



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

3940 Mountain Road, Slatington, PA 18080 610-767-9680

AUGUST 2, 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
		Summer Communion
	11:30 am	Pizza for kids going mini golfing
	12:00 pm	Mini Golf at Bear Rock Junction
	1:00 pm	Hall Rental
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Scrip Orders Due
	11:30 am	Hall Rental

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)

July 05	-\$1,914.40	E-Giving	\$749.94	(88)
July 12	-\$2,544.00	E-Giving	\$268.11	(91)
July 19	-\$3,281.00	E-Giving	\$326.63	(96)
July 26	-\$1,283.00	E-Giving	\$228.60	(58)

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 the Baptismal certificates.**
- Faith Night** at the **Iron Pigs, Friday, August 28, 2026.** Tickets cost **\$13**, which includes a \$2 food voucher. Game starts at 6:45 pm. **Final Count is needed by Tuesday, August 4.** See RaeAnne Creyer or email her at raeaa-6@gmail.com.
- 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.
- Summer Breakfast Bunch** at **St. John’s Lutheran Church**, Slatington provides breakfast and a bag lunch Monday-Friday 8:30 am-10 am. **Program runs until August 24 for ages 2-7. Volunteers** and **monetary donations** or **gift cards to local grocery stores** are needed. To volunteer or donate, call the church office at 610-767-6361 or email them at stjohnslatington@gmail.com.
- \$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 9, 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... Chuck Aurand, Diane Reitz

Family and Friends needing prayer: Jameson & Krissy Scott, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Carol Ziegenfus, Tom Alcaro, Karen Anthony, Gail Bell, Marc Benninger, 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, Benjamin Schaffer, and Janel Tracy.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Jackson John Peddigree**, born on March 17, 2025. He is the son of Albert Peddigree, III & Haley Storm Stragratanio. His grandparents are Noreen Pagotto, Horace Stragratanio and Albert, Jr. & Shirley (Holderman) Peddigree. His great grandparents are Robert & Dorothy (Frisch) Holderman, and Karen (Hawkey) Ruch. Jackson’s godparents are his uncle, Dylan Kohler and his aunts, Star Stragratanio and Tamara (Peddigree) Kohler.

The water used for the baptisms is from the Jordan River in the Holy Land. The animals placed on the Baptismal Banner marks Jackson’s entrance on our cradle roll as the beginning of his faith formation process. The Baptismal Candle is lit to remind us that Jesus Christ is our light and guide on the path of faith.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Acolyte	Jaxon Kline
Special Music	Breonna Richardson, Liturgical Dance
Head Deacon	Joe Conway
Head Elder	Chris Kegel
Lay Reader	Eric Hantz
Greeter	Alice Kegel
Altar Guild	Sharon Conway
Media Team	Marie Bachman, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, and Beth Kutzner

Altar Flowers and **Bulletins** are to the Honor and Glory of God.



Birthdays

Aug 2-Lori Balliet
Aug 2-Mitchell Hourt
Aug 3-Chelsea Harding
Aug 3-Jeffrey Storm
Aug 3-Dalton White
Aug 8-Kelsey Knittle-Moser
Aug 8-Marie Reitz
Aug 8-Craig Solt



Anniversaries

Aug 2-Craig & Sheri (Young) Fallon, Jr.
Aug 5-Todd & Julie (Coffin) Solt
Aug 7-Edwin & Dena (Weil) Krum II

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026
10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 2, 2026 - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUMMER COMMUNION

"May your faith grow as beautifully as the summer flowers." Unknown

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *How Majestic Is Your Name*

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who hunger for purpose. **We come seeking the bread of life.**

God takes what seems small and makes it abundant. **God fills empty places with grace.**

At Christ's table there is room for all and enough for all. **Let us worship the God of generous love. Amen.**

*** HYMN** ~ *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Compassionate God, when crowds gathered around Jesus, he responded not with scarcity but with abundance, not with dismissal but with welcome. Gather us now into Your presence and fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to the needs around us, open our hands to share what we have, and open our hearts to trust in Your provision. As we prepare to gather around the communion table, remind us that Your grace is sufficient, Your love is abundant, and Your welcome is for all. Amen.

