

The Shepherd's Voice
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What is the most important question?

What question has to be answered first?

What is the question that once answered makes everything else easy?

If you don't know the most important question just spend some time with a three year old.

The question? "WHY?"

It is not just important for three olds. It is important to all of us. It was almost ten years ago now that Simon Sinek took this question into the business world and popular culture with his Ted talk (and book) "Start with Why." He says, Very few people or companies can clearly articulate WHY they do WHAT they do. By WHY I mean your purpose, cause or belief - WHY does your company exist? WHY do you get out of bed every morning? And WHY should anyone care?"

What is the "Why" for Shepherdstown Church?

Why do we do what we do?

What is our purpose, cause, belief – why does our church exist?

Jesus told everyone who would ever claim his name and follow him

our "why," our mission.....It is all in Matthew 28:16-20. Join me there for the next five weeks!
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

Ruth Schell, Mary Jane Boyer

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you to Pastor Dennis for his recent visits to me in the hospital and to everyone who prayed for me and sent cards with well wishes while I have been recovering from surgery. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. **Paul Klase**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Tom and Mayra Barry and family
Tuesday	Helen, Michael and Sarah Bartlett
Wednesday	Tom and Carla Bashore and family
Thursday	Marc and Lynda Bauer and family
Friday	Dick and Thasana Beaty
Saturday	Jason and Jenn Bechtel and family

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: UMCOR Disaster Relief: Due to Hurricane Florence, today's Mission Basket has been changed to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to support those affected by the storm. Earlier this year, SUMC already provided over 200 hygiene kits at a value of \$2,000 to replenish disaster supplies at Mission Central. In addition, in 2018 we have donated \$970.06 directly to Mission Central from 2 Mission Baskets, and to UMCOR (\$429.98) with a Mission Basket in March. Today's Mission Basket provides additional support to UMCOR in response to the recent storm.



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.

FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP COOKING CLUB...In addition to Thursday mornings, the Cooking Club now also meets Sunday nights! Plan to come out next Sunday, September 23 from 6-8 pm., in the church kitchen. 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.

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.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

September 16United Methodist Committee on Relief
September 23Local Flood Relief through Sus. Conference
September 30UM Children's Home
October 7World Communion Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- September 16Helping Hands
- September 23Elective Class
- September 30Bible Explorers
- October 7LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- September 16Peggy Reed
- September 23Volunteer Needed
- September 30Volunteer Needed
- October 7Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,105,055.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,252.75. 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 – 55
- Sunday School – 84
- Late Worship – 143
- Membership – 516

THIS WEEK CO-ED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE: Shep will play Hope Grace Monday, 9/18 at 6pm on Hope Grace Field. Check the website for cancellations. Hope to see you there!
Hope Grace Field 110 Old York Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019 (H Field). Travel south on Rt. 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.



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.



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 (-)
\$9,657	\$370,920	\$332,772	\$38,148

The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop - Mission Offering- \$370.43
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$43,253.83

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.





JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:4

I once worked with a girl who was hired as the first official trainer for our company. As always, I tried to welcome her and help her fit into our industrial environment. At first, she was grateful for the hand offered. As time went by, she struggled with doing what she had been hired for. She began to talk down about our shared boss. All her issues were his fault. Trying to be fair, I talked to the boss about her perception only to find that there was another side to the story. I began to resent the problems she was causing with her negativity. So, on the cold December day that she walked into the office without a coat, I found excuses for feeling sorry for her. However, the Holy Spirit had something else in mind. I can still remember a quiet voice nudging me to bring in my favorite blue and black coat the next day. I admit to arguing with the Holy Spirit over it. It was one of my favorite coats. It dawned on me that the key phrase was "one of". I had several so I could certainly share! I brought the coat in and gave it to her. She as extremely grateful as she broke down and shared some financial problems that were keeping her from buying a new one. Not long after that, she was let go. I have thought of her often. Not so much because of her personality but because it was another lesson for me in obedience. We all struggle with it. I believe that each time we do obey, our obedience is deposited into an eternity bank. As we keep depositing, our "interest" keeps building also. Pretty soon we are looking a little more like Jesus.

Lord God, help me to be like you - loving others, forgiving others, granting others the grace you grant me. Bring me to an obedience that blesses and grows. Amen. Need to grow in obedience? Come join the Prayer Team as we pray for the strength that only comes from the Savior to do His bidding. The third Monday of the month at 12:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

FALL DAY CAMP AND WEEKEND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS!

Nurture the Soul – Monday, October 1, 10 am – 3 pm
For Adults 18+ at Wesley Forest

Spend a day away breathing in the peace and fresh Fall air of the Forest. We'll walk through a day-long Bible study where we'll spend time in the quiet of God's Creation. We'll also take a hike, make nature art, enjoy campfire s'mores, and spend time in community with friends both familiar and new.

