



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

T and Th Office Hours: 11 am – 3 pm		
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Youth Fellowship
Tues:	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sat:	12:00 pm	Chili/Soup Pick up until 2 pm
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Souper Bowl Sunday
		<i>Scrip Orders Due</i>
	11:00 am	Youth Ensemble
	11:00 am	Personnel Committee Meeting
	11:00 am	Chili/Soup Pick up until 1 pm
	11:15 am	Fundraising Meeting

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. We are delighted that you joined us for worship. It is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God and know the love and peace that comes from sharing God's Spirit. 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.
Faith Formation Director	Amanda Dieter
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist	TBD
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matt Shields

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church

- **Preschool registration will begin Feb. 1** for children currently enrolled and Church members.. Contact Karen Weaver at karenls2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.
- Lil' Shepherd Preschool fundraiser is a **Super Bowl square grid. \$20 per square.** Tickets on sale in the Narthex, **Today, Feb. 5.**
- **Little Caesars Pizza** orders can be picked up on **Tuesday, Feb. 7** between 4 and 7 pm.
- On **Feb. 12**, our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith, our UCC Conference Sabbatical Minister who will speak on Open and Affirming.
- **Chili, Potato Soup & Chicken Pot Pie Soup Sale – Feb. 11 from noon to 2 pm, Feb. 12 after church to 1 pm.** Chili pints are \$6 and quarts are \$10, Soups are \$4 a pint and \$7 a quart.
- The **Youth Fellowship** is collecting cans of soup and boxes of crackers for **Souper Bowl Sunday** on **Feb. 12**. Donations will be given to the **Northern Lehigh Food Bank**. A financial offering will be taken as well to support **CACPAC**.
- **Ash Wednesday Service – Feb. 22 - 7 pm.** Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.
- **Gone Fishin' Night - Saturday, Mar. 4.** Doors Open at 4 pm. Meals served at 5 pm. Tickets \$10 on sale in the Narthex.
- Good Shepherd & Heidelberg UCC will be **hosting Family Promise the week of Feb. 26-March 5.** We need volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, please see Ann Hayes or email at ahayes2395@gmail.com
- On **April 1, 2023, Family Promise** will be holding our **Annual Homecoming** at the beautiful **Aster Event Center at Hyatt Place in Allentown.** Please see Ann Hayes or email at ahayes2395@gmail.com for more information.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Guest Organist	Judy Bingaman
Acolyte	Matthew Bowers
Joyful Noise	Weslie Frano
Head Deacon	Amanda Bowers
Lay Reader	Eric Hantz
Greeter	Matthew Bowers & Penny Keen
Altar Guild	Mary Storm
Media Production Team	Deb Craig, Riley Fallon, Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger and Beth Kutzner



Altar Flowers are in Memory of Eugene Miller.
The Bulletins are to the Honor and Glory of God.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Families of...Rev. David Knoebels, George Lahr, Betty Skenes
Family and Friends needing prayer: Carole Chaplin, Barry Eckhart, Holley Henderson, Daniel Howard, Levina Irvin, David Mackley, Tina Minnich, Chris Newhard, Ronald Rifenburg, Frank Soldridge, Jane Achey, Dave Bauer, Laura Castellani, Michael Dieffenderfer, Lisa Gilly, Jane Haldeman, Dan Hamm, Jim Joyce, Shawn Kress, Kevin Kroboth, Wayne Kuhns, Connie Renner, Alice Schnell, Nancy Schumaker, Dee Dee Sloane, Craig Solt, Sallie Solt, Rich Taylor.

*Purged at beginning of each month.
Renews are welcomed*

Homebound Members: Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Kay Costenbader, Dale-Ann Derr, Dennis Derr, Jean Hewitt, Betty Humanick, and Susan 'Tillie' Waller.

