

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

How long should a church service last? That is a question that gets asked every so often. It seems everyone has their own opinion on the length of a worship service.

Televangelists seem to think a church service should fit into a 60 minute time slot, allowing enough time to pitch premiums to those who give to their ministry. Those involved in radio ministries seem to think a service should fit between the Polka Hour and the Weekly Top 40.

Ministers seem to think a service should last long enough for the message in the sermon to get across to the members. Moms and Dads think a service should not be too long, so that children will not get fussy. Those who follow pro football seem to think the service should end with enough time to get home before kick-off.

The debate goes on..... Make the sermon shorter. Sing two verses of each hymn. Cut down on the length of the prayers of the church. Eliminate greeting each other. Make serving communion go faster. Everyone has a theory, a suggestion, or even a solution.

How long should a church service last? I have my own opinion..... The answer is "All week!"
Lord, let the message I hear on Sunday, stay in my mind throughout the week. Let the joy of the hymns we sing, be in my heart all week long. May those people and situations for which we pray on Sunday morning, be on my lips every day. Amen!

Worshipping all week.....

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

Carol Mann, Millie Stare, Elizabeth Bahn, Gladys Dromgold

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Alice Gibney, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 29, 2018. Her graveside service was held at Westminster Memorial Gardens in Carlisle on Friday, May 4th. 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)

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Helen Beitzel, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 29, 2018. Services for Helen were held at Malpezzi Funeral Home on Friday, May 4th. During this time of grief, we remember the sure hope we have as Christians: "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you to my church family for the cards, phone calls, food, visits and the support during the loss of husband. And a special thanks to Pastor Tim for being there at the most difficult time of my life. Thank you all. **Jeanie Hershey**

NOTE OF THANKS: A few weeks ago, I was hospitalized with a double whammy of a slight stroke, complicated with an asthma related infection. My recovery since then has been remarkable! I thank God for his healing presence and I thank all of you for the prayers on my behalf. I also appreciate all the cards I have received along with so many get well wishes. Pastor Tim has been so helpful and supportive. My husband, Roy has also been a God send and a special blessing! Thanks to all, **Millie Stare**

NOTE OF THANKS: A belated thank you to my church family at Shepherdstown UMC. I appreciate all of your prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent recovery from hip surgery. They were very encouraging to me. Also thank you to Pastor Tim for his prayers and visits. Special thanks to our Lord for his constant care and healing. **Janet Michael**

BETHESDA MISSION UPDATE: I would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Mission Meal for Bethesda Mission. Thank you to Jeff Forester, the Mission Team and Janice Deveney for helping to set up for our meal. A big "Thank you" goes to our chef, Bob Gray, who made his delicious spaghetti sauce and cooked the spaghetti. Thank you to the youth for their donations of baked goods for desserts. Thank you for everyone who donated food, helped serve the food and cleaned up afterwards. We had a smaller attendance this year than we were planning for, so we had extra food. We were able to donate all of the extra spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread and desserts to Bethesda Mission! Bill Christian, the Men's Mission Director for Bethesda Mission delivered the extra food to Bethesda Mission. The Weekly Mission Basket collection totaled \$655.25 and the donations collected at the meal totaled \$413.00 for a combined amount of \$1,038.55. Thank you for your generosity to Bethesda Mission. **Kathy Ries**, Mission Team Chairperson

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Lou and Sue Reday and family
Tuesday	Richard and Peggy Reed
Wednesday	Richard Reed, Jr. and family
Thursday	Starla Reisinger
Friday	Wes and Laura Reohr
Saturday	Ada Rhoads

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN : On July 10, the SOS will meet at the church at 8:00 am to leave on a three day field trip led by Steve Runkle. We will be touring the Jamestown Settlement and American Revolution Museum at Yorktown near Williamsburg, Virginia. Also included is a tour of the Museum at 1st Bull Run Civil War Battlefield. The group admission cost for both the Jamestown Settlement and American Revolution Museum at Yorktown guided tours is \$24.95 per person, due by June 24. Overnight accommodations on Tuesday and Wednesday nights will be at the Sleep Inn Historic in Williamsburg. Room rate double or single of \$89.99 plus tax for two double beds or one king bed, non-smoking. A free hot breakfast is included each morning. Lunch will be at Wendy's or Mac Donald's along the way of travel. Dinner both nights will be at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant. Wednesday morning the group will leave the motel at 8:30 and have a guided tour of the Jamestown Settlement and see the movie at the museum. After visiting Jamestown, the group will leave and have lunch along the way before visiting the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. There will be a 2 hour guided tour of the museum. In addition to the museum, a reproduction of an Indian Village, the Settlements Fort, the three ships that settlers came on and a movie will be included. In addition to the museum, the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown includes a Continental Army Encampment, a Revolutionary farm and a movie. On Thursday morning, the group will leave the motel at 9:00 and travel home. The group plans to return to the church at 4:00 pm. Any questions can be directed to Steve. A sign up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board and deadline to sign up is June 10.



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
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!

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.





ECUMENICAL CHOIR CONCERT

MAY 20: Plan to attend the 31st Annual Ecumenical Choir Concert Sunday, May 20th at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Simpson Ferry Rd. This concert will feature 111 voices from 32 area churches including Shepherdstown UMC. Musical Director is Chip Custer and Accompanist is Gina Kerchner. A free will offering will benefit New Hope Ministries.

