

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Many of you are aware of the Joel Committee that was formed and began meeting in the spring. The purpose of the committee is to help us articulate a clear and compelling vision. We have spent and will spend a great deal of time praying and searching for all that this means. But of all the time we have invested in various areas very little time has gone into our mission. Know why?

Jesus gave us our mission as he left. It appears in five different forms in the four gospels and Acts, but it is remarkably the same. I find Matthew most compelling, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

You see we did not need to invest much time on our mission (purpose) because Jesus gave it so clearly. For the five weeks beginning next Sunday I will unfold that purpose in a series on Matthew 28:16-20. There is no other passage so short to which I have committed so much time. I hope you will commit to join us for those five weeks (catching up online is a helpful option). Once we know and commit to our mission everything else gets easier!

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

Sue Graybill, Ruth Schell, Mary Jane Boyer

NOTE OF THANKS: Thanks to Pastor Dennis for his visits while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and especially prayers, **Sue Graybill.**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Marilyn Aust
Tuesday	Elizabeth Bahn
Wednesday	Tom and Julie Baldwin
Thursday	Cynthia Barletta
Friday	Mandi Barrick
Saturday	Bill and Janice Barry

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop is a specialty coffee shop in Mechanicsburg, PA (at 130 Gettysburg Pike) that employs and develops youth who are approaching or have already aged out of foster care. By working in a coffee shop, our staff has the opportunity to learn diverse skills. These skills include great communication, customer service, learning how to properly clean and care for a shop, prepare delicious food, and of course serve specialty coffee. The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop mentors the employed youth and equips them with the above skills.

The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop is mission driven in everything we do. From the coffee we serve, to the youth we employ, it's our desire to be a positive influence in and around our community. We want to create a warm, welcoming environment where the love of Jesus is reflective to everyone, providing exceptional coffee, food and service. www.thecrackedpotcoffeeshop.com

PRAYER SHAWLS BLESSED TODAY: Today, during both worship services, Pastor Dennis will bless over 30 Prayer Shawls that have been made for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls will be given to folks who are sick or going through a difficult time to surround them with God's love and show them they are being lifted up in prayer. Visit the Prayer Shawl cabinet in the Lobby anytime, to choose a shawl to give to a loved one. Don't forget to sign the giving list there and select a homemade greeting card on the top of the case, to accompany your shawl.

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 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 9The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop
- September 16Christian Education Sunday
- September 23South Central PA Foodbank
- September 30UM Children's Home

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- September 9LIFE Class
- September 16Helping Hands
- September 23Elective Class
- September 30Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- September 9Staff, Parish Relations Committee
- September 16Volunteer Needed
- September 23Volunteer Needed
- September 30Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,100,305.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,015.25s. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

SPRC HOSTS GATHERING GROUNDS! TODAY the Staff, Parish Relations Committee is hosting Gathering Grounds after the early service to welcome Pastor Otto. Join us and have a snack, coffee or tea before Sunday School and chat a while with Pastor Dennis!

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 75

Sunday School – 76

Late Worship – 147

Membership – 517

THIS WEEK CO-ED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE: Shep will play PPC Monday, 9/10 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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

BIBLE EXPLORER CLASS: This group is led by Pastor Otto and various volunteers. They meet in the Fellowship Hall in front of the church kitchen. Tidbit: This group loves to share personal stories that will encourage your spiritual growth. They will be studying the Gospel according to Mark.

LIFE CLASS: Led by Keith Kapp and Dave Schade, this class meets in Room 9 (upper rear hallway) and is currently studying the book of Psalms.

THE ELECTIVE CLASS: Led by Kim Simington and Rich Dixon, in the Fellowship Hall, this class uses materials that provide a forum for insightful and thoughtful discussion of relevant Christian topics using contemporary Christian materials. We view each other's positions with respect and grace. All adult age people are welcome as we have a diverse group. They are currently using Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today by Adam Hamilton. Next up in October: If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg.

