

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

This evening we embark on a journey of recognizing and appreciating God's greatest creation – US! It is Vacation Bible School!!! Children of all ages will be gathering here each night this week (Sunday through Thursday) for a great time of fun, food, crafts, and learning that God made everything and that we have a purpose! It is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose!"

Vacation Bible School is always special because it is a creative unique opportunity for our children to grow in faith. But, even more importantly, it is an opportunity for children in the community who do not know God or have a church home to be introduced to God and faith!

So – keep our Vacation Bible School in your prayers. Keep the leaders, teachers, and helpers in your prayers. Especially keep the children in your prayers. I pray that every child and parent will be especially blessed; and that every leader, teacher, and helper will be inspired to share Jesus faith! May lives be touched by God in meaningful and powerful and faith-filled ways!

Growing and deepening our faith.....

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, Sarah Bartlett,
Sue Graybill, Annetta Simington, Alice Gibney, Dennis Tewell**

PRAYER SHAWL TEAM MEETING CANCELLED: The Tuesday, July 4 Prayer Shawl Team meeting has been cancelled because of the holiday. Meetings will resume Tuesday, July 18th at 11:00 am.

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER: We still have a need for preschool Children’s Church teachers and substitutes for the Nursery during worship services as needed. 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. We always welcome new teachers/volunteers in our Children's Dept. Please see Janice Deveney or Charlene Kapp for more information. Special thanks to the LIFE Sunday School Class for offering to cover the Sunday School Nursery when needed!

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL. Imagine rising at dawn, grabbing a bucket, and heading down to the muddy banks of the river to get your family's water for the day. The water you pull up is brown, murky, and filled with sediment. You *have* to get the water early to allow time for the dirt to settle to the bottom. Even then the "clean" water at the top will be filled with parasites that could make your family sick. *This is a daily reality for countless rural villagers throughout Peru...* families who don't have access to safe, clean drinking water. Digging effective wells is expensive and must be done by professionals who can dig deeply enough to find sustainable water sources.

This summer Operation Kid-to-Kid is mobilizing millions of children to help bring clean water to families in remote villages in Peru. Participants will partner with Group Cares and Living Water International to help provide sustainable wells throughout Peru.

\$5 provides clean water for an entire year for a child in a remote Peruvian village.

Today's Mission Basket collection will be combined with this week's VBS Mission change collection and the funds will be sent directly to Living Water International.

HOME MADE CARDS AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY PRAYER SHAWL GIVING: A member of our Prayer Shawl Team has crafted beautiful homemade greeting cards to be used to accompany a Prayer Shawl when given. The cards are available for your convenience at the Prayer Shawl cabinet in the Narthex. Simply take a card (1 per shawl please) when you select your shawl, then make sure you remember to sign your card! We thank the Prayer Shawl Team for providing this new ministry!

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Tim, Wendy, and Tiffany White
Tuesday	Lawrence and Delores Widders
Thursday	Beverly Wijas
Friday	Doris Wildman
Saturday	Brian and Tracey Wilson and family

JOB FAIR TO BE HELD: On Wednesday, June 28th, New Hope Ministries (5228 E. Trindle Rd., 17055) will hold a Job Fair from 10:00 am – 12 noon. Participating businesses will be: Ames Company, Integrity Staffing, JFC Staffing, Messiah Lifeways, People Share, Robert Half, Rohrer Transportation, Source 4 Teachers, Spherion Staffing, West Shore School District. Bring your resume and dress to impress!

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- June 25VBS Mission, Living Water International
- July 2Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity
- July 9To Be Determined
- July 16Neighborhood Center

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- TodayHelping Hands
- July 2Elective Class
- July 9Bible Explorers
- July 16.....LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- TodayLori Weicht
- July 2Volunteer Needed
- July 9Volunteer Needed
- July 16Volunteer Needed

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 \$1,014,085.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$50,704.00 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 – 60
- Sunday School – 80
- Late Worship – 132
- Membership – 520

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT, September 15-17, 2017: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center is the setting for the 2017 Women’s Fall Retreat, September 15-17, at the headwaters of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plan now to join us for the theme, “Living Strong: You Are What You Think.” Sessions with speaker Dr. Deirdre Jackson and worship leader, Gwen Smith, co-founder of Girlfriends in God ministry. Registration forms are in the bulletin and will be available at the Narthex Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Matthew 12:36-37 *But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.*

I spent some time this week in email conversation with a travel agent I deal with regularly. She had worked in the area, moved because her husband got transferred and then moved back when her husband’s father became ill. He was an only child and felt the responsibility of helping his mom care for him. He passed away on Tuesday and she wanted me to know. We have shared our faith in between travel arrangement conversations often. The agent also is dealing with a back injury she suffered as a cheerleader in high school many years ago. The team missed “catching” her in an acrobatic move and she fell flat on her back. Her doctors have not yet found exactly what to do with all the pain she is experiencing. So, this was a week of physical, mental, and spiritual suffering for her and her family. I shared some verses of scripture and words of comfort with her. Her last email to me thanked me for caring enough to listen to her woes and having someone to share her grief within her business environment. Words are always important – whether they are verbal or written. This scripture tells us how important. We will be acquitted or condemned by them. I read an article recently that the author said she uses a KUT method to evaluate whether her words are right. KUT means - are your words KIND, USEFUL, TRUE. The Bible says that our words are to “benefit” those to whom we speak (Ephesians 4:29). Are yours? Join the Prayer Team as we pray for the KUT method of speaking. The third Thursday of each month, 6:30P in the Parlor.
Deb Kenes

Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry through Shepherdstown Church: Beginning January 2017			
Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$7,478	\$239,791	\$225,491	\$14,300
Mission Central Mission Offering - \$438.92			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$40,831.04			

MEN’S SOFTBALL: Look for a report of the 6-20-17 games in next Sunday’s newsletter. There are no games this week.

SUMMER GIVING: This summer, if you are going to miss worship due to travel, vacations, etc.; we encourage you to continue to give your tithes and offerings in support of God's work through automated giving. Your church, Shepherdstown UMC, relies on your consistent financial support for the many ministries for children, youth and adults. Electronic giving offers an easy and convenient way to give on a recurring or one time basis. Simply visit shepherdstownumc.org and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

EAGLE PROJECT SUPPORT: Zack Schade is a Boy Scout and church member planning his Eagle Project. The project will be reconstructing 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 \$2,921.00 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.

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.]

*** 25 Kim Simington,
*** 25 Joni Warner,
*** 25 Lisa Herb
A 27 Brian & Tracey Wilson,
*** 27 Jerry Hinke,
*** 27 Lynne Douty,
*** 28 David Ries,
*** 29 Angela Craig,
*** 29 Dee Whitcomb,
* 28 Caitlyn Langer,
*** 28 Ken Bruck,
* 29 Jake Bechtel,
A 29 Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Shields,
*** 30 Joann Tewell,
A 30 Lash and Millie Lerew,
*** 30 Steven Malnick,

July

A 1 John and Stephanie Snyder,
A 2 Len & Lisa Kapp,
*** 2 Tracy Shields,

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You're invited to participate in this mission to children around the world to experience the love of Christ at Christmas. All items collected will be sent to children at Christmastime. The items for June are toys such as:

Toy cars	Jump ropes	Yo-yos	Balls
Slinkys	Playing cards	Watercolors	Play-Doh
Glow sticks			
Puzzles	Finger Puppets	Stuffed animals	
Stuffed dolls	Toys that light up and make noises		

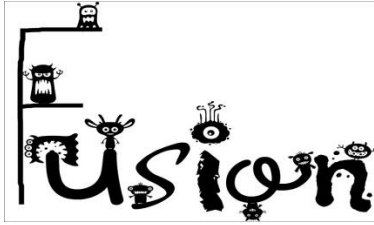
We cannot include toothpaste this year.

These items can be dropped off in the marked collection box in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Flour, sugar, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, breakfast cereal, pancake mix, instant oatmeal, applesauce, ground coffee, snack crackers, macaroni and cheese.** 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.



June 25th, 2017
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Despite a couple hiccups along the way the Mission Trip was incredibly successful and I encourage you to stop anyone who went on it and ask them about it. If you are wondering about the hiccups there was a bit of car sickness on the winding mountain roads that we took to get there. The van also got a little sick and needed an alternator while we were there. Despite the sickness and a little coal dust on the van we had a fantastic trip. God blessed us and I hope used us to bless the people of Appalachia.

No Fusion Tonight (VBS)!!

As we look at the summer one staple of our Youth Ministry is Salt and Lights Impact. Impact is a Christian music, art, and drama festival where nearly 1000 youth from surrounding areas camp, praise, and fellowship and Camp Greene Hills (July 26-30). If you are interested or have questions Shawn Gray will have a sign up sheet.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

June 25- No Fusion (VBS Begins)
June 27 –Wing Night
July 2- Fusion Youth Group
July 5- Wacky Weds (5:30pm – 8pm) Need Adult Volunteer
July 9 – Fusion Youth Group
July 9 – Impact Forms Due

“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(6/25/17)-Summer Series- Learning about Moses and the plagues.



Please Note: There will be Childrens’ Church for AGES 3yrs-5yrs. ONLY over the summer. Please make sure ALL kids have a Children’s Church Consent Form found in the pew.



Elementary kids will worship with their families over the summer.



VBS 2017- The Fun Begins TONIGHT!

We can’t believe the time has come for our week of worshipping and learning about Jesus and other Bible stories. It will be a ton of fun! Remember we begin at 6pm, but try to be here around **5:45pm** for registration. We look forward to seeing you!

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

- 1. 6/25-29- VBS- 6pm-8:30pm- go online to shepherdstownumc.org to signup, or grab a form in the Narthex or Children’s Center.**
- 2 .7/2- VBS Closing program- Both services- please plan on signing up to help sing, read, and share during the services.**