

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

This is Memorial Day weekend – at least for the secular world! Memorial Day (officially tomorrow), originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Without doubt we remember those who have given service to this country in which we live. It is because of their sacrifice we enjoy the freedoms we do – including gathering right now in this holy place to worship!

As many of you know, the "Baer family" gathers this weekend to spend time together as family. Parents, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren – all camp together – enjoying God's great creation and each other's presence. This started many years ago as a "spur of the moment" idea, and has continued year after year. The Baer's are in the woods this weekend!

So, we welcome to our pulpit this morning, Rev. Dr. Brand Eaton! Rev. Eaton is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and has served as pastor of the churches of Newport Parish (Associate), York Springs UM, and Baughman Memorial UM. Brand also serves as the president of our Conference Historical Society. Many of you know him through his current work as the Director of Spiritual Wellness at Bethany Village Retirement Community. Our thanks to Rev. Eaton as he shares God's word with us this morning.

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	Ms. Mindy Kitzig
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Mr. Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

**Larry Shoop, Helen Bartlett, Dolores Walker, Sarah Bartlett,
Alice Gibney, Bruce Smith, John Hackenberg**

Congregational Meal
Celebrating Confirmands
Next Sunday, June 4, 2017

Catch the spirit, come in fellowship together and



Meet
Our
Confirmands

celebrate with the Confirmands! There is no cost but a basket will be available for donations. We hope to see you there!

welcome the newest members of Shepherdstown UMC at a celebration dinner following the 10:45 service next Sunday, June 4th. Bring your appetites for BBQ and/or Italian chicken tenders, au gratin potatoes, veggies, apple sauce, and salad with a special cake to



UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

June 11 – Graduate Recognition (8:15 & 10:45)

June 18 – Father’s Day – “Donuts for Dads” during Sunday School

June 25 – Vacation Bible School begins!

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our community of faith mourns with Paul and Kathy Ries and family in the recent death of Paul’s father, Wally Ries. 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)



TODAY’S MISSION BASKET: The **Mission Trip Fund** exists to assist Shepherdstown mission trips. Your donation goes 100% into the fund to show God’s love to all the world through Shepherdstown UMC mission trips.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Joe and Gladys Venzlowsky
Tuesday	Kurt and Gloria Vollert and Alex
Wednesday	Barry and Joanne Wagner
Thursday	Dave and Karen Wagner and family
Friday	Susan Wagner
Saturday	Tom and Dolores Walker

CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM CLASS OFFERED: On Sunday, June 4, Pastor Tim will lead a Sunday School Class focused on Christianity and Islam. This is a 13 session study of the similarities and differences of the world’s two largest religions. After a first session about the size and growth of Christianity and Islam around the world, the next three sessions compare Jesus and Muhammad in their early years, their ministry years and their time of conflicts. Then the study covers the time of the Apostles and Caliphs, the schisms and denominations, and the Bible and Quran. The remaining sessions deal with the pillars of both faiths, religious leadership and worship practices, the primary theological beliefs of both religions, the culture and role of women, violence and warfare, and the future of the relationship between the two religions. The Pastor’s Sunday School Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30. Everyone is welcome.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED: On Sunday, June 11th 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 institution from where the degree will be earned, to any Response Box by May 21st.

