

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

This week, husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, throughout our society will share gifts, messages, and expressions of love as they observe Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is an incredible day to celebrate a great gift given us by God – the opportunity to love and be loved. As a church, it provides us this wonderful moment to share with the world around us what we believe about love, and what God has taught us about this important part of life.

As February 14 rolls around, try this before you celebrate anything – allow yourself time to understand and accept the love God has for you. His is a love that teaches us what real love toward one another is. The willingness to lay down our lives for someone else, to share our best, put others first, accept people as they are, and to walk with them to that place God desires them to be. We talk a lot about love in church. But talk is useless if that talk does not shape and drive the way we live with one another.

Have fun handing out those valentines! Enjoy those special gifts and moments only Valentine's Day can bring. But most of all, take some time to let God love you and show you how you can offer His love to someone around you who needs the things only unconditional love, forgiving love, can offer. The most important Valentine we could ever receive has already been sent – Jesus Christ! Have you received God's love for your life?
See you at the place where we find LOVE...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	Mrs. Mindy Martz
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Mr. Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Mercy Gray, Helen Love, Barb Allen, Samantha Hall, Zack Schade, Paul Melhorn, Jenine Lane, Ann Sullivan

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION/REGISTRATION: The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry has opened the registration for summer camps and retreats for 2018. The 2018 Camp Brochure and the link for online registration can be located on their webpage. <http://www.susumcamps.org/>. You can also pick up a copy of the Camp and Retreats information booklet at the Distribution Center in the Narthex.

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:

February 21.....St. Luke's Episcopal Church 717-766-5182

February 28.....Grace UMC 717-766-3282

March 7.....Shepherdstown UMC 717-766-3076

March 15.....Mechanicsburg Brethren 717-766-8880

March 21.....Shiremanstown UMC 717-737-6621

PRAYER SHAWLS BLESSED TODAY: During both worship services, Pastor Tim will bless the prayer shawls that have been made for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls will be given to those who are sick or going through a difficult time to surround them with God's love and show them they are being lifted up in prayer. If you would like to learn how to make a prayer shawl (crochet or knit), instructions, yarn and needles can be provided for you. The Prayer Shawl Team meets this Tuesday (9/30) at 11:00 in the Church Parlor. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to a loved one, simply take one from the cabinet in the Narthex. Please remember to sign the prayer shawl record book there!

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 vegetables, fruit or meat, peanut butter, cooking oil, salt and pepper, powdered milk, catsup, pancake mix and syrup, dishwashing liquid and clothes washing detergent.** 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.**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Kevin and Jill Kramer and Kolton
Tuesday	Jeff and Michele Kreitman and family
Wednesday	Patricia Kuhn
Thursday	Alec Kunzweiler
Friday	Lisa Kunzweiler
Saturday	JoAnn Kyper

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

FEBRUARY

*** 12 Mary Rowland,
*** 12 Gary Buterbaugh,
*** 12 Adeline Gaydosh,
*** 14 Kathy Salmon,
*** 14 Ryan McEwen,
*** 15 Ashley Carr,
A 15 Joe and Cathy Crownover,
*** 15 Craig McEwen,
*** 15 Pat Trimmer
*** 15 Patricia Zart,
*** 17 David Callahan
*** 17 Lena Goshorn,
*** 17 Scott Martz,
*** 18 John Snyder

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

This is a confusing verse. What's all this about aroma? What message are we to understand?

I identify with this verse as I have NO sense of smell or taste. I lost both in a sinus infection years ago. So, how can I go around spreading the aroma of Christ? I have to ask Darryl to taste what I cook or bake so that I am sure flavors are balanced. Likewise, all things taste the same to me unless they are extreme - extremely salty/spicy/sour/sweet. It's no fun when you like to cook! It has been proven that smell can trigger memories like nothing else so it is an important sense. When we emulate Christ, when we roll model His truths, we create the pleasant essence of His mercy and grace. People are drawn to it. They want to know what creates this peace and contentment. We are the aroma of Christ. We are the foundation, made in His image, on which his goodness is spread. Lord, help me to be the sweet aroma of your Truth, Love and Mercy to absolutely everyone I meet. Amen. Join the Prayer Team as we pray for a better understanding of Jesus so that we can be all that God created us to be. Third Thursday of each month, 6:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

Dinner and Devotions for Lent 2018

Theme – WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD!

