

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

When someone mentions the word "sacrifice", what do you think? How do you react? In today's world of over indulgence, it seems we have great difficulty with the word "sacrifice".

Does it trouble you (it does me!) that the church (all Christians) which professes as its foundation the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, has much difficulty hearing, accepting, and applying sacrifice in its life. We accept and celebrate with great joy, the new life we are offered through Christ; which by the way, can only be ours because Christ was willing to die – willing to be a sacrifice. If you and I are willing to accept the sacrifice Christ offers us, then we must be willing to accept the call that Christ gives us to sacrifice for others.

The Scriptures remind us of our call to discipleship and ministry. That call always includes some type of sacrifice. A sacrifice from us, not for the sake of sacrifice, but for the purpose of bringing another person into the kingdom of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

There are people around us who have yet to experience the love, forgiveness, and acceptance God offers them through Jesus. So the question is: Are we willing to lay down our lives and show them the way? Will we offer to them and to God, our very best sacrifice?

See you in the place where we believe in sacrifice!

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***

**Neveah Stout, Janet Michael, Barry Wagner,  
Ann Sullivan, Carl Courtney, Alice Gibney**

***NOTE OF THANKS:*** I am so thankful to all of you for the prayers, cards and get well wishes recently while I was ill. I am doing much better and hope to be back at church soon. **Paul Melhorn**

## ***CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK***

<b>Monday</b>	Pat Mayberry
<b>Tuesday</b>	Clay and Alexis McAllister and family
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dianna McClellan
<b>Thursday</b>	Eleanor McClellan
<b>Friday</b>	Craig and Michele McEwen and family
<b>Saturday</b>	Laurie McFadden

## ***HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE***

Palm Sunday, March 25:

8:15 and 10:45 - Our Worship will be a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. Like the crowds who waved their palm branches as Jesus entered the city, we will wave our palm branches proclaiming his greatness.



Maundy Thursday, March 29:

7:00 - Be reminded of how Jesus shared a meal with his disciples on that night just before he was arrested and how he gave the disciples a way to remember him as they ate the bread and drank the cup. Come and join with Christian brothers and sisters all over the world as we experience Jesus' presence through music, scripture and sharing the bread and cup.

Easter Sunday, April 1:

6:50 - Sunrise Service - Come experience the joy of Christ's resurrection by praising him at the start of Easter Sunday. The Youth will be leading us in this service. We will be meeting to praise the Lord for his sacrifice and resurrection. Please bring your lawn chairs for this brief service. ***The service will be followed by a Continental Breakfast and fellowship in the Life Center.***



**8:15 and 10:45 Worship Services** - Gather all your friends and family! Flowers will brighten our worship space. Music, song, scripture, and the proclamation of the Easter message will combine to lead us into a celebration of the defeat of death, the resurrection of Jesus, and his offer of new and eternal life for all of us. Join the song of praise that will be raised by Christians throughout the world as we boldly affirm, "Christ is risen!"

***EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY NEEDED*** Shepherdstown UMC will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st, starting at 1pm. Kids from age 1 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. There will be crafts and ice cream offered after the egg hunt. ***We are in need of candy donations for the event.*** Any bite-size wrapped candy that the congregation can help supply us with will be greatly appreciated. Look for the basket in the Narthex to place your donations in the next few weeks. Thanks again for your support!



On July 1, 2018 we will be welcoming the Rev. Dr. Dennis Otto and his wife Mona as our new Pastor family. Please keep Shepherdstown UMC, the Baer's (as they retire) and the Otto's (as they come) in your prayers as we all move through this transition together.

### ***BIRTHDAY DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS!***



The Cultivate and Nurture Team would like to thank all those who attended the Birthday Dinner last Sunday. As birthday parties go, all the guests were very well behaved and there was no rioting when we ran out of ice cream. We would especially like to recognize Kathy Eberly and her crew of cupcake decorators: Pat Trimmer, Camaryn Houseman and Kathy Ries, for making the beautifully creative monthly themed cupcakes. We would also like to express our thanks to our table decorators and setup help for making each monthly table special: Ann Baer, Elizabeth Bahn, Thasana Beaty, Penny Erney, Louise Henry, Peggy Hinke, Rachel Kapp, Bekka Kreitman, Kayla Kreitman, Peggy Reed, and Nancy Wilson. Thanks to all for pitching in.

Our next event will be on Saturday, April 21st from 5-8pm. We will be holding another game night. Bring your favorite games to play and share with others. We will take pizza orders from 5-5:20 and eat around 5:45. If you are coming late, just let one of our members know your pizza order ahead of time.

