

The Shepherd's Voice
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Good Morning Everyone!

A few days ago someone asked me about faith. Actually, when you think about it, faith is difficult to describe fully, yet easily identified when you see it! It is a little like the description Martin Luther King, Jr. (whose holiday this country celebrates tomorrow) used when he said: "Faith is taking the first step when you can't see the staircase."

Friends, faith is foundational to our ----- well, FAITH !!! The writer of the Biblical book of Hebrews, right before he lists the "Who's Who Roll Call of the heroes and heroines of faith, writes: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.....by faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." (Hebrews 11:1,3)

Friends, we are a people of faith! We may not always be able to "see" everything or "understand" everything; but we don't have to! We believe, from the very depths of our being, in God – the one who created and sustains all – including us!

In fact, even Jesus talks of the power of faith when he says, "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

Well – what about your faith?

Pastor Tim

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Timothy R. Baer
Directors of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Janice Deveney Mrs. Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Mr. Shawn Gray
Organists	Mrs. Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mrs. Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Ms. Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Mrs. Periann Smith
Chancel Choir Director	Mrs. Mindy Martz
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Mr. Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Mercy Gray, Lester Weber, Barb Allen, Samantha Hall

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of **Beverly Wijas**, who entered the Church Triumphant on January 5, 2018. Information about a Memorial Service is to be determined. During this time of grief, we remember the sure hope we have as Christians: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)

NOTE OF THANKS: A special thank you for the handmade Christmas card from the FLOCK and your other cards, thoughts, prayers and special items delivered. Our mother, Pat Kuhn cannot speak well following her stroke in September 2017, but the card made her smile. **Steve, Dan and Fred Kuhn**

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Canned vegetables, fruit or meat, peanut butter, cooking oil, salt and pepper, powdered milk, catsup, pancake mix and syrup, dishwashing liquid and clothes washing detergent.** 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.**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dick and Lois Hudson
Tuesday	Scott and Marissa Huggins and Oaklynn
Wednesday	Bill and Jean Adair Hughes
Thursday	Doyle and Joanne Ivey
Friday	Sue Jackson
Saturday	Jan James

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that the bread tray contains regular bread, with gluten free bread located in the paper cup in the middle of bread plate. The communion cups contain grape juice.



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: A Confirmation Orientation meeting for parents and students will be held January 28th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. All 7th grade students (or older who are not yet confirmed) are invited to participate in Confirmation Classes. Lunch will be provided.

GAME NIGHT ON January 20th 5-8pm: Join us in the Fellowship Hall and bring your favorite games to play and share. Pizza orders will be taken from 5-5:15 and dinner served around 5:40. There is no cost. Please see Janice Deveney or call the office with your pizza order if you will be late or have allergy concerns. Snow day 1/27/18. Cancellations posted on www.shepherdstownumc.org



NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP: Any single senior is welcome to join our Never Alone Support Group as they meet for their monthly luncheon this Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 11:30 a.m. at Brother's Restaurant NASG is a group of widowed or single seniors who get together for support and fellowship. All new members are warmly welcomed. Contact the church office for more information.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

When I woke up this morning, the first thing I saw was a desk chair that I have in my bedroom. Originally, it was to compliment a desk and we had used it that way for years. However, it has a wicker seat and the seat had finally pulled away on two sides of the chair. I don't know how to "fix" wicker nor could I throw the chair away. It has a beautiful back and graceful legs. So....I moved it upstairs to my room. I have put a cutting board on top of the seat and placed a plant on top of it. It is now a beautiful wooden plant holder! It has been repurposed. Just as we have been repurposed. Once we turn our faces and give our hearts to the Lord, our lives change. We are no longer who we have been. Our purposes though HAVE to be fueled by prayer. Without starting and ending each day with God, we can become adrift and never find what makes us peaceful and content. Begin this year with the conviction that God loves you, God knows what is best for you, and that making prayer the center of your life is essential. Help build a Prayer Team that is dynamic, alive and well at Shepherdstown. Come....

The third Thursday of each month at 6:30P 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.]

JANUARY

*** 15 Ed Kapp,
*** 15 Vivian Weakland,
*** 16 Ellie Weber,
*** 16 Jim Steckbeck,
*** 17 Ian Smith,
*** 20 Dick Beaty
** 20 Elizabeth Yeingst,
*** 21 Brenda Tewell,
*** 21 Doris Wildman,
*** 21 Glenn Rinehart

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM: Looking for a way to get some fun exercise - meet new people and reconnect with old friends? If you are male and at least 14 years old, you are welcome to join the Men's Softball team at Shepherdstown. Informational emails were sent out to those who played last year and those we have emails for. If you did not receive an email and are interested in playing, please see Janice Deveney or leave contact information on sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and at the side entrance. We need to let the league know if we are planning to have a team.



MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

Today.....Bethesda Mission
January 21Human Relations Sunday
January 28Life Choices
February 4Souper Bowl

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Today.....Elective Class
January 21Bible Explorers
January 28LIFE Class
FebruaryHelping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayBrian and Angela Rainey
January 21Ann Baer
January 28Volunteer Needed
February 4Rich and Pat Dixon

CHI RHO SINGERS CONCERT: Hope United Methodist Church will be hosting a Chi Rho Singers Concert on **Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m.,** (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). Hope UMC is celebrating their 200th anniversary of the Salem Chapel and hosting Chi Rho is one of many events they are having throughout the year to celebrate. Though the concert will take place in the Sanctuary, the Salem Chapel will be open for folks to see.



FEBRUARY SOS PROGRAM: The SOS (Seniors of Shepherdstown) meeting for February will be on February 1st at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Steve Runkle will be presenting the program entitled "The Joller Story - Life in a Company Coal Mine and Village." This is a personal story of the presenter's Miller Family who developed, owned and operated the company coal mine and village of Joller, in the East Broad Top coal fields of Huntingdon County, Pa. No sign up is necessary so come and enjoy the program. Refreshments will be served after the program. Any questions, call or see Melvalene, Joann, Louise or Steve, or call the Church Office at 717-766-3076.

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,051,950.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$52,597.50 Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 63
Sunday School – 82
Late Worship – 120
Membership – 517

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$12,906	\$12,906	\$9,244	\$3,663

Domestic Violence Services Cumb./Perry Counties Mission Offering- \$377.79
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$41,179.57

YEAR 2017 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX: You can save the church postage today by stopping for a moment in the Narthex and picking up your yearly 2017 giving statement. Statements are visibly marked and sorted in alphabetical order by last name. ***Also, please remember to pick up the statement for your church member child, college student, adult child living at home or shut in parent.*** All statements that are not picked up today will be mailed this week. If you notice any discrepancies, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Haines (2018 Financial Secretary) by calling her at 717-697-1773 with your questions. ***Please note! Per IRS regulations, all contributions designated for 2017 giving must have been received in the church office or postmarked by 12-31-17.*** Thank you.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: We encourage you to give your tithes and offerings in support of God's work through automated giving. Your church, Shepherdstown UMC, relies on your consistent financial support for the many ministries for children, youth and adults. Electronic giving offers an easy and convenient way to give on a recurring or one time basis. Simply visit shepherdstownumc.org and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL: If you would like to be included in an email church sidewalk snow removal chain, please contact the church office.

PARKING LOT SNOW REMOVAL THIS WINTER: All parking lots will be plowed when the snow depth reaches 2" or more. In addition, we will salt both side lots, the lot across the street and the first three parking rows of the rear lot. We will salt the remainder of the rear lot if there is snow on Christmas Eve. The Trustees hope this will not inconvenience anyone and that you will use your own good judgment about parking on the rear parking lot when it snows.

***WINTER WEATHER IS UPON US!
SNOW CANCELLATION PROCEDURES***

In the event of inclement weather, the Church Office will utilize the following options for notification of a cancellation. Sunday morning worship will not be cancelled. However, we ask you to use your own discretion in determining if the roads and sidewalks are safe for travel. When a team/committee/group meeting or group event (choir rehearsal, youth, egg making, etc.) needs to be cancelled, you will be contacted by the team/committee/group leader via a phone call, text or email. All group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader, and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of that group. When a weekday Church activity needs to be cancelled, (Lenten meal, Game Night, etc.), please call the Church Office at 766-3076, and after five rings, you will be able to listen to an updated message concerning a cancellation, or go to the homepage on our Church Website at shepherdstownumc.org.



"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries
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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(1/14/18) –Jesus Surprises Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

Today there will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5th grade. Please make sure ALL kids have a **Children's Church Consent Form** found in the pew. They will be dismissed after the Children's sermon in the 10:45am service.



VBS 2018: June 24th-28th, 6pm-8:30pm

Please add the dates above to your calendar. It is the biggest outreach we do for the community. Even though it is still months away, please consider volunteering to lend a hand during that week. It is greatly appreciated. More info will be coming in the weeks ahead.



FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 1/20- Churchwide Game Night- come enjoy time with friends
2. 1/21- Soup/Sub Orders Begin
3. 2/4- Soup/Sub Orders Due
4. 2/4- "SOUP"erbowl Sunday! Bring in those canned goods for New Hope
5. 2/10- Churchwide Movie Night
6. 2/11- Deliver Valentines to Messiah Village- 9:30am-10:30am
7. 2/15- Soup/Sub pickup-3:30pm-6pm



January 14, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
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Time to get things back on track after the holidays and conference events. We will have Fusion as normal tonight. We will try to get some Zombie in and I will grab some pizza for old time sake. Remember that you are always welcome to bring friends and I am always open to new game ideas. I hope to see you there.

Fusion Tonight!!!

Battleball is coming this February. It will be at Messiah College the 25th of February. All are invited and the cost will be \$10. We have been doing awesome the past couple of tournaments so mark your calendars and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

January 14 – Fusion Youth Group
January 21 – Fusion Youth Group
January 28- Fusion Youth Group
February 2-4 – Zeteo
February 4 – No Fusion
February 11 - Fusion Youth Group
February 18 -Fusion Youth Group
February 25 - Battleball