Beginning February 21, everyone is invited for Dinner and Devotions in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings! We are journeying through the season of Lent focusing on ways we encounter the great God who created us and loves us! When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? And if we encounter God, do we change by that experience? This Lenten study series (created by United Methodist Pastor Tom Berlin) invites us to focus on basic characteristics of God (majesty, fidelity, authority, righteousness, graciousness), and then challenges us to faithfully, in our living, respond to those characteristics. We begin at 5:45 with a light dinner, then share in a devotional and are on our way by 7:00. Sign up inserts are provided in the newsletter.



PLAN TO BE PRESENT THROUGH LENT: Lent is a time of preparing for the celebration of Easter. In life, great celebrations do not just happen. Foundations have to be laid and preparations must be made. The same is true as we spiritually approach Easter. How will you prepare your heart now, to celebrate in a few weeks the great Resurrection? Plan to take part during weeks of Lent as we worship on Sunday mornings and spiritually grow during Dinner and Devotions on Wednesday evenings. Gather yourself and your family. Invite a friend. Make the commitment to be faithful and not miss a single opportunity. Your spiritual life will deepen – absolutely!

ASH WEDNESDAY UMC CLUSTER SERVICE: The Ash Wednesday Service for the Mechanicsburg Cluster UMC will be held at 7:00 pm at Wesley UMC on Simpson Ferry Rd.

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM: Looking for a way to get some fun exercise - meet new people and reconnect with old friends? If you are male and at least 14 years old, you are welcome to join the Men's Softball team at Shepherdstown. Informational emails were sent out to those who played last year and those we have emails for. If you did not receive an email and are interested in playing, please see Janice Deveney or leave contact information on sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and at the side entrance. We need to let the league know if we are planning to have a team.



SUMC CHURCH OFFICE NEWS: Our Administrative Assistant will be on personal leave 2/14 through 2/22. Volunteers will be answering the church office phone and managing messages on the answering system during office hours on those days. Pastor Tim will manage the Email Prayer Chain. All newsletter articles for the 2-18-18 newsletter will be due into the church office no later than morning of 2-12-18.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- February 11Family Promise
- February 18Youth/Children Offering
- February 25Mission Central
- March 4United Methodist Committee on Relief

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- February 11Elective Class
- February 18Bible Explorers
- February 25LIFE Class
- March 4Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

February 11Peggy Reed
February 18Keith and Charlene Kapp
February 25Jan James and Dale Glacken
March 4Volunteer 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 \$1,056,700.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$52,835.00 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 – 63
Sunday School – 85
Late Worship – 136
Membership – 516

CHI RHO SINGERS CONCERT: Hope United Methodist Church will be hosting a Chi Rho Singers Concert on **Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m.,** (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). Hope UMC is celebrating their 200th anniversary of the Salem Chapel and hosting Chi Rho is one of many events they are having throughout the year to celebrate. Though the concert will take place in the Sanctuary, the Salem Chapel will be open for folks to see.

Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry Through Shepherdstown Church: Beginning January 2018

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,003	\$55,714	\$46,218	\$9,495

Souper Bowl - Mission Offering- \$642.75

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$43,711.13

WAY TO GO! Last Sunday we celebrated “Souper Bowl Sunday” with a canned goods collection and monetary offerings! One hundred and forty six pounds of food were received. In addition, the monetary offering through the “Favorite Team” canisters totaled \$216.32 and the Mission Basket offering totaled \$426.43. The grand total was \$642.75 plus the food. Because of your generosity, hungry people in our community will be fed through New Hope Ministries!

