

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Do you have a New Year's resolution? Should you have a resolution? I have heard people say they don't make resolutions and I wonder if that means they no longer believe they can change. Have they given up? Or maybe they resolve and change on a regular basis. What about you? Have you made a resolution or are you ready to make one that will change your life?

Over the next eight sermons I want to challenge those of us at Shepherdstown to consider making a resolution(s) in key areas of life following advice of the Bible in how to live out that resolution. There are so many resolutions that many of us could make over the next weeks we will look "*Making Resolutions for Life*" to: *Stay in Love with God, Love One Another, Love Our Children/Parents, Love Yourself, and Love Your Spouse*. You get the theme. Love can bring about a huge difference in the New Year, for you, your family and friends and your world. Join us in resolving to and making an incredible difference.

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

Vivian Weakland, John Mowery, Barbara Protas, Lindsey James-Kline, Darryl Kenes, Sue Graybill

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Bob Gray
Tuesday	Shawn and Mollie Gray, Gideon and Mercy
Wednesday	Sue Graybill
Thursday	Ron and Claire Gruver
Friday	John and Carol Hackenberg
Saturday	Don and Shirley Haines

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: On January 10, The SOS will be touring the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank at 3908 Corey Rd., Harrisburg. Our tour is at 11 am, so we will need to leave the church promptly at 10:15 am. We will have lunch after the tour at a local restaurant. A sign-up sheet for this tour is on the Senior's Bulletin Board in the upper rear hallway. Please contact Melvalene, Louise or JoAnn with any questions. If the weather is bad, our tour will be cancelled. We are asking each person or couple to donate a non-perishable food item.

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.]

JANUARY

**** 6 Colin Snyder,**

***** 9 Roy Stare,**

***** 11 Rich Dixon**

***** 11 Michael Aumiller**

A 11Shanon and Nicole Thurstin,

***** 13 Pearl Rinehart**

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Peggy Denison, who entered the Church Triumphant on December 22, 2018. Her funeral was held here at SUMC on Friday, December 29th. During this time of grief, we remember the sure hope we have as Christians: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)

NOTE OF THANKS: I wish to thank those of Shepherdstown Church who sent cards or visited me during the Holiday Season. The highlight of the cards was a group of hand crafted best wishes from the Children/Youth of SUMC. Also, thanks goes to the leaders who worked with them on the project. Thank you all. Phyllis Dromgold.

2019 SUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: The Discipleship Team will be collecting devotions and creating a Lenten devotional booklet. Available today in the Distribution Center are guidelines and examples (green) on how to fill out your devotional submission. These can be filled out either electronically or manually. There are purple sheets available to use for a manual submission. We need yours by the end of January for the booklets to be ready for Lent. Please prayerfully consider participating.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL: If you would like to be included in an email church sidewalk snow removal chain, please call the church office.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Domestic Violence Services, Cumberland/Perry Counties – DVSCP is a private, non-profit organization that was incorporated in May 1990 and has provided 24 hour a day unduplicated services to the communities of Cumberland and Perry counties since 12:01 midnight on July 28, 1990 **Vision Statement:** We envision DVSCP as a premier organization, not necessarily in its size and facilities, but in the strength of its commitment to the eradication of domestic violence. **Mission Statement:** DVSCP supports and empowers those who are experiencing domestic violence and promotes non-violence through social and systems change.

BOILER CASUALTY: On Thursday afternoon, we found water leaking from the boiler in the old boiler room. The company that maintains our boilers arrived within an hour and immediately shut it down. We have decided to replace the entire boiler, given its age, and we expect work will be done by the end of next week. As a result of this casualty, this weekend we will be without hot water throughout the church and we will be without heat in the Children's Center and the Life Center.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL: This is the first of what we intend to be a regular inclusion in the newsletter. The report will name significant actions of the Council of Shepherdstown Church. Ordinarily meetings are held on the third Tuesday of odd months of the year (January, March, etc). In the November 2018 meeting of Council the following actions were taken:

- The budget of the church was passed. The total budget is \$598,981.00. This is about a 4.4% increase but is consistent with actual giving in the past year.
- A position description for a part time position in communication was passed as presented from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. The intention is to hire someone on a very part time basis to design communication, especially digital communication to further our reach and help us utilize available technologies and opportunities as well as we can.
- An interfaith Thanksgiving service was sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Council of Churches involving leaders of Jewish, Muslim and Christian Communities. Janeann Runkle, our representative with MCC helped to plan the event which was followed by a time to share the foods of the different traditions around tables. Over two hundred people attended.
- The last Sunday of each month has been family Sunday with children being in worship. The concept is being further developed by intentionally using some music each last Sunday that is familiar to children or youth in addition to music typically used in our services. Services are designed to be more welcoming to children, youth and their families. We will try to have the services be a bit briefer, with less silent time, more visuals and other ideas that emerge. Children's and Youth Coordinators, music staff, worship team and pastor have all been involved in working with the initial design.
- A bid for a new projection system has been accepted. The system will feature a laser projector. Installation should begin mid to late February.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- January 6Domestic Violence Services Cum./Perry Counties
- January 13Bethesda Mission
- January 20Human Relations Sunday
- January 27Life Choices

