

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

Here we are, continuing to celebrate Easter, and the other day, all of the sudden, Christmas popped into my head! Maybe it is because I have been thinking about Jesus and what he accomplished for us!

Years ago Howard Thurman wrote:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart."

The coming of Jesus Christ: his birth, life, death, and resurrection; is more than just an event in history. It is "work" – God's work. It is the work of salvation, of reconciliation, of justice. "In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself (II Corinthians 5:19). The work continues, and it continues through the body of Christ in the world today. In short, it continues through you and me – through us together! Continuing the "work"..... 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 Stare, Ann Sullivan, Helen Beitzel, Elizabeth Bahn, Alice Gibney

SHUT IN BIRTHDAYS: Take a moment to stop by the table in the Narthex and sign the Shut-In birthday cards for those whose birthdays are coming up in May.

MISSION MEAL FOR BETHESDA MISSION: TODAY, 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 is designated for Bethesda Mission. 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, our Mission Basket and donations at our Mission Meal.



QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX: You can save the church postage today by stopping for a moment in the Narthex and picking up your quarterly giving statement for the first three months of 2018. Statements are visibly marked and sorted in alphabetical order by last name. ***Also, please remember to pick up the statement for your church member child, college student, adult child living at home or shut in parent.*** All statements that are not picked up today will be mailed this week. Thank you.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Larry and Debbie Peck
Tuesday	Pam Peck
Wednesday	Mike and Chris Prettyman
Thursday	Barb Protas
Friday	Marilyn Puskarich
Saturday	Brian and Angela Rainey and family

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.



UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Pray for Annual Conference which is being held May 31, June 1 & 2
April 29 - Mission Meal (Benefits Bethesda Mission) (12:00)
May 6 – Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Hand Bell Choir
May 13 – Mother's Day – "Muffins for Moms"
May 20 – Day of Pentecost
May 27 – Reception of New Members (10:45)
June 3 - Reception of Confirmands as New Members (10:45)
 Congregational Luncheon (12:00)
June 10 – Graduate Recognition (8:15 & 10:45)
 Retirement Dinner for Pastor Tim following late service
June 17 – Father's Day – "Donuts for Dads"
June 24 – Vacation Bible School begins!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 3rd: Join the nation on Thursday, May 3rd as we pray for our country. National Day of Prayer pamphlets have been provided for you at the Distribution Center in the Narthex. You are welcome to take one to use as a guide as you pray on May 3rd. Also, please take a "Unity" Prayer Band in the basket there to wear on May 3rd as a reminder to yourself and others to pray for our nation, focusing on our government, military, families, etc. Prayer bands can be worn by those of all ages, so take more than one to share with your family members. God has given us prayer as the vehicle to use to communicate with Him. Let's USE IT to lift our concerns, our praises, our hearts. Let's fill the heavens with our prayers on May 3rd!



**THIS SATURDAY MAY 5TH
FROM 5-8 PM.**

Join us this Saturday for an evening of fun and fellowship. There is no cost to attend and friends are welcome!

Taco Bar: Build your own dinner with a selection of season ground beef, chicken, beans, rice, lettuce, shredded cheese, hard & soft taco shells, sour cream, tomatoes and salsa! There will also be desserts!

Pinata: Join the fun and help break open the piñata filled with fun treats!

Guacamole Contest: Who makes the best guacamole? Bring yours and have a chance to win a \$25 gift card to *Taco Bell*! **We are still looking for one more judge – see any Cultivate and Nurture member.**

Games: Guessing games, handouts and Mexican Bingo!

We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please see any member of the C&N team: Cynthia Barletta, Janice Deveney, Bob Gray, Jan James, Michelle Kreitman, Brian Rainey, Nancy Stout and Curran 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.



WHAT SHOULD WE SAY? One of the best things about Shepherdstown United Methodist Church is the hill we sit on. We have been blessed with a view that no other church in our area has. You can, literally, see for miles. I have spent some time in prayer on this hilltop. Every time I have been there, someone else has pulled in to inhale the beauty. I think we need to issue an invitation and remind those who stop that we would love to have them worship with us. God has given us this tool free. Let's use it! I'm looking for short but succinct wordage/scripture for one or two signs that we can erect offering our hospitality and God's love. Send me your suggestions by May 11th. I know this is not much time but perhaps if you pray about it, God will share something amazing! Many thanks!

