

The Shepherd's Voice
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Good Morning Everyone!

I like to eat! Many of you know that and are just like me! In fact, as you know, I like to say, "The good Lord gave me taste buds and I like to use them!" Eating is just plain fun. As a child I enjoyed every family gathering involving food. Still do! Anytime there is a party, and it involves food, count me in!

I have been thinking about this since last Sunday when we had a party to celebrate the best news in the universe. The best news of course is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The party was worship and the Lord's Supper, and the food was the bread and juice!

The party that is Holy Communion is about Easter, not Good Friday. We remember Jesus not because he died a tragic death at a young age. We remember Jesus because he did not stay dead. Jesus rose triumphant from the grave!

Tony Campolo has the right idea in his book brilliantly titled, "The Kingdom of God is a Party." A strange party...all sorts of disreputable folks, the poor, the despised, the downtrodden; at the party thrown by God of the Universe for a crucified carpenter this God acknowledges as his beloved Son.

Participating in Holy Communion and worship every week will change us if we have the least comprehension what the party is about. There are many ethical and moral implications to being invited to the Kingdom Party. But these are not prerequisites; they come because of the gracious invitation.

You and I have the high and holy privilege of experiencing a foretaste of the feast to come. Every Lord's Day, the same invitation comes to us. Don't miss it! Everybody who will be somebody will be there!

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, Carol Mann, Paul Klase, Millie Lerew, Connie Smith, Millie Stare, Lori Weicht, Ann Sullivan, Carl Courtney

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Is being celebrated today during the 10:45 service. We welcome Cassandra Harper Morrison into God's great family! This is always a special time at Shepherdstown as we surround this child with our community arms of faith.

CUMBERLAND SINGERS CONCERT TODAY: The Cumberland Singers are celebrating their 42nd anniversary this year and will present their 2018 spring concert here at Shepherdstown UMC at 3 p.m. here in the Sanctuary. The program, entitled "*How High the Moon*" will feature beautiful choral music, folk and jazz, all with the theme of the sun, moon and stars. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission. For more information about Cumberland Singers – see their website at www.cumberlandsingers.org.



CUMBERLAND SINGERS
Concert

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dan and Barb Murdock
Tuesday	Andy Murdough
Wednesday	Rene' Murray and family
Thursday	Raymond and Linda Myers
Friday	Myrtie Napier
Saturday	Joe and Terry Neyhart

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 28th: The annual Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 28th, starting at 8:30. As in the past, we will spruce up the flower beds and put down mulch. We need all the volunteer help we can get...and don't forget to bring wheel barrels, shovels and gloves!

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED: On Sunday, June 10th during the Worship services, we will be recognizing our students who are graduating from High School, College, or some other form of higher education. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please use a blank pew card to submit the student's name, address, degree, and place from where the degree will be earned, to any Response Box by May 20th.



THIS SATURDAY APRIL 21 – GAME NIGHT!: Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, April 21 from 5:00 to 8:00 for a fun filled evening playing board games. Looking for some new competition? Interested in trying new games? Bring some of your favorite games to share with other SUMC members. A light meal with an entree of pizza will be provided (orders will be taken from 5-5:15 for # slices/cheese or pepperoni so if you will be late or have special dietary needs, please let us know ahead of time). We'll eat around 5:40. In case of inclement weather (hopefully not by then!!!!), please check the home page of the church website for cancellations. www.shepherdstownumc.org. Sponsored by the Cultivate and Nurture Committee.



CAN WE COME TOO??? While it doesn't yet feel like Spring, it's coming! With Spring comes the gear up for SUMMER VACATION. Yahoo! Your Shepherdstown church family would like to share in your travels this summer. The Worship Team is going to put up a US map in the Narthex in the beginning of May. We will have stick pins for you to pinpoint where you are going. We are praying that while you are away from us, you will still be attending a church somewhere. Bring back a bulletin from the churches you have visited and we will have a space for those offerings as well. Also, the Prayer Team would like to pray for your safe travels so drop a line to Deb Kenes (chefdeb1951@verizon.net) and we will ask for traveling mercies for you. Have Fun, Relax, and Praise God for His provision!

CINCO DE MAYO EVENT! Join us May 5th for a celebration of Mexican American culture and a time of fellowship. Plans include a taco bar, a guacamole competition (so check out some recipes), games and of course a piñata! More information to come!



