

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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Good Shepherd Faithfully serving Compassionately accepting~Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections September 2021

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

September is always an exciting time for me. I always loved going back to school and meeting the new students that would part of the classes I taught. I also liked the idea of everything being new and ready to go. I was reminded of all this as our Preschool Director was cleaning and organizing for the startup of her students as then learn, laugh, and lean on new understandings. Also, with our Choir Director making plans for the music program and the Chancel Choir as well as a new Youth Music Ensemble for the fall there is definitely a song in the air. And our new Treasurer is getting acclimated and reorganizing the finances with the assistance of our Fiscal Oversight Committee, so we have a better clearer vision of where our financial support comes from and where they are headed.

In addition to these eager beavers, we are looking at resuming regular services with some minor nuances such as continuing to collect offerings before service as well as reinstating Blessings, but with the caveat that people will stand where they are in the sanctuary and the pastor and the family surrounding them will offer a prayer. Also, the Children's time will resume, and the hymnals and Bibles will be placed in their usual spot in the pews.

Hopefully, we can reinstate the Mission Moment during the beginning of service and members of the congregation might add to our outreach through these ministries. My hope is that the congregation might begin using the Scrip Program to purchase gift cards for favorite restaurants, gifts for special occasions, or to use for purchasing monthly groceries as part of our healthy stewardship program.

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It is indeed an exciting time to be part of the ministry of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ as we count our blessings and continue to bless others in Jesus' name.

Shalom,
Pastor James

A great big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in wishing me a happy birthday through the card shower that the church sponsored. It means a great deal knowing that you are loved and appreciated. God Bless you all! Your Pastor.

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

SEPTEMBER LECTONARY

Season of Creation

5-Sep-21 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel : John 1:1–14

Meditation *Planet Earth Sunday*

12-Sep-21 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel : Mark 10:41–45

Meditation *Humanity Sunday*

19-Sep-21 17th Sunday after Pentecost

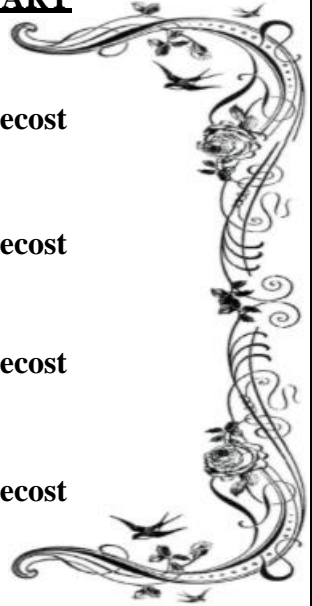
Gospel : Mark 15:33–39

Meditation *Sky Sunday*

26-Sep-21 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Gospel : Mark 16:14–18

Meditation *Mountain Sunday*



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

World Wide Communion ~

October 3rd



Our Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

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

**Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services
Or with The Department of Defense:**

Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer

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

Family & Friends

Owen Amey	James Graver	Joe Puskas
Dave Bauer	Janice Krock	Debbie Silfies
Michael Bossons	Carl Kocher	Jake Smith
Tom Craig	Sonny Neff	Helen Zolnowsky
Marie Dieter	Billy Nonweiler	
Makenna Frantz	Marilyn Pezoldt	

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Ronnie Evans	Amanda "Mandi" (Oswald) Trelease
Chase Frable	Nancy Wassum
Sharon Green	

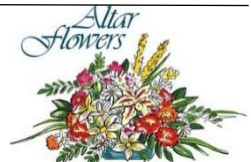
God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



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. Contact Julie Solt.



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.

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, position your vehicles in the front parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.



September 19th

Outdoor Worship and
Church Picnic

10:00 am worship
11:30 am Picnic



Turkey bar-b-que and hot dogs will be provided. There are separate sign-up sheets for side dishes, beverages, snacks, and desserts. In addition, there are sign-up sheets for cake donations for the cake walk and prizes for bingo and other games. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for this community event!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1	Kaitlyn Hartmaier	Sep 13	Jared Grammes
Sep 1	Kallista Costenbader	Sep 14	Judy Neff
Sep 2	Jeff Coffin	Sep 15	Michael Kern
Sep 2	Barbara DeLong	Sep 16	Lori Biegly
Sep 2	Dennis Dimmig	Sep 16	Dale Knittle
Sep 2	Carol Schweitzer	Sep 16	Dean Knittle
Sep 3	Carol Edwards	Sep 16	Lisa Holczman
Sep 3	James George Sr.	Sep 17	Alexis Meinhart
Sep 3	Marilyn Rice	Sep 17	McKenna Orendach
Sep 3	Alana Smoyer	Sep 17	Lilly Parks
Sep 3	Erin Zelinsky	Sep 17	Alorah Badman
Sep 3	Jennifer Snyder	Sep 18	Taylor Farber
Sep 4	Jamie Rex	Sep 19	Owen Amey
Sep 5	Amy Haas	Sep 19	Karen Kuntzman
Sep 5	Reagan Orendach	Sep 20	Kalei Fister
Sep 5	Robbie Schramel	Sep 20	Nicholas Sander
Sep 5	Jeffrey Shupp	Sep 20	Nathan Stroup
Sep 8	Bryce Allen	Sep 20	Trevor Stroup
Sep 8	Brady Boyer	Sep 21	Kaitlin Fink
Sep 8	Shaelyn Kunkel	Sep 22	Cody Walkowiak
Sep 8	Kevin Minnich	Sep 23	Stephen Reimert
Sep 8	John Orendach	Sep 23	Chad Sommers
Sep 9	Terry Shelly	Sep 24	Donald Schraden
Sep 10	Patrick Conway	Sep 24	Edward Smith
Sep 10	Jaelyn McAdams	Sep 26	Madison Posivak
Sep 10	Adam Neff	Sep 26	Michele Schock
Sep 10	Romaine Biege	Sep 26	Roxy Pierce
Sep 10	Matthew Lalik	Sep 28	Anna Fister
Sep 11	Paige Bachman	Sep 28	Kathleen Heil
Sep 11	Michael Block	Sep 28	Angie Thomas
Sep 11	Michele Hunsicker	Sep 29	Nichole Miller
Sep 12	Dale Feller	Sep 29	Travis Redline
Sep 12	Toby Frantz	Sep 30	Diane Fister
Sep 13	Zachary Gellis	Sep 30	Denis Trelease
Sep 13	Joanne Passaro	Sep 30	Gregory Williams
Sep 13	Michelle Schramel	Sep 30	Sandi Greenzweig



