

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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April 1, 2018

Good Morning Everyone!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

In these seven words, we express the core of our faith! Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is not dead and buried in a tomb! Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is alive and well!

Webster defines resurrection as: (1) the act of rising again from the dead; (2) the rising again of Christ after His death and burial; (3) the state of those risen from the dead.

Well, friends, we believe in resurrection -----

Not re-suscitation

Not re-animation

Not re-consciousness

Not "coming to"

Not re-incarnation

Not re-zombieism

Not "re" anything else!

We believe in resurrection! We believe in Jesus who lived, died, and rose again! We believe that in his life – we have life! Thank God! Praise God! Hallelujah!!!

Believing in resurrection every moment of every day.....

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, Evan Callahan

Ann Sullivan, Carl Courtney, Alice Gibney

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Barry Wagner, who entered the Church Triumphant on March 28, 2018. A reception of family and friends will be held on Thursday, April 5 from 5-7-pm at Malpezzi Funeral Home in Mechanicsburg. A Memorial Service will be held at the convenience of the family. 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)



CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Wayne and Sue McFadden
Tuesday	John and Sue McGill and family
Wednesday	Joe McGinley
Thursday	Patricia McGuire
Friday	Bonnie, Linnea and Kelton Mehls
Saturday	Paul and Joyce Melhorn

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 8th. Flowers will be delivered to you by Sandy Yost on Saturday, May 12th. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars to attend the Mission Meal Fundraiser at SUMC to benefit Bethesda Mission immediately following the late Worship Service on Sunday, April 29th.

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 if you have questions or to find out more about becoming a member.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 23rd we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during both Worship Services.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET The **Seminary Debt Fund** helps clergy, who are under appointment, with their debts from their seminary education. Pastors often graduate from seminary with upwards of \$25,000 of debt for their schooling (not counting debt for undergraduate studies). This fund is designed to help those who are appointed in the Susquehanna Conference pay off the seminary debt they accrued as they were getting the necessary education to further their ministry among us in a timely manner.

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 April include:

Toys - stuffed animals, puppets, dolls

Other – homemade craft items, craft kits, stamp and ink pad sets, watercolors.

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.**

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JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE! Wow, what a day of victory and hope. As a result, we are no longer bound by the ties of death either. Jesus saved us from that. There are often days when we wish we could just start anew. Days when the pain of a broken relationship or a surly unreasonable boss breaks our hearts and spirits. If we could only go elsewhere and start over, we would be so much happier. Our Savior died to give us eternal opportunities. I pray that this day might trigger a desire to live, love, and serve like Jesus did. I pray that you all seize the opportunity to be more like Him. I pray that you turn your hearts and burdens over to the one who can heal them. He can lead you beside the still waters and restore your soul. Celebrate his resurrection by embracing one of your own! Happy Easter!

The Prayer Team is contemplating changing our time of gathering to during the day. I know some of you have mentioned wanting to come but were not comfortable with night driving. What about a third Monday of the month at 12:30P time frame? Let me know if this might work for you. Thanks so much!

Deb Kenes

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

April 1The Seminary Debt Fund
April 8Native American Ministries
April 15New Hope Ministries
April 22Bingman Scholarship Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

April 1Helping Hands
April 8Elective Class
April 15Bible Explorers
April 22LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

April 1Worship Team
April 8Volunteer Needed
April 15Volunteer Needed
April 22Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,065,955.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,297.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon 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 Service – 76
 Sunday School – 101
 Late Worship – 197
 Membership – 514

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

APRIL

- *** 1 Annetta Simington,
- * 2 Emma Rainey
- *** 3 Joanne Ivey
- ** 3 Joshua Keefer
- A 4 Dirk and Tonya Brown
- *** 4 Keith Eisenhower,
- ** 5 Gracen Nutt,
- *** 5 Jeff Olzacki,
- *** 6 Phyllis Dromgold,
- *** 6 Marc Bauer,
- *** 8 Janeann Runkle,
- *** 8 Bernard Mills,

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$13,547	\$130,734	\$110,924	\$19,811

Harrisburg Uptown UM Ministries - Mission Offering- \$433.28
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$48,340.86

THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
(Directors of Children's Ministries)
E-mail: 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 – 5th Grade



Today(4/1/18) – He is Risen! Celebrating God's Love for us.



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.



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.



JR. CHOIR SCHEDULE:

- 1. 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29- Practice- 8:45am-9:25am**
- 2. 4/29- SINGING in the 10:45am SERVICE**
- 2. 5/6, 5/13, 5/20- Practice- 9:00am-9:30am(Time Change)**
- 3. 5/20- SINGING in the 10:45am SERVICE**

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

- 1. 4/1- Sunday School Easter Party-9:30am-10:30am**
- 2. 4/8, 4/22- VBS Decorating- 6pm *Note the Time Change***
- 3. 4/21- Churchwide Game Night 5pm-8pm**



April 1st, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
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Happy Easter. I hope your day is filled with the joy that comes with remembering that Jesus is risen and loves us all beyond words. Take some time today to think of how we can share the love that Christ shared and shares with us to others.

Outpost is cancelled. Sorry about the back and forth but with the weather forecast there will be no Outpost this year. I was talking with Dana (the church who organizes the event) and we will definitely have it next year.

Happy Easter (No Fusion today)!!!

We are going back to Gary West Virginia as there is still much good work to do there 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 6th – 12th grade and I also need some adults to man the different sites. If you have any questions see Shawn Gray.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

April 1 – Easter and Sunrise Service

April 8 – Fusion Youth Group

April 15 - Fusion Youth Group

April 22 – Fusion Youth Group