JOEL TEAM FIRST MEETING SET: On this Wednesday, April 18, the newly organized SUMC Joel Team will have their first meeting. The purpose of the Joel Team is to envision God's next step for Shepherdstown United Methodist Church, to identify present ministries and dream future ministries of Shepherdstown United Methodist Church. Please keep the Joel Team in your prayers as they work together to prayerfully discern God's plans for our community of faith here at SUMC.

MISSION MEAL FOR BETHESDA MISSION: On Sunday, April 29th, Bill Christian, Men's Mission Director from Bethesda Mission, will share with our congregation, about how their organization cares for the poor and homeless in Harrisburg. Our weekly Mission Basket will be designated for Bethesda Mission that day. Following the late service, the Mission Team will be providing a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall for our congregation. The meal is free, however we will be accepting donations which will be given to Bethesda Mission. Please join us in supporting Bethesda Mission, through your prayers, April 29 Mission Basket and donations at our Mission Meal.

VBS 2018 Update... "SHIPWRECKED"-(June 24th-28th): It is hard to believe we are only **70 days** away from VBS. Even though that number may seem big, it will be here in no time. So, here are a few things that can help us along:



- ✓ **Check out the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.** Please see if there are any areas you may be able to volunteer your time. If you **DO NOT** think you can commit to something for the entire week, **NO PROBLEM.** We appreciate any help we can get, and will work around your schedule. If there are any questions, please see Janice or Charlene.
- ✓ Do you happen to have a **Footlocker** or **Hope Chest** that we may be able to borrow? (Going for that Treasure Chest theme). Or how about **wooden oars**?
- ✓ Our Decorating meetings have been moved to 6pm on Sunday evenings. The next few will be 4/22, 5/6, and 5/20. Please come and help on big and small decorating needs.
- ✓ Prayer! Please keep us in prayer and ALL the children's lives we hope to touch with God's love.

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.



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.**

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH

The Never Alone Support Groups is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This month's meeting will be Tuesday, April 17th at 11:30 am at TJ Rockwell's. Please call the church office with any questions.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Acts 28:2

I love random acts of kindness. I prefer to be the giver of them but sometimes am blessed to be the receiver, such as today..... I think I shared before that I pick up groceries for my office. Even with the change of going from full time to part time, I somehow kept this chore. When I went into the store, it was cloudy overhead but the radio said no showers until the p.m. Wrong! I walked back out after my shopping to a sky that was just dumping rain. I looked at it for a while hoping for a let up, but it wasn't happening so I walked out into the deluge. I got to the car, opened the trunk and kept my head down just trying to dodge drops. Suddenly, there was an umbrella over my head. A stranger had pulled up next to me, got out of her car and stood with her umbrella over me until I had loaded the trunk. I thanked her profusely and told her what a blessing she was. She looked at me and said "this is what we are supposed to do for each other, right?" Well said good and faithful servant! It's exactly what we are to be doing. Look for ways this week to show kindness and God's love to the world. Pray for opportunities to showcase his glory. You'll be glad you did!

Prayer Team meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30P in the Parlor. Is anyone interested in changing the day to Mondays at 12:30P????? **Deb Kenes**

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.



MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- April 15New Hope Ministries
- April 22Bingman Scholarship Fund
- April 29Bethesda Mission
- May 6Cup of Water Fund

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- April 15Bible Explorers
- April 22LIFE Class
- April 29Helping Hands
- May 6.....Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- April 15Mark and Cathy Fauber
- April 22Volunteer Needed
- April 29Volunteer Needed
- May 6Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,068,125.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,406.25. 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 – 79
- Sunday School – 100
- Late Worship – 167
- Membership – 513

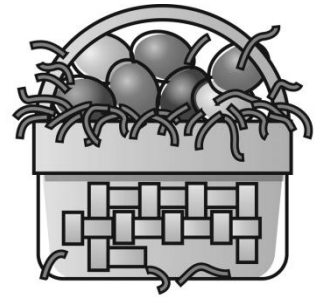
**Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry
Through Shepherdstown Church:
Beginning January 2018**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,490	\$154,657	\$129,411	\$25,246

Native American Ministries - Mission Offering- \$380.18
 Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
 Current Balance - \$49,770.64