September 26th 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 this Sunday

LOTTERY TICKETS

August winner :

Veronica Roth

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.

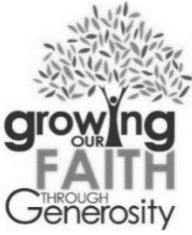
Join these members.

Peter Bevlavy	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!





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.*

Even though it seems like thanks and acknowledgments for good deeds are in short supply, God notices them. When you feel like giving up because gratitude eludes, remember that God is delighted in your efforts. Don't stop showing kindness because you feel unappreciated, the author of good things appreciates you very much.

AUGUST

SCRIP Summary

2021

Participants	6
Cards Ordered	44
Profit	\$102.63
Profit Year-To-Date	\$828.06

Don't forget to order your gift cards for Gas, Groceries, Gift Shopping it is never too early!

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, September 12th** and will be delivered on **Sunday, September 19th**

Financial Update

July 25	\$2,000.00	E-giving	\$335.00	(51)
Aug 01	\$1,910.00	E-giving	\$280.00	(61)
Aug 08	\$1,574.00	E-giving	\$230.00	(71)
Aug 15	\$1,932.00	E-giving	\$659.12	(56)

 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.



**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.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Rehearsal lasts one hour and we typically rehearse 3-4 anthems during the hour. Anyone from 6th grade (11-12 years old) and up are invited to attend. If you cannot be at every rehearsal, or sing every Sunday, that is perfectly fine. If you are not a rock star or opera singer, that is perfectly fine! Our voice is a gift that we use to praise God and any contribution that you make is worthy! Please consider joining us for the upcoming year.

A Youth Musical Ensemble will be starting on September 12th immediately following church. We will meet every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday until 11:45. This musical group is for any age children in the church. We will be singing, playing hand bells and tone chimes, and playing musical games. The kids will present songs and bell/tone chime tunes during church services throughout the calendar year. All youth are invited to participate. Please extend the invitation to friends and family.

If you have any questions about Chancel Choir, or the new youth ensemble, please feel free to call or email Beth Kutzner.
beperkins@live.com or 570-240-0044

Guest Musician

Would you be willing to sponsor guest musicians during our special services? The Worship Team is looking to invite quest musicians to enhance the music during the upcoming Holiday season. We are looking for monetary donations to be presented to our quest musicians as an honorarium for their time and talent. If you are interested in helping, please place your donation in the offering plate and mark it "Guest Musician" or send your donation in to the church office.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 4	Ryan & Alana (Zellner) Smoyer
Sep 6	Joseph & Sharon (Mack) Conway III
Sep 6	Thomas & Debra (Slanina) Craig
Sep 6	Chris & Barbara (Hewitt) Lorah
Sep 6	Jesse & Tammy (Kunkle) White
Sep 7	Karl & Joan (Skutches) Heffelfinger
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 12	Michael & Rhonda (Hutton) Kern
Sep 12	Kevin & Tina (Roth) Minnich
Sep 12	Shane & Maggie (Levan) White
Sep 14	Jeff & Tania (Falcone) Hewitt
Sep 16	Daniel & Lynne (Alexander) Newhard
Sep 19	John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner
Sep 20	Dennis & Keri (Rose) Dimmig
Sep 20	Dale & Joanne (Gruber) Feller
Sep 21	Kenneth & Geraldine (Mack) Boyer
Sep 22	Barry & Debbie (Wallace) Silfies
Sep 22	Michael & Cheryl (Bender) Bowers
Sep 29	Rick & Sandy (Teichert) Keller
Sep 30	Gary & Robin (Balliet) Bellesfield

"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

PORK & SAUERKRAUT

DINNER

COST \$10.00

Saturday, October 30th

Pick Up 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Dinner includes: Pork,
Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,
Apple Sauce & Dessert

Call the Church Office

@ 619-766-9680

to place order by Oct 25th

*** Take-Out Only ***

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

Staying in Touch

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And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Eddie Smith

Acolytes: Sunday Sept 5th Aiden Solt

Sunday Sept 12th Breonna Richardson

Sunday Sept 19th Alex Beblavy

Sunday Sept 26th Jazmin Richardson

Lay Readers: Sunday Sept 5th Pam Puskas

Sunday Sept 12th Linda Cofflin

Sunday Sept 19th Amanda Bowers

Sunday Sept 26th Rae Anne Creyer

Altar Guild: Linda Coffin

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger

Evan Horninger, Stacy Cunningham

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

Faith Formation Classes

Sept 5: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

Sept 12: Teaching: Stacy Cunningham

Craft: Stacy Cunningham

Sept 19: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

Sept 26: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

In Service to the Lord