

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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The first Sunday of October has long been observed by United Methodist Churches as World Communion Day. It is intentionally a time to look at the rich blend of believers from different nations and backgrounds within the body of Christ. For that reason I have rearranged the preaching order of the words in the commission so that today we look at "into all nations." It is no accident that it was in Antioch where followers of Jesus were first called Christians. The leadership team there in Antioch was comprised of people from three continents (Africa, Asia and Europe), four or five countries, and several distinct economic and educational groups. This was no homogeneous group. Looking at the groups it is easy to wonder how they even communicated much less got along.

It was undoubtedly their commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ that gave them common ground and unity. Today when we try to find unity in the church we often look to each other and each other's opinions. Perhaps the lesson is that unity is found best, maybe only in our one Lord and the mission on which he sent us.

Join us next week for World Communion Sunday. Invite friends in the congregation who you have not seen for some time to join in this celebration of unity in Christ Jesus.

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

Tom Walker, Mary Jane Boyer, Dottie Hopple

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dave and Lori Bordner and Candace
Tuesday	Don and Rose Bordner
Wednesday	Spencer Bordner
Thursday	Susan Bower
Friday	Mary Jane Boyer
Saturday	Elwood and Judy Brandt

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Today at 12:00, Rain or Shine

SUMC Grounds and Fellowship Hall

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY!!!!!! Following the 10:45 service, please join us downstairs for our annual church picnic! Didn't sign up? We have plenty of burgers and hot dogs so PLEASE JOIN US! We will also provide paper products if you did not bring your own place settings. Taste the delicious covered dishes and desserts especially prepared and shared by fellow congregation members. (Meal served at 12:30) Enjoy getting to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Enjoy outdoor games and BINGO (1:30)! ***Stay for music by Andy Barry at 2:00!***



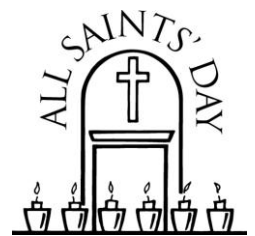
TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: United Methodist Children's Home, Mechanicsburg. Kids come to the United Methodist Children's Home for many reasons. Usually they are removed by court-order from unsafe homes or dangerous situations. These young people have been neglected, abandoned, abused and assaulted. Many suffer from post-traumatic stress or other disorders. Often, they are developmentally disadvantaged for their ages.

Our dedicated staff teaches them how to live through their pain and find new ways to cope. We help them understand the situations that brought them to us. As they recover and heal, we also prepare them to go out into the world. Along the way, we become their home and family. Accomplishing this unique youth-centered mission takes caring, patience, and your financial support. We appreciate your interest, engagement and continuing generosity. Go to umhcservices.com for more information.

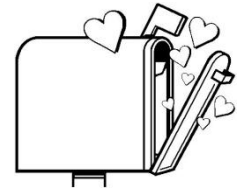
THE JUNIOR CHOIR is for children in grades K-5 and practices every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room #11 (in the rear upstairs hallway). Rehearsals resume October 7th. Contact their director, Periann Smith, through the church office if you have any questions (717-766-3076) or admin.sumc@comcast.net.

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.**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On Sunday, November 4, Shepherdstown United Methodist Church will be observing All-Saints Day at both our worship services. At these services we will celebrate the life and victory of all our members who have, in the last year, entered the Church Triumphant. In order that we do not miss anyone, please let the Church Office know by October 14th of any members of Shepherdstown Church, or those family members who may not have been church members but were actively associated with Shepherdstown Church, so we can honor them. During the memorial, we will be projecting pictures of each person, if you have a picture of your loved one, please drop it of in the church office no later than October 14th.



A SIMPLE MINISTRY ALL OF US CAN SHARE: You can help brighten the day of our **shut-ins** with something as simple as a card, a phone call, or a visit. You can also reach out to our **college students** with a card or care package. Check out this month's sign-up sheet on the table in the Lobby. Lists with their addresses and phone numbers are also available on the clipboard there.



CHILD CARE AIDE OPENING AT ELMWOOD ELEMENTARY: The Mechanicsburg Area Recreation Department provides an after school program to the students at Elmwood Elementary (4th and 5th graders). They are currently hiring Child Care Aides for the program. The aide's would be assigned to provide care, assist with homework and encourage open lines of communication with the students and their parents. Contact Jenna Smerling at 717-691-4572 for more information.

