

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Today is FaithWalk Sunday. That's a great name. There are many allusions and images of walking in scripture. On several occasions we have Jesus walking and teaching his disciples along the way. It probably happened much more than sitting somewhere like in a boat or on a mountain. Jesus walked and caught up with two disciples walking home after his crucifixion and resurrection (which they had yet to really know about at that time). The earliest followers of Jesus were said to be those who followed "the way," which implies walking a journey. Only later at Antioch did they begin to be called by his name, "Christian."

Today is a day committed to those for Him. We have a committed priority here at Shepherdstown, the children and youth, and their walk with Jesus. It makes sense to take time to see and celebrate their walk since Shepherdstown has this committed priority to them and their walk with Christ. It is also a time to ponder how our walk is going (reference to last week's sermon for those who weren't here – one of the practices that fruitful churches practice is Intentional Faith Development, for all ages). As you watch and celebrate the milestones in the walks of the children and youth, take a moment to reflect on your faith walk. What would your markers be this year? Is it a promotion year? Time for an award? What's the next step for you? It's probably clearer for most of them because there is a clear path established, but you're on a path with Jesus too.

In Christ's service,
Dennis L. Otto, Pastor

STAFFED TO SERVE

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| 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, Mary Jane Boyer

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday | Lawrence and Delores Widders |
| Tuesday | Doris Wildman |
| Wednesday | Howard and Nancy Wilson |
| Thursday | Sandy Yost |
| Friday | Pat Zart |
| Saturday | Bill and Erin Albright and family |

TODAY'S PINK CARNATION: Congratulations to Jeff and Ashley Carr on the birth of their daughter, Piper Elizabeth Carr, born August 20, 2018 at Harrisburg Hospital. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sue Car

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 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.

BIBLE STUDY WITH BREAKFAST! Sign up to attend the Bible Study with breakfast for all ages on Saturday, September 8 at 7:30 am! A hot and cold breakfast will be provided and you are welcome to bring pastries to share. Sign up using a yellow registration sheet found at the Distribution Center in the Lobby.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER GROUPS BEING FORMED! If you would like to become part of a meal gathering group, please see side 2 of the yellow registration sheet at the Distribution Center in the Lobby. Please indicate your time of day preference for the meal and which day(s) suit best. You will be contacted as groups form up. Meals could be held at a restaurant or in a church member's home. Don't miss out on this opportunity to warmly welcome new church members, fellowship with new friends and even re-connect with friends from the days-gone-by. Bible study opportunities can also be developed within the groups.

We thank the Discipleship Ministry Team for providing this new and exciting opportunity to grow in our faith, discipleship and friendships!

NOTE OF THANKS: The Elective Class would like to thank everyone who donated their time at the food stand, gave baked goods, snacks and soda as well as all those who purchased a vendor space outside. Without all of you, the SUMC Samaritan Purse Yard Sale could not have been so successful. We are happy to announce that we made \$455.26 which will be used to help cover the cost of shipping the Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes in October.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE HANDBELL CHOIR? It's that time of year already when we start up the Fall routines! That includes the Sonrise Ringers Handbell Choir and WE NEED YOU!! If you enjoy the handbells, have any musical inclination, are willing to commit to weekly rehearsals, monthly worship service participation, and Christmas Eve services, then please consider joining the choir. Without Ringers, there is no choir!! Contact the church office at 717-766-3076 with any questions. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:15. Beginning date depends on having the minimum choir members needed. Men and young people are also encouraged to join. We do have fun and would love to have a few more ringers.

BIBLE EXPLORERS CLASS: Pastor Otto will begin teaching The Gospel According to Mark in the Bible Explorers Class on Sunday, September 9. Bring a Bible in a translation that you enjoy, a variety of versions adds insight. Perhaps you will want a notebook to jot down any thoughts (your own or those of others) that come through this exploration of God's Word. No other book is needed. The number of weeks of this class is undetermined as we will simply move at the appropriate pace for the group.

Mark is the briefest account of the gospel. In an evening's reading it covers Jesus entire life. It does not have some of the poetic imagery of the Gospel according to John or some of the longer stories in Matthew or Luke but it tells the heart of the good news concisely

All are welcome, especially those who are not currently part of a Sunday School class and are looking for a place to go deeper in the study of scripture.

NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: All men and women are welcome to join the Neighborhood Bible Study which resumes their weekly Wednesday morning meetings on September 12th. Led by Peggy Reed, we meet at 9:30 in Room 9 and will be finishing our study on Faith. Bring your Bible and come!



FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP COOKING CLUB...Would you like to be part of a cooking club? Our Fun, Food, and Fellowship Cooking club will begin again in September. It will be a time for us to gather, watch a recipe be made, taste-test, laugh a lot, and enjoy conversation sparked by a devotional of the day. The club is scheduled to meet twice a month, with the first

session being on Thursday, September 13th from 9:30am-11:30am and the second one Sunday, September 23 from 6-8 pm. at the church. If interested, just show up and plan on having a great time. If you need any more info, please contact Charlene Kapp via email at cnkkapper@juno.com or church phone 717-766-3076.

SENIORS ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER: On **WEDNESDAY** September 12th, the Seniors of Shepherdstown will visit September Farm Cheese Making in Honey Brook, Pa. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. We will have lunch at the Cheese Farm. After lunch we will visit the Zook Molasses Co. Store. A sign up sheet and information on the Cheese Farm is posted on the seniors bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet. Deadline to sign up for this trip is September 6th. We hope to return to the church by 3:30 p.m. Any questions please contact the church office at 717-766-3076.

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 August include:

school supplies: coloring books, books, pens, markers, crayons, solar calculators, tablets, spiral bound notebook paper, glue sticks, pencil pouches. 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.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Shepherdstown UMC Emergency Needs Fund – This is a fund established to help members or friends of Shepherdstown UMC who are experiencing a financial crisis. After a request is made, funds are distributed with the discretion of the Pastor, and two designated Church Council members. The Emergency Needs Fund has helped many of our families over the years.

SAFE SANCTUARIES POLICY In response to the news about the sexual abuse of children, our Bishop, Jeremiah J. Park, issued a statement that you can read in full at quiklink@susumc.org,

expressing sadness and assurance of prayers and action to avoid any harm to children. On that site is the Safe Sanctuaries document of the Susquehanna Conference if you wish to read it. With Susquehanna Conference guidance, here at Shepherdstown, we have also adopted a Safe Sanctuaries policy to direct our work and protect children, youth and vulnerable adults. Digital copies of this policy are available by emailing admin.sumc@comcast.net, and paper copies are available in the Lobby at the Distribution Center. Charlene Kapp oversees our implementation of Safe Sanctuaries practices here at Shepherdstown. You can rest assured that all adult teachers/volunteers who are in direct contact with children/youth are Safe Sanctuary trained and current clearances have been provided.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

August 26SUMC Emergency Needs
September 2Silence of Mary Home
September 9The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop
September 16Christian Education Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

August 26Elective Class
September 2Bible Explorers
September 9LIFE Class
September 16Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

August 26Jan James and Dale Glacken
September 2Volunteer Needed
September 9Volunteer Needed
September 16Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,097,290.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,864.50. 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 – 61
Sunday School – 90
Late Worship – 140
Membership – 517

CO-ED SOFTBALL: Co-ed Softball played it's first two games of the season with coach Shawn Gray Monday night at Grantham field. It was nice to be outside and no rain! Shep was home team against PPC who started out strong with 4 straight hits including a triple and scoring 3 runs. Shep responded when Adam Fisler singled and then scored off a double by Dave Goudy. The second inning started with a double play when Jack Weicht snagged a line drive and threw to first before the runner could return but PPC still managed to score 2 runs before the third out was recorded. Things went Shep's way in the second when Jeff Deveney led off with a triple and was singled in by Jack Weicht. David Ries reached on an error, Mollie Gray on a fielder's choice that sent Jack off the bases, Shawn Gray singled. Joe Stover's single scored David. Justin Markle tripled and cleared the bases and then scored on a single by Adam resulting in a 6 run inning. Shep held PPC scoreless for the rest of the game. Shawn Gray doubled in the fourth but was stranded on base. Deveney hit another triple in the third and scored on Jack Weicht's single and singled in the sixth and scored on a fielder's choice by Tina Gutshall with a final win of 8-5.

