



# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 15, 2025

## Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: T W 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

TH 8:00 am – Noon

Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	<b>Father's Day Sunday Worship</b>
		<b>Graduate Sunday</b>
		<i>Organ Special Offering</i>
		<i>Scrip Orders Delivered</i>
Tues:	7:00 pm	Choir Picnic
Wed:	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
	11:00 am	Sundae Sunday

## 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. 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](mailto:jamdarrob@gmail.com)>.

## Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist	Dr. Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
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 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 HS, 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 red bucket during the offering.

## Update Offering & (Attendance)

June 1-\$1,812.00 E-Giving \$191.44 (81)

June 8-\$2,115.00 E-Giving \$607.76 (104)

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. We've tested it and believe it is an improvement." Thank you for your patience. Sincerely, Good Shepherd Media Team."

## Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church.

- Financial Peace University, Wednesday's 6:30-8 pm taught by Monica Griffith again this summer. Dates are June 11,18,25, July 2,9,23,30, August 6, 13. No class on Wednesday, July 16. See Monica Griffith for more information. In-Person Class Registration: <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/031621> Virtual Class Registration: <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/722606> It's not too late to register.
- Pastor James is preparing sessions for the **next confirmation process**. Anyone who has completed 5th grade and desires to join the church is welcome to attend, along with their parents on **Sunday, June 29 at 11:15 am**, for a brief meeting. Please share this information with others who might be interested.
- Sundae Sunday** is **June 22** at 11 am following the worship service. If you would like to contribute, sign up sheet is in the Narthex.
- Vacation Bible School** will be **Monday, July 14** through **Sunday, July 20**. The **last VBS meeting** before VBS begins is **Tuesday, June 24th at 6pm at Heidelberg** for anyone who would like to attend to get any last-minute information. For more information, see Amanda Smith.
- We are **collecting packages of individual bags of goldfish for Backpack Buddies through June 29**. Northern Lehigh School District serves about 100 families each week.
- Looking for **volunteers to mow the lawn**. Please sign up in the Narthex for the week you would like to volunteer.
- Summer Breakfast Bunch** at **St. John's Lutheran Church**, Slatington will provide breakfast and a bag lunch **Monday through Friday** from **8:30 – 10 am**. The program will run from **June 16-August 22** for **ages 2 – 17. Volunteers and monetary donations or gift cards to local grocery stores are needed**. Contact St. John's Lutheran Church at 610-767-6361 or email them at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com).
- Looking for office volunteers** who have organizational skills and enjoy history. Also looking for someone who is able to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive. Please contact Pastor James or Eileen Andrews if you would like to help

## Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

**In Hospice...** Rick Keller

**Family and Friends needing prayer:** Randy Andrews, Dorothy Bishop, Sherry Bishop, Deb Craig, Jean Fatzinger, Lee Haas, Erik Henritz, Rich Keen, Sandy Keller, Karen Kolek, Dillon Sherman, Frank Soldridge, Chastity Corvino, Doug Farber, Frank Hart, Tracy Haydt, Barbara Hower, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Susan Lukon, Chris Oertner, Dennis Raver, Rich Remaley, Gary Schneck, Frank Strohl, Jenn Wentz, John Zellner, Helen Zolnowsky

*Purged at beginning of each month.; Renewals are welcomed*

**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.

**Prayers for Our Graduating Students:** Megan Bankes, Carissa Fallon, Emma Hope, Evan Horninger, Landon Moll, and Calista Smoyer.

*Our Worship Leaders Today.*

Guest Speaker	William “Biff” Hayes
Acolyte	Matthew Bowers
Head Deacon	Eddie Smith
Lay Reader	Beth Kutzner
Greeters	Gail & Tina Fetchko
Altar Guild	Penny Keen
Media Team	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 “Tillie”.  
**Bulletins** are to the Glory of God and in Honor of Amanda Dieter’s Birthday.



*Birthdays*

- June 15-Matt Dait
- June 16-Eddie Krum II
- June 17-Justin Conway
- June 18-Harlow Rodrigues
- June 19-Amanda Dieter
- June 20-Kathy Elston
- June 20-Roxanne Prutzman
- June 21-Joanne Feller



*Anniversaries*

- June 15-Trent & Amanda (Bowers) Smith
- June 16-Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein
- June 21-Kenny & Pat (Romig) Reimert

**GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



TRINITY SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 15, 2025 - TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**FATHER'S DAY/GRADUATE SUNDAY**

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

Gathering for God's WORD

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

**\* SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Worthy of worship, worthy of praise; worthy of love and devotion.