MEN'S SOFTBALL: The evening was cold and gray but not raining allowing Shep to face off against St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Monday evening at Grantham field. Shep was blessed with an abundance of players which was a nice change over last year while SEAS ended up playing a man down. It did not seem to affect their outfield as they seemed to be everywhere when we hit the ball the first game. Shep's first pitcher struggled to find the strike zone and our batters struggled to string hits together resulting in a 14-4 loss after 5 innings. The second game started on a much better note with Shep leading 3-2 after the first inning instead of down 9 like the first game. SEAS would tie it in the second but Shep went ahead again in the 3rd and never lost the lead with some big innings scoring 5 in the 4th and 6 in the 5th. The final score was 17-8. Shep Notables: Jack Weicht was the winning pitcher and was 4 for 6 on the night with 3 RBI's and 1 run. Andy Mallon struggled at first but took revenge on his first hit, sending the other team down the hill for a change and hitting a home run. He ended the day 3 for 6 scoring 2 runs with 1 rbi. Ian Smith was 3 for 5 with a walk and 3 runs scored. Nick Costea was 2 for 6 with 5 rbi's. Shawn Gray was 1 for 6 with a double and 2 RBI's. Guest Player Notables: Ryan Gephart won the batting war going 5 for 5 with a walk, 4 runs scored, 2 RBI's and 2 doubles. Steve Mahan was 5 for 6 with 2 triples and 4 runs scored. Zack Lebo was 4 for 5 with 2 runs and 2 RBI's. Johnny Notz was 3 for 5 with a run, double and 3 RBI's. The next game is Tuesday, May 30 versus Hope Grace at their new field in Dillsburg. Anyone willing to help keep the scorebook - please see Shawn Gray! Hope to see you there!

5/30 Tuesday Hope Grace versus Shep at Hope Grace

**** Game starts at 6:00 pm. Two games played each evening.**

A full list of all upcoming softball games and ball field directions is available in the Narthex at the Distribution Center or on the church website at www.Shepherdstownumc.org.

HOPE GRACE FIELD: 110 Old York Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019 (H FIELD)
Travel south on Rte. 15. Turn left on North Baltimore St. (PA 74)(.46 miles). Turn left onto E. Harrisburg.(.10 miles) Turn right onto South Chestnut (1.16 miles). The field/church is on your right.

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 18th.

RETURN OR STUDY COPIES OF "THE WAY": Do you have copy/copies of The Way study book or devotionals? If you do and do not want to keep them, then return them to the church for others to use in the future. Return either to your class teacher or the church office. We do have one copy of the DVD if you would like to view the series. Please contact the church office.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

My Children....I SEE YOU! I know the pain and suffering you are walking through. I see the pressure you are under. The temptations and struggles are overwhelming. I SEE you. Now SEE ME. I am God. I am El Roi (the God who sees). You treat me as an occasional thought, a casual prayer, a fleeting being. At times, it feels like your worship of me is half hearted, an obligation that is without feeling or joy. Worship is to be VIBRANT not something to just get through. Know that I am the great I AM. I am also your Savior, your Comfort, your Redeemer, your Strength, your Restorer of health, your Guidance. I am your HOPE. SEE ME! Join the Prayer Team as we explore ways to better SEE the Creator. **Deb Kenes**

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER:

We always welcome new teachers/volunteers in our Children's Dept. This summer we have a great need for help covering the Nursery during Sunday School. With vacations we also could use help with covering Nursery (dates to be determined) during late service and also during early service (on July 30 and



August 6). We are also in need of preschool Children's Church teachers for the 10:45 service. If you are not Safe Sanctuary certified, we will help you through the process. Spending time with the children at Shepherdstown UMC is very rewarding and we hope you consider it. Please see Janice Deveney or Charlene Kapp for more information.

EAGLE PROJECT SUPPORT: Zack Schade is a Boy Scout and church member planning his Eagle Project. The project will be reconstructing and refurbishing the sand volleyball court across the street. The project is anticipated to cost about \$6,000.00. He is required to raise funds to complete the project as part of his Eagle Rank. So far \$1,881.00 has been donated for the project. If you would like to donate to this endeavor, please designate Zack Schade Eagle Project on any donations and make them payable to Shepherdstown United Methodist Church. Any and all leftover funds collected will be forwarded to the Capital/Special Projects and Related Expenses. Thank You.

ELECTION DAY FOOD STAND UPDATE: Many thanks to all who provided kitchen help, food items and baked goods for the Election Day Food Stand on May 16th. With a low voter turnout, your generosity still brought a profit of \$183.25! Thanks again!

