



GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Finding God's Blessings In Serving Others For Christ

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Dear Members and Friends ~

As I read my daily devotions, the following made a connect especially with Super Bowl upon us. It was written by Lillian Daniels, a member of the United Church of Christ and a regular contributor to the UCC devotional that I incorporate in my daily prayer life.

She wrote about Tim Tebow's pastor, Wayne Hanson, who said he knew why the Denver Broncos were 7-1 since installing Tebow as quarterback. "It's not luck," Hanson said. "Luck isn't winning six games in a row. It's favor. God's favor."

To be fair, the player himself made no such outrageous claims. But his pastor seems to have skipped a few theology classes. Surely there are other Christians praying just as hard on other teams. And what about the players of other religions?

Does that pastor really think God is sitting up in Heaven on a Barcalounger, with a beer, a bratwurst and a Bronco's jersey, handing out touchdowns? Do God and Jesus support the same team? And if not, then which team does the Holy Spirit work through?

Does Mary, the sports fan, sit glued to the heavenly television set while resentful Martha makes chicken wings and guacamole in the kitchen for the Disciples? During commercial breaks, does Jacob wrestle the angel for the remote?

My guess is that God delights in prayers of all kinds, whether they come from the cathedral, the mosque, the meeting house, the exam room, the doctor's office, the traffic jam, the homecoming dance or the football field. All prayers and praise are welcome.

But as for touchdowns, skillful surgeons, happy first dates and fast lanes, those are human affairs. God doesn't reward one player with a touchdown and curse another. God gives us the instructions on how to withstand the hard times, and how to withstand the good times, with these wise words from Micah: do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Prayer

God, let my successes bring glory to you and to others. Let my failures prepare me for whatever is next. Don't allow either one to define me. Or you, for that matter. Amen.

Mountain Reflections



FEBRUARY

LECTIONARY

5-Feb

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39
Meditation: Sustaining Ministry

12-Feb

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Hebrew Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:40-45
Meditation: Healing Presence

19-Feb

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Hebrew Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9
Meditation: Thin Places

26-Feb

Lent 1

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17
Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15
Meditation: Blessed Connections

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

**ARE GIVEN IN THE
HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD**



February flowers:

✠ 5th No Sponsor
✠ 12th No Sponsor
✠ 19th No Sponsor
✠ 26th No Sponsor

February bulletins:

✠ 5th No Sponsor
✠ 12th No Sponsor
✠ 19th No Sponsor
✠ 26th No Sponsor

(All dates are still available to sponsor)

Lay Readers and Greeters are still needed for the 11:00am Services.
Contact Pastor James or an Elder.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

22nd – Ash Wednesday



PRAYER REQUEST LIST



Homebound Members:

Claire Fenstermaker Lorraine Roth
Alice Hagenbuch Eva Thomas
June Kuntz Frances Zellner
Jean Neff



Members:

Pat Rehrig



**For The Families of Those Who
Have Entered Eternal Life:**

Rebecca Croll Frank Pfeiffer
Anne Duffy Geraldine Pfeiffer
Lana Getz Michael Slease
Esther Hewitt Cabeb Weller
Ruth Peters Patrica Workheiser

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James Bachman Dale Puskas
Dale Blossons Bob Scott
Lou Dutsch Debbie Tully
Pat Fritz Somers UCC
Margaret Neubauer Congregation



Away From Home In College:

Logan Bachman Marcus Kremposky
Taylor Farber Melissa Lorah
Jenelle Frohnheiser Samantha Moyer
Emily George Bryan Puskas
James George Jocelyn Rodrigues
Clint Haas Zach Solt
Jordan Hunsicker Shane White



Serving Our Country:

Ian Davis
Officer Candidate David DeLong
Capt. Rebecca McMichael – Chaplain



OUR FAITH & MISSION FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY IS:

SOUP KITCHEN

If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name, and then place a donation in a “Faith & Mission” envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

Birthdays



2-Feb	Tina Rice	8-Feb	Gail Yenser	21-Feb	Stephanie Gallagher
3-Feb	Lori Neff	8-Feb	Brinda Zelinsky	22-Feb	Laura George
4-Feb	Jocelyn Filchner	9-Feb	Edna Schuck	22-Feb	Patricia Reimert
4-Feb	Carli Herstich	11-Feb	Becky Haas	23-Feb	Morgan Farber
4-Feb	Frances Kuntz	11-Feb	Chase Kelley	23-Feb	Jeff Hewitt, Jr.
4-Feb	Kara Solt	12-Feb	Karen Haas	24-Feb	David Bilheimer
6-Feb	Kim Kocher	13-Feb	Rodney Kuntz	24-Feb	Barbara Horn
7-Feb	Mason White	13-Feb	Amanda Schwartz	24-Feb	Heather Hughes
7-Feb	Frances Zellner	16-Feb	Brian Neff	25-Feb	Kiley McAdams
8-Feb	Janet German	16-Feb	Andrzej Pilacik	25-Feb	Susan White
8-Feb	Ashley Nagy	18-Feb	Caden Shields	26-Feb	Frank Berger
8-Feb	Eugene Miller	17-Feb	Kaleb Zelinsky	27-Feb	Pam Knappenberger
8-Feb	Angela Rex	21-Feb	Robin Bellesfield	27-Feb	Todd Solt



Anniversaries

2-Feb	Doug & Felicia (Evans) Farber	7-Feb	David & Sonja (Loch) Derkits	8-Feb	Robert & Frances (Hewitt) Kuntz
13-Feb	Skip & Marie (Knittle) Detrick				

SNOW, ICE, WINTER EMERGENCY

With the winter months upon us, we need to prepare for winter time cancellations. Should we have to cancel services or other event, you can receive notices via ChurchPost by signing up through your email.



