

***The Shepherd's Voice***  
***The Weekly Church Newsletter of***  
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Resolutions for Life: Building Our Relationships is about committing ourselves to the deepening and improvement of the relationships that matter most in our lives. When we invest in these relationships it gives us life and can sustain us for a life time.

Today we are turning our attention to "one another." The phrase shows up almost 200 times in the bible and 100 times in the New Testament alone. When used in the New Testament it always refers to other followers of Jesus. Most of the writers of the New Testament used the phrase, but John was especially fond of it. John understood the need to stand with and love those who share a commitment to Jesus. After all, he had been with him for the whole three years. He had listened to Peter's braggadocious nature time after time, heard Thomas doubts, watched Judas's greed, and even argued with his own brother about which of them was more valuable to Jesus.

Somewhere in all that drama, he realized that the witness of Jesus followers in Jerusalem, Judea and Galilee would be completely undermined if they did not live out the love they preached . . . especially with each other.

Yes, you're right it's still the same today. We can undermine years of witness and work with someone who doesn't yet believe in Jesus by not treating each other with exceptional love and care!

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***

**Vivian Weakland, John Mowery, Barbara Protas, Lindsey James-Kline, Darryl Kenes, Sue Graybill**

## ***CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK***

<b>Monday</b>	Maxine Hendricks
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dick and Louise Henry
<b>Wednesday</b>	Stephanie Hepford
<b>Thursday</b>	Tom and Lisa Herb
<b>Friday</b>	Bryson Herb
<b>Saturday</b>	Eugene Hershey

***2019 SUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:*** The Discipleship Team will be collecting devotions and creating a Lenten devotional booklet. Available today in the Distribution Center are guidelines and examples (green) on how to fill out your devotional submission. These can be filled out either electronically or manually. There are purple sheets available to use for a manual submission. We need yours by the end of January for the booklets to be ready for Lent. Please prayerfully consider participating.

**SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN:** The SOS will be meeting on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation by Steve Runkle on Canals and Canal Life in the Susquehanna River Basin. The presentation will be an overview of the region's canals and their engineering and construction. Canal boats and their operation are discussed. The presentation covers the life of canal families, canal occupations and recreation on the canals. Photographs from the archives of two canal organizations of the region will be utilized. An audio recording of canal songs and a hands-on demonstration of a bridge stick will also be included. No sign up is necessary. Come and enjoy this very informative program. Refreshments will be served.

**SAMPLE 2019 DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE IN LOBBY:** Sample copies of the upcoming 2019 Church Directory are available at the Distribution Center in the Lobby. Take a moment to stop by and check your information/picture for accuracy. Please make your corrections by using the red pens found there and writing directly on one sample where your changes/corrections occur. ***Please do not take a sample home with you today,*** simply write in your changes on one sample so corrections can be made. You can also contact the church office at 717-766-3076 and leave a message or [admin.sumc@comcast.net](mailto:admin.sumc@comcast.net) with your changes. Today is the deadline to submit any corrections/changes or pictures to the church office as new directories will be printed tomorrow. Thank you.

**THANKS FROM NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** For the total year of 2018, New Hope Ministries collected 1599 pounds of household supplies and groceries from Shepherdstown UMC alone! Thank you!

**SHUT IN VALENTINE CARDS:** Please take a moment to stop and sign the Shut In Valentine Cards displayed on the table in the Lobby. Over the years, many Shut-ins have expressed their gratitude in receiving cards from the congregation. You can help brighten their day by simply signing a card! Thank you.

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST POSITION:** The Staff Parish Relations Committee has finalized a position description for a social media specialist for SUMC. The Committee is seeking candidates to fill the position. An ideal candidate should be proficient in social media platforms and be able to update and maintain websites. It is anticipated the position would require approximately 5 hours of work per week with the ability to work from home or remotely for at least a portion of the work week. As the Committee attempts to fill this new position, the Committee is asking for the congregation's help. If you know of someone who may be a good fit for the position, please let someone on the Committee know and provide the candidate's contact information and resume. In addition, please support the Committee with prayers that the Committee will be able to find an appropriate candidate for the position. If you are interested in obtaining a complete copy of the position description, please call the church office.

**TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Human Relations Day:** From people recovering from drug addiction, to children whose parents are incarcerated and youth who are trying to stay away from gang influences, United Methodist grassroots ministries are signs of God's love in the midst of seemingly impossible situations. Today as part of our United Methodist connection, your gift will support these shared denominational ministries through the Susquehanna Conference.

***SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:*** Thank you to all who contributed to the Shoeboxes in the past. The Elective Class believes that this mission to children around the world is valuable in letting the shoebox recipients experience the love of Christ at Christmas. So, we are asking for your help again.

We will include the suggested monthly items in the newsletter as we have done in the past. There is a graphic on the updated poster information board in the Lobby, that may also help you. We will also place the actual shoeboxes by the poster board so anyone who wants to fill their own box can do so. There is a list on the inside of the box end that includes suggested items. The filled boxes can be placed in the Elective Class Sunday School area in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited about continuing this opportunity to bring God's love to children around the world. We would like to increase our support for this valuable ministry in 2019 and we look forward to your help in the coming months!

