

## ***The Shepherd's Voice***

*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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### WHAT IS LENT?

There are lots of ways to describe the season of Lent. Stated as simply as I can, it is six weeks to take a close look at oneself with God's help in order to become more faithful in our walk with the Lord. Have you ever heard someone pray and wished you could talk to God like they do? Have you ever listened to someone talk about scriptures and you had a sense they knew how they really fit together? Have you ever met someone who seemed to have a deep peace about them that you wished you had?

Well, Lent is a time to confess that lack in our own life and really seek after God. For the next five weeks I will be preaching on spiritual disciplines, found in scripture and practiced through the centuries that can take us closer to God. They are offered not to get you in to all of them, but to invite you to find one of those areas that will make the most difference in your life, one you feel most ready to pursue or of which you are most in need. They take the next step in prayer, scripture study, fasting, silence/solitude or simplicity. Let God use one of these to grow you closer to him.

In Christ's Service, Dennis L. Otto, pastor

## ***STAFFED TO SERVE***

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
Directors of Children's Ministries	Janice Deveney Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Shawn Gray
Organists	Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Periann Smith
Chancel Choir Director	Mindy Martz
Kitchen Coordinator	Jeanie Hershey
Administrative Assistant	Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Jeffery Forester

## ***SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK***

**Paul Klase, Darryl Kenes, JoAnn Kyper, Phyllis Dromgold, Joanna Noss**

**Keep in touch!**



### ***Like and Follow Us!***

*Are you a facebook user? Do you want to stay up to date with any events and posts from Shepherdstown? Like our page!*

Search for Shepherdstown United Methodist Church on facebook and click on the Like option under the church photo. You can also reach this page from the church website home page. By liking the page, you will automatically be set up to *follow* the page and any updates to the church website will appear in your feed notifying you immediately. This is different than just liking an event or a post that you happen to see (but that is good too!) We hope you take a moment to like our page and our events and positive reviews are welcome too!

**MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

- March 10 .....Bishop’s Partners in Mission
- March 17 .....North Star Initiative
- March 24 .....Harrisburg Uptown UM Ministries
- March 31 .....UMCOR

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- March 10 .....Elective Class
- March 17 .....Bible Explorers
- March 24 .....LIFE Class
- March 31 .....Helping Hands Class

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

- March 10 .....Robin Hall
- March 17 .....Hersh and Annetta Simington
- March 24 .....Lori Weicht
- March 31 .....Cultivate & Nurture Team

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,139,155.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$56,957.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

**LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

- Early Worship at 8:15 - 69
- Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 170
- Sunday School – 78
- Membership – 508

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE SHOEBOX DONATIONS:** As in previous years the Elective Class will publish the suggested items for donation each month. These items can then be placed in the box at the poster board informational display in the Lobby. Items for the month of March are **Accessories:** hair items, necklaces, bracelets, hair bows, watches. Just as a reminder the age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 for both sexes. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

**SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN.** On Thursday, March 21st, Steve Runkle will be leading a group of Seniors of Shepherdstown on a trip to Longwood Gardens. The group will meet at the Church at 8:00 a.m. for the 2 hour ride to Longwood Gardens. Will arrive at 10:00 a.m. to experience a botanical sight and scent adventure with a self guided tour of the Conservatory and its Orchid Extravaganza. The rare blue poppies should be in bloom in late March. Also the group will hear a 1/2 hour pipe organ concert in the ballroom of the Conservatory, followed by a short tour of the pipe organ gallery with its 10,010 organ pipes. Lunch will be at the Terrace Cafe cafeteria at Longwood Gardens. After lunch the group will tour the historic 18th and 19th century Peirce-DuPont House where Pierre S. and Alice DuPont lived. Weather permitting some outdoor exhibits may be viewed in the afternoon. The group will leave Longwood Gardens by 3:00 p.m. and return to the Church by 5:00 p.m. The cost of admission to Longwood Gardens is \$17.00 per person. Signup deadline for this trip is SUNDAY MARCH 3rd, and money is due to Steve by SUNDAY, MARCH 10th. A signup sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to Steve.

