

***The Shepherd's Voice***

*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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A child I knew had demonstrated through testing and school work that they were “gifted.” The designation opened some very interesting educational opportunities. In the home as this was discussed, the child looked at his parents and said, “I really don’t want to be gifted if this is what it means.”

As Christians, each of us is “gifted.” The Holy Spirit leaves none of us without a gift for the good of the church. The degree to which we use that gift or gifts directly affects the health of the congregation. Occasionally, we look around the church and feel as if we are lacking people with the right gifts to help the congregation be more effective in its mission of making disciples. The truth is that we don’t lack people with the gift. God has made sure they are there. What we lack is people who feel like that young man, “I really don’t want to be gifted if it means serving/leading in this way.” Let’s discover our gifts together and we will discover that Shepherdstown is ready to help transform our community and lives in it for Jesus!

In His Service,  
Dennis L. Otto, pastor



*God's Gifts Equip  
Us for Ministry*

## **STAFFED TO SERVE**

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
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**

**Ann Sullivan, Jenine Lane**

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** The summer hours for the church office will be 9:30 am – 1:30 pm., through August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Aaron Trimmer and family
<b>Tuesday</b>	Corbin and Sara Trimmer and family
<b>Wednesday</b>	Curran Trimmer and family
<b>Thursday</b>	Eric and Angela Trimmer and family
<b>Friday</b>	Jay and Pam Trimmer
<b>Saturday</b>	Steve and Ronnie Trimmer and family

**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 July include:

Toys: Jump ropes, balls, Slinky, Play Doh, cars, yo-yos. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

**SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN:** The “SOS” will meet on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for their annual SUMMER PICNIC. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Meat and drinks will be furnished. A video called FIRST FLIGHT (A mother hummingbird’s story) will be the program. A sign-up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board in the rear hallway. Deadline to sign-up is July 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact, the church office at admin.sumc@comcast.net or call 717-766-3076.

**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. Check out this month’s sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Lists with their birthdates and addresses are also available on the clipboard there.

**“ARISE AND SHINE, DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!” – WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 14-16** at Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center at the headwaters of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plan now to join us for the theme, “ARISE AND SHINE: Stepping out of the Spiritual Shadows and into God’s Adventure of a Lifetime”. Sessions with speaker Allison Allen and worship leader, Cheri Keaggy will rejuvenate your spirit for facing and conquering trials in your life as we “discover that God makes far more use of our consecrated weaknesses than our so-called perfected strengths...and delights in showing us that our wounds and worries will never have the final say over the story of our lives.” Additional Information and registration forms are available at the Narthex Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions.

**VBS WRAP UP:** Palm trees are no longer swaying in the Sanctuary but there are happy memories reminding us that no matter what - Jesus rescues! We are so thankful for all the prayers, donations and volunteers that make VBS possible. Our five days of VBS were shared with 90 kids and almost the same number of adult and youth volunteers. 174 meals were served to VBS families and helpers over 4 nights and \$1131.96 was raised to provide drought resistant seeds, tools and training to families in Haiti via Group Cares and World Vision. Thanks again for your support and mark your calendars for next year’s VBS - **ROAR - Life is Wild, God is Good!** June 23-27, 2019! **Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp**



**FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** This month’s Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **cereal, canned vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, condiments, personal hygiene, dishwashing soap.** 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.**

**CAN WE COME TOO???** Your Shepherdstown church family would like to share in your travels this summer. A US map has been placed in the Lobby . There are 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, there is a space for those offerings on the map 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!

**MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

- July 15 .....Neighborhood Center
- July 22 .....PCAP
- July 29 .....Compassion International
- August 5 .....Rural Life

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

July 15 .....LIFE Class  
July 22 .....Helping Hands  
July 29 .....Elective Class  
August 5 .....Bible Explorers

## **BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

July 15 .....Brian and Angela Rainey  
July 22 .....Hersh and Annetta Simington  
July 29 .....Deb Kenes  
August 5 .....Volunteer Needed

**SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE “Hygiene Kits”:** Thank you to all Sunday School classes who helped assemble the Hygiene Kits that are en route via Mission Central. Together with the Youth, we assembled over 200 kits for those in the midst of disaster. Each kit is valued at 10 – 12 dollars so we donated over \$2,000 dollars worth of aid. Through donations and bulk buying we were able to assemble these kits for a fraction of their value. A huge thank you goes to everyone who was a part of this. **Shawn Gray**

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,090,610 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,530.50. 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.

## **LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

Early Service – 80  
Sunday School – 73  
Late Worship – 127  
Membership – 519

**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.



**SING IN THE SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR!** Come one! Come all! Through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

## Sunday School Happenings

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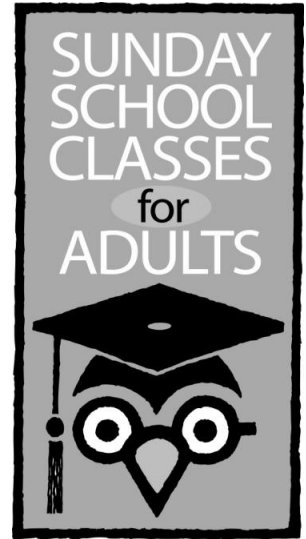
**Helping Hands Class** – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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. Teacher this month is Peggy Reed.

**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.



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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$9,442	\$285,010	\$249,579	\$35,432

**Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry - Mission Offering- \$447.18**  
**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**

**Current Balance - \$57,650.21**

Please note: \$20,000 is committed to additional parking lot paving. That amount and \$10,180 from the rental property sale was approved by Church Council at its March meeting. The work is scheduled to be done soon.

**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](http://shepherdstownumc.org) and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

*Psalm 71:18. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.*

I have been thinking about the period in my life when we were raising our kids, building a business (or two), renovating an old house. It was a crazy time. One that was filled with angst and tiredness and some depression. There was always something to do and not enough time to do it. Everyday there was a "To Do" list that was longer than reasonable. I tend to be a Martha so I was always working to complete that impossible list. As I look back on that time now, I wish I would have had a mentor. I wish some wise woman from the church we were attending would have offered me advice, love, her time and Jesus. Yes, Jesus! I was a believer, a follower, but not a disciple of Christ's. There is a difference. I have started reading a book called Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden with my Christian Businesswomen friends. I am now at the time of life where perhaps I should be one of those women who mentor. I don't feel qualified but I do feel "nudged". Older women of the church – would you be interested in sharing with younger women? Younger women – would you be interested in being mentored? I don't know exactly what this might look like until I finish the study. I do know that God puts us in each other's lives for a reason and a season and that we are better together. Maybe we could talk about it over tea.....

Any new adventure should begin with prayer. Pray to the Great I AM and ask what you can do for Him today and tomorrow and all the days that follow. Join the Prayer Team as we lift each other up and pray for finding our purpose. Third Monday of the month, in the parlor, at 12:30P. Come...**Deb Kenes**

### **NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH**

The Never Alone Support Groups is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This month's meeting will be this Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at TJ Rockwell's. New members are always warmly welcomed.

### **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.]*

#### **JULY**

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- \*\*\* 15 Rebecca Fauber,
- \*\*\* 15 Shanon Thurstin,
- \*\*\* 17 Doug Brown,
- \*\*\* 17 Larry Freeland,
- \*\*\* 17 Stan Kingsborough,
- \*\*\* 17 Darryl Kenes,
- \*\*\* 18 Curran Trimmer,
- \*\*\* 18 Ken Rider,
- \*\*\* 18 Kayla Fisher,
- \* 19 Jackie Snyder,
- A 20 Wayne and Kelley Mallon,
- \*\* 21 Alexandra Patterson,
- \*\*\* 21 Dick Henry,
- \*\*\* 21 Jim Madara,
- A 21 Bill and Adeline Gaydosh
- A 22 Glenn & Pearl Rinehart