***PRAISE VERSICLE** ~ *Glory Be to the Father*

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Celebrating God's WORD in Our Midst

CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS

BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

BAPTISM OF JACKSON JOHN PEDDIGREE

Exhortation

Promise of the Congregation

Do you who witness this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized?

We promise our love, support and care. As we baptize you with water, there is grace upon your life and we promise to help you realize you are loved by

God and we love you, too. And we promise through everything; we will be here for you. Amen.

Blessing of the Water

Sacrament of Baptism

BAPTISMAL HYMN ~ *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

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Lighting of Baptismal Candle and Placing of Name on Baptismal Banner

Presentation at the Altar and Prayer

Hearing God's WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Generous God, as Your WORD is read and proclaimed, help us hear the invitation to trust, to share, and to participate in the abundance of Your reign. Amen!

A READING from the Gospel of Matthew 14:13-21 [NRSVUE]

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

RESPONSE

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

HOMILY ~ Face to Face

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ "Can't Catch Me Now" ~ Liturgical Dance Breonna Richardson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

When the disciples saw only five loaves and two fish, Jesus saw the possibility of abundance. In a world that often teaches scarcity, Christ teaches generosity. As we bring our gifts today, we participate in God's work of feeding, healing, and caring for others. May our offerings become instruments of hope and signs of God's abundant love. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *O Word of God Incarnate*

* DOXOLOGY

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**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

**Generous and Loving God, receive these gifts and bless them for the work of
Your kingdom. multiply them as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, that
they may bring comfort to the weary, nourishment to the hungry, and hope to
those in need. In Christ we pray. Amen!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We will celebrate Holy Communion in the pews. Children on the Choir side of the sanctuary are invited forward for their blessing during the bread distribution. Children on the pulpit side of the sanctuary are invited forward during the wine distribution. The bread is gluten-free, and the cups are filled with red wine and white grape juice. If communing, please fill out the communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.]

Invitation to Christ's Table

Christ's invitation is simple ~ sit down where you are... so it will be enough and break it into pieces you can handle. Sit down where you are.

Communion Prayer

God be with you. **And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God on high.**

Let us give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who raises us to new life. **We sing the praises of our Master and our Friend.**

We remember the Creator fed the aurora borealis and ocean depths, pterodactyls and diatoms, all we see now that grows and breathes, all that swims, swarms, slithers, all that runs, flies, leaps, and loves.

We remember Jesus Christ played vintner at a wedding feast, rubbed elbows with Zacchaeus' friends, taught the disciples that they should not substitute anything like stone or snake for really important menus like reduced lunch, soup kitchens, food pantries, or meals on wheels,

and, amid profound grief for his cousin John's death, expanded the disciples' understanding of the hope in bread crust and fish scraps, and then, when they forgot ~ did it again.

We remember a Passover in Jerusalem when Jesus borrowed an upper room, soaked and scrubbed the tired feet of others, and explained that there is a God-shaped hole in everyone's belly and Jesus would fill it with love....

Let us stop running to nearby villages with our hunger and thirst, and sit down here and now, to eat and drink to be blessed and broken.

Words of Institution

Merciful God, we recall anew ... and we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Epiciclesis

In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had... We ask God's blessing on them to make them enough.

God of compassion, You bless everything, even that which is broken, which we bring to You. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance we could never imagine. We pray that Your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon all bread and every cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of Yours and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in You. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Bread blessed and broken; **the bread of life broken for all.**

Fruit of the vine blessed and shared; **the cup of grace overflowing for all.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Take this bread, share this wine. **In these Christ comes to us with love from God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, O Holy One, and refreshed by the fruit of the vine, we thank You for this food of charity and beseech You that it might confirm our hearts and stir us to serve You. Help us gather the leftovers from the miracles in our lives and give them away to those in need. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN ~ *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God***

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Living God's WORD

*** THE COMMISSION, BENEDICTION, AND THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE ~ *I Shall Not Be Moved*

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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