



# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JUNE 9, 2024

### Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: T W Th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation  
 10:00 am **Worship Service/Hymn Sing**  
**Graduation Sunday**  
*Scrip Orders Due*  
*Organ Fund Special Offering*  
 11:15 am Youth Ensemble

Wed: 6:30 pm Financial Peace University

Fri: 7:00 pm AA Back to Basics

Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation  
 10:00 am **Worship Service/Father's Day**  
*Scrip Orders Delivered*  
*Socks for VALOR due*  
 11:15 am Faith Formation Team Meeting

### 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>.

### 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

### Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church.

- Property Committee needs people to **mow the grass**. Please sign-up in the Narthex.
- If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. It's time for your struggle to end. Join Monica Griffith's in person or virtual **Financial Peace University class** starting on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 through August 14 every Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm** (except July 24) and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/DFA076> to sign up!
- Collecting socks for VALOR until June 16.**
- Today, Joyful Noise Offering will be going to Friends of PNEC.**
- Youth ensemble** will be presenting music on **June 16.**
- Those interested in the **confirmation process** should sign up in the Narthex by the **end of June.**
- There are four Sunday's **needing special music**. They are: **June 23, June 30, July 28, and August 11th**. If you would like to present special music, please let Beth Kutzner know as soon as possible. She will need the piece you plan on performing and a short bio to include in the bulletin.
- Grill In' Raffle, Sunday, June 23 after church service.** For tickets, see Karen Smith or Bonnie Hewitt.
- Choir picnic**, in the pavilion, on **Tuesday, June 18th** starting at **6 PM**. All choir and media members, as well as their families, are invited to the picnic.

### Our Worship Leaders Today.

Guest Pianist	Mitchell Hourt
Head Deacon	Mary Storm
Lay Reader	Rae Anne Creyer
Greeters	Rae Anne Creyer & Judy
Altar Guild	Bonnie Hewitt
Media Production 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.  
The **Bulletins** are to the Honor & Glory of God.

### Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

**Family of...** Dale Lakatos, Sr.  
**In Hospice...** Louise Croll, Barbara Mathias  
**Family and Friends needing prayer:** Ann Goff, Chris Oertner, Kim Rex, Zachary Storm, Jane Achey, Gail Bell, Jim Craig, Keith Gross, Shawn Kress, Kevin Kroboth, Faith Mondrick Lauer, Chris Newhard, Connie Renner, Kylie Schneider, Sandy Serfass, Tiffany Silfies, Mary Storm, Frank Strohl, Rich Taylor, MaryEllen White, Helen Zolnowsky.

**Homebound Members:** Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Peter and Shirley Blynn, Kay Costenbader, Dennis Derr, Donna Fox, Betty Humanick, Richard Kuntz, Carol Schweitzer, and Susan 'Tillie' Waller.

**All the young men and women serving our country:** Colby Adams, Anthony Babb, Sean Bolza, Dalton Housenick, Kira (Kern) Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Marcus Loch, Rebecca McMichael, Jacob Molchan, Adam Moyer, Jacqueline Moyer, Spencer Perkins, Nicholas Sander, Benjamin Schaffer, and Janel Tracy.



### Anniversaries

Jun 14-Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker

### Offerings Mission Calendar

**Mission Outreach for June is Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association**, 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 Offering

**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. **Today's offering will be going to Friends of PNEC.**

### Financial Update Offering & Attendance

June 02-\$2,815.00 E-Giving \$217.49 (86)

Online offering at **Tithe.ly**  
or text **GIVE to 610-615-7657**



### Birthdays

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-Linda Dries  
 Jun 13-Macie Haberman  
 Jun 13-Willow Fister  
 Jun 14-Madeline Balliet  
 Jun 15-Matt Dait

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**JUNE 9, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** ~ *Hymn of Faith*

**\* SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious and Loving God, as we gather in this sacred space to raise our voices in song, we invite Your presence to dwell among us. Guide our hearts and minds as we lift melodies of praise, uniting in harmony to glorify Your holy name. Bless our time of hymn singing, O Lord, that it may inspire, uplift, and renew our spirits. In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