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!** Sometimes our gardens grow more produce than we know what to do with! This summer a great solution will be provided for you! Why not share your over abundance of tomatoes, zucchini, corn, etc. with the folks here at SUMC or at New Hope Ministries? Beginning this week, each Sunday throughout the summer, a produce table will be placed at Gathering Grounds (in the Life Center). You can drop off your extra produce there, or stop by and check out what is available. If you're enticed by a delicious looking tomato, you can leave a monetary donation in the container provided (both leftover produce and money collected will be given to New Hope Ministries each week). This service is provided by various SUMC Ministry Teams.

**SHEPHERDSTOWN MEN'S SOFTBALL:** Shepherdstown faced SEAS for the second time this season with similar results as the first game although we put up more of a fight. Shep was the home team and started the game behind Jack Weicht as pitcher. The team gave up six runs in the first inning to some very good hitters. Thanks to an error, Shep managed to respond with 3 runs with singles by Ian Smith, Tyler Mallon and a double by Chuck Johnston. SEAS scored 3 in the second while Shep responded with 1 run off a walk, a single by Jack Weicht and a sac fly by Shawn Gray. Shep held SEAS to one run in the third and scored two, thanks to a homerun by Andy Mallon, a double by Justin Markle and a single by Nick Costea. Perhaps the tide was changing? Alas no. SEAS went on to score 4 runs in the 4th and 5 runs in the 5th while Shep only scored one more run on an RBI sac fly by David Ries with the game ending early 19-7.

As visitors, Shep had a harder time getting their bats going, scoring once in the first three innings when Ian Smith singled, advanced on a single by Markle and scored on a single by Nick Costea. Shep had a small rally in the 4th scoring 5 runs behind 6 singles. Speed on the bases is a good thing. Unfortunately SEAS had scored 17 runs by the end of the 4th. Shep would score once in the fifth on a homerun by Andy Mallon. Going into the bottom of the 7th, the score was 26-7. Shep started with two quick outs but then rewarded their faithful fans with a 4 run rally including a "homerun" (with help from SEAS) by Nick Costea.

This week Shep plays Monday (7/16 vs. CCC) and Tuesday (7/17 vs. Hope). Both games are at Hope Grace field in Dillsburg at 6pm, directions below. Check the website for cancellations. Hope you can join us.

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.

Andy Mallon: 5 for 7 with 3 runs scored, 3 RBI's, and two homeruns. Ian Smith: 4 for 7 with 3 runs scored and an RBI. Justin Markle: 3 for 7 with 2 runs scored and a double. Nick Costea: 4 for 6 with 3 runs scored, 4 rbi's, and homerun. Chuck Johnston: 2 for 5 with 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's and a double. Tyler Mallon: 4 for 5 with 1 run scored and 1 rbi. Christian Hindel: 1 for 5 with 2 runs scored and 1 rbi. Linwood Leftwich: 2 for 4 with a walk, 2 runs scored, and 3 rbi's. Jack Weicht: 4 for 5. David Ries: 0 for 4 with a sac fly and 2 rbi's. Shawn Gray: 2 for 4 with a sac fly and 1 rbi. Brandon Diehl: 1 for 5 with 1 run scored.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

### Easy

Who did the serpent tempt in the Garden of Eden?

- A. Sue
- B. Gertrude
- C. Wendy
- D. Eve

### Moderate

“What little \_\_\_\_\_ you have! Why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14: 31)

- A. faith
- B. righteousness
- C. riches
- D. wisdom

### Hard

In the passage above, who was Jesus speaking to?

- A. Thomas
- B. Judas
- C. Peter
- D. Pilate

### Answers to 7.8.18 Questions

Where was Jesus baptized?

- C. the Jordan River

Did Abraham live before or after Jacob?

- D. Before

What did God send to feed the murmuring children of Israel?

