

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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What essential qualities or practices are necessary to be a church? Big churches, small churches and all in between must have a sort of core practices that are necessary in order to make that group of people a congregation. Take a moment and think about that this week. Maybe you want to write down ideas that you have and compare it to the qualities upon which I will be focusing in the series beginning next week August 5. From next Sunday through September 9 we will look at Five Practices of Faithful Congregations. The series gets its name and organization from a book by the same title written by Robert Schnase but it really finds its foundation in Act 2:42-47. Join me in looking at what Acts and Five Practices may offer Shepherdstown to help shape our ministry together.

In His Service,

Dennis L. Otto, Pastor

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
Directors of Children's Ministries	Janice Deveney Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Shawn Gray
Organists	Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Periann Smith
Chancel Choir Director	Mindy Martz
Kitchen Coordinator	Jeanie Hershey
Administrative Assistant	Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Ann Sullivan, Mary Jane Boyer, Bruce Smith, Larry Shoop, Paul Klase

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

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Kurt and Gloria Vollert
Tuesday	Alex Vollert
Wednesday	Dave and Karen Wagner and family
Thursday	Dick and Lavina Wagner
Friday	Joanne Wagner
Saturday	Susan Wagner

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that the bread tray contains regular bread with gluten free bread located in the middle of the bread plate. The communion cups contain grape juice.

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 Lobby. 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. *In response to those members who prefer filling their own shoebox, we have placed the boxes on the table next to the display in the Lobby. We have included a list of those items which must be included in each box and some ideas for other items. When you are finished just place the box on a table in the Elective Class' area in the Fellowship Hall.*

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: The "SOS" will meet on Thursday, August 2nd 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 29th. Any questions, please contact, the church office at admin.sumc@comcast.net or call 717-766-3076.

SHUT IN BIRTHDAY CARDS: Take a moment and stop by the table in the Lobby to sign the birthday cards there for our Shut In members celebrating a birthday soon. In the past, the Shut Ins have expressed heartfelt gratitude upon receiving birthday cards from their church. It means so much to them to know we are thinking of them on their special day. Cards available to sign are Susan Wagner and Norma Kinard, they both have birthdays coming up soon!

"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 Lobby Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions. Deadline to register is today!

FAMILY PROMISE NIGHT AT SENATORS BALL PARK! Bring your family and friends to a fun filled night at the Senators' ballpark and help support Family Promise Harrisburg Capital Region! Plan to attend the game on Friday, August 10th, 2018. All who get their ticket through Family Promise will receive a free t-shirt, and kids will get a free wristband for the Senators kid zone play area! Also, its free kids hat night and FIREWORKS after the game! Click/go to <https://groupmatics.events/event/Familypromise810> and order your tickets!

THANKS FROM FAMILY PROMISE: Thank you to everyone who helped during our week of hosting Family Promise. Our meals were provided by Pearl Rinehart, Brenda Tewell, Janice Deveney, and Lynne Douty. Our greeters/evening hosts were JoAnn Kyper and Kathy Ries. Our overnight hosts were Ada Rhoads, Rich Dixon, JoAnn Kyper and Kathy Ries. The laundry was done by Janeann Runkle. Thank you for monetary donations, as they are used to provide additional food and supplies during the week. Please consider volunteering during our next hosting week December 23- 29, 2018. Kathy Ries, Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL: The Children's Department at SUMC sponsors a child from Compassion International: Salomon Alexis Flores Espinoza from Peru is 13 years old. He loves to attend Sunday School and Church and his hobbies are singing, soccer and other sports. He is in the 6th grade and loves Math. The monthly commitment amount for Salomon is \$38.00. in addition to a smaller annual administration fee. Any remaining funds go directly to the Compassion International organization.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **laundry detergent, diapers, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, empty egg cartons.** 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.**

CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Church Picnic will be September 30th following worship. This year the picnic will take place on church grounds. Mark your calendars now and watch for more info coming soon.



MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- July 29Compassion International
- August 5Rural Life
- August 12Salt N Light
- August 19Fruitbelt Farmworkers

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- July 29Elective Class
- August 5Bible Explorers
- August 12LIFE Class
- August 19Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- July 29Deb Kenes
- August 5Volunteer Needed
- August 12Volunteer Needed
- August 19Keith and Charlene Kapp

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,092,230.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,611.50. 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 – 81

Sunday School – 77

Late Worship – 145

Membership – 518

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 2nd, 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.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND SOFTBALL PLAYERS! We've been looking for a good excuse to get the Young Adults of Shepherdstown together this summer and since there are a few on the softball teams, we are inviting both to an evening of food, fun and fellowship at SUMC on Monday, July 30th from 6-9. All softball team members and families, and recent grads to the age 30ish category are welcome to attend and catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Reminisce about Battleball, Impact, softball and mission trips. Hamburgs, hot dogs, mac&cheese and nachos with cheese sauce will be available. Corn hole, volleyball and other outdoor games are also planned. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards or electronically (website Shepherdstownumc.org) and while signup is not required, it is appreciated to help with food count, dietary restrictions and child care needs. Any questions, see Shawn Gray or Janice Deveney. Gather your friends and come out for a fun evening!



Young Adult Activity

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

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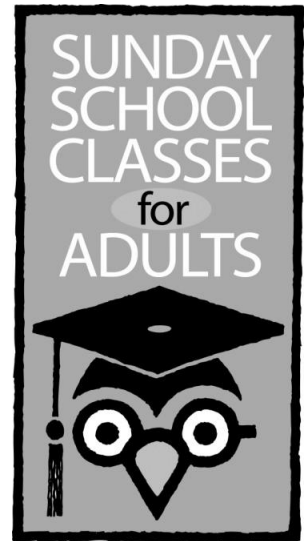
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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 (-)
\$8,025	\$301,862	\$268,066	\$33,796

PCAP - Mission Offering- \$369.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$59,169.99

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.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do. Isaiah 46:11

God is in charge, make no mistake! From the above scripture, can you conjure up the image of God with his hand out and a hawk perched on it? Perhaps harder is finding the man to fulfill His purpose. The bird comes easily. Not so much the man. However, in the next line, God promises that what He has said, He will do. I think God is pursuing all of us to be that man. He has given us the Holy Spirit to whisper in our ear and guide us to do His work. He has gifted each of us as Pastor Dennis mentioned last week. Are you listening? I am guessing that almost every day and probably multiple times a day, the Spirit is nudging us to do something. Does that person who is sitting in the car at the side of the road need help? Does your friend who just lost her husband need a hug? Does the neighbor teenager desperately need a listening ear? Let's be the man (or woman) God finds to do His work and further his kingdom!

Join the Prayer team on the third Monday of the month at 12:30PM in the Parlor. Let's pray for each other and for being obedient to God's call. **Deb Kenes**

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.

YARD SALE/BAKE SALE: The summer Church Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 from 7 am – 1 pm. A Display Board has been placed in the Lobby for you to indicate how you can assist with set up, donating baked goods, sodas, hot dogs and rolls along with bagged snacks. You can also sign up for a rental space on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office and/or at the side entrance. Space rental will be \$10.00 for one parking space. For additional information, please contact the church office.



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

- * 29 Scarlett Trimmer,
- *** 30 Steven Malnick, Jr
- *** 30 June Davis
- *** 30 Heath Freeland
- *** 30 Joann Shields
- *** 30 Ted Trimmer
- *** 30 Amanda Suhr
- *** 31 Hannah Brown,
- ** 31 Sara Reday,
- A 31 Richard & June Davis,
- *** 31 Peggy Reed,
- A 31 Omar and Kassy Shute,

AUGUST

- * 1 Nevaeh Stout,
- *** 1 Bonnie Mehls,
- A 1 Bill & Janice Barry,
- A 2 Tom & Carol Mann,
- *** 3 Caroline Dille,
- A 3 Ryan and Lindsey Kline
- *** 5 Denise Otterbein Cable,
- A 5 Frank and Ellen DeStefano
- A 5 Kevin and Kelly Morrison,
- * 5 Oaklynn Huggins,

SHEPHERDSTOWN MEN'S SOFTBALL: The season ended rather abruptly with a rain out for our last game. Thank to all who attended the games and supported our team!

CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM: We are going ahead with the Co-ed Team, (14 or older) and our first game is Monday, August 13. If you want to participate, please sign up on a green insert at the Distribution Center in the Lobby and place it in a Response Box. The games will be held on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 6 pm through the Fall. An exact schedule has not been provided yet. Please see Janice Deveney or Shawn Gray with questions.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Stay tuned for more new questions next week.

Answers to 7.22.18 Questions

How did Samson lose his strength?

A. His hair was cut off

Who said "I know not the man." (Matthew 26: 74)

B. Peter

From what kind of lumber did Noah build the ark? (Genesis 6: 14)

C. Gopher

Newsletter Bible Trivia Provided by the Discipleship Team SUMC

(Source: 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 – 5th Grade



Today(7/29/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 7- Be Faithful in Marriage



Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #6: Whose voice were you listening more to? God or the world?



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. August 2nd - Kids Club-9:30-11:30am- beach party with sand art/games at Bethany Towers (please signup outside the Children's Center)**
- 2. August 9th-Kids Club- 9:30-11am- Make and Take meal for your family. Come and make a meal for your family to enjoy later in the day.(Signup outside Children's Center)**
- 3. August 16th - Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends.(signup outside Children's Center)**
- 4. August 19th- Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 5. August 26th - Faithwalk Sunday- please signup to volunteer during the service.**
- 6. September 2nd - Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6th graders will be up to start with the youth)**



July 29th , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We have been at Impact this week. There have been many tents, many meals cooked over the fire, many laughs, many campfires, many people, many pieces of bacon. But most importantly we've shared together for a week and experienced Christ's love through fellowship, worship, fun, and nature. This is one of the biggest and most anticipated annual events we do and it's because we get to experience God in a big way!

NO Fusion Tonight

We are partnering with Kids Club this year for service opportunities during the summer. Below are a couple of opportunities that are labeled service. Please plan to participate and see Shawn Gray if you have questions.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

August 2 – Service (Bethany Towers 9:30 – 11:30)

August 5 – Fusion

August 9 – Service (9:30 – 11 Make and Take)