

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Good Morning Everyone!

What a great week we just experienced! This year's Vacation Bible School was an incredible time of ministry and mission as children of all ages(!) learned and experienced the wonderful stories of God's love!

The energy was something to behold! Children and adults smiling, laughing, singing, screaming, feeling the beat, waving arms, moving their entire bodies – it all added up to a great ball of energy as the kids grew in God's love! I was thrilled once again to see children not only learning about God's love – but feeling it in their hearts!

All of this was such a blessing because YOU made it possible. How? You made it happen through giving your time and talent each night to make a great experience for the children. You made it happen by working behind the scenes to make sure everything was ready for a great week. You made it happen through your offerings on Sunday morning which provided not only the program materials but also the building, air conditioning, lights, and supplies used. You made it happen through your faithful and constant prayers that God would bless this ministry and touch hearts for Jesus. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Praising God for a great week and praising God for you.....

Pastor Tim

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Timothy R. Baer
Directors of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Janice Deveney Mrs. Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Mr. Shawn Gray
Organists	Mrs. Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mrs. Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Ms. Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Mrs. Periann Smith
Chancel Choir Director	Ms. Mindy Kitzig
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Mr. Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

**Helen Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett,
Sue Graybill, Annetta Simington, Dennis Tewell**

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM MEETING CANCELLED: The Tuesday, July 4 Prayer Shawl Team meeting has been cancelled because of the holiday. Meetings will resume Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 am.

NOTE OF THANKS: I would like to thank Pastor Baer for his wonderful message at the funeral for my husband, Don Minnich. It was wonderful with the perfect message to everyone. I also want to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, telephone calls and visits. Words cannot express my true feelings. God is so great and I know he has touched me during these difficult days. Don is in heaven looking down on us now without pain or dialysis treatments and saying, "I will see you later". Thank you so much again. **Bess Minnich**

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. The organization now builds/renovates an average of 3 homes per year. For more information see Cumberlandvalleyhfh.org.

HOME MADE CARDS AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY PRAYER SHAWL GIVING: A member of our Prayer Shawl Team has crafted beautiful homemade greeting cards to be used to accompany a Prayer Shawl when given. The cards are available for your convenience at the Prayer Shawl cabinet in the Narthex. Simply take a card (1 per shawl please) when you select your shawl, then make sure you remember to sign your card! We thank the Prayer Shawl Team for providing this new ministry!

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday Howard and Nancy Wilson
Tuesday Lee and Bonnie Wolaniuk
Thursday Sandy Yost
Friday John and Patricia Zart
Saturday Bill and Erin Albright and family

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

TodayCumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity
July 9Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry
July 16Neighborhood Center
July 23PA Alcohol Education Foundation

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

TodayElective Class
July 9Bible Explorers
July 16.....LIFE Class
July 23.....Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayRich and Pat Dixon
July 9Volunteer Needed
July 16Volunteer Needed
July 23Volunteer Needed

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.

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,014,885.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$50,744.00 Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 76
Sunday School – 107
Late Worship – 138
Membership – 520

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT, September 15-17, 2017: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center is the setting for the 2017 Women’s Fall Retreat, September 15-17, at the headwaters of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plan now to join us for the theme, “Living Strong: You Are What You Think.” Sessions with speaker Dr. Deirdre Jackson and worship leader, Gwen Smith, co-founder of Girlfriends in God ministry. Registration forms are in the bulletin and will be available at the Narthex Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

1Corinthians 6:19 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.*

Hmmmm....I use to be a skinny little thing. At age 50, I thought, wow I am lucky to not have put on the weight that so many middle aged women deal with. At age 60 that changed. Where in Heaven’s name did this fat come from? I didn’t change my eating habits. Or have I? I am probably not nutritionally balanced. I don’t eat as many fruits and vegetables as I should, don’t drink enough water and most pretzels and ice cream have my name on them. I have started thinking about the ways I am also spiritually depleted. You can be overweight and still undernourished. Am I under feeding my spirit too? Am I doing the things that pull me closer to God, to understanding his purpose for me? Am I only giving Him the left over portion of my day instead of planning time together? Are my relationships based on Facebook responses or deep meaningful supportive conversations? Are my ministries based on convenience and what works for me rather than what is necessary and right? There are so many places where I need help – for will power, by His power. Let’s all glorify this God who loves us so much by elevating our minds, bodies and soul. Pray with the Prayer Team on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30P in the Parlor.

Deb Kenes

**Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry
through Shepherdstown Church:
Beginning January 2017**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,930	\$248,786	\$234,392	\$14,394

Living Water International Mission Offering - \$403.18
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$41,476.54

MEN’S SOFTBALL: Shep play SEAS at Grantham, Thursday night 7-6-17 starting at 6:00 pm. Check the website (www.shepherdstownumc.org) for more information! Please talk to Shawn Gray if you can keep score! We hope to see you there!
A full list of all upcoming softball games and ball field directions is available in the Narthex at the Distribution Center or on the church website at www.Shepherdstownumc.org.

GRANTHAM CHURCH: 421 Grantham Rd. Grantham, Pa 17027 (G FIELD)
**From the South: Take US 15 North past Dillsburg. Take Lisburn Rd. / Messiah College Exit, and then go right onto Lisburn Road (east). At the bottom of the hill (less than 1 mile) make a right onto Grantham Road. The church is on the left, the field is behind the church.
**From Harrisburg: pointing North take I-83, I-81: get on 581 West to Rt 15. Take US 15 South past Camp Hill. Take Lisburn Rd. / Messiah College Exit, and go left onto Lisburn Road (east). At bottom of hill (less than 1 mile) make a right onto Grantham Road. The church is on the left.