C: **Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear; worthy of all the hymns we sing.**

P: Almighty Father, master and Lord; king of all kings and redeemer.

C: **Almighty Son, counselor and comforter; truest of friends and sustainer.**

All: **Almighty Spirit, descend to our hearts; complete our Holy Trinity.**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, as we look around us, we see many reject the things that we hold dear. We pray for your presence with us this morning Lord, for we know there is no rejection within you. We pray for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit Lord, to draw us closer to you, and we know that your willing sacrifice of your Son Jesus has offered us a place in your eternal kingdom. We accept that gift in the name of your still-living Son. **Amen.**

**\* HYMN ~ *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**#5**

Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us come before God and confess our sins to him.

**\* CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin, and we cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. Forgive us! Renew us Lord, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way. And we ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God hears you. God sees you. God loves you. God forgives you.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:**

**He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.**

**He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

**He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.**

**HONORING OUR GRADUATES**

Hearing God's WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Loving God, open our hearts to your Word so that we may be inspired to receive the Holy Trinity.**

**A READING** from the Book of Romans 5:1-5 [NRSV]

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**RESPONSE**

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

**HOMILY ~ Ready for Anything**

**SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Father Abraham***

**Kids**

**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**

The Lord called us to return to him the first fruit that we pick, the first animal that we butcher. Today it is more likely that we return a portion of our paycheck. **Lord, we ask that our gifts may be used to help those who most need our help: the ill, the indigent, the oppressed. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY ~ *Be Thou My Vision***

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**#47**

**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 who has called us and changed us, take these gifts and use them to transform lives, to open eyes, and to shine light in dark places. Bless us and our gifts that through our offerings Your grace may be known. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\* HYMN ~ *Faith of Our Fathers***

**#635**

Living God's WORD

**\* THE COMMISSION**

**GO out into the world with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; repay no one with evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; and love and serve the Lord God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*BENEDICTION, AND THREE-FOLD AMEN #312**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE ~ *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry***

Liturgy by Ministry Matters

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Our speaker today is **William “Biff” Hayes**. He is a retired pastor from Grace UCC, Tannersville, PA and a member of Good Shepherd.

## **Graduate Sunday 2025**

**Megan Veronica Bankes**, daughter of Michael & Susan (Endres) Bankes, graduated from Glenville State University on May 10, 2025, with a degree in Criminal Justice Field Forensics and a minor in computer information systems. Megan hopes to enter the death investigation field as a crime scene analyst.

**Carissa Ilene Fallon**, daughter of Craig & Sheri (Young) Fallon, graduated from Penn State University on May 10, 2025, with a Bachelor’s degree in Finance. She was in the top 12% of her class and was also a Schreyer Honors Scholar. She is currently looking for employment.

**Emma Ruth Hope**, daughter of Rhonda Hope, graduated from Kutztown University on May 17, 2025, with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and minors in Sociology and women & Gender studies. Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein are Emma’s grandparents, members of Good Shepherd.

**Evan Parker Horninger**, son of Brian & Amy (Heffelfinger) Horninger, graduated from DeSales University on May 17, 2025, with a Bachelor’s degree in Sport & Exercise Physiology. He will be going for a Master’s degree in Exercise Science while working in Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab at St. Luke’s.

**Landon Brady Moll**, son of Nichole (Miller) Jones, graduated from Northern Lehigh High School on Friday June 6, 2025. Landon was an Honor Roll Student, a 4-year varsity athlete, and was nominated by the Morning Call as player of the week during football season. Landon also received \$1400 in scholarship money. He will be attending West Chester University to study sports medicine. His grandparents are Carlton & Terri (Reinheimer) Miller, members of Good Shepherd.

**Calista Lee Smoyer**, daughter of Ryan & Alana (Zellner) Smoyer, graduated from West Virginia University Grad School on May 16, 2025. Calista has accepted a position as a Speech & Language Pathologist at Sinking Spring Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She will begin her employment in June 2025. She is the granddaughter of John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner, members of Good Shepherd.