

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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LIVING SIMPLY

I recently read a Facebook post of a college friend in which she said, "We go through much of our lives accumulating, I find I am not in a time of clearing out stuff." I have heard similar remarks from others of similar age. One of the great contributions of millennials is their minimalist response to "stuff."

Jesus had a minimalist approach to life. We don't really know what he possessed but it seems from the story of his execution that his outer garment was the most valuable thing he owned. When he sent out his followers he urged them to travel light! How about you? Do you travel light?

As one who has moved more often in recent years that we care to remember, we travel lighter all the time but are still amazed at how much "stuff" we have. I have been "weeding out" my library for years but not making a big difference. For years I asked the question, "With what books can I part?" Recently, I have begun to ask myself, "With what books must I absolutely not part?" It is a painfully different question. How many books must I keep? How many pairs of jeans? Shoes? Golf clubs?

_____ (you fill in the blank.)

Living simply is a spiritual practice that can be traced to the very earliest followers of Jesus and many since then and now. It is really hard for us to live simply in a world that has so much and so many choices. Our first world problem is not figuring out what we can afford to part with but the cost of not parting with it! Today we look at this final practice of finding facetime with God . . . living simply, living with less stuff which makes room for God. In Christ's service, Dennis 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

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET The Seminary Debt Fund helps clergy, who are under appointment, with their debts from their seminary education. Pastors often graduate from seminary with upwards of \$25,000 of debt for their schooling (not counting debt for undergraduate studies). This fund is designed to help those who are appointed in the Susquehanna Conference pay off the seminary debt they accrued as they were getting the necessary education to further their ministry among us in a timely manner.

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!

SPECIAL NOTES OF APPRECIATION: Thanks to the Cultivate and Nurture Team, Janice Deveney and others responsible for the 50th+ Wedding Anniversary Celebration on 3-31-19. The reception was lovely and the thoughtful displays, delicious food, beautiful cupcakes, picture taking and book of wedding pictures were all wonderfully planned. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

The 50+ Wedding Anniversary couples.

50+ Wedding Anniversary



Thank you so very much to the Cultivate and Nurture Team and everyone who helped with the lovely anniversary celebration party! Every detail was so very special... from the corsages and boutonnieres, the beautiful remembrance booklets, the lovely table cloths, taking pictures of the couples, the sharing of mementos and the wonderful food... everything was just beautiful! It was a very special event that made us feel very honored. Thank you for a beautiful time with our church family, one that we will remember and always treasure. **Wes and Laura Reohr**

A big THANK YOU to Janice Deveney and the Cultivate and Nurture Team for the thoughtful and "over the top" celebration of marriage last Sunday. I know that every one of the 50+ couples who were so beautifully honored really appreciate the time and diligence to see that we were all included and remembered.

Jim and Bonnie Madara

Dear Janice and C&N Team: What a wonderful event you put on for Golden Anniversary couples last Sunday! It must have taken much planning and hard work. You're all very talented. Howard and I really appreciate your efforts. We totally enjoyed it. Thank you so much! **Nancy and Howard Wilson**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Samantha Mann
Tuesday	Tom and Carol Mann
Wednesday	Lisa Mannion
Thursday	Grace and Sunny Markley
Friday	Arnie Martz
Saturday	Darl and Mindy Martz and family



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 7The Seminary Debt Fund
- April 14Native American Ministries
- April 21New Hope Ministries
- April 28Bingman Scholarship Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- April 7The Elective Class
- April 14Bible Explorers
- April 21LIFE Class
- April 28Helping Hand Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- April 7Lori Weicht
- April 14Brenda Tewell
- April 21Worship Team
- April 28The Blaksley family

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,144,255.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$57,212.75. 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 – 70
 Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 187
 Sunday School – 75
 Membership – 509

Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry

Through Shepherdstown Church:

Beginning January 1, 2019

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,454	\$136,346	\$126,700	\$9,646

United Methodist Comm. On Relief Mission Basket– \$527.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance – \$34,030.64

CUMBERLAND SINGERS CONCERT: The Cumberland Singers are celebrating their 43rd anniversary this year and will present their 2019 spring concert here at Shepherdstown UMC on Sunday, April 14th 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.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES GERANIUM SALE: See the white insert at the Distribution Center in the Lobby to order geraniums to benefit New Hope Ministries. Fill out the order form and place it in one of the Response Boxes with your payment (checks made out to "New Hope Ministries") no later than April 7th. Flowers will be delivered to you by Sandy Yost on Saturday, May 11th. Thank you

EASTER EGG REMINDER!! Our last day to take Easter Egg orders is TODAY! Sunday, April 7th. Please have your orders in NOW to insure that you will get your eggs!

