

We thank all of you who have chosen to honor or remember our First Responders, Military members and or Veterans. Your joining us today made this tribute an Honored Event.



Retrieval of Flags~

As a show of dignity and respect we ask that you allow a member of the event, located up front, to locate and retrieve your flag(s) for you.

If you give us your name, we will retrieve your flag(s) in an orderly fashion for you.

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ

3940 Mountain Road
Slatington, PA 18080



June 14, 2026

10:00am Worship Service

Recognizing 250 years of America's Anniversary



while honoring her
Military, Veterans
and First Responders





GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

JUNE 14, 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**
Field of Valor
Scrip Orders Due
Fri: 7:00 pm AA Back to Basics
Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation
10:00 am **Sunday Worship**
Father's Day
Organ Fund Special Offering
Scrip Orders 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

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Filming Disclosure: Our services are filmed and recorded for online viewers. As worshippers' 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 June is Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association

Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association is an ecumenical group of authorized ministers serving the Northern Lehigh Area. They sponsor scholarships at Northern Lehigh High School, organize baccalaureate services and midweek Lenten services in the community.

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)

June 07-\$2,918.00 E-Giving \$438.01 (94)

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.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Family and Friends needing prayer: Don Kutzner, Barry Silfies, Carol Ziegenfuss, First Responders, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, 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

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.



Birthdays

Jun 14-Madeline Balliet
Jun 15-Matt Dait
Jun 16-Eddie Krum II
Jun 19-Amanda Dieter
Jun 20-Kathy Elston
Jun 20-Roxane Prutzman



Anniversaries

Jun 14-Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
Jun 15-Trent & Amanda (Bowers) Smith
Jun 16-Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Acolyte
Head Deacon
Lay Reader
Greeters
Altar Guild
Media Team

TBD
Darlene Nothstein
Beth Kutzner
Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
Penny Keen
Marie Bachman, Deb Craig, 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 Madeline Balliet's Birthday by Robin Bellesfield.
Bulletins are to the Honor and Glory of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
JUNE 14, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIELD OF VALOR

“On Flag Day, we honor more than a symbol of a nation ~ we remember the countless acts of service, sacrifice, and hope stitched into its story.”

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather today in gratitude and remembrance, giving thanks for those who serve with courage and compassion.

We honor first responders, firefighters, EMTs, police, active military, veterans, and all who stand in the midst of danger for the sake of others.

We remember those who sacrificed greatly, and we pray for those who continue to serve.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude, our spirits with humility, and our lives with a deeper commitment to peace and service.

Let us worship the One who calls us to purpose, action, and hope. **Amen.**

*** HYMN** ~ *O God of Every Nation*

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, we know our highest allegiance is to YOUR WAY of justice, mercy, peace, and compassion. Shape our hearts that gratitude may become service, remembrance may become responsibility, and honor may become a deeper sense of our love for our neighbors. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We are reminded that every generation is entrusted with shaping what comes next. The freedoms we cherish and the communities we value were sustained by countless acts of generosity. Our giving today is one small but meaningful way of continuing that legacy ~ not only honoring the past but investing in the future. Let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY ~ *Amazing Grace*

Pipe Major Beth Ritter-Guth

A Christian hymn published in 1779 by the English clergyman John Newton. With a message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of the sins people commit and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God.

* 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

Holy One, we dedicate these gifts in gratitude for those who came before us and in hope for those who will follow. May we be reminded that true greatness is found in caring for one another. Bless these offerings that they may strengthen communities, support those in need, and become signs of hope in a divided world. May our giving reflect lives committed to service, gratitude, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

* HYMN ~ *This Is My Song*

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Hearing God's WORD

A READING from the Gospel of John 15:12-14

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

RESPONSE

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

REMARKS ~ Brian DeMorrow, Parker Haydt

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *My America*

Chancel Choir

CONGREGATION joins:

**My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!**

**Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.**

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.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS

As we make the transition to the outdoor portion of our Field of Valor, we are reminded that today is Flag Day and would like to recognize those who are present who are Active Military, Veterans, Police, Firefighters, EMTs, and all First Responders.

*** PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Oplinger-Hower American Legion Post 899

*** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scouts, Noah Griffith and Adam Griffith

THE FIRST RESPONDERS PRAYER

Amy Horninger, RN, PMH-BC

by Rev. Robert A Crutchfield

Gracious God ~ please make me strong when others are weak, brave when others are afraid, and vigilant when others are distracted by the chaos. Provide comfort and companionship to my family when I must be away. Serve beside me and protect me, as I seek to protect others. **Amen.**

DEDICATION CEREMONY

We gather to dedicate these flags in honor and memory of those listed in our program. In so doing these flags become a reminder of the depth of love and sacrifice that has been offered for us and all God's people by these faithful men and women. Therefore, we ask God to hear our prayers on behalf of these as well as all those who have answered God's call. Let us pray:

Gracious God, today we honor and remember all who have served and continue to serve as members of our armed forces, veterans, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and first responders. We give thanks for their dedication, courage, and willingness to answer the call to serve others.

We pray for those who carry wounds of body, mind, or spirit ~ wounds both seen and unseen. Bring healing to veterans and service members who have returned from distant lands and difficult experiences. Comfort those whose memories remain marked by war, disaster, tragedy, and loss. Surround them with Your peace, strength, and hope.

We remember with gratitude those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. Hold close the families, friends, and loved ones who continue to hold their memory dear. May they find comfort in the promise that love endures beyond death and that no act of selfless service is ever forgotten.

We give thanks for those who protect our communities, respond in times of crisis, and place themselves in harm's way for the sake of others. Bless all who work to preserve life, restore safety, and bring order in moments of fear and uncertainty. Watch over them in their daily responsibilities and grant them wisdom, courage, and protection.

For those who can no longer pray for themselves, we offer our prayers on their behalf. For those who continue to serve, grant strength. For those who have completed their service, grant peace. For those who mourn, grant comfort. For all who have answered the call to serve, grant Your abiding presence.

O God, help us honor their sacrifices not only with words but through lives committed to justice, compassion, service, and peace. Give us the vision of a world where conflicts are resolved through understanding, where violence gives way to

reconciliation, and where, in the words of the prophet, swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

May these flags stand as symbols of remembrance, gratitude, hope, and peace. Unite our hearts in thanksgiving for all who have served and inspire us to work for the well-being of all people.

We offer this prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

The 21-Gun Salute stands as a symbol of honor, gratitude, and respect for those who have faithfully answered the call to serve. The notes of Taps remind us that for many, a day of duty has ended and a life of service has been completed. It is a moment that calls us to reflection, gratitude, and remembrance.

At this time, I invite the Honor Guard to present the 21-Gun Salute and the sounding of Taps.

*** 21-GUN SALUTE** **Members of Oplinger-Hower American Legion Post 899**

*** TAPS** **Members of Oplinger-Hower American Legion Post 899**

*** HYMN ~ *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies***

O beautiful for spacious skies; For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties; Above the fruited plain!

(Chorus) America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood; From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for patriot dream; That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam; Undimmed by human tears
(Chorus)

*** RECESSIONAL ~ 343 *The Fallen*** **Pipe Major Beth Ritter-Guth**

Bagpipe tune in memory of those who did not come home after 9/11 - 2001. Among the fallen were 343 firefighters from New York who paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. Tune written by RS MacDonald.

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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FLAGS IN MEMORY OF:

Steward Bryfogle ~ Army, WWI
Abraham Dolby ~ Army, Civil War
Isaac Dolby ~ Army, Civil War
PFC John P. Erndl ~ Marines, Korea
T/4 Harold Daniel Folk ~ Army, WWII
John L. Franssen
SSgt. Franklin Fritzingler
Adam Guth ~ Revolutionary War
Lorenz Guth, Jr. ~ Revolutionary War
Sgt. Henry Hagey ~ Army, Civil War
Pvt. William Hagey ~ Army, Civil War
Jacob Hamman ~ War of 1812
TSgt. Richard H. Hantz ~ Army, WWII
Arlene Hennings
Blaine & Brenda Horn
Walter & Freda Horn
Pvt. Harvey Clay Huff ~ Army, WWII
Herbert A. Hunsicker ~ Army, WWII

