



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

JULY 19, 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
		Closing VBS program
		<i>Scrip Orders Delivered</i>
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	12:00 pm	VALOR Dinner Delivered

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 July is

School of Theology at Moravian University
(formerly Lancaster Theological Seminary)

They are an ecumenical seminary that is known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues of importance to our world. www.lancasterseminary.edu

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 \$267.51 (91)

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

- 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. Northern Lehigh School District serves about 100 families each week.
- **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.
- We are **looking for sponsors for Bulletins, flowers and Holy Grounds refreshments**. Please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board.
- **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 over the summer** who would be able and willing to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive (provided) as a way to preserve our congregation’s history. Please contact Pastor James or Eileen Andrews if you would like to help.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Family and Friends needing prayer: Cheryl Henning, Barry Soldridge, Marc Benninger, Dale Bossons, Michael Bossons, Deb Derhammer, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Penny Keen, Bruce Kralik, Don Kutzner, Bryan Puskas, Barry Silfies, Carol Ziegenfus, Tom Alcaro, Karen Anthony, Gail Bell, Doug Farber, Donna Fox, Steve George, Barbara Hower, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Laurie, Chris Oertner, Randy Parks, Ty Sander, Gary Schneck, 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.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Acolyte	Jaxon Kline
Special Music	Dave Matsinko, Banjo/Guitar
Head Deacon	Mary Storm
Lay Reader	Monica Griffith
Greeter	Tammy Schaeffer
Altar Guild	Elizabeth Alcaro & Nancy Leitgeb
Media Team	Marie Bachman, Deb Craig, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, and Beth Kutzner

Altar Flowers are to the Honor and Glory of God.

Bulletins are to the Glory of God and in Honor of all who helped with VBS by Linda Soldridge.



Birthdays

Jul 19-David Nothstein
Jul 20-William “Biff” Hayes
Jul 21-Miles Kremposky
Jul 21-Ariana Smoyer
Jul 22-Elizabeth Alcaro
Jul 22-Jameson Schappell
Jul 22-Cynthia Schramel
Jul 23-Chase Kremposky
Jul 23-Jade Kremposky
Jul 23-Michael Kremposky
Jul 23-Kenny Reimert
Jul 24-Savannah Knittle
Jul 24-Jazmin Richardson
Jul 25-Delaney Dugan



Anniversaries

Jul 19-“Duke” & Alice (Musselman) Christman
Jul 20-Jeff & Pam (Anthony) Storm
Jul 21-Josh & Kara (Solt) Richardson
Jul 23-Darryl & Annette (Bellangee) Fatzinger
Jul 24-Travis & Jessica (Miller) Redline

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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JULY 19, 2026 - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CLOSING VBS PROGRAM

~ Into the Wilderness with God at Camp Good Shepherd ~

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

Gathering for God's **WORD**

PRELUDE ~ *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (org)*

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

*** WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to Into the Wilderness with God: Camp Good Shepherd! We gather with curiosity and joy. **We come ready to discover God's love in every adventure.**

Just as God journeyed with the people through the wilderness, God journeys with us today. **We are never alone. God is always with us.**

May this be a place of laughter, learning, friendship, and faith. **May our hearts be open, our spirits be brave, and our lives be filled with God's love.**

Let the adventure begin! **Amen!**

*** HYMN ~ *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and adventurous God, **thank You for bringing us together at Camp Good Shepherd. As the children share their journey that began on Monday, fill our hearts with wonder, our minds with curiosity, and our lives with Your love. We pray that the children have seen Your presence in every story they heard, every song they sang, every game they played, every craft they created, and every friend they met. Help us to celebrate with them and with You, knowing You are always by our side, guiding our steps with courage and hope. Bless each child, every youth helper, our counselors, volunteers, leaders, and all who have made this week possible. May this be a time of laughter, learning, friendship, and growing in faith. Now lead us through this wilderness adventure, O God, and help us discover that wherever life takes us, You are always with us. Amen.**

Celebrating God's WORD in Our Midst
BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Wayfaring Stranger, America, My Country 'Tis of Thee*
David Matsinko, Guitar

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

**We are entrusted with resources, gifts, and opportunities to participate in God's work
in the world. Let us offer our gifts today with gratitude, trusting God to bring
forth a harvest of hope, justice, and love. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*** 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 God, we dedicate these gifts to Your service. Use them to nurture
goodness, strengthen communities, and share Your love with all who are in need.
May our offerings join our acts of compassion and service to bring forth a
harvest of peace and blessing. In Your holy name we pray. Amen!**