2018 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd at 4pm with a fellowship meal to follow. Practices start on Sunday evenings in November at 4pm with a light meal served at 5:30. If you have a particular talent you would like to share or if you want to participate in a group act or are willing to help with crowd control/meals, please sign up in the lobby or see a staff member for more information. You do not have to attend every practice to participate. All ages are welcome!!!!



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 October include:

compact mirrors, lip balm, hair accessories for older girls, sewing kits, watches (both girls and boys). 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. Also, there is a jar for donations for Samaritan's Purse mailing expenses there if you would like to contribute.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- September 30UM Children's Home
- October 7World Communion Sunday
- October 14Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses
- October 21CROP Walk

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- September 30Bible Explorers
- October 7LIFE Class
- October 14Helping Hands
- October 21Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

September 30Lori Weicht
October 7Alexis McAllister and Staria Reisinger
October 14Volunteer Needed
October 21Jason and Robin Hall

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,106,855.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,342.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 69
Sunday School – 110
Late Worship – 134
Membership – 514

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 (-)
\$6,363	\$386,310	\$351,259	\$35,051

Local Flood Relief - Mission Offering- \$538.94
 Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
 Current Balance - \$44,503.61

STREETS OF TREATS TIME AGAIN... OCTOBER 20TH,

10AM-2PM: This is always such a fun time to be out in our community. The kids from the area come and play games and do crafts at our stand as they Trick or Treat throughout the businesses in downtown Mechanicsburg. **Once again we could really use your help with donating candy (preferably candy that is wrapped in individual pieces). Also, we could always use volunteers to help setup and run some of the games and crafts as well.** Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Look for the candy donation bin in the Lobby. Any questions, just contact Charlene : childrens.sumc@comcast.net.



JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

*The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him.
Psalm 37:23*

I was reading about a girl who started attending a new high school. It had a large campus so the girl had diligently studied the map the school provided so she wouldn't get lost. She thought she had all the buildings and paths mapped out to her classes memorized. As it happens, it was raining the first day of school. Her father dropped her off at where she thought she needed to be. However, all the other students seemed to be going in another direction. She pondered whether to go right or left. She ended up following the crowd, being drenched, and not at the right building at all. She retraced her steps, her new first-day-of-school clothes in disarray, her stomach churning with nerves - she should have relied on the map. We're pretty much that way too, right? We've been given the map to life and still we wonder off on our own, relying on others, getting wet. We need to acknowledge that we will never have the power ourselves to trust that map. Thank Goodness we have the Holy Spirit who WANTS to guide us. Father God, on so many days, I am lost. I have made a wrong turn, a wrong decision, am undecided. Help me to turn my face and ear to you each morning and ask you to be my driver for the day. Slow me down, that I might hear your instructions. STOP me when I need it and insert a YIELD. Come and join in the joy of prayer - third Mondays of the month, 12:30P in the Parlor.

Deb Kenes

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.

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 30 Hersh and Annetta Simington

*** 30 Laurie McFadden,

* 30 Sophie Weigle

OCTOBER

*** 1 Laura Reohr.

A 1 Andrew and Jill Mallon

A 3 Michael and Barbara Squire,

*** 4 Stephanie Wells

A 4 Dave and Brenda Buckwalter,

*** 4 Jill Kramer,

*** 4 Douglas Lauver,

A 5 Tom and Julie Baldwin,

*** 5 Darlene Lippert,

*** 6 Richard Crow,

*** 6 Dirk Brown

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING: The Never Alone Support Groups is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This month's meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th at 11:30 am at Momma Spriggs in Carlisle.,

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 30th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

In Sunday School we are going to be starting a new them on creation. We will be taking an in depth look on the created and the creator. We will be exploring questions like "what does nothingness mean and "how complex and beautiful this place is that God gave us.

NO Fusion
(Go To Church Picnic 😊)

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 23 – Fusion
September 30 – Church Picnic (No Fusion)
October 7 – No Fusion (Columbus Day)
October 14 – Fusion
October 21 - 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(9/30/18)- God Gives the 10 Commandments:Part2 (Exodus 19:16-20:21)

How do you honor God this week with your words and actions?



Today is **FAMILY SUNDAY!** There will be Children's Church for ages 3yrs.-5yrs. **ONLY.** These 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. The Elementary kids will worship with their families today.

****We have decided that Word Works money for the first quarter would go to help the hurricane relief efforts from Hurricane Florence. Please try your best to complete the Word Works as much as possible. Every little bit of effort on your part will mean additional help for families in need.**

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

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