



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OCTOBER 25, 2026

Glance at the Week Ahead at Good Shepherd

Office Hours: M T 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
TH 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sun: 9:00 am Faith Formation Class
10:00 am **Sunday Worship**
11:00 am Fundraising Meeting
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/Totenfest**
12:00pm Hall Rental

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 \$495.88 (43)
Oct 18-\$1,782.00 E-Giving \$301.07 (59)

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 today **Sunday, October 25**. All are invited to attend.
- Christmas Cantata Rehearsals: Every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:00 PM**. All are welcome to join! If you're unable to attend rehearsals but would still like to participate, please contact Yezi at YeziChen_piano@outlook.com for sheet music and practice tracks to use at home.
- We are **collecting cans of corn** for **Nort** for sheet music and practice tracks to use at home. **hern Lehigh Food Bank for Thanksgiving**. Our goal is 200 cans of corn needed by **Sunday, November 8**.
- Looking for someone to take **Baptismal pictures of the family for Baptismal certificates**.
- We are **collecting individual cereal boxes for Backpack Buddies through October 31**.
- Looking for volunteers to shovel snow this winter**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- 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 today, October 25**.
- Cash and Gift Card Bingo, Saturday, November 7**. Doors open at 11:00 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 and put it in the box in the Narthex before then.
- Congregational meeting is Sunday, November 15**.
- Friendsgiving** will be a potluck luncheon after church on **Sunday, November 22**. All are invited. Please sign up in the Narthex if you want to share a casserole or dessert.
- Worship Team** invites you to our **Community Thanksgiving Eve service on Tuesday, November 24th at 7pm ~ bring two loaves of bread/two bottles of grape juice** for blessing (one being donated to those in need while the other to be returned for your Thanksgiving table).

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	Jaxon Kline
Guest Speaker	Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman
Head Deacon	Matt Shields
Lay Reader	Darlene Nothstein
Greeter	Madeline Balliet & Donna Keener
Altar Guild	Sharon Conway
Media Team	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 27-Carlee Hunsicker
Oct 28-Billy Nagy
Oct 30-Eileen George
Oct 30-Robin Lichtenwalner
Oct 30-Sally Loch



Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 25, 2026 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

“Courage is contagious.” ~ Brené Brown

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ *Amazing Grace*

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is still speaking, still creating, still calling. **We come ready to listen and ready to change.**

Christ calls us to love God and love our neighbors. **May our faith be renewed and our lives reformed.**

Come, let us worship the God who makes all things new. **Let us worship together. Amen.**

*** HYMN ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

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Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

Reforming God, we confess that sometimes we hold tightly to what is familiar simply because it is familiar. **We confuse our traditions with Your truth, our preferences with Your will, and being comfortable with being faithful. Return us to the heart of Your WAY: loving You with all that we are and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Reform what needs changing. Renew what has grown tired. Give us courage to release what no longer gives life and to follow where Your Spirit leads. Create new life within us and among us. Amen.**

*** WORDS OF GRACE**

God's grace is always at work ~ restoring, renewing, and reforming. **We are not defined by yesterday's failures.** In Christ, there is forgiveness, and another opportunity to love. **Amen.**

*** WHAT WE BELIEVE TOGETHER**

What do we believe?

We believe in the God who creates and renews.

We follow Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and neighbor.

We trust the Holy Spirit, who continues to reform and reshape the Church.

We believe faith should produce love, justice, compassion, and courage.

and that God's grace is freely given, God's love is for all, and God is still speaking. Amen!

CONVERSATION WITH OUR YOUNGSTERS

BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

Hearing God's WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Still-speaking God, open Your WORD to us and open us to Your WORD.

Give us understanding and courage to respond. Amen!

A READING from the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-46 [NRSVUE]

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

RESPONSE

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

HOMILY ~ The Compassionate Life

HYMN ~ *O Word of God Incarnate*

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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

The Reformation reminds us that faith is more than something we believe; it shapes how we live. **Through our generosity, we put the love of God into action. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ~ *Take My Life and Let It Be*

*** 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, receive these gifts and use them to reform what is unjust, renew what is weary, feed those who hunger, welcome those seeking

belonging, and strengthen the ministry we share. May our gifts and our lives become expressions of our love for You. Amen!

* HYMN ~ *Renew Your Church*

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Living God's WORD

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

POSTLUDE ~ *Now Thank We All Our God*

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

Liturgy by Pastor James based on ChatGPT 3.5

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Cash & Nov. 7th, 2026
12:00 pm

 **Doors open at 11:00 am**
Games start at Noon
Kitchen will be open

BINGO

\$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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