



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER 1, 2023

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: T and W 11 am – 3 pm

Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Friendship Sunday/ World Communion Sunday Pastor James's 25 th Anniversary Of Ordination
	11:00 am	Reception in Fellowship Hall
Tue:	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship Service <i>Scrip Orders Due</i>
	11:00 am	Youth Ensemble
	11:15 am	Fundraising Meeting

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Good Shepherd 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.
Faith Formation Director	Amanda Dieter
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist/Pianist	Yezi Chen
Choir Director	Beth Kutzner
Secretary	Eileen Andrews
Treasurer	Tammy White
Financial Secretary	Colleen Shields
Sexton	Matt Shields

We are proud to be an open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church.

- **Acolyte needed for October through December.** Please sign up in the Narthex or see Pastor James if you are able to serve on one of these Sundays.
- **Youth Ensemble** meets the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month after church until 11:45 am. We play games, sing, and play bells.
- **Altar Guild** needed for **December**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- Anyone interested in helping with **Family Promise** the week of **October 15-22** please contact Ann Hayes.
- **Clothing drop-off box** at the rear of the property earns the church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church.
- **Redner's Save-A-Tape** bucket in Narthex. The church gets 1% of your receipt if you have a Save-A-Tape card from Redner's.
- There is a container in the Narthex for **aluminum can pull tabs**. These are recycled and the proceeds benefit the **Ronald McDonald House**.
- **Photos with Santa – Saturday, November 18** from 9 to 1 and **Sunday, November 19** from 12-4.
- We are **collecting 200 cans of corn** for **Northern Lehigh Food Bank** for **Thanksgiving**. Corn needs to be at the church **no later than Sunday, November 5. 200 cans of corn needed for Christmas by Sunday, December 3.**

Anniversaries

Oct 6-Bob & Connie (Kegel) Beblavy
Oct 6-Glenn & Pam (Weaver)
Knappenberger

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Guest Speaker	Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates
Organist/Pianist	Yezi Chen
Acolyte	TBD
Head Deacon	Amanda Bowers
Greeter	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
Altar Guild	Sharon Conway
Media Production Team	Deb Craig, Riley Fallon, Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger and Beth Kutzner



Altar Flowers are to the Honor and Glory of God.
The Bulletins are to the Honor and Glory of God.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Family of... Martha Dreibelbis
Family and Friends needing prayer: Tom Lilchauer, Jr., Kylie Schneider, Connie Beblavy, Nyla Grace Njoga, Edgar Smith, Marilyn Sowden, Jane Achey, Gail Bell, Jim Craig, Rob Davis, Michael Dieffenderfer, Doug Farber, Lisa Gilly, Bonnie Kleppinger, Bob Koons, Shawn Kress, Kevin Kroboth, Wayne Kuhns, Faith Mondrick Lauer, Chris Newhard, Connie Renner, Eleanor Schlinkman, Alice Schnell, Craig Solt, Sallie Solt, Rich Taylor, MaryEllen White

*Purged at beginning of each month.
Renews are welcome*

Homebound Members: Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Kay Costenbader, Dennis Derr, Betty Humanick, Richard Kuntz, 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, Rebecca McMichael, Jacqueline (Tracy) Moyer, Spencer Perkins, Nicholas Sander, Benjamin Schaffer, and Janel Tracy.

Prayers for Students in higher education: Megan Bankes at Glenville State WV, Asa Blynn at Kutztown University, Dylan Coffin at Moravian University, Carissa Fallon at Penn State University, Riley Fallon at Penn State University, Ben Griffith at Wilkes University, Emma Hope at LCCC, Evan Horninger at DeSales University, Olivia Horninger at Cedar Crest College, Mitchell Hourt at Moravian University, Jade Rice at Bloomsburg University, Brody Ritter at the University of Delaware, Caleb Sommers at Kutztown University, Calista Smoyer at West Virginia University, Gabriella Smoyer at Cedar Crest College, Luke Zook at Villanova University.

Offerings Mission Calendar

Our Mission focus for **October** is **Meals on Wheels America**. They are a leadership organization supporting more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. They deliver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity.
www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org
www.facebook.com/MealsonWheelsAmerica

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.

Financial Update Offering & Attendance

Sep 03-\$3,100.30 E-Giving \$716.76 (55)
Sep 10-\$3,182.00 E-Giving \$433.46 (92)
Sep 17-\$1,259.50 E-Giving \$281.46 (94)
Sep 24-\$2,472.00 E-Giving \$114.19 (60)

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



Birthdays

Oct 1-Ryan Fister
Oct 1-Brett Hunsicker
Oct 1-Bryan Puskas
Oct 2-Jesse White
Oct 3-Andrea Behler
Oct 4-Holley Henderson
Oct 4-Ava Geist
Oct 4-Adam Griffith
Oct 5-Barbara Lorah
Oct 6-Linda Soldridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 1, 2023 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*** HYMN ~ *The Servant Song***

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INTRODUCTION

Lori Balliet, Friend of Good Shepherd

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Pam Puskas

GIFT PRESENTATION

Dennis Silfies

LETTERS FROM FRIENDS

Barbara Jennings

ANTHEM ~ *Feast of the Lord* by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

PNEC PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates

REMARKS

Pastor James

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

**In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many. Come now; let us
offer our loaves and fishes to the All-sufficient One who said, "Bring them here to
me." Amen.**

OFFERATORY ~ *Amazing Grace*

*** OFFERATORY RESPONSE**

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*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We thank You, our benevolent God, that You have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of Your Son. Receive now these gifts You have provided out of Your abundance that Your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

*** COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Break Thou The Bread of Life***

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We will celebrate Holy Communion in the pews. Children on the Choir side of the sanctuary are invited forward for their blessing during the distribution of the bread. Children on the pulpit side of the sanctuary are invited forward during the distribution of the wine. The bread is gluten-free and the cups are filled with red wine and white grape juice. If communing, please fill out the communion card and place it in the plate on your way out.]

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a United Church of Christ table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcomed, you are invited, you are called: **As we have gathered, let us share this meal together Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God on high.**

Let us give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who raises us to new life. **We sing the praises of our Master and our Friend.**

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of Your Kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Merciful God, we recall anew ... and we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Through his life and death, You have torn down our divisions. **Amen.**

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

And so may we be one with all who share this feast **with all Your people at every corner of Your table.**

In breaking of the bread, **may we share with those who hunger for You.**

In the pouring of the fruit of the vine, **may we share this cup with those who thirst for Your justice.**

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world; Have Mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world; Have Mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world; Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Take this bread, share this fruit of the vine. **In these Christ comes to us with love from God. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Holy and Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your blessings and especially for the blessing of Christ which we received through this sacrament. May Your love and justice fill us with compassion and courage. May we extend Your love to bring hope and healing for all of Your children wherever they may be. Unite us as one, though many, God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Amen.

*** HYMN ~ *Ours The Journey***

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POSTLUDE ~ *I Love Your Church, O God*

Liturgy from *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 2*

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All are invited to enjoy the reception for our Pastor in Fellowship Hall.

The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.