HELPING HANDS: Meeting in Room 11 (upper rear hallway), this class is led by Darryl Kenes, Tom Mann and Janeann Runkle on a rotating basis. It follows the International Lesson Series. The class is a very welcoming group of mature adults.

**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.



JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 1 Timothy 6:6

Last week, in Sunday School, my class talked about writing letters. It is almost a lost art. It's a rare day to get an actual hand written letter in your physical mailbox. Most of us get letters via email anymore. While it is lovely to be able to keep up almost instantaneously, there is magic in a hand written letter. My mom and her siblings, especially her next in line sister, used to write to each other constantly. I have very vivid memories of sitting at the supper table and mom reading those letters to us. Likewise, I think of Paul while he was writing his letters to the various churches. A lot of the time, he was writing those letters while he was in some dungeon. How do you write encouraging, uplifting messages when you are hurt and hungry and in some dark hole? Paul says he found a way to be content in every situation. I wish he could have bottled that contentment and sold it. He would have been a millionaire. This past Lent, Pastor Tim encouraged us to not just give up something as a sacrifice but to "give out" something also. I decided that I would hand write letters to my mom's sister who dearly missed them - even 12 years after my mom was gone. My aunt recently passed but her daughter told me that she was so happy to get my letters. It was a small thing. It took some effort to discipline myself to do it but I am "content" that it was the right thing to do. Is there someone in your life who could use an encouraging word, a letter of love, an apology, a reaching out of you? The pen or pencil is on the desk.....

Lord, discipline me in the ways that build my character. Help me to reach out to others who need to hear that someone loves and cares about them. Put a spring in my feet and a smile on my face as I go out into the world. Teach me contentment. Lord, I am yours. Amen. Join the Prayer Team as we pray for a better understanding of what it means to be content. We meet the third Monday of the month at 12:30P 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.]

SEPTEMBER

- *** 9 Megan Allen,**
- *** 9 Paul Klase,**
- A 9 Doyle and Joanne Ivey,**
- * 10 Gabriel Trimmer,**
- ** 10 Lindsey Olzacki,**
- *** 10 Jeff Kreitman,**
- A 11 Bob & Jenine Lane,**
- A 11 Dave and Wendy Callahan,**
- A 11 Richard and Peggy Reed**
- *** 11 Michelle Lauver**
- *** 11 John Dille,**
- *** 11 Richard Craig.**
- A 12 Jerry and Peggy Hinke**
- *** 13 Katie Lippert,**
- *** 13 Marissa Huggins,**
- *** 14 Shirley Hixson,**
- *** 14 Kelsey Lippert-Kraina,**
- *** 14 Sally Thomas**
- A 14 Tom & Dolores Walker**
- A 15 Chuck and Ann Sullivan,**
- *** 15 Marsha Shoop,**
- *** 15 Lynda Bauer,**
- A 16 Tom and Lisa Herb,**

"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(9/9/18)- God sends Quail and Manna
(Exodus 16:1-26)



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 23rd - Soup and Subsale begins to benefit Flock activities.
2. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: **HERE!** Shepherdstown
3. October 7th - Soup and Sub orders Due.
4. October 18th - Soup and Sub pickup from 3:30pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall
5. October 20th - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm
6. October 28th -Fall party Fun- 9:30-10:30am



September 9th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We are excited to start the new school year. Tonight bring clothes to get wet in as we will be using water balloons. Don't worry, I have the quick fill kind this time.

We will be hearing from everyone's favorite quarterback Carson Wentz (sorry Stealer fans) and how faith has been an important part of his journey. We will look at how Carson Wentz plays for an audience of one and how we can take some wisdom from his testimony.

**Fusion Tonight!!
(Bring Clothes To Get Wet In)**

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 9 – Fusion
September 14-15 -Uprise
September 16 – Impact Rewind
September 23 – Fusion