Senior Day at Mount Asbury

A Who-Done It Mystery – Wednesday, October 3

Join us for fun, food and fellowship as we solve the Mystery and Mayhem of the day!

Come and enjoy the beauty God has given us in the Natural Surroundings of Mount Asbury. Check in time will be between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Enjoy our Pennsylvania home-cooking Buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. During Lunch, the Mystery of the Day will be presented, with facts and findings. After lunch you will flex your super sleuth skills to be the first to figure out the Mystery. The day will conclude by the campfire as we roast marshmallows, make s'mores and sing hymns. We hope you can join us! This event has an all-inclusive price of **\$15.00 per person.**

Fall Holiday Crafts and Laughs

November 2-4

Ladies 18+ at Greene Hills Manor

Imagine an entire weekend filled with fall holiday celebrations that you can enjoy with your sisters in Christ, doing what you love most - CRAFTING! Crafts, meals, and devotions are all planned with fall holiday themes. All craft and program materials will be provided for participants and are included in the price of the event.

***Register at <http://susumcamps.org/index.php/upcoming-events>
or call 717-766-7395***

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN OCTOBER MEETING: Join us Thursday, October 4 in the Fellowship Hall to hear our guest speaker, and Medical Missionary, Mary Klaus. Mary, is a Christian medical missionary nurse who spent 34 years as a reporter in Harrisburg. She has worked as a nurse for Hospice of Central PA. She also has written various religious publications. Come and enjoy this very interesting program. No sign up is necessary. Refreshments will follow.

RENOVATION HELP NEEDED AT WESLEY FOREST CAMP: Susquehanna Conference, Wesley Forest Camp in Weikert, PA is currently in need of volunteers to assist with an undergoing renovation project there. The renovations are to make the White Pine Lodge accessible to handicapped persons. During the weeks of September 17-21 and 24-28, skilled labor volunteers will be needed to help with construction, electricity, putting up wall board, painting and trimming. In addition, a variety of other tasks are needed that do not require skilled laborers. If you can help, even for just 1 day or 1 evening, contact Emily Sliski at 570-922-1234 or esliski@susumc.org.

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

A 16 Tom and Lisa Herb,
A 17 Steve and Ronnie Trimmer,
***17 Ken Bechtel,
* 17 Caden Blasius,
***18 Kendra Noss,
*** 18 Jonathan Noss,
*** 18 Jeff Gates,
*** 18 Mindy Martz,
*** 18 Leon Crone,
*** 19 Fred Hower,
*** 19 Jen Schade,
*** 20 Alexis McAllister,
** 22 Anna Cable
*** 22 Gina Buterbaugh-London
A 22 Tim and Wendy White
A 22 Joshua and Carrie Larock,
A 23 Ken & Sherry Bruck
A 23 Roy & Millie Stare
*** 23 Lou Reday
*** 23 Lori Stubbs

DO YOU LOVE DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS? We need HELP! Shepherdstown is looking for folks who love to decorate! Are you one of those who love to coordinate colors and textures and placement? Well, the Worship Team is looking for you for Advent or perhaps other holidays! Can you spare some time in putting up the tree and hanging the ornaments or hooking the window swags into place? Do you have new ideas for beautifying our facility? Please let me know if you would like to be part of this sweet effort of dressing Christ's bride. Contact the church office for more information. **Deb Kenes**



September 16th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

If you see some of our youth lacking in energy today, it's because we just had an awesome weekend with all the different types of music worshipping God. Uprise has come and gone and those who went got a chance to see so many good bands in one spot. However the fun is not over, tonight we have Impact Rewind at Camp Hill United Methodist where we recreate some of the worship that we participated in at Impact.

Impact Rewind Tonight
(Be at the church at 5:45 we will return at 8:15)

The next event to look forward to is the Battleball Tournament coming on November 4. We will be competing at CHUM and it should be an excellent time. This is an event where you are encouraged to bring friends. We will leave from the church at 12:30pm and return at 8:15pm. If you have any questions please call/text/email me.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

September 16 – Impact Rewind
September 23 – Fusion
September 30 – Church Picnic (No Fusion)
October 7 – No Fusion (Columbus Day)
October 14 - Fusion

"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(9/16/18)- God Provides Water(Exodus 17:1-7)

From last week: How did you do this week with your level of complaining? Did you complain less and be thankful more??



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.

****Remember to be thinking about an organization we can support in the Fall with our Word Works money. Let Mrs. Deveney or Mrs. Kapp know your ideas.**



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. 10/28-Fall party Fun- 9:30-10:30am