



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER 18, 2026

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: M TH 8:00 am – 1:00 pm	
Sun:	9:00 am Faith Formation Class
	10:00 am Sunday Worship
	<i>Scrip Orders Delivered</i>
	11:00 am Hall Rental
	1:00 pm Feed My Starving Children packing event
Thurs:	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Fri:	7:00 pm AA Back to Basics
Sun:	9:00 am Faith Formation Class
	10:00 am Sunday Worship
	11:00 am Fundraising Meeting
	12:00 pm Trunk or Treat
	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>.

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. James D. Robison, Jr.
Preschool Director	Karen Weaver
Organist/Choir Director	Dr. Yezi Chen
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 October is Guardianship Support Agency Inc

The mission of Guardianship Support Agency is to act as guardian for decision impaired persons who are unable to take care of their own financial and/or personal needs and have no other person willing and/or qualified to do so.

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)

Oct 04-\$3,677.00 E-Giving \$351.05 (54)
Oct 11-\$1,169.00 E-Giving \$695.88 (43)

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

- There will be a **Fundraising Meeting after church next Sunday, October 25**. All are invited to attend.
- We are **collecting cans of corn** for **Northern Lehigh Food Bank** for **Thanksgiving**. Our goal is 200 cans of corn needed by **Sunday, November 8**.
- Feed My Starving Children** will be held at **Mack Trucks**, 7000 Alburtis Rd, Macungie PA. **Our church is signed up for today** from 1-3 pm. See Rae Anne Creyer for more information.
- We are **collecting individual cereal boxes** for **Backpack Buddies through October 31**.
- \$5 Boscov’s Shopping Passes** available in the Narthex for online/ in store shopping **Wed. October 21**.
- Looking for volunteers to mow grass** for the **month of October**. Mowers and gas are provided by the church. Sign up in the Narthex.
- Looking for office volunteers** who would be able and willing to scan a large number of photos and put them on a flash drive (provided) to preserve our congregation’s history. Please contact Pastor James or Eileen Andrews if you would like to help.
- Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 25 ~ 12:00 pm**. Pizza and chips will be served to the children before the event starts. Sign up sheets in the Narthex for treats and decorating your vehicle.
- Totenfest is Sunday, November 1**. If you have a loved one you want remembered, send photo and birth and death dates to secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org no later than **October 25**.
- Cash and Gift Card Bingo, Saturday, November 7**. Doors open at 11 am. Games start at noon. Kitchen will be open.
- Wear your favorite sports jersey to church, Sunday, November 8**.
- Stewardship Sunday is November 8**. Please fill out a faith promise (both sides) and put it in the box in the Narthex before then.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

In Hospice...Barbara Cannon

Family and Friends needing prayer: Jane Evans, Lee Haas, Diane Hardey, Brett Hunsicker, Sandy Keller, Brenda Miller, Shane Moyer, Megane Streisel, Tom Alcaro, Karen Anthony, Gail Bell, Marc Benninger, Howard Bilheimer, Lori Clay, Doug Farber, Donna Fox, Steve George, Dwayne Henritz, Barbara Hower, Gary Johannes, Hayden Keller, Laurie, Chris Oertner, Randy Parks, Ty Sander, Gary Schneck, Barry Soldridge, Donna Tully, Jenn Wentz, Margaret Wetz, 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, and Janel Tracy.

Our College Students: Tyla Block ~ Widener, Patrick Conway ~ Jacksonville, Riley Fallon ~ Penn State, Ben Griffith ~ NCC, Katy Griffith ~ Cedar Crest, Sarah Hope, DeSales, Breonna Richardson ~ Westchester, Colleen Shields ~ Strayer, Gabriella Smoyer ~ Cedar Crest, Luke Zook ~ Villanova

Our Worship Leaders Today

Acolyte
Head Deacon
Lay Reader
Greeter
Altar Guild
Media Team

Evan Kresge
Matt Shields
Amanda Smith
Tammy Schaeffer
Sharon Conway

Marie Bachman, Dr. Yezi Chen, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky,
Eric Hantz and Bryan Horninger

