



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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AUGUST 16, 2026

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours:		T W 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
		TH 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sun:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Scrip Orders Delivered
	12:00 pm	Hall Rental
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Good Shepherd, an **Open and Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We are delighted that you joined us for worship. If you are looking for a spiritual home, please consider Good Shepherd and speak with Pastor James.
REV. JAMES D. ROBISON, JR. can be contacted at the office (610) 767-9680, his mobile phone (484-571-6083), or via his email address at <jamdarrob@gmail.com>.

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist	Dr. Yezi Chen
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matt Shields

Filming Disclosure: Our services are filmed and recorded for online viewers. As worshipers’ faces may be captured, your entry into the Sanctuary constitutes your consent to be photographed, filmed and/or otherwise recorded for streaming or social purposes.

Mission Calendar for August is Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley

Their mission is to provide hardworking families with simple, decent affordable housing. They work in partnership with families to help them secure a better place to live and raise their families.

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise Offering is an outreach mission of the church that goes to individuals or families in need. Please drop your contributions into the small colored buckets during the offering.

Update Offering & (Attendance)

Aug 02-\$1,532.40 E-Giving \$201.05 (93)
Aug 09-\$1,750.00 E-Giving \$757.68 (100)

Online offering at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
or text GIVE to 610-615-7657



We are now streaming on both Facebook and YouTube, both of which have icons on the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ website. If you’ve had trouble with the streaming volume not being loud enough on Facebook, click on the YouTube link and see if that improves it.

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

- Looking for someone to take **Baptismal pictures of the family for Baptismal certificates.**
- Mini Golf at Bear Rock Junction** has been **rescheduled for Sunday, September, September 13 at noon.** There will be pizza after church in Fellowship Hall before heading out to the golf course.
- We are **collecting individual cans of pasta (pull tab top) for Backpack Buddies through August 31.** We collected 413 individual packages of goldfish in May & June. Thank you all for your donations.
- Clean up day at the Pavilion, Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 9 am** in preparation of Outdoor Worship Service.
- Outdoor Worship & Picnic, Sunday, September 20, 2026.** Sign-up sheets in the Narthex for casseroles & desserts, adult & children prizes for games, and donations for the cake walk.
- Walk-In Basket Social Saturday, October 3, 2026.** Sign-up sheets in the Narthex for baskets, donations to make baskets, baked goods, and/or help the day of the event.
- \$5 Boscov’s Shopping Passes** available in the Narthex for online/ in store shopping **Wed. October 21.**
- Looking for volunteers to mow grass for the weeks of August 30, September 20, September 27, and the month of October.** Mowers and gas are provided by the church. Sign up in the Narthex.
- Looking for office volunteers** who would be able and willing to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive (provided) to preserve our congregation’s history. Please contact Pastor James or Eileen Andrews if you would like to help.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Families of...Larry Lentz, Rev. Derek A. Terry

In Hospice...Barbara Cannon

Family and Friends needing prayer: Barbara Beltz, Deb Derhammer, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Bruce Kralik, Don Kutzner, Jameson & Krissy Scott, Carol Ziegenfus, Tom Alcaro, Karen Anthony, Gail Bell, Marc Benninger, Howard Bilheimer, Lori Clay, Doug Farber, Donna Fox, Steve George, Barbara Hower, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Laurie, Chris Oertner, Randy Parks, Ty Sander, Gary Schneck, Barry Soldridge, Donna Tully, Jenn Wentz, John Zellner

Homebound Members: Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Shirley Blynn, Kay Costenbader, Dennis Derr, Donna Fox, Judy Mack, Carol Schweitzer, and ‘Tillie’ Waller.

All the young men and women serving our country: Colby Adams, Anthony Babb, Sean Bolza, Kira (Kern) Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Marcus Loch, Rebecca McMichael, Jacob Molchan, Adam Moyer, Jacqueline Moyer, Spencer Perkins, and Janel Tracy.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Acolyte
Special Music
Head Deacon
Lay Reader
Greeter
Altar Guild
Media Team

Jaxon Kline
Mitchell Hourt, Trombone
Joe Conway
Monica Griffith
Bonnie Hewitt
Sharon Conway

Marie Bachman, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Eric Hantz,
Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, and Beth Kutzner

Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God and in Honor of Pastor James' Birthday.

Bulletins are to the Glory of God and in Memory of James Skubish's birthday by Randy & Eileen Andrews.



Birthdays

Aug 16-Shirley Phillips
Aug 16-Kristine Rinker
Aug 16-Bryler Rodrigues
Aug 16-Seth White
Aug 17-Amy Knittle
Aug 18-David Blose
Aug 18-Sean Harding
Aug 18-Denise Koons
Aug 20-Tanner Rice
Aug 21-Joanne Bechtel
Aug 21-Trevor Hartmaier
Aug 21-Debbie Ritter
Aug 21-James Robison, Jr.



Anniversaries

Aug 16-Sean & Brandi (DeLong) Palmer
Aug 17-Nathan & Cassie (Knittle) Flexer
Aug 17-Robert & Cynthia (Sowden) Schramel
Aug 18-David & Carol (Kroboth) Blose
Aug 20-Tyler & Kayla (Belles) Schappel

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

* THE COMMISSION, BENEDICTION, AND THREE-FOLD AMEN ^{#313} AUGUST 16, 2026 - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

POSTLUDE ~ *Precious Name*

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten

other”

~ Mother Teresa

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED;

OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS BEGINS

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

NOTE: People's responses in **bold**; * rise in body, mind, or spirit

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Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell Hourt is honored to share special music with the

congregation today. Mitchell currently serves as an elementary band

teacher in the Northampton Area School District, trombonist and

accordionist with various bands throughout the Lehigh Valley, and

serves as the director of the Palmerton Community Band. He is

grateful for the opportunity to play at Good Shepherd and to use his

musical gifts to enrich today's worship service.

PRELUDE ~ *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

* SOLEMN DECLARATION

Our service is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

* INVOCATION

God weaves a grand story of grace and turns our

Even when others mean us harm, God's love

"Come closer to me," the Lord says to us today.

guilt and fear behind.

Behold, Christ reveals himself to us as our brother

us in our sorrow and wipes away our tears.

Let us worship the God of redemption. We celebrate

us whole. Let us worship God! Amen.

* HYMN ~ *Thine Is the Glory*

* OPENING PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You for Your plan. Sometimes bad things

Joseph in Egypt, we do not understand why. Yet

always with us. Please give us the courage to follow

Your good purpose in every dark season. Provide

protect us, just as You provided for Joseph. In

Celebrating God's Word in Our

CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS

"WALK-IN" - ONE DAY - BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tickets will be drawn at 2:00 PM

Tickets Available at Door

(1) 26 Chance Ticket for \$5.00

(5) 26 Chance Tickets for \$20.00

Winners Will Be Notified

Kitchen Open

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BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

RESPONSE

Hearing God's WORD

The WORD of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reflecting on God's WORD

Just as Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, reveal Yourself to us through Your WORD. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Panis Angelicus*

A READING from the Hebrew text of Genesis 45:1-15 [NRSVUE]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer.

Responding to God's WORD

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and all his brothers talked with him.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God has given each one of us unique gifts and abilities. Let us use these gifts and abilities in our unique settings ~ our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and places of employment. **May our gifts, our time and our resources be a blessing to others. Your Kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *Sweet By and By*

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, You are the ultimate provider. Help us to use our time, money, and talents. Help us to use these gifts for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

HYMN ~ *Pass It On*