(Exodus 16: 13-15)

- E. Bread and quail

Newsletter Bible Trivia Provided by the Discipleship Team SUMC

(Source: [www.religionresourcesonline.org](http://www.religionresourcesonline.org))



**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** Believe it or not – various resources in our community are already getting ready for the next school year! Join us in supporting local school supply drives:

**Project Back to School of Operation Wildcat and**

**School Daze Craze of New Hope Ministries**

What is **Operation Wildcat**? The Mechanicsburg Area School District PTO's, Parent Advisory Group, and community members are working together with the school district administration and staff to pool resources to help those local families in need on an ongoing basis. You can help support **Project Back to School**, which gives guidance counselors, nurses, and teachers access to supplies for distribution to students in need.

What is **New Hope Ministries**? New Hope Ministries provides many needs for Mechanicsburg and surrounding communities. As part of their mission, *Sharing Christ's Love By Meeting Human Needs*, New Hope Ministries holds an annual **Back to School Daze Craze**. This event includes giving out school supplies to approximately 500 children.

Gift Cards should not be left in the bins but can be mailed or dropped off to:

“Operation Wildcat”, MASD, 1225 S. Market St., Suite 1, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

New Hope Ministries, 5228 E. Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

**Please leave items in the collection bin placed in the Lobby, which will be disbursed evenly between the two drives:**

Backpacks (age and gender neutral)	Loose Leaf and Graph Paper
Book Covers	Index Cards
#2 pencils	Subject Dividers with Pockets
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Highlighters	Rulers
Pens	Scissors
Markers	Deodorant (men and women)
Erasers	Hair bands & ties & Brushes
Pencil Cases	Razors and Shaving Cream
Pencil Sharpeners	Soap
Glue Sticks	Socks & Underwear
Calculators	Tooth brushes & Tooth paste
Composition Books	Shampoo
Notebooks	Conditioner

**“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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(7/15/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 5- Honor Your Father and Mother.**



**Question from last week’s lesson on Commandment #4: In what ways can we keep the Sabbath day holy?**



**Today there is Children’s Church for Preschool ages 3yrs-5yrs old ONLY. (Any kindergarteners are welcome too). The Elementary kids will worship with the families over the summer.**

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

- 1. July 18<sup>th</sup>- Kids Club- 10am-12:30pm-Cutting plastic bags into strips to help the organization, “Operation Warm Heart”. And, enjoy making pizza for lunch as well.**
- 2. July 24<sup>th</sup>- 5pm-8pm- Churchwide Games and Dinner night.**
- 3. August 2<sup>nd</sup>- Kids Club-9:30-11:30am- beach party with sand art/games at Bethany Towers**
- 4. August 9<sup>th</sup>-Kids Club- 9:30-11am- Make and Take meal for your family.**
- 5. August 16<sup>th</sup>- Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends.**
- 6. August 19<sup>th</sup>- Blessing of the Backpacks**



**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**“Fusion” Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray – Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

We have begun a series of taking a look at how the books and stories of the Bible come together to tell the larger story of who we are as Christians. This series takes a look at the different writers of the Bible, the context in which It was written, the literary styles used and what this can reveal about the story as a whole.

### **Fusion Tonight**

**We will be partnering with Kids Club this year for service opportunities during the summer. Below are a couple opportunities that are labeled service. Cupcake decorating is making cupcakes for Meals on Wheels and will take place at SUMC. Plarn is a ministry that makes bedding for the homeless out of recycled material that will also take place at SUMC. There will be more opportunities in August.**

**Impact is coming up! Make sure you get your permission slips in Today**

#### **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

**July 15 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**July 18 – Service (Plarn 10 – 12:30)**  
**July 18- Wacky Wednesday (12:30 – 3)**  
**July 22 – Impact Packing**  
**July 25 – 29 – IMPACT**  
**August 2 – Service (Bethany Towers 10 – 11)**