



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

3940 Mountain Road, Slatington, PA 18080 610-767-9680

SEPTEMBER 15, 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
		Outdoor Picnic
		<i>Scrip Orders Delivered</i>
Tues:	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri:	7:00 pm	AA Back to Basics
Sun:	9:00 am	Faith Formation
	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Harvest Home
	11:15 am	Youth Ensemble
	11:30 am	Family Promise planning meeting at Heidelberg Church

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

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.

Upcoming Events in the Life of Our Church.

- This month is **Harvest Home**. Altar Guild invites you to **bring non-perishable items** to be shared with the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and place them in front of the Harvest Home display.
- Preschool Hoagie/Donut** order forms in the Narthex. **Orders due Sunday, September 22. Delivery date-Friday, October 4 from 11 am – 1 pm in Fellowship Hall.**
- Walk-in Basket Social, Saturday, October 19.** Sign-up sheet in Narthex to **donate money or a basket.**
- The planning meeting for the October 13-20 Family Promise week is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22 at 11:30am at Heidelberg Church.** Please review your background checks to make sure they remain current. If you have any questions, contact Ann Hayes at ahayes2395@gmail.com.
- Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 27, 12:30 – 2:00.** Decorate your trunks and join the fun. Pizza, Treats and more. Contact Pam @ 484-553-1827 for more information or to help.
- Preschool registration** is open for the 2024-2025 school year for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information or to register, contact Karen Weaver at karens2@hotmail.com or 610-657-5133.
- 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.
- Clothing drop-off box** at the rear of the property earns our church money per pound. If you are cleaning out your closets, this is a good fundraiser for the church. YTD earnings total \$355.

Our Worship Leaders Today.

Head Deacon	Darlene Nothstein
Lay Reader	Pam Puskas
Greeters	Randy & Eileen Andrews
Altar Guild	Mary Storm
Media Production Team	Marie Bachman, Deb Craig, Riley Fallon, Tracey Gursky, Eric Hantz, Bryan Horninger, Evan Horninger, and Beth Kutzner



Bulletins are to the Honor & Glory of God.
Altar Flowers are to the Honor & Glory of God.

Good Shepherd Prayer Care List

Families of... Barbara Pfefferkorn, Bruce Schnell, Nancy Xander
In Hospice... Louise Croll, Betty Humanick, Barbara Mathias
Family and Friends needing prayer: Jeff Hewitt, Michelle Hewitt, Kim Schock, Sherry Bishop, Michael Bossons, Bonnie Brozey, Gary Johannes, Alice Schnell, Frank Hart, Tammy Henninger Filchner, Steve Mansueto, Dennis Raver, Kylie Schneider, Frank Strohl, Jenn Wentz, Helen Zolnowsky.

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

Homebound Members: Marge Bass, Mary Bilheimer, Shirley Blynn, Kay Costenbader, Dennis Derr, Donna Fox, 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.

Prayers for Students in higher education: Dane Badman at LCCC, Megan Bankes at Glenville State WV, Tyla Block at Widener, Aricka Creyer at Cedar Crest, Carissa Fallon at Penn State, Riley Fallon at Penn State, Ben Griffith at Luzerne, Katy Griffith at Cedar Crest, Emma Hope at Kutztown, Sarah Hope at LCCC, Evan Horninger at DeSales, Olivia Horninger at Cedar Crest, Cece Pyfer at LCCC, Jade Rice at DeSales, Brody Ritter at the University of Delaware, Caden Shields at Muhlenberg, Cameron Shields at LCCC, Colleen Shields at Strayer, Caleb Sommers at Kutztown, Calista Smoyer at West Virginia, Gabriella Smoyer at Cedar Crest, Luke Zook at Villanova.