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN MAY ACTIVITY: Our May activity will be a lunch at Naomi’s Country Kitchen in Newburg on May 3rd. It will be an Amish meal with two meats being turkey and roast beef. The cost of the meal will be \$20.00 each and **must be paid in cash**. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:00 am with our lunch scheduled for 12:00 noon. We should be returning to the church around 3:00 pm. A sign up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board in the upper rear hallway. Deadline to sign up is April 29th. Only the first 40 people to sign up for the lunch will be able to go. Any questions ask, JoAnn, Louise or Melvalene. For those interested, after lunch we will have time to visit Meadowbrook Gourds. Directions to Henry and Naomi’s will be given to the drivers the day of the trip.

EASTER EGG UPDATE FOR 2018: We would like to give special thanks to all who participated in the egg project this year. Also, we extend a big thank you to all members of the congregation who sold and bought eggs. We had over 50 volunteers helping over the course of 8 weeks! Our egg count was 16,815. (Last year 16,683). The profit for this year is \$12,186.00. Thanks to all the local businesses who supported us by selling eggs and those who took eggs to the consignments.



Easter Eggs 2018

The businesses were:

Angie's New Angels Hair Salon/Cottage Salon
Angie's Bark Avenue Pet Grooming
Brother's Restaurant
Brother's Pizza – Cumberland Parkway
Dr. Brown's Dental Office
Finished Effects Beauty Salon
Hess Garage
Meadowbrook Gourds
Sherry and Co.
Larry B. Shoop, CPA
Miller's Beer and Soda in Lemoyne
The Station
Waltz Barber Shop
Zimmerman's Garage

Thanks to everyone! **Ken and Haddiee Spidle**

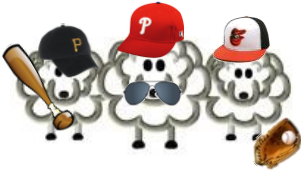
SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

APRIL

*** 15 Hayley Crownover,
*** 15 Ada Rhoads,
*** 15 Dave Buckwalter,
*** 16 Darryl Smith,
*** 16 Helen Love
*** 17 Periann Smith
A 18 Jim and Graceann Steckbeck
A 19 Jason and Jenn Bechtel
*** 20 Kathy Cavalati,
*** 20 Luther Dromgold,
*** 20 Graceann Steckbeck
*** 20 Amanda Blasius,
*** 21 William Barry,
*** 21 Bryson Herb
** 21 Brady Olzacki
*** 22 Dave Wagner
*** 22 Gloria Lutz

"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(4/15/18) –Jesus Sends Power From God (Acts 2:1-21)



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" -6/24-6/28



The Volunteer Board has been placed in the Narthex. Please take a moment to look at all the available opportunities, and sign up where interested. If you have any questions, please see Janice or Charlene.

JR. CHOIR SCHEDULE:



1. 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-9:25am(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. 4/21- Churchwide Game Night 5pm-8pm
2. 4/22, 5/6, 5/20- VBS Decorating- 6pm **Note the Time Change**
3. 5/5- Cinco de Mayo fun-Churchwide event- 5pm-8pm
4. 5/13- Muffins for Moms(and grandmoms)- 9:30am-10:30am
5. 5/19- Church Yard Sale



April 15th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Its that time of year again when we start fundraising for this summer's Mission Trip. Take all of your empty plastic eggs left over from Easter and fill them with money to support our youth going to help one of the most impoverish areas in the nation. You will see a large stuffed Easter Bunny where you can drop off your filled eggs in the Narthex. There will also be empty eggs next to the bunny for you to bring back filled!. 100% of the proceeds send our youth on this mission trip.

Fusion Tonight!!!

We are going back to Gary, West Virginia as there is still much good work to do. 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. 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.

There will be a **Youth Mission Meeting** today that is strictly informational in the Fellowship Hall after the late Worship Service. This will only be 30 minutes. If you are interested please attend.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- April 15 - Fusion Youth Group**
- April 15- Mission Meeting (In Fellowship Hall)**
- April 22 – Fusion Youth Group**
- April 29 – Fusion Youth Group**
- May 6- Fusion Youth Group**
- May 12 – Confirmation Trip**
- May 13 –Mothers Day (No Youth Group)**