

The Shepherd's Voice
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Good Morning Everyone!

Today is Mother's Day! Did you know that more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year! These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike as much as 37 percent!

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis – who remained unmarried and childless her whole life – resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

Interestingly, while Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies!

Well, it's Mother's Day! Whatever you do – make it personal !!!

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, Elizabeth Bahn, Gladys Dromgold

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES TODAY ONLY: Due to the Muffins for Mom Program being held in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School; the Bible Explorers Class (Pastor's Class) will meet in the Life Center. The Elective Class will meet in the Children's Center.

LOVE OFFERING FOR PASTOR TIM AND ANN: "And I will give you Shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15. As you know, Pastor Baer has served our church faithfully for six years. Think how his ministry has touched us over the years....weddings, funerals, baptisms, hospital visits, sermons and the list could go on and on. We are asking all members who are willing and able to give a bountiful Love Offering to be presented to him on June 10th in honor and appreciation for his faithful ministry and retirement. Make your generous check out to the church with a notation "Pastor's Retirement", and place it in an offering plate no later than June 3rd.

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

NOTE OF THANKS: I want to say "thank you" for the warm fellowship I experienced with you all last Sunday. I was glad to share about Bethesda Mission and was treated as part of the family by all. The Love of Christ is demonstrated in your midst. Also, thank you for your donations of \$1,038.55. Your gift will help provide food, shelter, counseling and care for over 250 men, women and children this month alone. Your Brother in Christ, **Bill Christian** - Psalm 133:1

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.

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you to my church family at Shepherdstown UMC. I appreciate all of your prayer, cards, calls, meals and visits during my recovery from surgery. They were and are very encouraging to me. Also, thank you Pastor Tim for your prayers and visits. I hope to be back in church soon. **Carol Mann**

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 ay 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 in Hershey, PA

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. We need **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 evening 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

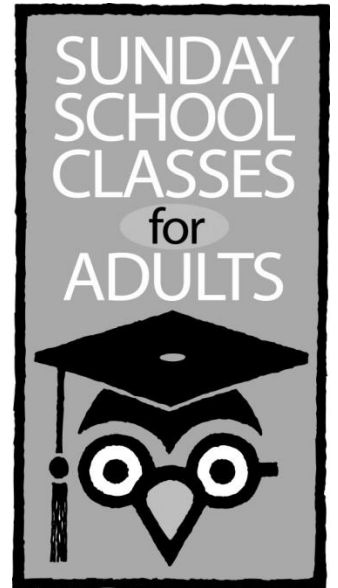
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 79
Sunday School – 91
Late Worship – 163
Membership – 511

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Moms rule! I am not speaking about any of the current attitudes about women and their rights or lack of rights. I am concerned only about the gifts that God has bestowed on womenkind. Let's keep some of the following verses in our minds on those days when we feel inadequate, frustrated, unfulfilled. We are God's daughters and are empowered by His love and grace. Happy Mother's Day!

- ❖ "She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future." Proverbs 31:25
- ❖ "God is within her, she will not fall." Psalm 46:5
- ❖ "Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her." Luke 1:45
- ❖ "She is energetic and strong, a hard worker." Proverbs 3:17
- ❖ "The Lord is my strength and my shield." Psalm 28:7
- ❖ "A gracious woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth." Proverbs 11:16
- ❖ "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- ❖ "Charm is deceptive and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised." Proverbs 31:30
- ❖ "When she speaks, her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness." Proverbs 31:26
- ❖ "And in Christ you have been brought to fullness." Colossians 2:10
- ❖ "The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." Exodus 14:14
- ❖ "You are altogether beautiful, my darling, beautiful in every way." Song of Songs 4:7

Lord, we thank you and praise you for Mothers - made in your image and imbued with your love. Give them strength and wisdom and peace as they nurture the rest of us. Fill them with your presence. Let each of them know how beautiful they are. Amen.