Jeanie Hershey

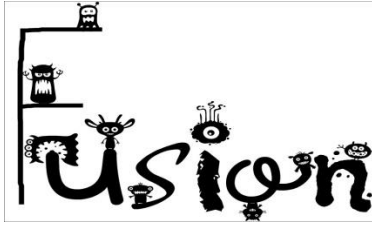
Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry through Shepherdstown Church: Beginning January 2017

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,782	\$204,601	\$189,413	\$15,188

Peace With Justice Mission Offering - \$337.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$38,934.94



May 28th, 2017
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
 youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

You probably have noticed that we have been fundraising like crazy for the Mission Trip coming up this June. We have 15 people from our church signed up and we have raised around \$1600 from Easter eggs, peacock feather sales, and the Italian feast. Our goal is \$2000, so we are closing in on our goal. The mission basket this week will help support our Mission Trip and could be just enough for us to meet our goal. It has been wonderful to witness the generosity of time and resources as we have been doing these fundraisers. Thank you to all who have given to this awesome cause and I truly believe God will do some great things on the Mission Trip.

No Fusion Tonight!!

As we look at the summer, one staple of our Youth Ministry is Salt and Light Impact. Impact is a Christian music, art, and drama festival where nearly 1000 youth from surrounding areas camp, praise, and fellowship at Camp Greene Hills. If you are interested or have questions please see Shawn Gray to sign up.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- May 28 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Fusion/No Confirmation Class)**
- June 3-** Mission Team Training 1pm – 3pm
- June 4-** Fusion Youth Group/ Confirmation Students join Church
- June 7 –** Mission Team Training 5pm – 7pm
- June 11 – 16 – Mission Trip**
- June 18 – Fathers Day (No Fusion)**
- June 18 – Doughnuts for Dads**
- June 25- No Fusion (VBS Begins)**

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- TodayMission Trip Fund
- June 4Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels
- June 11Preacher’s Aid Society
- June 18Mission Central

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- TodayHelping Hands
- June 4Elective Class
- June 11Bible Explorers
- June 18LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayDeb Kenes
June 4Keith and Charlene Kapp
June 11Outreach Team
June 18Volunteer Needed

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

A 29 Tom and Carla Bashore,
***** **29** Gavin Trimmer,
A 30 Steve and Janeann Runkle
*****30** Jay Trimmer,
*****30** Judy Aumiller,
*****31** Austin Martz

June

***** 1** Pam Thomas
***** 1** Don Bordner,
***** 2** Peggy Hinke,
***** 3** Evan Callahan,
***** 3** Keith Kapp,
A 3 Craig & Michele McEwen,
***** **4** Elizabeth Ross,
**** 4** Peyton Wells
***** 4** Rose Weiser,
***** 4** Haddiee Spidle

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.

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,007,800.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$50,390.00 Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

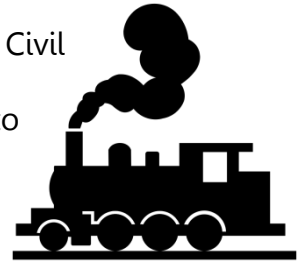
Early Service – 66
Sunday School – 109
Late Worship – 174
Membership – 515

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN SUMMER EVENTS

June 16, 2017

Steam into History Railroad Field Trip:

On Friday, June 16, 2017, Steve Runkle will lead the Seniors of Shepherdstown on a Civil War era steam train ride on the historic Northern Central Railway. The group will leave New Freedom Station, New Freedom, Pa. at 1:00 p.m. for the 2 1/2 hour ride to Hanover Junction and return. Abraham Lincoln will accompany us on the train, in the person of reenactor James Haney of Mechanicsburg. Lincoln will give a speech where he once offered a few words at the historic Hanover Junction Railroad Station. Lincoln's train stopped there on his way to Gettysburg to give his famous Gettysburg address. The station at Hanover Junction has been restored to its Civil War appearance. The cost of the train ride will be \$25.30 per person (for the group rate). This tour is a must for Civil War buffs and those interested in reliving a piece of American history. Everyone interested in going on the tour should meet in the Church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. In order to get to the train ride on time, an early lunch will be eaten at Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Shrewsbury, Pa., about 11:00 a.m. The group will return to the Church by 5:00 p.m. Deadline to sign up is June 4th. Please use sheet on SOS bulletin board in the upper rear hallway.