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- January 6Helping Hands Class
- January 13Elective Class
- January 20Bible Explorers
- January 27LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- January 6Lori Weicht
- January 13Hersh and Annetta Simington
- January 20Volunteer Needed
- January 27Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,127,925.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$56,395.75. 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 - 77
- Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 175
- Sunday School – 96
- Membership – 511

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.**

Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry

Through Shepherdstown Church:

Beginning January 2018

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$7,667	\$514,507	\$480,670	\$33,837

Daystar Center Mission Basket- \$317.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$52,374.07

NEXT SUNDAY (at both worship services): We will be sharing in Holy Communion! This is always a special time as we remember with thankful hearts what Jesus has done for us and the promises of life eternal with Jesus in heaven. Plan now to be present for this Holy Meal!

ADVENT STUDY BOOKS TO BE DONATED: Thanks to all who participated in the Advent study. We would like to make a mission out of the study so that others can participate similarly. We will be donating them to the United Methodist Discovery Place for use by other churches. It does not matter whether you wrote in them or not, they can still be donated (unless you want your writings to be kept private). So if you are so inclined, bring your book back and drop off at the church office or with your Sunday school teacher and we will collect them and deliver them to the Discovery Place. Thank you.

VAN DRIVER NEEDED FOR 2019: Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to drive the church van to pick up Messiah College students for a few Sundays in 2019.

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.



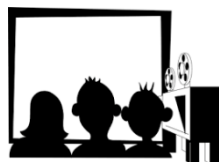
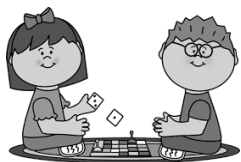
SAVE THE DATES: The Cultivate and Nurture Committee invites you to the various upcoming events. The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for church members to build relationships with one another. We hope you can join us for some of the events we have planned and we are always looking for new ideas.

02/23 5-8pm Movie Night (hot dogs and mac&cheese for dinner)

05/19 1:30-2:30 Riverboat ride on the Pride of the Susquehanna

09/29 12:15 Church Picnic

Stay tuned for more details. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved with any events, please see one of our committee members: Cynthia Barletta, Janice Deveney, Bob Gray, Michele Kreitman, Brian Rainey, Mary Rowland, Nancy Stout, and Curran Trimmer. We always welcome extra help!



"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(1/6/19)-Jesus Grows Up (Luke 2:39-52)

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 form** found in the pew.



As this new year begins, take a moment to see where improvement needs to be made in your life. If Jesus is our RESCUER, then what does He need to rescue you from in order to help you become a better servant for Him?

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 1/13- Soup/Sub sale starts
2. 1/27- Soup/sub orders due
3. 2/3-"SOUP"erbowl Sunday- we'll need volunteers to help with canned goods the congregation will bring in.
4. 2/7- Soup/Sub pickup in Fellowship-3:30pm-6pm
5. 2/10-Deliver valentines to Messiah Lifeways(Village)-9:30am-10:30am. Signup sheet to come
6. 2/23- Movie Night- Churchwide event-5pm
7. 2/24-VBS Decorating Meeting-2pm- All helping hands appreciated.



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"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
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What was your New Years resolution? Mine is to take 30 minutes one day every week to spend with God whether it is listening or talking to God. I hope that it is more some weeks but at least this. I challenge you if you have not already done so to make a New Year's resolution that helps you to grow in your relationship with our Christ. It can be reading the Bible, hiking, drawing, etc. The only requirement is that you are spending time with Jesus.

Fusion Tonight

Zeteo is approaching. The theme this year is Architects which takes place in a post apocalyptic world. The deadline to sign up is January 13th. The cost for Zeteo is \$45 dollars and it's for 7th - 12th graders. If any 6th graders would like to go, see Shawn. It will be an amazing time of worship, dramas, and fellowship. If you have any questions feel free to call/text/email.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

**Jan 6 – Fusion
Jan 13- Fusion
Jan 20 - Fusion
Jan 27 - Fusion
Feb 1-3 – ZETEO!!!**