Hearing God's WORD through our VBS Youngsters

HYMN ~ *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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Campers Process In

Opening Skit: Mary Storm, Amanda Smith, The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Day One

**Explanation (Lesson Matthew 4: 1-11 Jesus in the Wilderness): Michele Hunsicker,
Camp Counselor of The Green Sprouts**

Song: *The B.I.B.L.E.* - The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Day Two

Explanation (Lesson Genesis 15: 1-6 Abraham Counts the Stars & Exodus 3 Moses and the Burning Bush): Tammy White, Camp Counselor for The Green Sprouts

Songs: *Father Abraham and This Little Light of Mine* - The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Day Three

Explanation (Lesson I Kings 19: Elijah Still Small Voice): Brandi Palmer, Camp Counselor of The Mustard Seeds

Song: *Do Lord* - The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Day Four

Explanation (Lesson Matthew 17: 1-13 Jesus on the Mountaintop): Mary Storm, Camp Counselor for The Mustard Seeds

Song: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* - The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Day Five

Explanation (Lesson Matthew 4: 19 Jesus Fisherman of men): Kelsey Knittle-Moser, Camp Counselor of Crafts

Song: *Deep and Wide* - The Green Sprouts and The Mustard Seeds

Closing Skit / Remarks: Amanda Smith, Camp Director

* HYMN ~ *Kum ba Yah*

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Living God's WORD

* THE COMMISSION, BENEDICTION, AND THREE-FOLD AMEN #312

POSTLUDE ~ *Living for Jesus*

Our Campers

The Green Sprouts: Ella Andrews, Keely Andrews, Lila Boyle, Veea Barclay, Venna Barclay, April Chase, Evelyn Flexer, Kennedy Flexer, Isla Freyvogel, Harper Hechler, Willow Hechler, Allen Hunsicker, Henry Lett, Freya Palmer, Riley Smith, Henley White, Huntley White; Camp Counselors: Tammy White, Michele Hunsicker, Penny Keen

The Mustard Seeds: Gracie Duch, Aria Freyvogel, Kase Kohler, Amelia Lett, John Meckes, Amelia Taschler, Oasis Taschler, John Tona, Hatcher White, Holden White; Camp Counselors: Brandi Palmer, Viola Taschler, Mary Storm

Our Camp Staff

Camp Director: Amanda Smith

Assistant Camp Director: Phillip White

Music: Eric Hantz, Pastor James

Snacks: Jordan Knittle-Moser, Nathan Flexer, Cassie Flexer, Breonna Richardson

Crafts: Kelsey Knittle Moser, Jazmine Richardson

Science: RaeAnne Creyer, Michelle Schramel, Tyla Block

Games: MaryAnn Storm Wallace, Mackenzie Palmer

Media/Advertising: Deb Craig, Pam Puskas

Junior Counselors: Fiona Dieter, Jaxon Kline, Izzy Palmer, Mackenzi Palmer

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all our sponsors & all those who donated their time and talents to help make this year's VBS a SUCCESS! God Bless You!

Sponsors: Deb Craig, Eric Hantz, Adam Griffith, Ben Griffith, Katy Griffith, Noah Griffith, Linda Henninger, Brett & Michele Hunsicker, Penny Keen, Nancy Leitgeb, Brandi Palmer, Freya Palmer, Izzy Palmer, Mackenzie Palmer, Pam Puskas, Marilyn Rice, Breonna Richardson, Jazmine Richardson, Janice Silliman, Trent & Amanda Smith, Frank & Linda Soldridge, Jeff & Pam Storm, Mary Storm, MaryAnn Storm Wallace, Tammy White, John & Susan Zellner, Pastor James, and Hager's Furniture of Palmerton

TODAY'S GUEST MUSCIAN

Dave Matsinko is a talented multi-instrumentalist, singer, and teacher from NEPA.

Dave brings a love of music and an interest in history together by performing traditional folk and American Heritage Music. Dave interprets music from the folk and old-time American traditions on modern instruments with fine vocals, lively instrumentals, storytelling, and great joy in bringing this music to modern ears. The program is performed with vocals, guitar, old-time banjo, mandolin, and mountain dulcimer.

Through his music, Dave carries forward the stories and musical legacy of the people and history of Pennsylvania.