SUMMER GIVING: This summer, if you are going to miss worship due to travel, vacations, etc.; we encourage you to continue to give your tithes and offerings in support of God's work through automated giving. Your church, Shepherdstown UMC, relies on your consistent financial support for the many ministries for children, youth and adults. Electronic giving offers an easy and convenient way to give on a recurring or one time basis. Simply visit shepherdstownumc.org and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

EAGLE PROJECT UPDATE: Over the past several weeks, Zack Schade has planned and conducted his Eagle Scout Project of reconstructing the sand volleyball court across the street. At this time, we believe enough funds have been raised. The special sand (56 tons!) has been delivered and distributed. A new ball stop fence has been installed. There are a few finishing touches that remain. The total collection has been \$3,201.00. Many thanks to all who have supported Zack during the project. A full report will be shared at the conclusion of the project. All leftover funds collected will be forwarded to the Capital/Special Projects and Related Expenses.

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.]

July

*** 3 Sarah Bartlett,
*** 3 Pam Trimmer
** 3 Jacob Buterbaugh
*** 5 Don Holtzman,
*** 5 Ellie Squire,
A 6 Tom and Mayra Barry,
*** 7 Brian Rainey
A 8 Mark & Cathy Fauber,
*** 9 Don Franklin,

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You're invited to participate in this mission to children around the world to experience the love of Christ at Christmas. All items collected will be sent to children at Christmastime. The items for July are: socks, t-shirts, ball caps, flip flops, any small clothing item. We cannot include toothpaste this year. These items can be dropped off in the marked collection box in the Narthex.

PRAYER GARDEN RENOVATION: In the near future, Cumberland Valley Tree Service will be doing a major "do-over" of the Prayer Garden. We will retain the pavers in their present location...eliminate the stone wall round the tree, keeping the tree as is...replace the rubber edging with block edging...and replace most of the plants. We will be pressure washing/cleaning the pavers during the project and will offer members of the congregation an opportunity to have blank pavers engraved once the renovation is completed. An estate bequest from Jim Yeager will fund most of the project.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Flour, sugar, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, peanut butter, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereal, deodorant, soap, toothpaste.** These items may be brought to the Food Pantry table in the narthex. **Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.**

SING IN THE SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR! Come one! Come all! Starting June 18th and through September 3rd, you are invited to sit in the choir loft with the Congregational Choir and sing a special anthem during the late worship service on Sundays. There will be no Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Instead, all singers will meet in Classroom 11 at 10:30 am each Sunday morning to practice the anthem selected for that day. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

SPECIAL MUSIC IS REQUESTED during our worship services (8:15, 10:45 or both) for the summer months. Please sign up to share your talent. Dates are available from June 18th through September 3rd. The sign-up list is posted outside the church office, or contact Mindy Martz the church office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Believe it or not – various resources in our community are already getting ready for the next school year! Join us in supporting local school supply drives:

Project Back to School of Operation Wildcat and School Daze Craze of New Hope Ministries

What is **Operation Wildcat**? The Mechanicsburg Area School District PTO's, Parent Advisory Group, and community members are working together with the school district administration and staff to pool resources to help those local families in need on an ongoing basis. You can help support **Project Back to School**, which gives guidance counselors, nurses, and teachers access to supplies for distribution to students in need.

What is **New Hope Ministries**? New Hope Ministries provides many needs for Mechanicsburg and surrounding communities. As part of their mission, *Sharing Christ's Love By Meeting Human Needs*, New Hope Ministries holds an annual **Back to School Daze Craze**. This event includes giving out school supplies to approximately 500 children.

Please leave items in the collection bin placed in the Narthex, which will be disbursed between the two drives:

Backpacks (age and gender neutral)	Loose Leaf Paper
Binders, 1", 1 1/2", and 2"	Index Cards
#2 pencils	Subject Dividers with Pockets
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Highlighters	Rulers
Pens	Scissors
Markers	Deodorant (men and women)
Erasers	Hair bands & ties
Pencil Cases	Razors
Pencil Sharpeners	Soap
Glue Sticks	Socks
Calculators	Underwear
Composition Books	Shampoo
Notebooks	Conditioner



July 2nd, 2017

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

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It has been a great week of VBS. It is encouraging to see so many kids running around having fun and learning about Jesus. I am in need of adult volunteers coming up for our Wacky Weds. Dates and times are below. If you would like to eat some good food and hang out with some awesome youth come join us.

Fusion Tonight !!!

As we look at the summer one staple of our Youth Ministry is Salt and Lights Impact. Impact is a Christian music, art, and drama festival where nearly 1000 youth from surrounding areas camp, praise, and fellowship and Camp Greene Hills. If you are interested or have questions Shawn Gray will give you the forms.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

July 2- Fusion Youth Group

July 5- Wacky Weds (5:30pm – 8pm) **Need Adult Volunteer**

July 9 – Fusion Youth Group

July 9 – Impact Forms Due

July 12- Wacky Weds (11:30a – 2pm) **Need Adult Volunteer**

July 16 – Fusion Youth Group

July 21 – Service (Make and Take Meal) 9:30a – 11:30a

“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 – 5th Grade



Today(7/2/17)-Summer Sunday School Series and
VBS program practice



Please Note: There will be NO Children’s Church today. We encourage all kids to worship with their families today and enjoy the VBS program..

VBS 2017- OH WHAT FUN IT WAS!!



Thank you to all who volunteered to help, and for the kids that participated in the week. We learned so much about God and His love for us. Also, thank you to the congregation for providing all the donations that were needed throughout the week. It was so much appreciated.

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

Being a Light! Love God, Love Others, Serve All!

- 1. 7/2- VBS Closing program- Both services**
- 2. 7/18- Kids Club- 9:30-11:30am- decorate cupcakes for Meals on Wheels.**