	Madeline Balliet
19. Martin Meats \$25	Jim George	Jim George
20. Country Harvest \$25	Rich Keen	Penny Keen
21. Thomson's Meat \$25	Bob Acker	Bob Acker
22. Todd's Island Seafood \$25	Jim George	Jim George
23. Martin Meats \$25	Bailey Warren	Susan Sensinger
24. Country Harvest \$25	Kim Graver	Amanda Smith
25. Thomson's Meat \$25	Charlene Mast	Terry Derhammer
26. Todd's Island Seafood \$25	Jim George	Jim George
27. Martin Meats \$25	Dean Harper	Dean Harper

The profit made from the Grill In' Raffle was \$2,760.34.

Faith Formation Hoagie Sale generated \$646.50 in profit.

Thank you to all who participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025



and



Sunday, September 28 is Harvest Home. Please bring canned and boxed food items to donate to those in need.

Sunday, October 5, Blessing of the Animals at 9:45 am before church. Location to be determined by weather conditions.

Walk-in Basket Social - Saturday, October 19th, 2024

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(Non-Profit Organization)



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A \$50 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card will be awarded to the person getting the most donations over 10 passes. In the event of a tie, we will draw a name.

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

We will be collecting 200 cans of corn for both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Thanksgiving -corn needed by Sunday 11/9

Christmas-corn needed by 12/7

Staying in Touch

Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Our Church Staff

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

September Worship Leaders

Deacon:		Darlene Nothstein
Elder:		Chris Kegel
Altar Guild:		Mary Storm
Acolytes:	7	Weslie Frano
	14	Samantha Richardson
	21	N/A [Outdoor Worship]
	28	Mackenzie Palmer
Lay Readers:	7	Eric Hantz
	14	Kelsey Knittle-Moser
	21	Pam Puskas
	28	Linda Coffin
Greeters:	7	Alice Kegel
	14	Tina Fetchko & Gail Fetchko
	21	Rae Anne Creyer
	28	Randy & Eileen Andrews
Power Point Designers:		Deb Craig, Eric Hantz
A/V Operators:		Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, Beth Kutzner
Web Designer:		Marie Bachman