

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Growing up on a farm, Labor Day had no meaning. For us it meant filling silo's the day before school. Later I found that for some it meant picnics, but only when I worked in the steel mill and was a "student member" of AFL-CIO, United Steel Workers did I begin to understand the political overtones and goals of the day. For most of us I image Labor Day is mostly about picnics and the day off. It certainly has little to do with faith right? Work is work and faith is something else. . . .

Except that in various ways scripture continually connects the two. Jesus suggests that faithfulness in character in our work is a positive virtue and uses it to talk about the Kingdom of God. He also uses laziness as a negative example. Paul, writing to the church at Colossae, says "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." (Col. 3:23) So what would it look like if you worked as if Jesus were your supervisor/employer? How would it change our work, the quality, tone, productivity, etc? Just so we don't leave too many out . . . what would your retirement look like if you were directly accountable to Jesus? Or how might your school work be different if you had to hand him the homework, test, project, paper before it went to the teacher or professor?

I think that is what Paul meant when he said, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." I hope you'll take a moment to ponder that on your Labor Day.

In Christ's 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, Mary Jane Boyer

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Barb Allen and family
Tuesday	Sandy Allen
Wednesday	Michael and Yana Anderson and Bennett
Thursday	Kathy Antczak
Friday	Paula Antczak and Derek
Saturday	Mike and Judy Aumiller

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: The Silence of Mary Home, is a shelter located on the 1400 block of Market Street, in Alison Hill, Harrisburg, PA. Visit their website at, www.thesilenceofmary.org, to get all the details about how the organization ministers to the most disadvantaged, providing them with love, basic needs, care, support, life skills training, education, job opportunities, spiritual faith, counseling and other supportive services.

NOTE OF THANKS: Recently, I had to have a second surgery on my leg for cancer. I want to thank Pastor Dennis for his calls and visits and all of you for your cards and prayers. I am on the mend but the doctor says it will take a little bit longer. **Ruth Schell**

MEET & GREET ARE WRAPPING UP! Thank you to everyone who signed up to host and attend a Meet and Greet with the Pastor. There is still one more date available to attend on September 10th at 1pm at the church, please see the sign up sheet at the Distribution Center in the Lobby.

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!

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 Sunrise 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 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK The Chancel Choir is for persons from middle school through senior adult, and practices Wednesday evenings (beginning September 5th) from 7:15 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact the director, Mindy Martz, through the church office, (766-3076) or admin.sumc@comcast.net.



THE JUNIOR CHOIR is for children in grades K-5 and practices every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room #11 (in the rear upstairs hallway). Rehearsals resume October 7th. Contact their director, Periann Smith, through the church office if you have any questions (717-766-3076) or admin.sumc@comcast.net.

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 "UPDATED INFORMATION": 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 9:30 a.m. We will have lunch at Shady Maple. The Senior lunch rate is \$13.05. After lunch, you can shop in the basement gift shop. We will leave at 2:00 pm in order to get home by 3:30 PM. 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. 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: **peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup, toilet paper, soap, shampoo.** 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.**

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 September include:

hygiene items: mild bar soap (not Ivory), comb, brush, washcloth, we have toothbrushes left over from last year. 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.

PROFILE/VOLUNTEER SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP, REVIEW AND RETURN: Please pick up your individual/family profile/volunteer sheets in the Lobby today. These sheets provide the information we have on church records regarding the contact (used in our church directory), picture permission, and personal information for each member in your family. The back of each sheet also lists the current elected positions you hold and a check list for the 2019 elected/volunteer positions you would be willing to serve. These profile sheets are placed alphabetically by last name, and stapled together in family packets. Please pick up your packet ASAP as those remaining will be mailed out in a few weeks. Return your updated/completed forms (ASAP) by September 30, 2018, as the Church Staff and Nominations Committee will utilize the information provided. If you have any questions, please contact Deb in the church office. Thanks you for your time and assistance.

CONCRETE PARKING SPACE STOPS AVAILABLE: We will not reinstall the concrete stops at the area just paved at the rear of the church. They are in the grass and you may take one or more if you can use them.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- September 2Silence of Mary Home
- September 9The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop
- September 16Christian Education Sunday
- September 23South Central PA Foodbank

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- September 2Bible Explorers
- September 9LIFE Class
- September 16Helping Hands
- September 23Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- September 2Brian and Angela Rainey
- September 9Staff, Parish Relations Committee
- September 16Volunteer Needed
- September 23Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,099,455.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,972.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

SPRC HOSTS GATHERING GROUNDS! Next Sunday, September 9th the Staff, Parish Relations Committee will be hosting Gathering Grounds after the early service to welcome Pastor Otto. Plan to come and have a snack, coffee or tea before Sunday School and chat a while with Pastor Dennis!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 72

Sunday School – 87

Late Worship – 182

Membership – 517

CO-ED SOFTBALL: Tuesday was hot and humid at Hope Grace's softball field but no rain! Michelle Tewell singled to start Shep off, moved to second on a single by Jeff Deveney and scored on a single by Linwood Leftwich. Hope tied the game in the bottom. In the second inning, Shawn Gray, Kristina Warner-Whaley and Joe Stover all singled and Shawn and Kristina scored on rbi's by David Ries and Mollie Gray to put Shep up 3-2 after Hope scored a run in the bottom. Shep didn't score in the third while Hope regained the lead with two runs. Shawn doubled, Kristina singled and Joe doubled knocking Shawn in. David singled to score Kristina and Christian Hindel singled to score Joe allowing Shep to retake the lead 6-4. Dave Goudy and Jeff Deveney both tripled and scored while holding Hope scoreless again in the 5th to lead 8-4. Joe and David both scored in the sixth to increase the lead however the bottom of the 6th was not a good half inning for Shep. Hope scored 7 runs to take the lead 11-10 where it remained. In the second game, Shep and Hope were tied 2-2 after the first but Hope's bats were working overtime and the second game ended after 4 innings due to darkness with a final score of 14-4. Jeff Deveney went 6 for 6 and Shawn Gray was 5 for 5. Linwood was 3 for 4 with a sac fly and walk and 3 rbi's. David Ries and Joe Stover were 3 for 5 with 2 rbi's each and Kristina Warner-Whaley was 2 for 4 with a walk. Shep will play SEAS next Tuesday, 9/4 at 6pm on Grantham field. Check the website for cancellations. Hope to see you there!



