

***The Shepherd's Voice***  
*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM**

This week we will be launching a new ministry team, Congregational Care Team. Pat Dixon and Mona Otto will lead the team. Their role will be to recruit, train and lead people in ministry to people of the congregation at their times of greatest need. Initially this will take the form of developing a new ministry called ***Partners in Care***.

In considering our congregation, it seems important to develop ways to maintain connection with those who are no longer able to get to worship and church activities. How the Partners in Care team will do this is part of an article on page 2 of today's newsletter.

The important thing for you is to realize that if you are willing to commit just a few hours a month you can make a difference in the life of one of our members struggling with limits to their mobility or health. I hope you will give serious consideration to following Jesus command to love one another through this new ministry.

In Christ 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, Tom Walker, Cathy Hought, Phyllis Dromgold, Dolores Walker, Michele Kreitman, Susan Wagner**

**A NEW MINISTRY PLANNED AT SUMC:** “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” In response to this teaching of Jesus, a new ministry, **Partners in Care**, is to be put in place. It will be dedicated to sharing the love of Christ with our members who have limited mobility. As we age we experience a loss of control, mobility, and friends. Partners in Care will provide visits and a caring relationship to those who are unable to attend church but will benefit from the care and support of their church family. As a member of this ministry you will be paired with a home bound member as a visitor and friend. Your visits will be a welcome respite in a home bound member's life! If you are interested in bringing joy and encouragement to our aging brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact Pat Dixon (717-421-4719) or Mona Otto (570-506-1331). **Also, you're invited to attend a brief information meeting where you can get more details on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the Life Center.**

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

### **Holy Thursday, April 18:**

7:00 - Be reminded of how Jesus shared a meal with his disciples on that night just before he was arrested and how he gave the disciples a way to remember him as they ate the bread and drank the cup. Come and join with Christian brothers and sisters all over the world as we experience Jesus' presence through music, scripture and sharing the bread and cup.

### **Good Friday Prayer Walk – April 19**

See page 5 of today's newsletter for information about the Good Friday Prayer Walk sponsored by Mechanicsburg Area Churches.

### **Easter Sunday, April 21**

**6:15 Sunrise Service** - Come experience the joy of Christ's resurrection by praising him at the start of Easter Sunday. The Youth will be leading us in this service. We will be meeting to praise the Lord for his sacrifice and resurrection.

**Please bring blankets, and your lawn chairs for this brief service.**

The service will be followed by a Continental Breakfast and fellowship in the Life Center.



**8:15 and 10:45 Worship Services** - Gather all your friends and family! Flowers will brighten our worship space. Music, song, scripture, and the proclamation of the Easter message will combine to lead us into a celebration of the defeat of death, the resurrection of Jesus, and his offer of new and eternal life for all of us. Join the song of praise that will be raised by Christians throughout the world as we boldly affirm, "Christ is risen!"

**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!

**CUMBERLAND SINGERS SPRING CONCERT IS TODAY!** The Cumberland Singers are celebrating their 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year and will present their 2019 spring concert here at Shepherdstown UMC today at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program, entitled “Seasons of Love” will feature the premiere of a new choral piece entitled “To Everything There is A Season” with iconic text from Ecclesiastes in an original work for choir, piano and bassoon. Also enjoy love songs and songs about the four seasons, Daniel Pinkham’s beautiful Wedding Cantata, along with folk songs, Broadway favorites and jazz. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission. For more information about Cumberland Singers – see their website at [www.cumberlandsingers.org](http://www.cumberlandsingers.org).

**GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK** Mechanicsburg Area Churches invite the community to the Good Friday Prayer Walk on April 19 from 12 noon – 1:30 pm. Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites and then cover the surrounding area in prayer. All participants will join together at 1:15 pm at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God on the square (28 E Main St.) for closing prayer and worship. All are welcome! See prayer site options listed below:

### ***Prayer Sites***

**Mechanicsburg First Church of God,**  
\*\*Prayer Stations for Non walkers\*\* 28 East Main Street  
**Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church,**  
300 East Simpson Street  
**Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School,**  
500 South Broad Street  
**Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park,** 1 Memorial Park Drive  
**Turning Point Church,** 201 East Green Street  
**Immanuel Church,** 800 South Market Street  
**First United Methodist Church,** 135 East Simpson Street  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 132 East Main Street  
**Mechanicsburg Middle School,** 1750 South Market Street

***See flyers on Shepherdstown UMC bulletin boards at church entrances for more information***

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>:** The annual Spring Clean-up has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30. As in the past, we will spruce up the flower beds and put down mulch. We need all the volunteer help we can get...and don't forget to bring wheel barrels, shovels and gloves!