**NOTES OF THANKS.** I would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Mission Meal for Paxton Ministries on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bob Gray, made his delicious spaghetti sauce again this year. The youth donated the desserts. Thank you for everyone who donated food, helped serve the food and cleaned up afterwards. We had over 90 people, most of them staying to eat at the meal, but others enjoyed the option of "Take Out". There was some extra food which was donated to Paxton Ministries. The Weekly Mission Basket and the donations collected at the meal totaled \$1003.00. Thank you for your generosity to Paxton Ministries. Hopefully you were able to hear Jodie Smiley, Executive Director of Paxton Ministries, speak at our Mission Meal, and learn about the services that Paxton Ministries provides, however, if you are interested in finding out more, we have been invited to come to their next "Expressions of Hope Tour". It will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Paxton Ministries, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, PA. Please RSVP to Jodie Smiley at [jsmiley@paxtonmin.org](mailto:jsmiley@paxtonmin.org) or 717 236-5508.

**Kathy Ries**, Mission Team Chairperson

***Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers*** comes from Galatians 6:10. Our hearts are full from all the “good” that you have shared with Darryl and I during this season of medical issues. We never thought his knee replacement would turn into multiple challenges. From his knee replacement to bronchitis to drug allergies to heart flutter. He is on the mend and we thank God for all of your good wishes, cards, fruit baskets, calls and visits. Blessings to you all for your faithfulness. **Darryl and Deb Kenes**

A special thank you from the **Shoop and Buckwalter** families for the many cards, the kind verbal and written thoughts and remembrances of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Janet Shoop. Janet loved this church and the many people who enriched her life over the years here at Shepherdstown Church. All of you hold a special place in our hearts as well.

### ***CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK***

<b>Monday</b>	Alec Kunzweiler
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lisa Kunzweiler
<b>Wednesday</b>	JoAnn Kyper
<b>Thursday</b>	Jenine Lane
<b>Friday</b>	Bob and Kris Langer and Caitlyn
<b>Saturday</b>	Josh and Carrie Larock and Anthony



The Cultivate and Nurture team is planning to celebrate Shepherdstown UMC couples that will be married 50 or more years in 2019 with receptions in the Life Center following both worship services on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have been contacting couples based on church records. If you have not been contacted and have been married 50 or more years and would like to be part of the celebration, please see Janice

Deveney or contact the church office with your contact information.

up is necessary. Come and enjoy this very informative program. Refreshments will be served.

## **SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

(\*child; \*\*youth; \*\*\*adult; A=Anniversary; SI=shut-in; CS=College Student;  
*MI=Missionary*)

*[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]*

### **MARCH**

- \*\*\* 10 Dennis Tewell,
- \*\*\* 11 Kevin Morrison,
- \*\*\* 12 Janice Barry,
- \*\*\* 12 Kris Langer,
- \*\*\* 13 Ed Hopple,
- \*\*\* 13 Nathan Trimmer,
- \*\*\* 14 Terry Neyhart,
- \*\*\* 16 Bruce Benton,
- \*\*\* 16 Lori Mainhart,
- \*\*\* 16 Pat Lippert,
- \*\*\* 16 Larry Shoop,

***EASTER EGG HUNT TIME AGAIN...*** Shepherdstown will host it's annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20th, starting at 1pm. Kids from age 1 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. There will be crafts and ice cream offered after the egg hunt. ***We are in need of candy donations for the event.*** Any bite-size wrapped candy that the congregation can help supply us with will be greatly appreciated. Look for the basket in the narthex to place your donations in the next few weeks. Thanks again for your support!