GRANTHAM CHURCH: 421 Grantham Rd. Grantham, Pa 17027 (G FIELD): Lisburn road will be closed from Grantham road to the stoplight. Take the Lisburn rd. exit from 15 and head toward Messiah College. At the first stop sign, turn right onto Mill Road. At the next stop sign, turn left onto Grantham Road. At the next stop sign, turn left and the church will be on your right.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,350	\$351,623	\$314,284	\$37,338

SUMC Emergency Needs - Mission Offering- \$467.00
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$42,016.05

GOLF OUTING SCRAMBLE UPDATE: Pastor Dennis will not be golfing in the Breakfast Brothers (Emmaus Group) Golf Outing on September 23 but will offer 50% toward the first two registrations from golfers of Shepherdstown Church. Proceeds from the outing will 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 and contact Rich Dixon at 717-697-7595 or dixon7595@gmail.com for matching registration from Pastor Otto.



**Special
Music
By
Andy
Barry
2pm**

**CHURCH
PICNIC**

**SEPTEMBER 30
FOLLOWING
10:45 SERVICE
AT
SHEPHERDSTOWN
UMC**

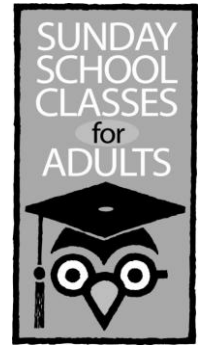
SAVE THE DATE!

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 Pastor Otto.

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.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

*Prophesy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you and you will come to life."
Ezekiel 37: 4-5*

I recently read a story that one of my Girlfriends in God authors wrote about in her daily. She had taken an early cup of coffee to her porch to enjoy the early morning and to talk to God. As she looked out over her yard, she saw a pile of fur under a tree. She got up to see what it might be and discovered what she thought was a dead fawn. She was afraid to go closer. She decided to wait for her husband to check it later in the day. She went on about her day but kept thinking about the fawn. She finally got the nerve up to go closer and look. She couldn't tell what had happened - no wounds or cuts. It just looked like a beautiful baby deer. She whispered to it and suddenly the fawn's eyes popped open, she scrambled to her feet and took off. It had just fallen asleep! The author just rolled around her yard laughing. God whispered to her that sometimes things are dead and sometimes they just need to be awakened. We have lots of things in our lives that seem dead, don't we? Maybe a broken relationship, maybe a marriage, perhaps goals or dreams or situations. This verse from the Word speaks to those. Perhaps the dry bones of all of those things aren't dead at all but just need the breath of God re-breathed into them. The moral: something is not over until God says it is over. He has the power to resurrect any and everything! Hang in there.

The Prayer Team would like to come along side of you and pray for the things that might seem dry boned. Give God a chance to rebuild, redeem, and save what you think is lost. We meet the third Monday of each month at 12:30P in the Parlor. Praying for each of you, dear family. **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.]

SEPTEMBER

- *** 2 Randy Gibney,**
- *** 2 Sophie Kitzig,**
- A 2 Kevin and Ruth Nutt**
- *** 3 Jacob Showers,**
- *** 3 Mandi Barrick,**
- *** 1 Nancy Stout**
- A 4 Ron & Pat Finkenbinder**
- A 4 Jeff and Ruth Gates**
- *** 4 Robin Hall,**
- *** 5 Hersh Simington,**
- A 5 John & Carol Hackenberg,**
- *** 8 Luke Kapp,**
- *** 9 Megan Allen,**
- *** 9 Paul Klase,**
- A 9 Doyle and Joanne Ivey,**

"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(9/2/18)- The Israelites Cross the Red Sea
(Exodus 13:17-14:31)



Today there is Childrens Church for Ages 3yrs-5th grade. All kids will be dismissed after the Children's sermon in the 10:45am service. Please fill out a **GREEN Children's Church consent form** found in the pew.



Junior Choir Practice Info:

It will begin on 10/7/18 from 8:45-9:25am in room 11. If you have not been contacted and your child would like to join the choir (ages Kdg-5th grade), please contact Periann Smith at (717)691-1439 as soon as possible so she can have adequate material available for all kids on 10/7.

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. September 2nd - Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6th graders will be up to start with the youth) –GOOD LUCK!
2. September 23rd - Soup and Subsale begins to benefit Flock activities.
3. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: HERE! Shepherdstown
4. October 7th - Soup and Sub orders Due.
5. October 18th - Soup and Sub pickup from 3:30pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall
6. October 20th - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm



September 2nd , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray – Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Today we welcome 6th graders into Fusion Youth Ministries. I sent a welcome email to all of the families we had contact information for. If you did not receive an email please contact me at youth@shepherdstownumc.org. We are looking forward to an awesome year with new energy. Energy to get closer to Jesus and each other while having a awesome time.

Tonight – No Youth
(Happy Labor Day)

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:

September 2 – No Fusion (Labor Day)
September 9 – Fusion
September 14-15 –Uprise
September 16 – Impact Rewind
September 23 – Fusion