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!

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

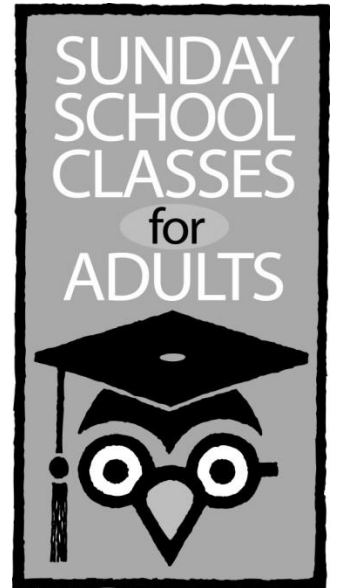
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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 Parables of Jesus. 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

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Civilla Martin wrote the words to the above Christian hymn in 1866 in Nova Scotia. She and her evangelist husband traveled over the world with their faith. One day Civillia visited a sick friend who though ill and discouraged reminded her of the scripture that spoke of God's attentiveness. Civillia, being a poet, sat down and wrote the words to this song in one day. This was my father-in-law's favorite hymn. I think of him when I hear it. It is also a hymn of hope. If God pays attention to the smallest of details, why do we think He is not focused on us also? We all have days that torment our souls and make us wonder who we are and why we are here. We feel lonely in the midst of a crowd. We stumble over moral issues. We cry over lost relationships. We wonder WHO IS LISTENING to us. Friends, God is. Every day, every moment, in every situation. Turn YOUR eyes on Him and you ARE free.

A really great little video is on GodTube.com. It features Somer Smith singing this hymn as she auditions for the Australia's Got Talent show. Give it a listen.

Lord God, we sing your praises because You have made us free. Forgive us when we don't trust that You will ALWAYS be there - listening and loving. Help us to stay focused on you as you concentrate on us. You are everything! Amen. Join the Prayer Team on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30P as we sing because we're happy. We are considering changing this to the third Monday at 12:30P. Anyone interested? Contact chefdeb1951@verizon.net. **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

- May 6Cup of Water Fund
- May 13Golden Cross (Benevolent Homes)
- May 20Peace with Justice
- May 27Youth Mission Trip Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- May 6.....Elective Class
- May 13Bible Explorers
- May 20LIFE Class
- May 27Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- May 6Deb Kenes
- May 13Volunteer Needed
- May 20Dennis and Brenda Tewell
- May 27Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,071,825.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,591.25. 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 – 65
Sunday School – 71
Late Worship – 164
Membership – 511

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,218	\$188,414	\$157,142	\$31,272

Bethesda Mission - Mission Offering- \$625.55
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$51,570.31

ANN BAER'S RETIREMENT TEA: The Women's Retreat Committee is hosting a Retirement Tea for Ann Baer on Saturday, June 23rd, 1:00 at the Sweet Remembrance Tea Room, 118 S Market St., Mechanicsburg. The maximum space is 30 people. Cost per person is \$35. Please contact Jan James (717-433-4107) or Rita Spicher (717-903-3185) with any questions or to reserve your seating. Full payment is due by June 1st to complete your reservation.



Tea Party

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

(*child; **youth; ***adult; A=Anniversary; SI=shut-in; CS=College Student; MI=Missionary)
[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]

MAY

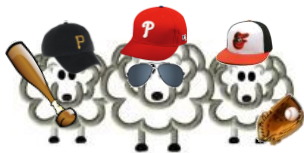
*** 6 Sue McFadden,
*** 6 Sue Graybill,
* 7 Bennett Kelley
*** 7 Paul Ries,
*** 7 Joanna Noss
*** 8 Alec Kunzweiler,
*** 9 Joel Eisenhower,
*** 9 Karyn Ward
*** 10 Adam Franklin,
*** 10 Thasana Beaty,
*** 13 Amanda James
*** 13 Bobby Lerew
*** 13 Mark Beyer,

"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(5/6/18) Peter Visits Cornelius (Acts 10:1-44)



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

Ways to help...

1. Volunteer to help that week. Check out the board in the Narthex.
2. Drop off plastic gallon milk or water containers (Need 40)
3. Can we borrow a footlocker or Hope chest? Wooden Oars?
4. Look for the donation board in the upcoming weeks.
5. Lend a helping out at Decorating meetings. **This Sunday 6pm!!**



FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

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



May 6th, 2018

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Last week we discussed why we share Christ love. We looked at the imagery of light overcoming the darkness and we realized that regardless what we do, Christ's light will always overcome the darkness. We spread Christ's love and we are the light because in doing so we find out who God made us to be and we are transformed by it.

Fusion Tonight!!!

Meeting for the participants attending the Mission Trip to West Virginia after church today from 2pm – 3pm. Today is also the deadline to sign up for the Mission Trip. If you are planning on going but do not have the permission form or money please see Shawn Gray.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

May 6 – Mission Meeting

May 6- Fusion Youth Group

May 12 – Confirmation Trip

May 13 –Mothers Day (No Youth Group)

May 15 – Wing Night

May 20- Mission Meeting

May 20 - Fusion Youth Group