



# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 7, 2026

### Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: T 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sun:	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Graduate Sunday
Mon:	7:00 pm	Consistory Meeting
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Field of Valor
		Scrip Orders Due

### 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
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 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

May 03-\$1,867.00 E-Giving \$360.70 (98)  
 May 10-\$3,370.00 E-Giving \$500.53 (85)  
 May 17-\$2,480.00 E-Giving \$155.70 (84)  
 May 24-\$1,927.00 E-Giving \$155.70 (102)  
 May 31-\$2,342.00 E-Giving \$228.11 (79)

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.
- **Field of Valor ~ June 14.**
- Noah Griffith is revamping the music room for his Eagle Scout Service Project to benefit Good Shepherd UCC. To sponsor this project, in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of, please use the special envelopes on the table in the Narthex and place in the offering plate.
- **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.

### Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Purged at beginning of each month  
Renews are Welcome

**Family and Friends needing prayer:** Don Kutzner, 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

**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.*

Guest Speaker  
Acolyte  
Head Deacon  
Lay Reader  
Greeters  
Altar Guild  
Media Team

Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman  
Jaxon Kline  
Darlene Nothstein  
Rae Anne Creyer  
Rae Anne Creyer & Wynn  
Penny Keen

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 Memory of sister, Darlene Bean by Randy & Eileen Andrews



*Birthdays*

Jun 07-Barbara Kremposky  
Jun 08-Robert Schramel  
Jun 09-Jean Edwards  
Jun 09-Susan Shelly  
Jun 10-Erv Prutzman  
Jun 11-David DeLong  
Jun 11-Jordan Knittle-Moser  
Jun 12-Makenna Frantz  
Jun 13-Willow Fister  
Jun 13-Macie Haberman



*Anniversaries*

Jun 01-Greg & Connie (Smoyer) Fogle  
Jun 03-Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers

## GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026**  
**2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 7, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**GRADUATE SUNDAY**

**“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts” ~ Aristotle**  
**~ many dimensions, one unity.**

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

Gathering for God's WORD

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** ~ *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**\* SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us, as Abraham was called, to leave behind what is familiar and step into new possibilities. **We come, trusting the One who leads us.**

Christ walks beside us on the journey, showing us the way of love and grace. **We come, seeking wisdom, courage, and hope.**

The Holy Spirit stirs within us, inviting us to become a blessing to others. **Let us worship the God who calls, accompanies, and sends us into the world with love.**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy One ~ Creator, Christ, and Spirit ~ You called Abraham into an unknown future with nothing but a promise. You continue to call each of us beyond comfort, beyond fear, and into lives of faith, compassion, and purpose. Open our hearts this day to hear Your voice. Give us courage to trust where You lead. Help us become a blessing in our communities, our relationships, and this world You love. As we gather in worship, remind us that we do not journey alone. You are with us in every beginning, every uncertainty, and every step forward. Guide us deeper into Your mystery and closer to Your love. Amen.**

**\* HYMN** ~ *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

**\* PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

The Holy Mystery ~ Creator, Christ, and Spirit ~ knows our shortcomings and loves us still. Let us pray,

**Holy One, You call us into journeys we do not always understand. Yet too often we cling to what is familiar. We resist change, avoid risk, and choose comfort over compassion. Forgive us when fears keep us from trusting You. Forgive us when we fail to become a blessing to others. Forgive us when our words divide, our silence harms, or our actions fall short of Your hope for the world.**

**Transform us, O God. Renew our hearts with courage. Open our eyes to new possibilities. Lead us toward lives marked by justice, kindness, generosity, and love. Shape us into people willing to follow where You lead, that we might become a blessing for our neighbors and for the world. Amen.**

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

Receive this grace: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are being made new.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\* PRAISE VERSICLE ~ *Clap Your Hands***

**#38**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell and on the third day rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS**

Hearing God's WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, may Your Living WORD inspire, challenge, and transform us  
Amen!**

**A READING** from the Hebrew text of Genesis 12:1-9 [NRSVUE]

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

**RESPONSE**

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

**HOMILY ~ The Call of Abram**

**Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman**

**SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *God Is There***

**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 GENEROSITY**

Like Abraham, we are called to trust God's promises and become a blessing to others.  
**In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our gifts, our lives, and our generosity for the work of love in the world. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** ~ *Your Name*