Deb Kenes,

VBS 2018 Update... "SHIPWRECKED"-(June 24th-28th)- Here are a few things that can help us along:



1. **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.

2. 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**?

3. We are in need of **40 plastic milk gallon jugs.** You can place the empty jugs in the box in Life center by the television.

3. Our Decorating meetings have been moved to 6pm on Sunday evenings. The next few will be 5/6, and 5/20. Please come and help on big and small decorating needs.

4. Prayer! Please keep us in prayer and ALL the children's lives we hope to touch with God's love.

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 May include:

small etch a sketch, games, puzzles, peg games, flashlights & batteries, playing cards. 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.**



SIGN UP TO HELP AT ELECTION DAY FOOD STAND: Baked items and helpers are needed for the Food Stand we will have on Election Day, Tuesday, May 15th. Please see the "American Flag" sign up board located on the table in the Narthex and take a flag to help. Return the flag with your items to the Church Office. Thank you!

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you all for your cards and prayers during my recovery from recent surgery. They were greatly appreciated and helped to lift my spirits. It is so nice to have such good friends. I still have a long road ahead of me. **Millie Lerew.**

EXTRA TABLES: We have several old 8 foot tables that can no longer be used and are available for members of the congregation. They are stored in the stairwell off the back of the Fellowship Hall...please contact Ken Spidle, a member of the Board of Trustees, or the church office if you wish to take one.

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

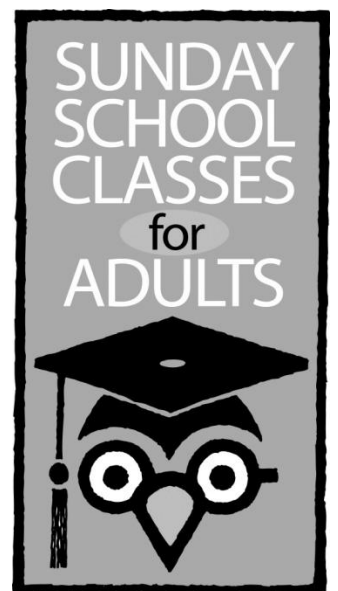
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

Current study is the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. Teachers are Janeann Runkle, Darryl Kenes, Tom Mann.

Life Class – meets in Room 9 – younger adults, parents with school age kids. Current study is Lessons on The Book of Psalms Teachers are Keith Kapp and David Schade.

Bible Explorers Class – meets in the Fellowship Hall (back) - younger and older adults. We have been focusing on the Glorious Names of God as found in the Bible. We are finishing this study today. Teacher is Pastor Tim.

Elective Class – meets in Fellowship Hall (front) - younger and older adults. Current study is Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. Teachers are Rich Dixon and Kim Simington.



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!

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

1 John 2:6 The one who says he resides in God ought himself to walk just as Jesus walked.

It's the winter that will not end! Most of us have been lamenting that they forget what the sun looks like. I too am anxious for Spring. I looked at Facebook this morning and came across a bunch of pictures from my cousin who, along with his wife, are visiting Israel. There is a picture of them riding camels and squinting into the sun. I was momentarily envious of both the sun on their face and their vacation destination. I would love to walk where Jesus walked. Which made me think.... Every day we can walk where Jesus walked - perhaps not the physical location but in other places. We can walk in faith. We can share his love and mercy and grace with others. We can serve those less fortunate than we are. We can be good listeners. We can be doers of the word and not hearers only. We can increase our knowledge of His word by creating/joining small bible studies. There are innumerable ways to walk as He did - outside of Jerusalem. Get your sandals on and let's go!

Pray with the Prayer Team as we grow in our faith walk. Third Thursday of the month at 6:30P in the parlor. We are contemplating moving this time to the third Monday of the month at 12:30P. Anyone interested? Contact chefdeb1951@verizon.net. **Deb Kenes**

NOTE OF THANKS: I want to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers and cards I received recently when I was ill. I am also very appreciative of Pastor Tim's calls and visits during that time. I am now doing much better and thanks to God for his healing power, I was able to attend church recently. **Paul Klase.**

To all the members of the congregation, I would like to say "thank you" for your prayers, cards and notes which I received during my hospital stay. The Pastor's many visits were very meaningful and helpful. Visits from friends proved to mean a great deal too. All your acts of kindness helped me back on the road to recovery.