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 Ken or Haddiee Spidle at 717-697-1335.

HOW DO I GET EASTER EGGS? Yellow egg order forms are available, 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 night from 6:00–8:00 in Fellowship Hall (Please use back Fellowship Hall entrance)
2. Friday morning beginning 4/12 from 10 – 1 in the church lobby
3. Sunday morning outside the kitchen immediately following the first or second service.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 13th: The annual Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 13th, 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.

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

- *** 8 Janeann Runkle,
- *** 8 Bernard Mills,
- ***10 Ronnie Trimmer,
- ***10 Dolores Walker,
- ***10 Rita Spicher,
- *** 10 John Ross
- * 10 Ben Rainey
- *** 11 Jill Evans,
- *** 11 Cathy Fauber
- *** 12 Caren Butera
- *** 12 Millie Lerew
- ***12 Mark King,
- *** 12 Joshua Brown,
- * 12 Alex Evans,
- *** 13 Jacob Warner,

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 5th 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

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" [Psalm 42:2](#)

I have read this scripture numerous times but today it stopped me. When you talk about thirsting for something, it implies that you just can't live without it. When is the last time that you have, in all honesty, thought about God that way? We live our lives day to day. Some days go by without approaching God in any manner. If there is nothing critical or everyone is healthy, you might not seek God for a week or more. I know that many of those who have iphones, check their inbox before they pull out their bibles at the beginning of each day. Jesus spent his last day on earth thinking about each of us. As he walked to the cross, his attention was on doing his Father's will and saving us from ourselves. He pursues us relentlessly. When will we return this need for Him in a way that glorifies Him and satisfies our thirst? The second sentence of this verse is even more haunting. WHEN will we go and meet Him? I prefer to talk to Him in the morning when I am at my best and most clear headed. Perhaps that doesn't work for moms with little ones or husbands with planes to catch. Maybe you need to set aside a few moments of your lunch period to meet with Him. If you are a night owl, setting aside time after dinner or before bed may work best for you. Bottom line, make setting time aside a priority to meet with the Living Water. You'll feel less and less parched.

Father God, help me change how I spend my time. I am way too casual about giving you the moments you deserve. I am filling my days with nonsense instead of quenching a thirst that can only be filled by you. Love deserves more. Help me. Amen. Deb Kenes

COIN AUCTION TO BE HELD: There will be Coin Auction at the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 8, 2019 starting at 4 pm until? The Elective Class will be sponsoring the kitchen.

Proceeds will be used for shipping the 2019 Samaritan Purse Boxes. We are requesting the following donations: Hot Dog and Hamburg Rolls, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, and Sprite and baked goods such as brownies, cookies, cakes and pies. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping there is a sign up bulletin board in the Lobby. Thank you for your help.

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:

April 10Shiremanstown UMC 717-737-6621

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.

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14:

8:15 and 10:45 – Our Worship will be a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. Like the crowds who waved their palm branches as Jesus entered the city, we will wave our palm branches proclaiming his greatness.



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.

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!"

“THE FLOCK” Children’s Ministries
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LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY
9:30AM Sunday School
8:15 & 10:45AM Worship

LIFETIME(Sunday School) FOR KIDS

9:30–10:30AM for Age 3 – 5th Grade



Today(4/7/19)–Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet (John 13:1–17)



Today there will be Children’s Church for ages 3yrs.–5th 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 20th 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. 4/7, 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



April 7, 2019
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray – Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Tonight we are looking at what it means to be “set free” by Jesus. We can often feel that having faith is making sure we are following the rules but seeing Jesus as the one who sets us free is life giving. Jesus reminds us that we are made in God’s image with grace already given to us. We are God’s work of art.

Fusion Tonight

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.

“Outpost” the all day Capture the Flag event is coming. Check your emails for permission slips and information. Permission forms were emailed out. The due date for the forms is tonight.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

April 7– Fusion/Due Date for Outpost

April 13 – Outpost

April 14 – No Fusion

April 21– Easter (Sunrise Service)

April 21 – No Youth