**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 April will be **stuffed animals, puppets, dolls, craft kits, homemade craft items, stamp and ink pad sets, wooden toys**. Just as a reminder the age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 for both sexes. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

**NOTE OF THANKS:** Many thanks to the Cultivate and Nurture Team and Janice Deveney for including those of us who could not attend the 50+ Wedding Anniversary celebration. The book of wedding photographs and verses is wonderful and a special memento. We've enjoyed the flowers. There is no question that a great deal of planning and effort went into this event. Thanks to everyone who helped in this event. **Jeff and Ruth Gates**

**TODAY'S MISSION BASKET:** Through Native American Ministries Sunday, the United Methodist Church is able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. You will enable seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries and congregations to find fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. Your gift today also educates Native American Seminarians and empowers outreach into Native American Culture.

**CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

- Monday** Ken and Pam Martz
- Tuesday** Austin Martz
- Wednesday** Scott Martz
- Thursday** Joshua and Emilie Matthews and Layland
- Friday** Pat Mayberry
- Saturday** Clay and Alexis McAllister and family



Easter Cards for the Homebound

**SHUT-IN EASTER CARDS** Stop and take a moment to sign the Easter cards displayed on the table in the Lobby. These will be mailed to our shut-ins as a ministry of our Outreach Team. Thank you

**MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

- April 14 .....Native American Ministries
- April 21 .....New Hope Ministries
- April 28 .....Bingman Scholarship Fund

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- April 14 .....Bible Explorers
- April 21 .....LIFE Class
- April 28 .....Helping Hand Class
- May 5 .....Elective Class

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

- April 14 .....Brenda Tewell
- April 21 .....Worship Team
- April 28 .....The Blaksley family
- May 5 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,145,865.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$57,293.25. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

**GATHERING GROUND “Come Early – Stay Late”:** Don’t forget to join us Sundays between the 8:15 service and Sunday School for a time of fellowship and light refreshment at Gathering Ground located in the Life Center.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Worship at 8:15 - 84  
Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 139  
Sunday School – 81  
Membership – 509

### Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry

Through Shepherdstown Church:

Beginning January 1, 2019

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,746	\$147,092	\$136,446	\$10,646
Seminary Debt Fund Mission Basket- \$379.18			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$34,556.53			

### 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.]

#### APRIL

- \*\*\* 15 Hayley Crownover
- \*\*\* 15 Ada Rhoads
- \*\*\* 15 Dave Buckwalter,
- \*\*\* 16 Darryl Smith,
- \*\*\* 16 Helen Love
- \*\*\* 17 Periann Smith
- A 18 Jim and Graceann Steckbeck,
- A 19 Jason and Jenn Bechtel,
- \*\*\* 20 Kathy Cavalati,
- \*\*\* 20 Luther Dromgold
- \*\*\* 20 Graceann Steckbeck
- \*\*\* 20 Amanda Blasius,
- \*\*\* 21 William Barry
- \*\*\* 21 Bryson Herb,
- \*\* 21 Brady Olzacki

**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**

**“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1**

I have a love/hate relationship with my phone. Right now, I hate it. Mainly because it is lost. I know where I had it last and it isn't there. I have looked everywhere else with no luck. And, by now, the battery is dead so I can't even try using the ring tone to locate it. I don't own an iPhone just one of those little flip phones. My children are harping at me to upgrade my phone and get something real now that I don't have one. I resist the idea. I love the convenience of being able to let Darryl know I am on my way home or I need to stop at the grocery so will be a few minutes late. I like having a device that connects me to help if I need it. I don't want a phone that addicts me to looking at it 24/7. I don't want the anxiety of worrying about who is calling me and why when the incoming tone sounds. The only connection I want 24/7 is one with the Lord. He is the one I want to talk to and confide in. He is the one who is my help. He is the one who keeps me on the right path (or road). *“My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2.*

*Lord, help me to answer only your call. Strengthen our connection by leading me away from worldly distractions. Help me keep the lines of our communication open and alive through prayer. Reinforce that I can always call home; you are waiting and eager to talk to me. Amen.*

**Deb Kenes**

**SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN:** On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the SOS will be touring the Snyder Pretzel Factory in Hanover, having lunch at the Dutch Family Restaurant and then stopping at the Utz Outlet Store. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 9:00 am and should be back to the church by 2 or 2:30. A sign-up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Any questions contact the church office.