**PSALTER:** Psalm 147:1, 7

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**HYMN** ~ *Praise Him, Praise Him* (verse 1) #93

**HYMN** ~ *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* (verse 1, 4) #602

**HEBREW LESSON:** I Chronicles 16:23-25b

Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

**HYMN** ~ *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (verse 1, 4) #85

**HYMN** ~ *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (verse 1, 2) #576

**EPISTLE LESSON:** James 5:13b

Are any [among you] cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

**HYMN** ~ *Just as I Am* (verse 1, 4) #339

**HONORING OUR GRADUATES**

**HYMN ~ *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (verse 1, 3)** #585

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 26:30

Following the celebration of the Passover ... “When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

**HYMN ~ *I Love to Tell the Story* (verse 1, 3)** #480

**INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Let us give with cheerful hearts as we sing praises to the Lord. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY ~ *Ave Verum***

**\* 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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we bring our tithes and offerings before You and ask that You might bless them and us for Your work in this world. May we carry with us tunes of joy and celebration as we continue to serve others in Christ’s name praying, 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.**

**\* HYMN ~ *Faith of Our Fathers*** #635

**\* CLOSING PRAYER**

**As the echoes of our hymns fade into the silence, we give thanks for the gift of music and fellowship. May the melodies we’ve shared continue to resonate in our hearts, guiding us closer to You and to one another through the week ahead. In Your name, we pray. Amen.**

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

**POSTLUDE ~*Chorale: A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

## **Graduate Sunday 2024**

**Please join together in wishing our graduates continued success in their future endeavors.**

**Tyla Faith Block**, daughter of Michael & Carrie (Kohler) Block, graduated from Allentown Central Catholic High School on May 31, 2024. She received a Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute Athlete Community Service Scholarship. Tyla will be attending Widener University where she will be majoring in Psychology on a 3 + 3 Accelerated Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program and Swimming.

**Dylan Michael Coffin**, son of Todd & Julie (Coffin) Solt, graduated from Moravian University on May 4, 2024. He was awarded the Douglas R. Anderson Prize in Philosophy. He is the grandson of Jeff & Linda (Bachman) Coffin.

**Aricka Marguerite Creyer**, daughter of Rae Anne (Haldeman) Creyer, graduated from Northern Lehigh High School and Lehigh Career Technical Institute on May 31, 2024. She received \$3600 in awards and scholarships. Aricka plans to attend Cedar Crest College for Nutrition and to study to be a Physician's Assistant. She attended Girl Scouts for all 13 years and is in the process of completing the final portion for her Gold Award.

**Kathryn "Katy" Irene Griffith**, daughter of Monica (Zellner) Griffith and Jonathan Griffith, graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School on May 31, 2024. She is the granddaughter of John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner. Katy's post-secondary plans include attending Cedar Crest College to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. (BSN).

**Sarah Rose Hope**, daughter of Rhonda (Confer) Hope, graduated from Tamaqua Area High School on May 23, 2024. She graduated 2nd in her class and received a \$10,000 scholarship for doing so. She also received an additional \$8,350 in scholarships and awards. She played soccer, basketball and made it to districts in track. She is the granddaughter of Dick & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein. Sarah will be attending LCCC for Biology and Secondary Education.

**Mitchell Thomas Hourt**, son of Tom & Jodie (Sillers) Hourt, graduated from Moravian University on May 4, 2024. He is also the grandson of Sandra (Bonser) Sillers. Mitchell earned a degree in music education and was awarded the Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award for an outstanding music major in their final year of study.

**Cecelia “Cece” Mary Pyfer**, daughter of Peter & Kelly (Ruddick) Beblavy, graduated from Palmerton High School on June 4, 2024. She received \$1000 in awards and scholarships. Her grandparents are Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy. Cece will be attending Lehigh Carbon Community College and plans to transfer to Westchester University to study Psychology.

**Jade Marie Rice**, daughter of Connie (Smoyer) Fogle & Barry Rice, graduated from Bloomsburg University on May 11, 2024. Her grandmother is Marilyn (Markell) Rice. Jade will be attending DeSales University in the fall to pursue a master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology.

