

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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Resolutions for Life: Love Yourself. This is the more normal New Year's resolution. Take care of yourself. Stop Smoking. Drink less. Exercise more. Take more time for yourself. Follow your passion. Develop a new hobby. You get the idea.

In a general way that is what this resolution is about but it isn't built on self esteem or positive self image. Those are fragile foundations. For all the participants' trophies in the last twenty years there are a lot of people with low self esteem or negative self image. Our love of self is not based on what we think of ourselves. It has nothing to do with our body image or general self image.

Our love of ourselves also has nothing to do with what others think of us or what we think they think of us. It has nothing to do with what those voices of our past said to us or about us. It has nothing to do with what an angry parent, spouse or boss said.

So if not those things, then what is the foundation for loving of ourselves? The answer is found throughout scripture but today we will look at Paul's clear answer in 1st Corinthians 6:19-20.

In Christ's Service,

Dennis L. Otto, pastor

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
Directors of Children's Ministries	Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Shawn Gray
Organists	Cathy Fauber (8:15) and 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

John Mowery, Barbara Protas, Lindsey James-Kline, Darryl Kenes, Linda Bechtel, JoAnn Kyper, Janet Shoop, Phyllis Dromgold

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Ed and Dottie Hopple
Tuesday	Cathy Hought
Wednesday	Erin Hought
Thursday	Karri Houseman, Collin and Camaryn
Friday	Fred and Evelyn Hower
Saturday	Dick and Lois Hudson

2019 SUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Submission deadline extended! There's still time to be inspired! The Discipleship Team is still collecting devotions to create a Lenten devotional booklet. The deadline to submit your devotion article has been extended to February 10. At the Distribution Center are guidelines and examples (green) on how to fill out your devotional. These can be filled out either electronically or manually. There are also purple sheets available to use for a manual submission.

TODAY is "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY: Today, 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 today. The collection from the Mission Basket and canned goods collected will go to **New Hope Ministries** in Mechanicsburg. Together we can score big by helping fight hunger in our area!

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN. This week - The SOS will be meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation by Steve Runkle on Canals and Canal Life in the Susquehanna River Basin. The presentation will be an overview of the region's canals and their engineering and construction. Canal boats and their operation are discussed. The presentation covers the life of canal families, canal occupations and recreation on the canals. Photographs from the archives of two canal organizations of the region will be utilized. An audio recording of canal songs and a hands-on demonstration of a bridge stick will also be included. No sign up is necessary. Come and enjoy this very informative program. Refreshments will be served.



The Cultivate and Nurture team is planning to celebrate Shepherdstown UMC couples that will be married 50 or more years in 2019 with receptions in the Life Center following both worship services on Sunday, March 31st. We have been contacting couples based on church records. If you have not been contacted and have been married 50 or more years and would like to be part of the celebration, please see Janice Deveney or contact the church office with your contact information.

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SHUT IN VALENTINE CARDS: Please take a moment to stop and sign the Shut In Valentine Cards displayed on the table in the Lobby. Over the years, many Shut-ins have expressed their gratitude in receiving cards from the congregation. You can help brighten their day by simply signing a card! Thank you.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST POSITION: The Staff Parish Relations Committee has finalized a position description for a social media specialist for SUMC. The Committee is seeking candidates to fill the position. An ideal candidate should be proficient in social media platforms and be able to update and maintain websites. It is anticipated the position would require approximately 5 hours of work per week with the ability to work from home or remotely for at least a portion of the work week. As the Committee attempts to fill this new position, the Committee is asking for the congregation's help. If you know of someone who may be a good fit for the position, please let someone on the Committee know and provide the candidate's contact information and resume. In addition, please support the Committee with prayers that the Committee will be able to find an appropriate candidate for the position. If you are interested in obtaining a complete copy of the position description, please call the church office.