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



Birthdays

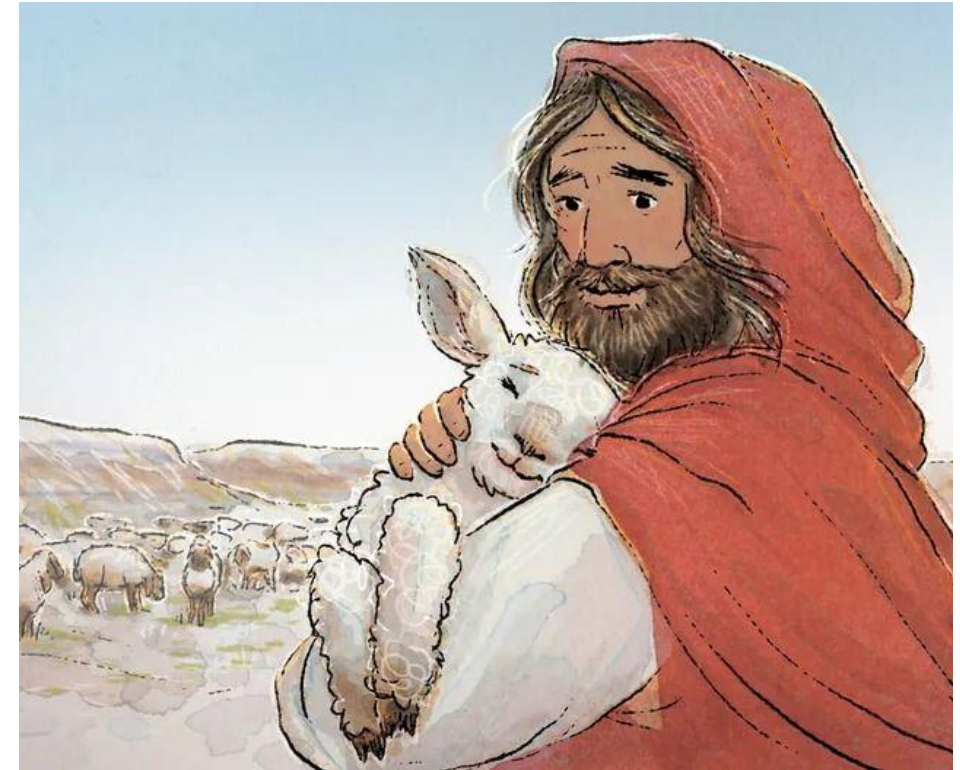
Oct 22-Lee Haas
Oct 22-David Harding
Oct 22-Matthew Res
Oct 22-Parker Schaffer
Oct 22-Dennis Silfies
Oct 24-Erick Kresge



Anniversaries

Oct 20-Jeff & Karen (George) Bachman

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 18, 2026 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Young People's Sunday

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

Gathering for God's WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *To God Be the Glory*

WELCOME

Today we are going to hear a story Jesus told about a shepherd, a flock of sheep, and one sheep that wandered away. It reminds us of something very important: **every single one of us matters to God.**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God knows each of us by name. **We are important to God!**

God is with us when we are happy. **We are important to God!**

God looks for us when we feel lost or alone. **We are important to God!**

God welcomes us with love. **Let us worship God together!**

*** HYMN** ~ *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, **thank You for bringing us together. Thank You for knowing each of us, loving each of us, and never giving up on us. Open our ears to hear Your story, our minds to learn, and our hearts to love others. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SHARING WITH THE YOUNG

Before we hear our story, think about this question: Have you ever lost something that was really important to you?

Children Respond

What did you do when you realized it was missing? How did you feel when you found it?

Jesus once told a story about someone who lost something very important ~ a sheep.

A READING from Luke 15:1-7 [NRSVUE]

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

FLANNEL GRAPH PRESENTATION ~ Kelsey Knittle-Moser
THE LOST SHEEP

Reflecting on God's WORD

WONDERING TOGETHER

Let's wonder about the story together.

- Why did the shepherd go looking for just one sheep?
- How do you think the sheep felt when it was lost?
- How do you think it felt when the shepherd found it?
- When might someone at school, church, or home feel “lost” or left out?
- What could we do to help them know they belong?

Sometimes being a follower of Jesus means noticing the person nobody else notices. We can invite someone to play, sit beside someone who is alone, listen to someone who is sad, or remind someone that they belong.

WHAT WE BELIEVE TOGETHER

Do we believe God loves every person? **We do!**

Do we believe every person matters? **We do!**

Do we believe Jesus teaches us to care for one another? **We do!**

Will we try to notice people who feel left out or alone? **We will, with God's help!**

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ* Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

I will say, "Loving God," and you can answer, "Help us care for one another."

For people who feel lonely or forgotten - **Help us care for one another.**

For children who are afraid or worried - **Help us care for one another.**

For people who need a friend - **Help us care for one another.**

For our families, teachers, Faith Formation leaders, and church - **Help us care for one another.**

For each of us, when we feel a little lost - **Help us care for one another.**

Loving God, remind us that wherever we go, we are never beyond Your love and so we pray, **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

God gives us many ways to care for others. We can share our money, our time, our talents, our friendship, and our kindness. As we give today, we remember that even something small can show someone that they matter. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *O Worship The King*

*** 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 God, thank You for all You give us. Bless what we share today and use our gifts to help others know that they are loved, valued, and never forgotten. Amen.

*** HYMN ~ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

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Living God's WORD

*** BLESSING**

Go from this place knowing:

When you feel lost - **God is with you.**

When someone feels alone - **You can be a friend.**

When someone feels forgotten - **You can remind them they matter.**

And wherever you go, remember: You are known. You are loved. You belong.
Amen.

POSTLUDE ~ *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**BECAUSE EVERY SHEEP MATTERS TO THE SHEPHERD
~ AND EVERY PERSON MATTERS TO GOD!!!**

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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Cash & BINGO Nov. 7th, 2026
12:00 pm
Doors open at 11:00 am
Games start at Noon
Kitchen will be open

\$25 20 Regular Games
5 Specials

All Regular Games Win
\$25 Gift Card or \$25 Cash
As Specified

All Special Games Win Various Cash Prizes

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