Suggestions for fellowship events are always welcome. Please see any of the following members of Cultivate and Nurture with ideas: Cynthia Barletta, Janice Deveney, Bob Gray, Jan James (Health and Welfare Representative), Michele Kreitman, Brian Rainey, Nancy Stout, and Curran Trimmer.

***PICK UP YOUR DAFFODILS TODAY!*** Thank you to all who participated in Daffodil Days. The beautiful daffodils brighten our worship services today! Thanks to Cynthia Barletta- bunch of daffodils and 2 potted daffodils, Jean Crow- bunch of daffodils, Pat Dixon- bunch of daffodils, Kerensa Finley- 1 potted daffodil, Joanne Ivey- 2 bunches of daffodils, Jan James- 2 potted daffodils, Graceann Steckbeck- bunch of daffodils and tulips, Lori Weicht-2 bunches of daffodils, and Nancy Wilson- 1 potted daffodil. You may pick up your daffodils after the service. Your support of the American Cancer Society and my Relay for Life Team is greatly appreciated.  
**Sara Trimmer**

***CALLING ALL ELEMENTARY CAMPERS:*** Kids going into grades 4-7 next school year are old enough to go to church camp for a week of fun and friendship. Some fellow Shepherdstown UMC campers are already signed up for Wesley Forest's "Camp Splash" during the week of July 8 - 13, 2018 (camp is listed as code WF12 in the camping brochure). We would love to have you join us for the week. Remember the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee for campers and if you register before 5/1/18 you can get an early bird discount! Camp booklets are available in the Children's Center or in the Narthex. Feel free to send any questions to the church office.



***INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH HERE AT SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC?*** This Spring, Pastor Baer will be receiving new members during worship. In preparation, two membership classes will be held on April 8 and 15. Then on April 22, new members will join the church during either Worship service. Please contact the church office at 766-3076 or [admin.sumc@comcast.net](mailto:admin.sumc@comcast.net) if you have questions or to find out more about becoming a member.

***SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX DONATIONS*** As in previous years the Elective Class will publish the suggested items for donation each month. These items can then be placed in the box at the poster board informational display in the Narthex. We are setting as our goal for this year 200 boxes. Items for the month of March include:

**Hair accessories** – bows, headbands, clips

**Jewelry** – friendship bracelets, necklaces, watches

**Other** -Sunglasses, glow sticks, socks

Just as a reminder the age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 for both sexes. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

**A SIMPLE MINISTRY ALL OF US CAN SHARE:** You can help brighten the day of our shut-ins with something as simple as a card, a phone call, or a visit. You can also show support to our college students with a card or care package. Check out this month's sign-up sheets for both groups on the table in the Narthex. Lists with their birthdates and addresses are also available on the clipboard 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.**

***TODAY'S MISSION BASKET Harrisburg Uptown United Methodist Ministry*** – In 1988, Harrisburg Uptown United Methodist Ministries had begun by a group of United Methodist clergy and lay persons in the uptown area who gathered for the purpose of discussing the needs of the Harrisburg community. Some of the original churches have since closed; however, HUUMM has added Twenty-Ninth St. UMC and Mt. Olivet UMC along with Camp Curtin, Riverside, Harris St. and Grace UMC. As a result of those discussions the Uptown Soup Kitchen opened in February 1988 and continues to operate in the lower level of Camp Curtin Memorial – Mitchell UMC, located at 2221 N. Sixth Street, Harrisburg.

**HUUMM SOUP KITCHEN** – The Uptown Soup Kitchen serves a hot meal each weekday to between 40 and 100 persons, between 12 noon and 1 PM, Monday through Friday. Most of the patrons are unemployed, under employed, homeless, disabled single parents or elderly. The Uptown Soup Kitchen has served over 20,000 meals since 1988.