Shep started the second game strong scoring 3 runs with 6 singles where Michelle Tewell and Tina recorded their first hits of the season. Jeff tripled in the third but PPC decided to walk Jack instead of let him get another RBI so David Ries recorded his first hit and rbi. PPC was quiet thanks to some good defensive catches by Jeff Deveney, Dave Goudy, Justin Markel and Michelle Tewell till the 4th when they scored 3 runs. Dave singled and Jeff doubled, both scoring thanks to Jack and David but PPC pulled ahead in the shortened game scoring 4 runs to win 7-6.

Shep plays Tuesday 8/28 against Hope Grace at their field at 6pm. Please check the website for cancellations. Directions below - hope to see you there!

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.



Special
Music
By
Andy
Barry
2pm

CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 30
FOLLOWING
10:45 SERVICE
AT
SHEPHERDSTOWN
UMC

SAVE THE DATE!

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**

| Last Sunday | YTD Actual | YTD Budgeted | + or (-) |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| \$7,201 | \$343,272 | \$305,041 | \$38,231 |

Fruitbelt Farmworkers - Mission Offering- \$326.04

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$61,309.55

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. Some of the work was completed in the back parking lot this past week.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:8-10

My mom was the oldest of seven children. Next in line was my Aunt Margaret. She and my Uncle Bill lived in Michigan when I was young. He and my aunt took my younger brother and I to live with them for two months when I was six while my mom recovered from some surgery. They had four children of their own so it was a full house. They embraced us and loved us and cared for us while we were there. When my mom came to pick us up, I shyly hid behind Aunt Margaret's skirt. When Pastor Dennis talked about hospitality a few weeks ago, I thought of that image. In two short months, I had come to depend on my Aunt...and her hospitality. We never felt like outsiders. My aunt passed away last Sunday but the memory of that hospitality will live on inside of me. I need to remember, each day, to pass it on. How about you?



There is always more we can do to make others feel loved. Come and ask Jesus to open your hearts to sharing. Pray for guidance, pause for listening, praise Him for providing. Prayer Team meets the third Monday of each month at 12:30 pm in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

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

***** 26 Donna Leinaweaver,**

***** 26 Mollie Gray,**

A 27 Jim & Bonnie Madara,

**** 27 Natalie Brown,**

***** 27 Marilyn Puskarich,**

*** 28 Gideon Gray**

***** 29 Ellie McClellan**

A 30 David and Lori Livingston

***** 30 Jacqueline Branyan**

**** 30 Tyler Weicht,**

A 30 John and Anne Dille,

A 30 Brandon and Jill Madara,

A 31 Ron and Marie Scott,

SEPTEMBER

***** 2 Randy Gibney,**

***** 2 Sophie Kitzig**

A 2 Kevin and Ruth Nutt

"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(8/26/18)- Reviewing the 10 Commandments: Practicing for Faithwalk Service



Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #10? When you are coveting something, what is one great way to overcome that thought?



Today there is NO Children's Church . All children will worship with their families during the Faithwalk service.

NEXT WEEK: Children's Church will resume for Preschool and Elementary kids.



We are always looking for more volunteers (ages 18-100+) to help with the Children's Ministry. You can help us by teaching Sunday School and Children's church, or help in the Nursery. Time is never wasted when you invest it in a child. See Janice or Charlene for more information or email us at

childrens.sumc@comcast.net

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. August 26th - Faithwalk Sunday- please sign up to volunteer during the service.
2. September 2nd - Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6th graders will be up to start with the youth)
3. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: HERE! Shepherdstown
4. October 20th - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm



August 26 , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray – Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We are going to do an End Of Summer Bonfire today at the Trimmers. We will be leaving the church at 5:00pm and we will be returning to the church at 8:00pm. There will be a sheet to sign that night so parents make sure you see me while dropping them off. Swimming is optional. Bring closed toe sneakers.

There will be:

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Drinks,
Smores, a Pool, Manhunt, Bonfire

You can bring:

Chips, Any other food to share

End of Summer Bonfire Tonight
(It has been rescheduled for tonight)

Uprise is a Christian music festival that takes place in Shippensburg. There will be Skillet, Newsboys, Family Force 5, 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 26 – Bonfire
September 2 – No Fusion (Labor Day)
September 9 – Fusion