



# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 21, 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**  
**Father's Day**  
*Organ Fund Special Offering*  
*Scrip Orders Delivered*  
Fri: 7:00 pm AA Back to Basics  
Sun: 10:00 am **Sunday Worship**  
11:00 am Gift Card Bonanza Raffle  
11:15 am Sundae Sunday  
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](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 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 \$742.34 (94)  
June 14-\$2,222.00 E-Giving \$218.11 (107)

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 packages of individual bags of goldfish for Backpack Buddies through June 29**. We collected 150 individual fruit cups for March & April. Thank you all for your donations. Northern Lehigh School District serves about 100 families each week.
- Fundraising will once again be offering **Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Passes** for a \$5.00 donation. The pass will be good for on-line and in store shopping on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 from 8 AM - 11 PM**. Last year we made a profit of \$535.00. If anyone is interested, passes will be available in the narthex. We also encourage everyone to help with promoting this worthwhile project. A prize will be awarded to the person taking in the most donations.
- **VBS Theme Into the Wilderness with God at Camp Good Shepherd, July 13-17th 6-8pm** Campout, July 18-19th with hot dog/hamburger dinner and light breakfast before church on the 19th Closing: during church service on the 19th at 10am. Registration forms are available to sign up children 3 and up. See Amanda Smith for registration forms.
- 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**. Mowers and gas for them 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 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

**Families of...** Betty Mathias

**Family and Friends needing prayer:** Deb Derhammer, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Don Kutzner, 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  
Head Deacon  
Lay Reader  
Greeters  
Altar Guild  
Media Team

Jaxon Kline  
Darlene Nothstein  
Jodie Hourt  
Eddie & Karen Smith  
Penny Keen

Marie Bachman, Deb Craig, 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*

Jun 21-Joanne Feller  
Jun 22-Randy Kresge  
Jun 22-Tyler Schappell  
Jun 23-Kathryn Foster  
Jun 24-Dale Boyer  
Jun 24-Dennis Boyer  
Jun 24-Holden White  
Jun 26-Greg Koneschusky



*Anniversaries*

Jun 22-Bruce & Lori (Frantz) Balliet  
Jun 23-Jin & Laura (Parks) George  
Jun 24-Terry & Susan (Schlosser) Shelly  
Jun 25-Nicholas & Kelsey (Spragley) Sander  
Jun 25-Troy & Karen (Conarty) Weaver

**GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

 Happy  
Father's  
Day! 

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026**  
**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 21, 2026 - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**“Those who sing pray twice.” ~ St. Augustine**

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

Gathering for God's **WORD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** ~ *Simple Gifts*

**\* SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, bringing your fears, your hopes, and your questions. **We come seeking the courage to follow Christ.**

Do not be afraid, for you are known and loved by God. **We come trusting the One who calls us by name.**

Christ invites us into lives of compassion, justice, and bold witness. **We come to worship with open hearts and willing spirits.**

Let us worship the God who calls, comforts, and sends us forth in love. **Amen!**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, **You know us completely ~ even the fears we carry and the burdens we hide. Yet You continue to call us into lives of courage, compassion, and faithfulness. As we gather in worship, quiet our anxieties and strengthen our spirits. Help us trust Your presence when the path is difficult and remain faithful to the ways of love, justice, and mercy. Teach us to follow Christ with courage and to live as people of hope in a world longing for healing. Be**

**with us in this time of worship and transform us through Your presence. Amen.**

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

**#635**

Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

**\* WHAT WE BELIEVE TOGETHER**

**We believe in God, who creates us for community and calls us to love one another. We believe in Jesus Christ, who gathers us as one body and shows us the way of grace. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among us, inspiring joy, generosity, and faithful witness. We believe we are called to live together with glad and generous hearts, reflecting God's love in all we do. Amen.**

**\*PRAISE VERSICLE ~ *Glory to God***

**#34**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS**

**BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS**

Hearing God's WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, open our hearts and minds as Your WORD is read.  
Amen!**

**A READING** from the Gospel of Matthew 10:24-39 [NRSVUE]

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of

them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## **RESPONSE**

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

## **HOMILY ~ Daring Discipleship**

### **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 GENEROSITY**

Jesus reminds us that God knows and values every part of our lives. In gratitude for such abundant love, let us share our gifts so that hope, compassion, and justice may continue to grow in our community and beyond. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** ~ *Change My Heart, O God*

**\* 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**

**Loving God, receive these gifts and bless us who offer them. May they become signs of Your love in the world ~ bringing comfort to the weary, hope to the discouraged, and support to those in need. Use us and these offerings for the work of Your reign of justice and peace. Amen!**

**\* HYMN** ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**#86**

Living God's WORD

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

**POSTLUDE** ~ *Lead Me, Lord*

**OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED;  
OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS BEGINS**

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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