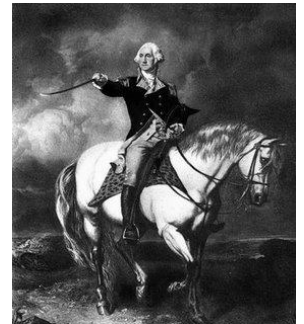
Seniors of Shepherdstown July Event July 11, 12 and 13, 2017 French and Indian War in Pennsylvania Tour

The Seniors of Shepherdstown will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11th to leave on a three day field trip led by Steve Runkle to tour the key French and Indian War sites in Pennsylvania. Also, a dinner in the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern is planned.

On Tuesday, the SOS will travel to and tour Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Jumonville Glen where George Washington started a world war. Admission to these sites is free. Lunch will be at the MacDonald's Restaurant in Keyser's Ridge, Maryland, and Tuesday's dinner will be at Eat 'n Park in Somerset, Pennsylvania. Overnight accommodations on Tuesday and Wednesday nights will be at the Comfort Inn in Somerset, Pennsylvania, at a room rate (double or single occupancy) of \$95.00 plus tax for two double beds, non-smoking. A free hot breakfast is included at the Comfort Inn each morning, and an elevator is available for guests.

On Wednesday morning the group will leave the motel at 9:00 a.m. and tour Fort Ligonier and Museum in Ligonier, PA. The senior admission is \$8.00 per person. After a light lunch at Wendy's in Somerset, the group will travel to and tour the Fort Bedford Museum in Bedford, PA. Senior admission is \$4.50 per person. Wednesday's dinner will be at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern, near Bedford. The Jean Bonnet, with its native stone walls, massive fireplaces, and chestnut beams, was built about 1762 by Indian trader Robert Callendar. In 1794, Pennsylvania farmers met here and raised a liberty pole during the Whiskey Rebellion.

On Thursday morning, the group will leave the motel at 9:00 a.m. and travel to and tour Fort Loudon. The tour at this site is free. The group plans to return to the Church by about 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13th. A sign-up sheet is on the SOS Bulletin Board in the upper rear hallway. Deadline to sign up is June 11th.



UPDATED VBS NEEDS: As VBS steadily approaches, we could use your help supplying the following.

1. Leftover paint you may not be using in the following colors: purple(not lavender), green(darker would be better), and blue(darker shade preferred)

Thank you for the soda bottles and hardware. After what is brought today we are well stocked of those items!

Please also note: The VBS Volunteer Board is in the Narthex today. Please take time to look over the available volunteer positions, and prayerfully consider where you may be able to help. For those who may need Safe Sanctuary training, a date will be decided upon in the near future. Thank you!

CREW LEADER LUNCHEON! On June 11th, right after the 10:45am church service, we will have a luncheon for all Preschool and Elementary VBS Crew leaders. During this luncheon time, we will be handing out materials that will help provide information to make the week of VBS run smoothly for you. If you cannot make it, please email Charlene at cnkkapper@juno.com. Hope to see you 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.**

SING IN THE SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR! Come one! Come all! Starting June 18th and through September 3rd, you are invited to sit in the choir loft with the Congregational Choir and sing a special anthem during the late worship service on Sundays. There will be no Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Instead, all singers will meet in Classroom 11 at 10:30 am each Sunday morning to practice the anthem selected for that day. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

SPECIAL MUSIC IS REQUESTED during our worship services (8:15, 10:45 or both) for the summer months. Please sign up to share your talent. Dates are available from June 18th through September 3rd. The sign-up list is posted outside the church office, or contact Mindy Martz the church office.