**\* 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**

**Holy One ~ Creator, Christ, and Spirit ~ bless these gifts and those who give them. May what we offer today become a blessing to others, bringing hope, compassion, and new possibilities into the world. Use us and these offerings for Your work of love and justice. Amen!**

**\* HYMN** ~ *The Church's One Foundation*

**#272**

Living God's WORD

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

**POSTLUDE** ~ *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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## Graduate Sunday 2026

**Alex Michael Beblavy**, son of Peter & Kelly (Ruddick) Beblavy and Stacy (Solt) Beblavy, graduated from Palmerton High School on June 4, 2026. He is going to Kutztown University to study Information Technology in the Honors Program. In High School he participated in marching band, concert band, jazz band, chorus, and stage crew. He is going to play trumpet in the Kutztown Marching Band. Alex is the grandson of Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy.

**Patrick Henry James Conway**, son of Joseph III & Sharon (Mack) Conway graduated from Northern Lehigh High School on June 5, 2026. Patrick was a member of Northern Lehigh Patriot Club, Northern Lehigh Football, Guitar Club and President of the National Honors Society. He was nominated Prom King in his Senior year. Patrick will be attending Jacksonville University, Florida and will be pursuing a degree in Psychology and will be a member of the shotgun sports (trapshooting) team. Patrick is the grandson of Judy (Graver) Mack.

**Aricka Marguerite Creyer**, daughter of Rae Anne (Haldeman) Creyer, graduated from Lehigh County Community College on May 18, 2026. She is currently in West Virginia employed as a river guide with Adventures on the Gorge. Aricka is enrolled in EMT classes.

**Benjamin Mark Griffith**, son of Jonathan Griffith & Monica (Zellner) Griffith, received an EMT Certificate from Northampton County Community College. Ben's grandparents are John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner.

**Olivia Anne Inkyung Horninger**, daughter of Bryan & Amy (Heffelfinger) Horninger, graduated from Cedar Crest College on May 9, 2026, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. During her time at Cedar Crest, she was on the field hockey, wrestling, & track & field team. Olivia was an e-board member of the SAAC (student athletic advisory committee), second team all-conference 2024-2025 season & 2025-2026 season, NFHCA academic squad, and the Dean's list fall & spring 2025-2026.

**Jade Marie Rice**, daughter of Connie (Smoyer) Fogle & Barry Rice, is graduating from DeSales University on August 9, 2026, with a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Jade is the granddaughter of Marilyn (Markell) Rice.

**Breonna Debra Richarson**, granddaughter of Brian & Debra (Polzer) DeLong, graduated from Lehigh County Technical Institute on May 28, 2026, and Northwestern Lehigh High School on May 29, 2026. She will be attending West Chester University for International Relations Political Science and a minor in Language.

**Brody Nathan Ritter**, son of Marie Bachman & Deb O'Brien, Melanie Ritter & Karen Harrison and Michael Frohnheiser, graduated from University of Delaware on May 23, 2026, with a Faculty Award in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. Brody was a member of the Blue Hen Birding Club, Wildlife Society and Alpha Zeta Co-ed Fraternity. Brody spent January of 2024 in Tanzania learning about the wildlife and tribes that call Tanzania home.

In the summer of 2024, he was a Youth Conservation Corps. Team Leader with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

**Caden Edwin Shields**, son of Matthew Shields, Sr. & Colleen (Krum) Shields, graduated from Muhlenberg College on May 17, 2026, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He made the Dean's list each semester. Caden will continue to work at CH Robinson, the distribution center in Bethlehem, PA. Caden is the grandson of Carol (Jones) Krum.

**Aiden Lukas Solt**, son of Todd & Julie (Coffin) Solt is graduating on June 9, 2026, from Lehigh Area High School. He plans on attending Lebanon Valley College majoring in Actuarial Science and minoring in Economics.

In high school Aiden played baseball and basketball and was involved in FBLA, Student Council, and National Honors Society. He serves as senior class treasurer and was a captain of his baseball team. Aiden is the grandson of Jeff & Linda (Bachman) Coffin.

**Luke Ellis Zook**, son of Ed & Sonya Zook graduated from Villanova University on May 19, 2026, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a Minor in Sustainable Engineering. In May-June of 2025, Luke studied Civil Engineering and Theology at Urbino University, Urbino, Marche Region, Italy. Luke was in the Phi Sigma Pi national Honors Fraternity and a Villanova Special Olympics Volunteer Coordinator. He is a member of the American Society of Engineers. Luke is the grandson of Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein.