

*The Shepherd's Voice*  
*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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What is absolutely essential for congregations to practice to be the church?

It would not take long for you to say, "Worship!" It was clear in Acts where the early church was said to have gathered both in the temple and in homes daily to worship. Robert Schnase, who wrote the book Five Practices of Faithful Congregations, calls the second practice, ***Passionate Worship***. Worship is one of the first things that churches do when they begin and one of the last things a church does when it reaches a point of closing. Worship is full of praise, prayer, and proclamation of God's word.

Schnase adds the adjective "passionate" because in more than a few churches worship is dull and lifeless. Worship that is alive and vibrant is the core of a church. It helps us grow as disciples and equips us to reach out to a world in need of hope and good news. Today we will look at the thread of worship through scripture and especially what Jesus says is the key for worship. Clue – it has nothing to do with a particular order of worship, style of music or where it takes place.

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, Paul Klase, Sue Graybill, Ruth Schell**

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

<b>Monday</b>	Vivian Weakland
<b>Tuesday</b>	Barbara Weaver
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ellie Weber
<b>Thursday</b>	Lester and Eleanor Weber
<b>Friday</b>	Jack, Lori and Tyler Weicht
<b>Saturday</b>	Kent and Brianna Weigle and family

***NOTES OF THANKS:*** We were thrilled to receive your recent donation of Health Kits. We consider it to be a true blessing to be a recipient of your kindness. With this donation, you are actively "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need" through disaster response. Thank you again for contributing to the work of Mission Central. **Rev. Rob Ryder, Executive Director, Mission Central**

On behalf of our volunteers, I wish to thank you for your generous contribution in July of \$417.18 in support of organization. Currently we are serving approximately 140 meals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. An average of 25% of these are delivered free of charge or partial pay. Your faithful support of our program will help insure meal security for our clients and we are most grateful for your generous help. **Norma White, Assistant Secretary for the Volunteers of Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels**

Thank you to all who have sent me cards and prayed for me during my surgery and recovery. Thank you also Pastor Tim for visiting me. I will still need another surgery, so your continued prayers are appreciated. **Ruth Schell**

**YARD SALE/BAKE SALE:** The summer Church Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 from 7 am – 1 pm. Space rental will be \$10.00 for one parking space. You can also sign up for a rental space on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office and/or at the side entrance. For additional information, please contact Hersh Simington at 717-645-4193.

**HELP NEEDED!!** 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.



**Hersh Simington will be in the kitchen Friday, August 17, from 5-8 PM for you to drop off your donated food items for the Food Stand and also if you have items to donate to the Yard Sale. Please enter through the Fellowship Door.**

**ATTEND A MEET & GREET!** Sign-ups are now available to attend Meet and Greets. If you are interested in attending there are sign-up sheets by the doors to the church at the Distribution Center in the Lobby. The following dates and times are available for members to attend:

August 23rd at 1pm

August 27th at 1pm

August 29th at 7pm

August 30th at 10am

September 6th at 2pm

September 10th at 1pm

September 10th at 7pm

September 13th at 7pm



If one of these dates and times do not work, please keep an eye out for new dates to be added.

**HOSTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL MEET & GREET GATHERINGS!** You can still volunteer to host a Meet & Greet gathering. Jan James and Angie Rainey are helping to coordinate these meetings. The recommended structure of the meetings is for the meeting to occur at the host's home or the church, light refreshments will be provided by the host (ex. Drinks and some snacks) and the meeting will last about 1 ½ hours. The following dates are still available:

**Daytime (10am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm): 8/29, 9/13 or 9/17.**

**Evening (7pm): 8/27 or 9/6.**



If you are interested in hosting please call Angie Rainey the church office or a sign-up sheet is located in the Lobby.

**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 Lobby. Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.

**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.*

### **CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE!**

The Annual Church Picnic will be September 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

- August 12 .....Salt N Light
- August 19 .....Fruitbelt Farmworkers
- August 26 .....SUMC Emergency Needs
- September 2 .....Silence of Mary Home

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- August 12 .....LIFE Class
- August 19 .....Helping Hands
- August 26 .....Elective Class
- September 2 .....Bible Explorers

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

- August 12 .....Mark and Cathy Fauber
- August 19 .....Keith and Charlene Kapp
- August 26 .....Volunteer Needed
- September 2 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,095,340.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,767.00. 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**

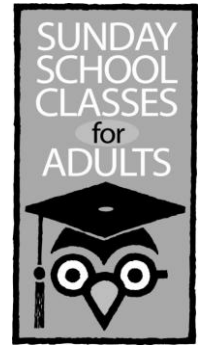
- Early Service – 75
- Sunday School – 79
- Late Worship – 125
- Membership – 518

**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.



## *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. 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**

<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>+ or (-)</b>
<b>\$13,177</b>	<b>\$324,066</b>	<b>\$286,554</b>	<b>\$37,512</b>

**Rural Life - Mission Offering- \$231.00**

**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**

**Current Balance - \$60,215.88**

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***

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

Are you content? I am guessing most of us would say - partially or no. If we just had more money, more opportunities, better health, kids that listened, better jobs, a newer car. The list could be endless. The question is even if you had all of those things would you be content. Most likely, the answer would still be no. We are a people of needs. There is always something that if we would have it, we think we would be happy. Then what does the verse above mean? If we don't have the things we think we need, how do we live life abundantly and joyously? Could it be that the choice is ours to make? After all, we have ONE life to lead and isn't it up to us how we live it? Even if your dreams have been crushed and you are not living the life you planned, you have control over loving the life you have. You make the choice to let go of what has been - to grabbing a life of joy in Jesus Christ. Make the decision to embrace what you have and share it with others. I am betting you will find the joy and peace God has promised.



Come and pray with the prayer team for a life perhaps not filled with things but filled with joy! We meet the third Monday of the month in the Parlor at 12:30P. **Deb Kenes**

***GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED:*** Join Pastor Dennis on Sunday, September 23 at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg for the Breakfast Brothers Golf Outing to support the Keystone Emmaus scholarship fund and the Chrysalis Flight. The Outing is a scramble with a Shotgun Start at 2 pm. The Outing is open to men, women and mixed foursomes that you may assemble on your own or have the outing staff complete for you. Registration begins at noon with a light lunch at 12:45. There will be a picnic style dinner at 6:30 pm. To register ahead (\$65), please pick up a Registration Form at the Distribution Center in the Lobby

***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.]***

***AUGUST***

**\*\*\* 12 Debbie Peck,**

**A 12 Raymond and Linda Myers,**

**\*\*\* 13 Spencer Bordner,**

**\*\*\* 13 David Schade,**

**\*\*\* 13 Zachary Schade,**

**\*\*\* 13 Linda Crawford,**

**A 15 Jason and Robin Hall,**

**A 15 Ron & Doris Hofsass**

**A 15 Carl and Rosemary Courtney,**

**\*\*\* 16 Betty Shields,**

**\*\*\* 16 Cathy Hought**

**\*\* 17 Anna Finley,**

**\* 18 Lauren Freeland**

**\*\*\* 18 Wendy White,**



**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](mailto: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(8/12/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 9- Do Not Lie!**



**Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #8: How were you more of a giver than a getter this week?**



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

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

- 1. August 16<sup>th</sup> - Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends.(signup outside Children's Center)**
- 2. August 19<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 3. August 26<sup>th</sup> - Faithwalk Sunday- please signup to volunteer during the service.**
- 4. September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6<sup>th</sup> graders will be up to start with the youth)**
- 5. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: HERE! Shepherdstown**
- 6. October 20<sup>th</sup> - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm**



**August 12 , 2018**  
**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray - Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

As the summer comes to a close we will still be enjoying the long days with Volleyball and possibly some **Capture the Flag** if we get enough interest. We also might play Baby Pool Kickball once more before it gets too cold out.

For youth we have been looking at the Bible and how it is assembled and the history of it. We are going to look at how the Old Testament and the New Testament are part of a larger narrative in which God through Christ is offering relationship to us and wants desperately for us to be close to Him.

### **Fusion Tonight**

**Uprise is a Christian music festival that takes place in Shippensburg. There will be Skillet, Newsboys, For King and Country, and many other bands coming together September 14 and 15.**

**See Shawn to sign up. We will be sleeping over at the church Friday night. More details to come. The cost is \$40 dollars and all youth are invited. Permission slips are available. Due date for permission slips is September 9.**

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

**August 12 – Fusion**  
**August 15 – Wacky Wednesday (12 – 3)**  
**August 16- Service (9:30 – 1 Dinner, Games, Bingo)**  
**August 19 – Bonfire at Timmers 5:30 – 8:30**  
**August 26 - Fusion**