You can also visit our website www.goodshepherdslatedale.org to find out if events have been cancelled or check out TV Channel 69 and on Blue Ridge 13 or Radio Station 790am.

UP COMING EVENTS

5-Feb "Soup"er Bowl Sunday

The youth of Good Shepherd are sponsoring the **"Soup'er Bowl Sunday"** canned soup drive on Sunday February 5, 2012. Donations cans of soup or crackers can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the narthex up through February 5th. The soup will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank to help those who are in need.

8-Feb Hand Bell Choir Practice - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

15-Feb Hand Bell Choir Practice - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

18-Feb Miller-Keystone Blood Drive 9:00am - 12:30pm

Saturday we will be hosting a Blood Drive. Please contact Barbara DeLong at: 610/767-6006 to donate blood.

18-Feb Chili And Potato Soup Sale 9:00am - 12:30pm

Barry Silfies will be coordinating our annual **Chili And Potato Soup Sale**. If you would like to volunteer to help, donate ingredients, or purchase a pint or quart of soup, contact Barry through the church office at 610.767.9680 or sign the order form in the narthex.

19-Feb Prayer Pals Meeting - 12:30

Meeting to discuss the October "Birthday" Dinner Event

22-Feb Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes - 7:30pm

22-Feb Ash Wednesday Communion - 7:30pm

25-Feb Penny Party - 12:00pm

Saturday, we will be sponsoring a Penny Party or Tricky Tray event (many different names for this fund raiser, but it all adds up to FUN). Linda Bowers is asking for donations of any items from perhaps the dollar store or yard sale to items you purchase in the grocery store. There will be a container in the narthex marked "PENNY PARTY" for donations or you can contact Linda Bowers at 484/602-4695. The doors will open at 12:00 noon on the day of the event with the starting time beginning at 1:00 pm. Save up those pennies and come on out and experience something new.

29-Feb Wednesday Lenten Service 7:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP IN UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

Clean Up, Familiarization of the Church Campus is scheduled for **March 17th** for the inside, while the outdoor is scheduled for **March 24th**.

Remember “ Many Hands Mean Light Work.” Plan to Join us!

We are looking for **donations of baskets** containing items worth \$20.00 for a **Walk-in Basket Social** on **March 24, 2012**. The doors will open at 12:00 noon with drawings for the baskets to begin at 4:00. If you would like to donate a basket please see Karen Smith, 610/767-3776 or drop them off at the church before 9:00am on March 24, 2012.

“Laetare” Sunday is scheduled for **March 26th** and we will be recognizing and thanking all Consistory Members past and present. Watch for more information to come with an RSVP requested.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on **April 1st** and will include a new tradition here at Good Shepherd with the Donkey Procession. We will be gathering in the Meditation Garden at 10:40am and process to the court yard carrying palms and sharing the beginning of Christ’s passion.

Easter Pageant will be held on **April 1st** during Sunday School. Looking for individuals that would be willing to direct this year’s pageant.

Easter Egg Coloring will be Wednesday, **April 4th** at 6:00pm. Donations of eggs would be appreciated.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, **April 7th** at 11:00am with registration beginning at 10:00am. Donations of prizes would be appreciated.

Easter Sunday worship is on **April 8th**.

Our next Hymn Sing/Music Fest is scheduled for **May 6th**. Please see Marion Straub if you would like to participate.

"There are two ways of spreading light ~
to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

~ Irene Kassorla



Bible Wordsearch

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Ex.20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

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COVET	MOTHER
EARTH	MURDER
FALSE	NEIGHBOR
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HATE	PUNISHING
NAME	SABBATH
LOVE	SEVENTH
HOLY	THOUSAND
HONOR	WORSHIP
IDOL	ADULTERY
STEAL	CHILDREN
LABOR	DAUGHTER
RESTED	DONKEY
WORK	GUILTLESS
WATERS	FATHERS
	TESTIMONY

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Prov.14

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STEWARDSHIP NOTE:

Only 37 Stewardship Faith Giving/Pledges were returned, please get yours back as soon as possible to give the consistory the ability to realize the budget for the good of Good Shepherd UCC.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Head Deacons:</u>	8:30	Eddie Smith
	11:00	Justin Zelinsky
<u>Lay Reader:</u>	11:00	Sue Blose
<u>Acolytes:</u>	8:30	TBD
	11:00	Paige Bachman
<u>Greeters:</u>	8:30	Carol Oswald
	11:00	Kent Stauffer
<u>Altar Guild:</u>		Karen Bachman

February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday

<u>Head Elders</u>	7:30	Eddie Smith
<u>Head Deacon</u>	7:30	Stephen Haas
<u>Greeters:</u>	7:30	Deb Craig & Holly Kuneck
<u>Acolyte:</u>	7:30	Cassie Knittle

February 29 ~ Lenten Service

<u>Head Elders</u>	7:30	Eddie Smith
<u>Greeters:</u>	7:30	Deb Craig & Holly Kuneck
<u>Acolyte:</u>	7:30	Cassie Knittle



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