Carl Courtney.

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 29Bethesda Mission
- May 6Cup of Water Fund
- May 13Golden Cross (Benevolent Homes)
- May 20Peace with Justice

TODAY! The Mission Meal Fundraiser to benefit Bethesda Mission is immediately following the late Worship Service today in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- April 29Helping Hands
- May 6.....Elective Class
- May 13Bible Explorers
- May 20LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- April 29Peggy Reed
- May 6Volunteer Needed
- May 13Volunteer Needed
- May 20Dennis and Brenda Tewell

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,070,125.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,506.25. 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 – 64
- Sunday School – 94
- Late Worship – 173
- Membership – 513

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,175	\$178,196	\$147,898	\$30,298

Bingman Scholarship Fund - Mission Offering- \$383.39
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$50,970.42

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.

FIRE DRILL REMINDER AND PROCEDURE: Within the next few weeks we will be conducting a Fire Drill during the Sunday School hour. It is very important that everyone follow the list of procedures. ***Anytime*** the fire alarm goes off in the church – here is what you do.

1. Evacuate immediately to the back parking lot. Take every alarm seriously, even if you believe there is no fire.
2. Children in Sunday School classes will exit as a class with their teacher. Go to that classes' assigned parking space to find your child. Otherwise, stay with your child as you exit.
3. Do not enter or go back into the church for any reason.
4. In order to eliminate confusion, only Staff has the authority to announce the "okay" to reenter the church (this will be whenever the fire department gives their approval to reenter the building)

Encourage and help others to properly follow a fire alarm evacuation.

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

APRIL

*** 29 Jen Patterson,

*** 29 Sue Reday,

*** 30 Corbin Trimmer,

*** 30 Kyra Malnick

* 30 Shaun Evans,

MAY

A 1 Michael & Dixie Trinen,

A 2 Bill and Jill Evans,

*** 2 Sarah Crone

*** 2 Lucas Squire

A 3 Jeff and Ashley Carr,

*** 4 Yana Dilman,

A 5 Doug and Michelle Lauver

*** 5 Milt Loyer,

*** 5 Jim Tewell,

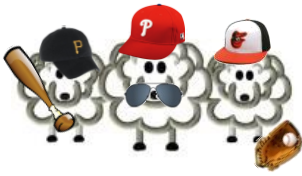
*** 5 Linda Myers,

A 5 Lester and Eleanor Weber,

*** 6 Sue McFadden,

*** 6 Sue Graybill,

"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
(Directors of 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(4/29/18) Philip Tells the Ethiopian About Jesus (Acts 8:26-40)



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.



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. 5/6, 5/13, 5/20- Practice- 9:00am-9:25am(**Time Change**)
2. 5/20- SINGING in the 10:45am SERVICE

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 5/5- Cinco de Mayo fun-Churchwide event- 5pm-8pm
2. 5/6, 5/20- VBS Decorating- 6pm ***Note the Time Change***
3. 5/11- KIDS CLUB- Making Muffins for Mom-6pm-8pm. Sign up outside the Children's Center
4. 5/13- Muffins for Moms(and grandmoms)- 9:30am-10:30am. **Please sign up outside the Children's Center**
5. 5/19- Church Yardsale



April 29nd, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Last week we decided that our lesson would be fellowship and fun so we could enjoy spring which finally seems to have come our way. The activities in this lesson were volleyball, nukem, and kickball. Even though we did not get to deep into exegeses and scripture I think we had an equally rich experience appreciating God's creation through games, fun, and laughter.

This week we are going to look at what it means for light to overcome darkness. We are going to listen to some spoken word poetry and learn how we can be the light in the darkness and where that light comes from.

Fusion Tonight!!!

As the Mission Trip approaches it is not to late to sign up. The deadline is May 6th. If you intend on going on the Mission Trip mark May 6 and May 20 from 2pm-4pm for a meeting/training. All going should attend both.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

April 29 – Fusion Youth Group
May 6-Mission Training 2pm-4pm
May 6- Fusion Youth Group
May 12 – Confirmation Trip
May 13 –Mothers Day (No Youth Group)
May 15 – Wing Night