Pvt. Sidney Reid Kling ~ Army, WWI
Geroge Knodler ~ Revolutionary War
Fred H. Koch ~ Volunteer Firefighter
Pvt. Lewis Koch ~ Army, Civil War
Cpl. Ward LaRue Koch ~ Marines WWII
Pvt. Solomon Kostenbader ~ Army, Civil War
Emanuel T. Leib ~ Army, Civil War
CH James Maury ~ Revolutionary War
Richard Moser
Ernest Moyer
Willard Moyer (over 700 combat missions)
Leamon Levi "Dutch" Nuss ~ Army, Korea
MSgt. Dallas Perkins
Peter Rabenold, Sr. ~ Revolutionary War
William R. Reabold, Sr. ~ WWII
Warren J. Reitz, Jr. ~ Navy, Vietnam

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Marie Reitz

George A. Sensinger
Adam Wingard Shirey ~ Cavalry, Civil War
Charles Henry Shirey ~ Army, Civil War
John Shirey ~ War of 1812
MSgt. Joseph J. Slanina
BT2 David D. Smith ~ Navy
Pvt. Winfield Scott Smith ~ Army, Civil War
Kenneth H. Wertman ~ Army, WWII

John Henry Wertz ~ Army, Civil War
Robert H. Wertz ~ Army, Civil War
Robyn "Chipper" Williams ~ Marines, Vietnam

Robert Delano Wright ~ Army, Korea

FLAGS IN HONOR OF:

Sgt. Major Dan Dailey ~ Army
(Highest Ranking enlisted man in US army)
Gary Fatzinger ~ 3rd Class petty officer
Sgt. Graham K. Hantz ~ Army, Afghanistan/Iraq
Lt. General Rhett Hernandez
(1st to head Army Cyber Command)
Herbert A. Hunsicker ~ Army, WWII

Don Kutzner
George E. Minnich
Spencer Perkins
Nicholas Sander ~ Marines
Toby Sander ~ Stroud Regional Police Officer
Slatedale Fire Company
Edward Smith ~ Navy
Frank Soldridge III ~ Army, Vietnam
Upper Lehigh Lions Club
Veterans of Americal Legion Post 899
Those that served, are presently serving
and those who will serve our country

Susan Sensinger
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Michelle, Bob & Robbie Schramel
Karen Smith
Linda Soldridge
Tammy Schaeffer
American Legion Post 899
Rae Anne Creyer

With heartfelt gratitude we extend our warmest thank you to:

- ✝ The members of our Armed Services, Police Forces, Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Teams both past and present for their service and sacrifices.
- ✝ The Citizen Fire Company of Slatedale and Germansville Fire Company for the ladder display with the Garrison Flag Arch.
- ✝ The Slatedale Cemetery Association for lending the outdoor stage.
- ✝ Members of Oplinger-Hower American Legion Post 899 for our Color Guard and bugler for Taps
- ✝ Pipe Major Beth Ritter-Guth: the first female Pipe Major of Liberty's Grenadier Band Pipe Corps in 1990. She is a member of the MacKay Pipe Band of South Bethlehem and Celtic United Pipes and Drums in Wind Gap.
- ✝ Speaker: Brian J. DeMorrow: A 23-year retired, disabled, combat veteran of the United States Air Force (USAF). He now serves as Outreach Ambassador and Executive Officer for the Founder of Valor Clinic Foundation.
- ✝ Speaker: Parker Haydt-Just graduated from Northampton. Many scholarships, president of his 4 H group, passed firefighter 1, Participated in the NCTI plumbers event since he won states.
- ✝ Prayer: Amy Horninger- Registered Nurse PMH-BC
- ✝ Pledge of Allegiance: Noah Griffith & Adam Griffith
- ✝ The Flag Store- Sciota, PA as our purchasing agent for our American made flags that adorn our field.
- ✝ Our Worship Team, Fellowship Team, Property Committee, Altar Guild, and office staff for making our Field of Valor a success.