**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.**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEAL CELEBRATING CONFIRMANDS, APRIL

**28, 2019:** Catch the spirit, come in fellowship together and welcome the newest members of Shepherdstown UMC at a celebration dinner following the 10:45 service on, April 28th . Bring your appetites for BBQ and/or Italian chicken tenders, au gratin potatoes, veggies, apple sauce, and salad with a special cake to celebrate with the Confirmands! There is no cost but a basket will be available for donations. We hope to see you all there!



**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.



## VBS 2019- June 23rd-27<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8:30pm

Now that spring has sprung, and you begin to think about warmer weather, please consider volunteering during our week of VBS. There are so many opportunities for people of **ALL** ages to get involved. We are always thankful for the outpouring of monetary and material donations, however, we need **YOUR TIME** just as much! As we try to organize all the details necessary to make this another successful outreach to our community, we cannot make it happen without your help. Below are descriptions of areas where we need volunteers to sign up and help assist with the kids involved:

- 1. Preschool Bible Adventures Leader**- volunteer will teach the bible story of the day to a group of about 10 kids at a time, with 3 different rotations during the evening. Each rotation is about 20 minutes in length. All material needed(scripted lesson and supplies) is provided for this area .
- 2. Elementary Games Leader**-volunteer will engage the kids in fun games through the evening. There will be 4 rotations throughout the night, and each one lasting about 20 minutes. There is a lesson book provided that give suggestions for games, and all material will be provided. This leader will have the help of 4 Crew Leaders and numerous youth each rotation.
- 3. Preschool and Elementary Crew Leaders**- volunteer walks a group of kids around from station to station. There is **NO TEACHING** involved. **We are in need of 4 more Preschool Crew leaders, and 12 more Elementary Crew leaders.**
- 4. Preschool and Elementary Helpers**- volunteer assists the leader position above.
- 5. Registration table helpers**- volunteer helps sign kids in for the evening, and hand out info to parents.

**Check out the VBS Volunteer Board located in the Lobby today,  
and signup where you can help!**

Any more questions? See Charlene or Janice or email us at [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto:childrens.sumc@comcast.net) or 766-3076 for more information.

**\*\*Also, there are numerous small projects that we could use assistance with in completing. For now, there are posters that need to be cut and taped together. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please come down to the Children's Center and sign out a "Take Home" envelope that has the project in it. Simply take the envelope home, assemble the poster in your free time, and then return back to church. Thank you!**







**“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(4/14/19)-Jesus is Tried and Crucified (Luke 19:28-40,23:1-49)**

**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 card** found in the pew.



**EGG HUNT FUN!** This year our annual Easter egg hunt will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Please bring along your favorite basket, and be ready to enjoy finding eggs, doing crafts, and eating ice cream. Signup sheets will be coming soon! **INVITE A FRIEND TO ENJOY IN THE FUN TOO!**  
**Signup sheets are in the Lobby or in the Children’s Center.**



**JR CHOIR NEWS...**



1. 4/14, 4/21, 4/28- Practice 8:45am-9:25am
2. 4/28- Singing in the 10:45am service.
3. 5/5, 5/12, 5/19- Practice 9:00am- 9:25am
4. 5/19- last practice, and Singing in 10:45am service

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

1. 4/14, 4/28- VBS Decorating/Prep-6pm (Note time change)
2. 4/20- Egg Hunt and Ice cream Social- 1pm
3. 4/21- Easter Celebration- 9:30am-10:30am in Children’s Center
4. 5/10- Kids Club- Making Muffins for Moms- come and help make the muffins we’ll use the Muffins for Moms event.
5. 5/19- Muffins for Moms



**April 14, 2019**  
**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray - Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

**We are going to take tonight's time to practice and walk through the Sunrise Service that is coming next week. We will be doing this during Sunday School as well and if we deem that we do not need this time, we will cancel it. We may also go grab ice cream tonight at Maggies as we did not get a chance to do this last week.**

Sunrise service is coming up next week. The service will begin at 6:15am at all youth must be at the church at 6:00am. All are asked to bring personal lawn chairs.

### **Sunrise Service Practice (If Needed)**

The weeks for the upcoming Mission Trip to Gary West Virginia are June 16 – 21. Mark your calendars. We are also in charge of Kids Club this year.

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

**April 14 – No Fusion (Sunrise Service Practice)**

**April 21- Easter (Sunrise Service)**

**April 21 – No Youth**

**April 28 – Fusion**

**March 5 - Fusion**