***BEREAVEMENT RESOURCES PROVIDED AT SUMC:*** The Cultivate and Nurture Team provides a resource for those who have lost a loved one. It is a set of four booklets in the series *Journeying through Grief* that will be sent over an 11 month period following the death. If you have suffered a loss and feel these booklets would help your journey through grief, please contact the church office.



## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

*“But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth” (Exodus 9:16)*

A lot of people spend their whole life wondering what their purpose is. I did. I kept thinking about what gifts do I have to serve the King? I felt for a long time as if there were not any. When I look back now, I see how God has lead me on a journey that 1) helped me recognize them 2) utilize them. It's not an easy process. My husband has gone through a whole series of events that have shown God has a reason for him. When he was a child, he and his dad were swimming in the creek and his dad lost hold of him. Creeks are muddy and visibility is low. He thrashed around until he suddenly kicked into him. He dove down and pulled him up with no harm. Darryl worked as a surveyor earlier in his life. He was working with two other gentlemen in a deep pit. There were pipes into the pit that emptied water into them. The water was unexpectedly turned on and rose dramatically within minutes. Two men on the top of the gulley threw the only thing they had to Darryl to pull him up – a tape measure. It should not have held his weight but it did. The other two men in the gulley died. He had medical complications with wrong drugs that should have given him a stroke. This week, his heart went into a fib for a week and it should have, again, made him stroke. God obviously has an intent for him. Darryl has helped save a man whose truck ran into an electrical wire and set him and the truck on fire. He has been countless places where someone has needed help and he has been there to do whatever. We all don't have such dramatic and obvious proof that God has a plan for us. Whether we do or don't, God says he does and we can trust that. Look for the ways that you can serve and glorify him. Pray with the Prayer Team for ways to identify your purpose. *Lord God, we all don't have big sparkly obvious reasons for being but we all have You. We need to trust that you will show us and use us in the ways that mean something. Open our hearts, minds, and eyes to all the paths in which we can serve you. Amen.*

The Prayer Team meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Lounge (3-18-19) **Deb Kenes**



## Dinner and Devotions for Lent 2019

### Theme – UNSHAKEABLE HOPE!

**During Lent**, everyone is invited for Dinner and Devotions in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings! We are journeying through the season of Lent focusing on the book and series by Max Lucado, "Unshakeable Hope". The first week, is this Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, our topic will be "Stamped With God's Image", Genesis 1:26-31.

We begin at 5:45 with a light dinner, then share in a devotional and are on our way by 7:00. Sign up inserts are in the newsletter.



**EGG INFO FOR 2019** – We are asking all Egg Makers (Tuesday and Thursday) and Thursday Night Pickups, to enter the church at the Fellowship Hall back door, as the side door will now be kept locked for security reasons. We appreciate your cooperation. In addition, you may place egg orders two ways, by using an order form found in newsletters or at the lobby Distribution Center (place in Response Box) or by calling the church office

**HOW DO I GET EASTER EGGS?** Yellow egg order forms are available in today's newsletter, in the lobby or from the church office. ***It is helpful that you use an order form each time you order eggs.*** Ordering ahead ensures that you get exactly what you want because the different varieties go fast! You can pick up your eggs three different ways:

1. Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall (Please use back Fellowship Hall entrance)
2. Friday mornings beginning 2/22 from 10 – 1 in the church lobby
3. Sunday mornings outside the kitchen immediately following the first or second service.

**FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew, canned vegetables, fruit or soup, peanut butter. Laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper.** These items may be brought to the Food Pantry table in the Lobby. **Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.**

**FIRST AID CLASS** Are you interested in attending a First Aid Class? We need a minimum of 5 people to book the class and the cost would be \$35. This class would be held on a Saturday morning at the church. The certification would be good for 2 years. If you are interested please contact the church office

**MECHANICSBURG AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN LUNCHESES:** This year MACC (Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches) is sponsoring Wednesday Lenten Lunches. All lunches beginning at 12 noon will include a light meal and devotions led by the pastor of that day's host church. Each week, if you plan to attend, please use the phone numbers provided below to call in your reservation by the Monday prior. Thank you. Locations for the lunches are as follows:

- March 13.....Hope United Methodist Church 717-766-3072
- March 20.....Mechanicsburg Brethren 717-766-8880
- March 27.....Shepherdstown UMC 717-766-3076
- April 3 .....St. Luke Episcopal Church 717-766-5182
- April 10 .....Shiremanstown UMC 717-737-6621

**Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry**

**Through Shepherdstown Church:**

**Beginning January 1, 2019**

<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>+ or (-)</b>
<b>\$14,603</b>	<b>\$92456</b>	<b>\$87,715</b>	<b>\$4,741</b>

**Paxton St. Ministries Mission Basket- \$1,003.00**

**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**

**Current Balance - \$31,857.19**

***CALLING ALL ELEMENTARY CAMPERS:*** Kids that have completed grades 3 – 6 this school year are old enough to go to church camp for a week of fun and friendship. Some fellow Shepherdstown UMC campers are already signed up for Wesley Forest's "Camp Splash" during the week of July 7 – 12, 2019. We would love to have you join us for the week. Remember the church will pay ½ of the registration fee for campers and if you register before 5/1/19 you can get an early bird discount! Camp booklets are available in the Children's Center or in the Lobby. Feel free to send any questions to the church office. Those with additional need should contact Pastor Otto.

**“THE FLOCK” Children’s Ministries**  
**Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp**  
(Directors of Children’s Ministries)  
**E-mail:** childrens.sumc@comcast.net



LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY  
9:30AM Sunday School  
**8:15 & 10:45AM Worship**



**LIFETIME(Sunday School) FOR KIDS**

9:30-10:30AM for Age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(3/10/19)-Jesus Teaches About Rewards (Luke 6:17-26)**



**Today there will be Children’s Church for ages 3yrs.-5<sup>th</sup> grade.** These kids will be dismissed after the Children’s sermon in the 10:45am service. Please fill out a **GREEN Children’s Church consent form** found in the pew.



**VBS 2019 6/23-6/27-Where Can You help?**

**So many opportunities are available to help with VBS. We are in need of Crew Leaders and helpers, Station leaders and helpers, Registration help, snack help, prep for VBS, etc. Where can you give of your time to spread the word of God to our community? See Janice or Charlene for more info. VBS will run from Sunday, June23rd-Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8:30pm.**



**CAMPING FUN!** Make sure to take a summer camp booklet and look over all the great opportunities for you to have fun this summer. It’s a great way to meet new friends, and help your faith grow! The church will help pay half the cost if you’re interested in going.

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**  
**Love God, Love Others, Serve All!**

- 1. 3/10 VBS Decorating/Prep-2pm**
- 2. 3/31, 4/14, 4/28- VBS Decorating/Prep-6pm (Note time change)**
- 3. 4/20- Egg Hunt and Ice cream Social- 1pm**



**March 10, 2019**  
**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray - Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

(Since we cancelled last week due to the storm we will continue with the same plan.)

Tonight we are going to look at why Jesus is called the light of the world. This will involve owls, fire, and darkness. We will look at what darkness is and what the world means. If you are interested come out tonight and see how all this fits together.

### **Fusion Tonight**

**There will be a "Wing Night" March 19 at Jumbo Buffet on Paxtang Street. We will meet at the church at 5:45pm and then be back to the church 7pm. Cost is \$12 dollars and Parents are encouraged to come.**

The Tentative weeks for the upcoming Mission Trip to Gary, West Virginia are June 16 – 21. This is the week right before VBS but unfortunately the week we normally go on is not offering a mission trip program for youth. There will be more information to come.

### **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

**March 10** - Fusion  
**March 17** - Fusion  
**March 19** – Wing Night  
**March 24**- Fusion