Favorite Team Canisters Breakdown:

Philadelphia Eagles	\$170.07
New England Patriots	\$20.25
Hallmark Channel	\$26.00

HOW DO I GET EASTER EGGS? Green egg order forms are available in the Narthex 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 nights from 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall (Please use back Fellowship Hall entrance)
2. Friday mornings from 9:00-noon in the Narthex

Sunday mornings outside the kitchen immediately following the first or second service.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: We encourage you 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.

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

PARKING LOT SNOW REMOVAL THIS WINTER: All parking lots will be plowed when the snow depth reaches 2" or more. In addition, we will salt both side lots, the lot across the street and the first three parking rows of the rear lot. We will salt the remainder of the rear lot if there is snow on Christmas Eve. The Trustees hope this will not inconvenience anyone and that you will use your own good judgment about parking on the rear parking lot when it snows.

WINTER WEATHER IS UPON US! SNOW CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, the Church Office will utilize the following options for notification of a cancellation. Sunday morning worship will not be cancelled. However, we ask you to use your own discretion in determining if the roads and sidewalks are safe for travel. When a team/committee/group meeting or group event (choir rehearsal, youth, egg making, etc.) needs to be cancelled, you will be contacted by the team/committee/group leader via a phone call, text or email. All group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader, and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of that group. When a weekday Church activity needs to be cancelled, (Lenten meal, Game Night, etc.), please call the Church Office at 766-3076, and after five rings, you will be able to listen to an updated message concerning a cancellation, or go to the homepage on our Church Website at shepherdstownumc.org.



LENT CHALLENGE! Many of us want to emulate Christ in a symbolic "giving up" of something during Lent. For years, Darryl and I gave up ALL sweets during this season. We were absolute shells of sugar deprivation by the time Easter arrived. Although it was hard for us to do, it was not spiritually fulfilling. There is certainly nothing wrong with giving something up for Lent. But this year perhaps we can add something as part of our commitment for Lent. The Worship Team is challenging the entire congregation to come up with a promise or pledge to serve others. On February 11th, we will have paper crosses with ties - similar to the Blessing Tree concept for Consecration Sunday - to write your promise/pledge on. Possibly your promise/pledge might look like 'I promise to visit my elderly neighbor once a week', or 'I promise to take a meal to a family in need', or 'I promise not to fight with my sibling during Lent'. It could be anything that supports our motto "Love God, Love Others, Serve All". I know we can do it!!! Let's start thinking.....**Deb Kenes, Worship Team Chairperson.**



*Fly Eagles Fly!
Congrats!*



"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(2/11/18) –Delivering Valentines to Messiah Village residents.



Today there will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5th grade. Please make sure ALL kids have a Children's Church Consent Form found in the pew. They will be dismissed after the Children's sermon in the 10:45am service.

SOUPerbowl Totals from last week:

Thank you for your generous contributions on behalf of New Hope Ministries. We collected 146lbs. of food, and \$216.32 in the football containers. The Eagles container was the winner with the most donated money.(So,we guessed right 😊)



VBS 2018: June 24th -28th, 6pm-8:30pm

If interested in volunteering, please see Janice or Charlene. There are lots of opportunities to serve!



FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 2/11- Deliver Valentines to Messiah Village- 9:30am-10:30am.
2. 2/15- Soup/Sub pickup-3:30pm-6pm in Children's Center
- 3.2/25- CAMP SUNDAY Presentation by the Brown Family-9:30-10:30am
4. 2/25- VBS Decorating Meeting-2pm-please come lend a helping hand.



February 11th, 2018

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Tonight, we will be playing some more Drawful which is a Pictionary type game that utilizes smartphones and the projector. Bring your smartphone to youth. We will also be looking at what it means to be an example to those around you. It will be an awesome night and we hope to see you!

Fusion Tonight!!!

Battleball is coming February 25th. It will be at Messiah College. All are invited and the cost will be \$10 dollars.

We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so you're your calendars and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship. Check your email for permission forms and details I also have physical copies.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

February 11 - Fusion Youth Group

February 18 -Fusion Youth Group

February 25 - Battleball

March 3 – Fusion Youth Group

March 10 – Fusion Youth Group