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

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- February 3Souper Bowl Sunday
- February 10Family Promise
- February 17Youth/Children Offering
- February 23Mission Central

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- February 3Helping Hand Class
- February 10Elective Class
- February 17Bible Explorers
- February 23LIFE Class

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20

My granddaughter is at that sweet age where she wants to help. I had bought some plants in the spring and we were looking at how I had arranged them in pots. She wanted to plant something too. I had no left over plants so she decided to plant a rock. We got an empty pot, put some dirt in and she covered her pebble with it. We gave it a good dose of water and set it among the other pots. Each time she visited, she would check on that pot. She was concerned that I was not taking appropriate care of it when nothing seemed to happen. "Maybe it needs fertilized, Nama" she said. We finally had to have a talk about why things were not happening. I didn't want to discourage her gardening aspirations but she needed to know the truth. Luckily, she was just excited about the next growing season when she could help me plant something that would sprout. This all reminds me that we need to be rocks for our friends and family but also provide the truth/wisdom that does no harm. It's difficult in this day and age to determine what is true and right when we are presented with so many options. Our best bet is asking ourselves if, based on what we know of Jesus Christ, does this particular truth fit his parameters. Knowing his parameters often comes from reading His word and prayerful communication. Need to get started on that prayerful part? Come join the Prayer Team as we seek His wisdom.

Deb Kenes

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

February 3Brian and Angela Rainey
February 10Alexis McAllister and Staria Reisinger
February 17Volunteer Needed
February 23Keith and Charlene Kapp

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,133,330.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$56,666.50. 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 - 69

Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 87

Sunday School – 162

Membership – 511

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

(*child; **youth; ***adult; A=Anniversary; SI=shut-in; CS=College Student; MI=Missionary)

FEBRUARY

*** 4 Robert Langer,

*** 5 Tom Walker,

*** 5 Dan Whitcomb

*** 5 Stephanie Snyder,

*** 6 Steve Trimmer,

*** 6 Sue Jackson,

*** 8 Harrison Kitzig,

* 8 Avery McAllister,

*** 9 Jenine Lane,

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.

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.



Council Meeting

Shepherdstown UMC

January 12, 2019

Actions and Topics at the Council Meeting are as follows:

- The furnace boiler which heats the older sections of the building cracked and required replacement. That work should be completed soon. Heat pumps in many of the rooms ordinarily used for air conditioning are being used to heat those areas now.
- On Saturday, April 6, members of the church will attend the South-Central PA Task Force relating to civilian response for training in responding to active shooter and other emergency scenarios.
- The sanctuary projection improvement is planned for installation near the end of February or beginning of March. This will provide high quality images that have been designed for optimal viewing from seating throughout the sanctuary. This will provide a system that can be used more predictably to enhance worship.
- Mission Sunday will be March 3 with a dinner for all after 10:45 worship and presentation by Jodie Smiley of Paxton St. Ministries. \$740 dollars in gift cards were given by Shepherdstown at Christmas. Two families with about 10 people were hosted by St. Paul's and Shepherdstown Church in our Family Promise ministry over the Christmas holidays.
- Council members received the templates for the devotional booklet being produced by the Discipleship Team for Lent with the request that the Council lead the effort of writing devotions pieces. Articles should be turned in to the church office by the end of January.

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 22nd 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 1, 2019			
Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,368	\$42,135	\$38,985	\$3,151
Life Choices Mission Basket- \$417.29			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$54,812.63			

“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(2/3/19)-Jesus Teaches in the Synagogue (Luke 4:14-21)



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.



So, who will win the Big game?(Go Rams!) Thank you for your canned good and monetary donations today for New Hope Ministries. Together we help to make a difference in the battle against hunger.



JR. Choir News...

February 17th- There will be a Jr. and Sr. Choir rehearsal after the 10:45am service.

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

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



February 3, 2019

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

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Currently we have 13 youth in Altoona, PA attending Zeteo which is a music, arts, and drama worship experience put on by Salt n Light Ministries. This year this event had 1100 students coming together to know Jesus better. They are heading back this afternoon. If you see any Jr. High school and High school students walking around ask them how it was.

After Zeteo we are going to take a closer look at who Jesus is and was. We will look at all the names given to Jesus and the meaning behind them to see how the Bible describes Jesus. We will also have time of sharing to hear how Jesus works in us today.

No 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 calenders and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

Feb 1-3 – ZETEO!!!

Feb 3 – No Fusion

Feb 10 – Fusion

Feb 17- Fusion

Feb 24 - Battleball