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 13Golden Cross (Benevolent Homes)
- May 20Peace with Justice
- May 27Youth Mission Trip Fund
- June 3Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- May 13Bible Explorers
- May 20LIFE Class
- May 27Helping Hands
- June 3Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- May 13Jan James and Dale Glacken
- May 20Volunteer Needed
- May 27Lori Weicht
- June 3Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,072,605.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,630.25. 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.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,213	\$199,627	\$166,386	\$33,241

Cup of Water Fund - Mission Offering- \$415.33
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$52,060.20

BIBLE TRIVIA

How well do you know your Bible facts? Do you think you’re the Duke of Deuteronomy or the Countess of Colossians? Maybe you *own* Obadiah? Let’s find out! Below are 3 questions ranked in their difficulty. Can you correctly answer one of the questions? All of them? Answers will be in next week’s newsletter!

Easy

Which of these women is mentioned in the New Testament?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Hannah
- C. Sarai
- D. Martha

Moderate

What was Cain’s biggest worry concerning the Lord’s curse on him?

- A. Everyone would despise him
- B. Everyone would want to kill him
- C. Everyone would laugh at him
- D. Everyone would avoid him

Hard

Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke?

- A. Visit of the wise men
- B. Turning of water to wine
- C. Raising Lazarus from the dead
- D. Visit of Gabriel to Mary (The Annunciation)

BABY BOTTLE BLESSING: In support of the ministry of the Capital Area Pregnancy Center, baby bottles will be available in the Narthex ("pick up empty bottles" basket) starting today. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, please fill a bottle with your spare change (or checks payable to Life Choices, since they will be returned to Life Choices – it may be a while before they are cashed) and return it to the church. Please also remember to pray for moms, dads and their unborn children during this time. Located at 2515 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, Capital Area pregnancy Center provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothes, furniture and diapers, abstinence programs in high schools, post-abortion Bible studies, and a 24 hour help-line. For women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, they give hope of the gospel and the love of Jesus. Please return your filled bottles no later than Father's Day, June 17th.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET – BENEVOLENT HOMES: For many generations, United Methodists have had a reputation for caring about and for people, especially those in need of healing and support. The Benevolent Homes of the Susquehanna Conference depend on your gifts to continue this legacy of caring ministry which touches the lives of hundreds of our friends and neighbors every day. It brings great joy to know that gifts to today's Benevolent Homes Offering provide safe homes, nutritious food, necessary medicine, short and long term counseling, and other needed services to frail seniors and hurting children.



Our United Methodist connected homes helped by today's Mission Basket are: United Methodist Home for Children (Mechanicsburg), Bethany Village (Mechanicsburg), Normandie Ridge Senior Living Community (York), Quincy Village (Waynesboro), River Woods Senior Living Community (Lewisburg), and the United Methodist Homes Wesley Village Campus (Mechanicsburg).

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

- *** 13 Amanda James,
- *** 13 Bobby Lerew
- *** 13 Mark Beyer,
- *** 14 Mary Mills,
- * 15 Emily Ross,
- *** 15 John Ward
- *** 16 Louise Swartz,
- *** 17 Ashley Trimmer,
- *** 18 Ricky Reed,
- *** 19 Tricia Craig,
- ** 19 Thomas Kapp,
- ***19 Rose Bordner
- *** 19 Kelton Mehls,
- *** 20 Tom Barry
- *** 20 Courtney Noss
- A 20 Luther and Phyllis Dromgold
- *** 20 Anne Dille



May 13th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
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This past week we watched a sermon given by Justin Beiber's Pastor who leads a congregation in New York City. His name is Carl Lentz and he made the appeal that most likely there is a person of faith living on every street. He then challenged what would happen if that person of faith broadcasted and lived there faith outwardly, what effect would that have on all those who don't know Jesus. He explained that we all don't need to be preachers but we can pray and love people while using the gifts God gave us whether that is a nurse, barista, police officer, etc.

Happy Mothers Day!!!
(No Fusion)

A meeting for the participants attending the Mission Trip to West Virginia is after church May 20 from 12pm – 1pm. We still have room for just a couple more spots for the Mission Trip if anyone is interested in going. It is not too late to sign up.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- May 12 – Confirmation Trip**
- May 13 – Mothers Day (No Youth Group)**
- May 15 – Wing Night**
- May 20- Mission Meeting**
- May 20 - Fusion Youth Group**
- May 27 – Memorial Day**