Offerings Mission Calendar

Mission Outreach for September is Allentown Rescue Mission

They are a non-denominational, Christian, Social services organization, which provides critically needed goods and services to homeless and impoverished men. For more than a century, the Mission has addressed the changing face of homelessness, tackling the root causes of homelessness, and helping to end homelessness throughout the Lehigh Valley. Their programs include Emergency Shelter, Christian Living Program, the Clean Team, and DeSales Free Clinic

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 1-\$1,914.00 E-Giving \$233.24 (51)
Sep 8-\$2,456.00 E-Giving \$572.62 (74)

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





Birthdays

Sep 15-Gail Fetchko
Sep 16-Dale Knittle
Sep 16-Dean Knittle
Sep 17-Alorah Badman
Sep 17-Annette Fatzinger
Sep 18-Taylor Farber
Sep 18-Addison Schappell
Sep 19-Owen Amey
Sep 19-Darryl Fatzinger
Sep 19-Karen Kuntzman
Sep 20-Kalei Fister
Sep 20-Christopher Lorah
Sep 20-Nicholas Sander
Sep 21-Mark Miller



Anniversaries

Sep 19-John & Susan (DeLong) Zellner
Sep 20-Dennis & Keri (Rose) Dimmig
Sep 20-Dale & Joanne (Gruber) Feller
Sep 21-Jarett & Danielle (Schmidt) White



**GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
3940 MOUNTAIN ROAD
SLATINGTON PA 18080**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CREATION
STORM SUNDAY AND OUTDOOR SERVICE

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

Gathering for God's WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, be with us this day. **Within us to purify us,**
Above us to draw us up, **Beneath us to sustain us,**
Before us to lead us, **Behind us to restrain us,**
Around us to protect us. **Amen.**

*** OPENING SONG ~ *Sanctuary***

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Preparing Our Hearts for God's WORD

*** RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

As if it were not enough to bring sound from silence,
Light from darkness, order from confusion;
As if it were not enough to make the world excellent and intricate,
You gave the kiss of life to the dust of the earth.
You made all humanity ~ me and us. **So we bless You.**

As if it were not enough to watch the world You had created,
To admire Your handiwork from eternity;
As if it were not enough to care and be kind at a distance,
You sent Your Son to be flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone,
To live and walk beside me and us. **So we bless You.**

As if it were not enough to be looked at and listened to,
Criticized and complimented, feted and forsaken,
You stretched out Your arm and held out Your hand to heal and to help me and us.
So we bless You.

As if it were not enough to do all this and return, triumphant, to glory
You still hear our cries in the courts of high heaven,
And promise You Spirit for the healing of the nations and for me and for us.
**So we bless You ~ God of all Power, Lord of our Weakness, Spirit of our
Salvation. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

BLESSINGS FOR JOYS AND/OR CONCERNS

Hearing God's WORD

A READING from the Epistle to Church in Philippi 4:4-9 [NRSV]

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable ~ if anything is excellent or praiseworthy ~ think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me ~ put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

RESPONSE

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

Reflecting on God's WORD

HOMILY ~ Joy Comes Alive

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

As we gather in this beautiful outdoor setting, let us remember the blessings we've received. **With grateful hearts, we bring our tithes and offerings.**

May our gifts reflect our love and commitment to God's work. **We give joyfully, trusting in God's provision and grace. Amen.**

*** *Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring***

#379

**Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
The ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we bring these offerings before You with grateful hearts. Bless and multiply them for Your kingdom's work. Guide us to use these gifts wisely, that they may bring hope, love, and light to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

Sharing God's WORD

*** THE COMMISSION**

Blessed is the community in which believers are encouraged by God's gracious blessing and challenged by God's gracious call to proclaim the good news of **Jesus Christ** and to live as a healing presence in the world in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*** GRACE**

Call attributed to St. Patrick; Responsive Prayer adapted from *The We Worship Book, 4th Incarnation*; Commission from *The Worship Source Book 2nd Edition*; Other parts from *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2*.

CCLI#1783708

"WALK-IN" - ONE DAY - BASKET SOCIAL

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tickets will be drawn at 2:00 PM

Tickets Available at Door

(1) 26 Chance Ticket for \$6.00

(3) 26 Chance Tickets for \$15.00

Winners Will Be Notified

Kitchen Open

**Good Shepherd U.C.C.
3940 Mountain Rd, Slatington, PA
610-767-9680**

Lic. #: 0121R24