

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Love is the center of the gospel. Jesus' incarnation, birth into the world in human form is because of God's love for us. Jesus' teaching repeatedly turns to love; Love God with all that you are and have . . . and love others as you love yourself and at the end of his life, Love in the selfless serving way I have loved you. The crucifixion and resurrection are God's "I love you" with an exclamation point!

So as we begin to look for resolutions that give life and last a life time, everyone has to do with love and each one begins with "staying in love with God." As we go to the communion table today we do so remembering not only God's love for us, but that all that we might offer God, what he wants most is our love.

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	Linda Haines
Tuesday	Jason and Robin Hall and family
Wednesday	Henry and Becky Hedden
Thursday	Norma Jean Heintzelman
Friday	Joe and Carol Helsel and Caitlyn
Saturday	Gary and Diane Henderson

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.

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

***** 13 Pearl Rinehart,**

***** 15 Ed Kapp,**

***** 15 Vivian Weakland,**

***** 16 Ellie Weber,**

***** 16 Jim Steckbeck,**

***** 17 Ian Smith,**

***** 20 Dick Beaty**

**** 20 Elizabeth Yeingst,**

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: Bethesda Mission

The Mission Basket collection today will go directly to Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg. Below is information taken from their website at www.bethesdamission.org

Our Mission Since 1914, Bethesda Mission has been a missionary arm of the local church, reaching out to men, women and children of all races, nationalities and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and discipling them in the Christian life.

Our Vision - Rescue. A soft pillow, a warm meal, and peace from life's storms are what Bethesda offers the men, women, and children who walk through our doors. Our walls offer safety from chaos-filled homes and noisy streets, and our hospitality returns a small portion of the grace we've been given to the people we serve.

Redeem. A brightly lit green cross is the trade-mark symbol of our flagship facility at 611 Reily Street in downtown Harrisburg. This city icon defines our driving passion – to introduce others to the power and love of Jesus Christ.

Restore. Equipping each person with tools for life is the aim of Bethesda's community re-entry blueprint. From learning to balance a checkbook to finding a Christ centered, nurturing church, these foundational skills help existing guests lead lives of character and great purpose.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE WINTER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: Check out the Bulletin Boards at the church entrances for information about upcoming February Retreats offered by Susquehanna Conference. Camps include "Making Memories Scrapbook Retreat" (Feb. 14-17 at Greene Hills, "Recharge Jr./Sr. High Youth Winter Camp Experience" Feb. 15-27 at Wesley Forest and "Senior Day", held every Wednesday from 11 am – 3 pm at Mount Asbury. Call 717-766-7395 to register.

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 13Bethesda Mission
January 20Human Relations Sunday
January 27Life Choices
February 3Souper Bowl Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

January 13Elective Class
January 20Bible Explorers
January 27LIFE Class
February 3Helping Hand Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

January 13Hersh and Annetta Simington
January 20Volunteer Needed
January 27Jan James and Dale Glacken
February 3Volunteer Needed

**“Given
for
you.”**



TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that the bread tray contains regular bread, with gluten free bread located in the center cup of the bread plate. The communion cups contain grape juice.

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP: Any single senior is welcome to join our Never Alone Support Group as they meet for their monthly luncheon this Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 11:30 a.m. at Silver Springs Diner. NASG is a group of widowed or single seniors who get together for lunch, support and fellowship. All new members are warmly welcomed.

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

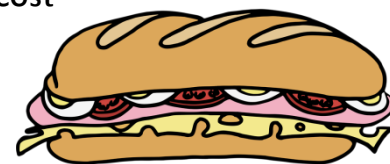
Early Worship at 8:15 - 75
Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 165
Sunday School – 92
Membership – 511

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.**

FEBRUARY 3rd is “SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY: On February 3rd, churches all across the United States will ask people in their congregations to donate canned goods and give monetary donations to help fight hunger and poverty. **FLOCK kids** will be in the Lobby collecting donations this day. All the money and canned goods collected will go to **New Hope Ministries** in Mechanicsburg. Please mark your calendars today and remember to bring your donations to church on February 3rd. Together we can score big by helping fight hunger in our area.



SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE STARTS TODAY through January 27th, the Flock will be selling subs, pretzel sandwiches, and quarts of Homemade Chicken Corn Noodle soup and Beef Barley soup to help defray future Children’s Ministry program costs like VBS and Kids Clubs. The cost for a quart of the soup, subs, or pretzel sandwiches are \$5.00 each. **Orders are due in the Response Boxes by January 27th, and all money is due with the order. Pickup times are from 3:30-6pm on Thursday, February 7th in the Children’s Center.** Any questions, please ask Charlene or Janice, or email us at childrens.sumc@comcast.net.



IT'S TIME TO GET EGG-CITED! Attention all egg makers! It's time to mark your calendars. Easter is on April 21st this year. We will be starting our 24th year of egg making on Tuesday, Tuesday, February 12th. The Tuesday morning crew will start mixing and forming eggs at 9 am. The Thursday (beginning February 14th) evening crew will start at 6 pm to dip the eggs in chocolate and package them. No experience is necessary to join either group! Egg makers must wear a hat (baseball cap style) at all times so please don't forget to bring a hat with you. Sale of eggs will run from February 14th through April 7th. Friday office egg sales begin February 23rd through April 12th from 10 am – 1 pm. The success of this project depends on the help of the entire congregation. Please consider participating by asking your friends, neighbors and co-workers to order eggs. If you have questions or if you would like to place an order, call the church office. (Online ordering is not available).



REMINDER FOR THE EGG MAKERS AND EGG ORDER PICKUPS – 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 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 orders in Response Box) or by calling the church office.

***Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry
Through Shepherdstown Church:
Beginning January 2018
This is the Year End Report for 2018***

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

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$52,374.07

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.



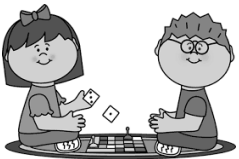
SAVE THE DATES: The Cultivate and Nurture Committee invites you to the various upcoming events. The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for church members to build relationships with one another. We hope you can join us for some of the events we have planned and we are always looking 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(1/13/19)-The WORD Became Flesh (John 1:1-18)

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.



Did you make any New Year resolutions? How are you doing with them?

Remember, studies suggest that it takes 21 days to break a bad habit. So, if you're finding yourself not having great success, **KEEP TRYING! DON'T GIVE UP! LOOK to GOD for HELP!** Some **EFFORT** is better than **NO EFFORT!**



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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Last week we discussed the gift of grace and how it is for everyone. Grace is not earned but because of Jesus we have been given it and it's up to us to take it. After we realize that we have this awesome gift it is then our job to let others know about this gift of grace. That is where discipleship comes in. Tonight we will be discussing discipleship and what it means to tell others about the good news.

Fusion Tonight

Battleball is coming this February. It will be at Messiah College the 24th of February. All are invited and the cost will be \$12 dollars. We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so mark you calendars and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

Jan 13- Fusion

Jan 20 - Fusion

Jan 27 - Fusion

Feb 1-3 – ZETEO!!!

Feb 3 – No Fusion

Feb 10 - Fusion