All the young men and women serving our country: Colby Adams, Anthony Babb, Elijah Colon, Dalton Housenick, Kira (Kern) Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Rebecca McMichael, Cory Musser, David Neff, Christie Peirsel, Spencer Perkins, Nicholas Sander, Clint Schaeffer, Benjamin Schaffer, Jacqueline Tracy, and Janel Tracy.



Wedding Anniversaries

Feb 07-David & Sonja (Loch) Derkits
Feb 09-Brian & Debra (Polzer) DeLong

Offerings Mission Calendar

Our Mission focus for **February** is **Soup/Ecumenical Kitchen.** Nourishing those over 35 years of feeding the hungry, serving more than 35,000 meals a year and providing access to medical care for those in need. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8th & Walnut Streets, Allentown, PA 18101 Noon to 1 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The LLC Soup Kitchen led by Charles Brannon for over 16 years, provides a nutritious well-balanced meal to all who are hungry as most live at or below poverty level.

Joyful Noise Offering

Joyful Noise Offering is an outreach mission of the church that goes to individuals or families in need. Please drop your contributions into the red bucket that one of our youth is holding in the Narthex prior to the service.

Financial Update Offering & Attendance

Jan 01-\$2,405.00 E-Giving \$284.46 (52)
Jan 08-\$2,176.00 E-Giving \$618.69 (81)
Jan 15-\$1,734.00 E-Giving \$421.73 (55)
Jan 22-\$2,566.00 E-Giving \$238.41 (79)
Jan 29-\$1,747.00 E-Giving \$176.61 (96)

Online offering at **Tithe.ly**
or text **GIVE to 610-615-7657**



Birthdays

Feb 06-Timothy Gad
Feb 08-Ashley Nagy
Feb 08-Angela Rex
Feb 09-Susan Bankes
Feb 09-Darlene Nothstein
Feb 10-Roy Kleintop
Feb 10-Cece Pyfer
Feb 11-Becky Haas

Snow, Ice, Winter Emergency Cancellations
check out TV Channel 69 or Radio Station WAEB 790am, our website and Facebook sites. Email or Texts.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus proclaimed, "You are the light of the world. **Praise God for the light in our hearts that come from Christ. Amen.**

*** HYMN ~ *Weave (twice)***

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

*** CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we have asked for Your righteous judgement against others, but have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshipped You with our lips but have dishonored You with our actions. We have prayed for You to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to Your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of Your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*** GLORY TO GOD (both verses)**

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RITE OF NEW MEMBERSHIP

As members of Christ's universal church, will you do all in your power to strengthen the ministries of Jesus Christ as we grow and learn together what it means to be a disciple?

I will with the help of God.

As members of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Slatington, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will with the help of God.

Do you, in the presence of God and of this congregation, confirm the covenant into which your baptism placed you, and to seal that covenant in Holy Communion; and are you ready, by grace, to follow the leading of Christ your Savior, to continue in this covenant?

I am.

Members and friends of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, what say you?

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Church of Christ, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church that in everything God may be glorified through Christ. Amen!!!

Hearing God's WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and our minds, so that we can understand the fullness of Your WORD. Amen!

A READING from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13-16 [NRSV]

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

RESPONSE

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

HOMILY ~ Greatness of Heart

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Where He Leads Me*

Chancel Choir

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.

Responding to God's WORD

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Like a spring whose waters never fail, **God calls us to share what we have received.** Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. **Amen.**

*** 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**

Loving God, we give thanks for all You have given to us and praise You for Your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of Your church. Bless our offering for the work of Your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all You have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

*** HYMN ~ *More Love to Thee, O Christ***

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Living God's WORD

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

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POSTLUDE

Liturgy from *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1*

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**Ash Wednesday Service – Feb. 22 - 7 pm.
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**

**Lenten Gatherings – Mar. 1, 8, 13, 22, 29 at 6:30
pm** in Fellowship Hall with a Soup and Salad dinner
followed by a play entitled The Case of Humanity vs
Pontius Pilate. A modern-day setting, Pontius Pilate
stands trial for ordering the Crucifixion of Jesus
Christ. The verdict will be left to the audience/jury.