***NEW HOPE MINISTRIES GERANIUM SALE:*** See the blue insert at the Distribution Center in the Narthex to order geraniums to benefit New Hope Ministries. Fill out the order form and place it in one of the Response Boxes with your payment (checks made out to "New Hope Ministries") no later than April 8<sup>th</sup>. Flowers will be delivered to you by Sandy Yost on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:10-12*

This is the week that Jesus enters Jerusalem. He knows that the week is going to be more difficult than anything prior. He is celebrated as he enters the city on a donkey but will end the week on a cross. How must that have felt? The balloons and hearts strung across the sanctuary for Lent remind me of this week. At first, the balloons were full and light as air - bouncing according to every air current. As each week went by, some of the air escaped and it was less full - deflated. The hearts overhead began their journey totally separated but as time/air/gravity worked on them, they clumped together in groups. This week represents all that Christ is about - love, forgiveness, redemption, hope, unity. Reread the Easter story this week and let each day's meaning seep into every pore of your being. HE died for YOU! He loved YOU enough to suffer the cross! He has re-inflated us to a higher level of understanding. Pray this week for a new and re-energized knowledge of who you are. YOU ARE HIS!

Join the Prayer Team, third Thursdays of the month, 6:30P, in the parlor. **Deb Kenes**

### **MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

March 25.....HUUMM (Harrisburg Uptown UM Ministries)  
April 1 .....The Seminary Debt Fund  
April 8 .....Native American Ministries  
April 15 .....New Hope Ministries

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

March 25 .....LIFE Class  
April 1 .....Helping Hands  
April 8 .....Elective Class  
April 15 .....Bible Explorers

### **BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

March 25 .....Lori Weicht  
April 1 .....Worship Team  
April 8 .....Volunteer Needed  
April 15 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,063,465.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,173.25. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

***SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK***

***MARCH***

\*\*\* 25 Richard Davis,  
\*\*\* 25 Emily Vance,  
\*\* 25 Elliot Bashore,  
\*\*\* 26 Charlene Kapp,  
\*\*\* 27 Chandler Wells,  
\*\*\* 27 Larry Peck,  
\*\*\* 27 Lester Weber  
\*\*\* 28 Jimmy McGill,  
\*\* 28 Sam Bashore,  
\*\*\* 28 Raymond Myers  
\* 29 Kolton Kramer  
\*\*\* 29 Barbara Weaver  
\*\*\* 30 Tom Mann,  
\*\*\* 31 Sandra Weber,

***APRIL***

\*\*\* 1 Annetta Simington

***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 Service – 73  
Sunday School – 99  
Late Worship – 193  
Membership – 514



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

<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>+ or (-)</b>
<b>\$14,432</b>	<b>\$117,187</b>	<b>\$101,680</b>	<b>\$15,507</b>

**North Star Initiative - Mission Offering- \$425.18**

**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**

**Current Balance - \$47,765.97**

***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](http://shepherdstownumc.org) and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

**"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries**  
**Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp**  
(Directors of Children's Ministries)  
E-mail: [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto: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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(3/25/18) – People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem**



Today is **FAMILY SUNDAY!** There will be **Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5yrs ONLY**. 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. **The Elementary kids will worship with their families today.**

**VBS 2018- "SHIPWRECKED"**



As we steadily grow closer to the start of VBS (6/24- 6/28) please keep close look in the newsletter for the various ways you can support our program. The Volunteer Board will be in the Narthex soon, along with the Donation Board. And, we can always use extra hands at our decorating meetings.

**VBS DECORATING MEETING TODAY at 2pm!! COME JOIN the FUN!**

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

1. 3/25-VBS Decorating- 2pm
2. 3/31- Egg Hunt-1pm (Please fill out a sign up sheet and return by 3/25)
3. 4/1- Sunday School Easter Party-9:30am-10:30am
4. 4/8, 4/22- VBS Decorating- 2pm



March 25th, 2018  
"Fusion" Youth Ministries  
Shawn Gray - Director  
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

I just heard from those who organize Outpost that it is back on. The date is April 7<sup>th</sup> and we will be meeting at Shepherdstown UMC at 7:30am. We will return to the church at 6:30pm. This is a day of outdoor capture the flag. I will need to know if you are attending by March 31. The cost is \$15 dollars. Any questions ask Shawn. This is for all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

I will need **adult volunteers** for this event so let me know if you are available.  
**Fusion Tonight!!!**

For our Mission Trip, we are going back to Gary West Virginia as there is still much good work to do their and many kiddo's that would love to see us again. We are planning on going 6/10 – 6/16. The church that we connected with last year will be their again. If you have not gone this is a great experience with construction, VBS, and visits to a retirement home. Gary is one of the poorest areas in the US. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and I also need some adults to man the different sites. If you have any questions see Shawn Gray.

**Upcoming Dates/Events:**  
March 25 – Fusion Youth Group  
April 1 – Easter and Sunrise Service  
April 7 – Outpost  
April 8 – No Fusion Youth Group  
April 15 - Fusion Youth Group