



# GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MAY 31, 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: 9:00 am Faith Formation  
10:00 am **Sunday Worship**  
*Strengthen the Church Special Offering*  
12:00 pm VALOR Dinner Delivered  
Fri: 7:00 pm AA Back to Basics  
Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation  
10:00 am **Sunday Worship**  
**Graduate 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. 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 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 May is Muscular Dystrophy

MDA is leading the fight to free individuals – and their families from the harmful effects of muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases so they can live longer and grow stronger. [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org).

### 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)

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.

- If you have a **family member graduating** from high school/college/university/trade school and would like to have their information included in our bulletin for **Graduate Sunday** on **June 7**, please take an information sheet in the Narthex and **return it to the office by today**.
- 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**. As part of the event, we will offer American-made flags for purchase. Each flag can be dedicated in honor or in memory of someone special, whether an individual or on behalf of an organization - and will be displayed in our Field of Valor during the service. After worship, you are welcome to take the flag home as a keepsake. See Display in Narthex for more information, or Deb Craig [gsucc@ptd.net](mailto:gsucc@ptd.net). Flags need to be ordered by **today, Sunday, May 31**.
- **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 15-August 24** 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).
- 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.

### Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

**Family of...**Chaise Terruta

**In Hospice...**Bill Black

**Family and Friends needing prayer:** Friends dealing with breast cancer, Tom Alcaro, Baby Jack, Deb Derhammer, Mary Eckhart, Debbie & Carson Flyte, Ruthann Fries, Jennifer Frohnheiser, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Shawn Kress, Billy Markell, Randy Parks, Bill Puskas, Trinity UCC, Wehr family, Carol Ziegenfus, Karen Anthony, Gail Bell, Doug Farber, Donna Fox, Steve George, Barbara Hower, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Laurie, Chris Oertner, 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

Samantha Richardson  
Evan Shoemaker  
Beth Kutzner  
Randy & Eileen Andrews  
Sharon Conway

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*

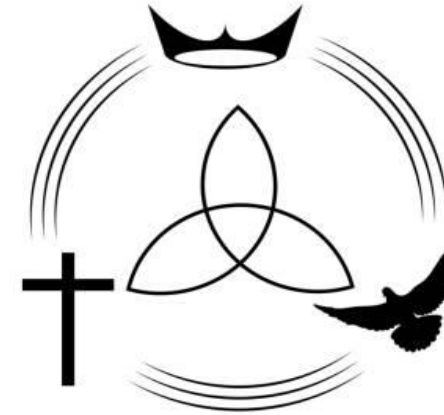
May 31-Cheryl Bowers  
May 31-Emma Kremposky  
Jun 01-June Frohnheiser  
Jun 02-Aubrey Hagenbuch  
Jun 02-Allen Hunsicker  
Jun 02-Emmett Sander  
Jun 02-Mark Schaeffer  
Jun 02-John Tona  
Jun 03-Sharon Conway  
Jun 03-Michael Passaro  
Jun 03-Shirley Smith  
Jun 04-Emily McGinnis  
Jun 05-Albert Falat  
Jun 06-Debbie Derhammer  
Jun 06-Gwynne Pitruzzello



*Anniversaries*

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

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TRINITY SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**MAY 31, 2026 - TRINITY SUNDAY**

**TRINITY**

**Trinity Sunday** celebrates the mystery of one God in three persons ~ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit ~ revealing God's relationship of love at the heart of all life.

**“In the beginning was relationship.” ~ Richard Rohr**

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

Gathering for God's **WORD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE ~ *It Is Well with My Soul***

**\* SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **The Spirit moved, the WORD spoke, and life began.**

Light and darkness, land and sea, creatures great and small ~ **God saw it all and called it good.**

We are created in the image of the Triune God ~ **Let us worship the One who creates, redeems, and sustains all life.**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy Mystery, Three-in-One, You are beyond our understanding, yet closer than our breath. You spoke creation into being, breathed life into all that is, and continue to sustain the world in love. As we gather in worship, open our hearts to the wonder of Your presence. Help us to trust the mystery, to live within Your love, and to celebrate the goodness of all You have made. Through Christ, who reveals Your grace. Amen.**

**\* HYMN ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West***

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's **WORD**

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

God calls creation good ~ yet we do not always honor that goodness. We forget our connection to one another and to the world. Let us turn again to God, who restores and renews.

**Loving God, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, You have made us in Your image, yet we confess that we often distort that image. We misuse what You have created, we neglect what You have entrusted to us, and we forget the goodness You placed within us and around us. Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts and restore our vision, that we may see the world as You see it ~ good, beloved, and full of possibility. Guide us to live in harmony with all creation and in faithful relationship with one another. Amen.**

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

God who created all things good continues to renew and restore us in love. In Christ, we are forgiven; by the Spirit, we are made new. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS**

**BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS**

Hearing God's WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, as Your WORD is read and proclaimed, open our hearts to the beauty and depth of Your truth. Help us to hear the rhythm of creation, to see the goodness You have declared, and to understand our place within Your story. Through Christ, the Living WORD. Amen.**

**A CONSOLIDATED READING** from the Hebrew text of Genesis 1:1-2:4

When God began creation, the earth was formless and covered in darkness, and the Spirit of God moved over the waters. God spoke light into being, separating light from darkness and calling them Day and Night. God created the sky, gathered the waters to reveal dry land, and brought forth plants, trees, and vegetation. God placed the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens to mark seasons, days, and years. The waters swarmed with living creatures, birds filled the sky, and creatures of every kind moved upon the earth. And God called it good.

Then God created humankind in the divine image and entrusted them with the care of creation. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and care for it.” God provided the earth’s abundance for all living things. And God called it good.

God looked upon everything that had been made, and indeed, it was very good. Thus, the heavens and the earth were completed. Having finished the work of creation, God rested on the seventh day, blessed it, and made it holy. These are the beginnings of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**RESPONSE**

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

**HOMILY ~ This is Good**

**SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Song for the Unsung Hero***

**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**

All that we have is a gift from the God who creates, redeems, and sustains. **In gratitude for the goodness of creation and the abundance of life, we offer our gifts ~ that they may be used to care for the world and for one another.** Let us give with thankful hearts.

**OFFERTORY** ~ *Great is the Lord*

**\* 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**

**Generous and Loving God, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as expressions of our care for Your creation. Use them to bring life, hope, and healing to all that You have made. May our giving reflect the love of the Trinity ~ creative, redeeming, and sustaining. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* HYMN ~ *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand***

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Living God's WORD

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

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**POSTLUDE** ~ *Hope of the World*

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

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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**Family Promise Thank You!** – Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to host our Family Promise guests! Our guests were well fed and appreciated all the snacks and drinks provided. We could not do it without all of you! - Family Promise Coordinators at Heidelberg Union Church