***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. Items for the month of February will include: **Cool weather items:** knit hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks. Just as a reminder the age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 for both sexes. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

***YEAR 2018 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN LOBBY:*** You can save the church postage today by stopping for a moment in the Lobby and picking up your yearly 2018 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.*** If you notice any discrepancies, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Haines (2019 Financial Secretary) by calling her at 717-697-1773 with your questions. ***Please note! Per IRS regulations, all contributions designated for 2018 giving must have been received in the church office or postmarked by 12-31-17.*** Thank you.

***MLK DAY – ANTI-RACISM EVENT:*** You're invited to join the Christian Church United anti-racism event entitled "Lift Every Voice, One River, Two Worlds", Monday, January 21, 2019 at First Christian Church, 442 Hummel Ave., Lemoyne, PA 17043 at 6:00 pm for a Panel discussion, refreshments at 7:30 and a worship service at 8:00 pm. For additional information, please call 717-763-4537. See SUMC bulletin boards poster for more information.

***SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE WINTER RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:*** Check out the Bulletin Boards at the church entrances for information about upcoming February Retreats offered by Susquehanna Conference. Camps include "Making Memories Scrapbook Retreat" (Feb. 14-17 at Greene Hills, "Recharge Jr./Sr. High Youth Winter Camp Experience" Feb. 15-27 at Wesley Forest and "Senior Day", held every Wednesday from 11 am – 3 pm at Mount Asbury. Call 717-766-7395 to register.

## ***JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM***

***Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.***

When she was little, my daughter decided to assert her independence one night after I had put her to bed. I was not aware of that declaration until the next morning. I had gone up to get her up for school only to discover that she had created her own hairstyle. She had cut her bangs till they were little nubbies across her forehead. She had also decided that her dolls needed to look like her and there was a pile of doll hair along with her own. It was the day of school pictures! She grinned at me with her little missing teeth smile and was delighted with her work. I reacted before thinking and yelled at her. Her exuberance at being creative turned to tears. After I calmed down, we had a little talk about using scissors and asking before doing. I gave her a hug, told her I loved her (and her independence) and called the school to make arrangements for a delayed picture. My granddaughter recently did the same thing and her mother reacted the same way I did. We are so fast to judge, aren't we? It was only hair and would grow out. The war between expected appearance and grace can be wider than we want. We grow our children to be independent and then yell at them when they are. This past experience and the current one with my granddaughter is a reminder that I should 1) Think before yelling. 2) Grant grace at all possible opportunities. 3) Love people as they are. 4) Learn from past experiences. 5) Embrace a God that grants forgiveness to each of us every day. Goals for 2019.

Pray with the Prayer Team that we all will grant grace to others just as Christ has extended his hand and love to us. We meet the third Monday of the month at 12:30P in the Parlor. (tomorrow 1/21/19)

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

## ***MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS***

January 20 .....Human Relations Sunday  
January 27 .....Life Choices  
February 3 .....Souper Bowl Sunday  
February 10 .....Family Promise

## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS***

January 20 .....Bible Explorers  
January 27 .....LIFE Class  
February 3 .....Helping Hand Class  
February 10 .....Elective Class

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

January 20 .....Mark and Cathy Fauber  
January 27 .....Jan James and Dale Glacken  
February 3 .....Volunteer Needed  
February 10 .....Volunteer Needed

**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**

\*\*\* 20 Dick Beaty,  
\*\* 20 Elizabeth Yeingst,  
\*\*\* 21 Brenda Tewell,  
\*\*\* 21 Doris Wildman  
\*\*\* 21 Glenn Rinehart,  
\*\*\* 22 Doris Hofsass,  
\*\*\* 22 Luther Spertzel,  
\*\*\* 23 Lori Weicht,  
\*\*\* 23 Ruth Nutt  
\*\*\* 24 Michael Coy,  
\*\*\* 25 Jill Mallon  
A 25 Don and Shirley Haines  
A 25 Chris and Betsy Sherlock  
\* 26 Owen McAllister  
\*\*\* 26 Sue Carr  
\*\*\* 27 Ron Finkenbinder,  
\*\*\* 27 Bonnie Madara,

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,131,680.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$56,584.00. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm 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 Worship at 8:15 - 38  
Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 102  
Sunday School – 69  
Membership – 511

**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 chicken, tuna or beef stew, canned vegetables, fruit or soup, peanut butter. Laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper.** These items may be brought to the Food Pantry table in the Lobby. **Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.**

**FEBRUARY 3rd is "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY:** On February 3rd, churches all across the United States will ask people in their congregations to donate canned goods and give monetary donations to help fight hunger and poverty. **FLOCK kids** will be in the Lobby collecting donations this day. All the money and canned goods collected will go to **New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg.** Please mark your calendars today and remember to bring your donations to church on February 3rd. Together we can score big by helping fight hunger in our area.



**SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE** through January 27th, the Flock will be selling subs, pretzel sandwiches, and quarts of Homemade Chicken Corn Noodle soup and Beef Barley soup to help defray future Children's Ministry program costs like VBS and Kids Clubs. The cost for a quart of the soup, subs, or pretzel sandwiches are \$5.00 each. **All order forms are at the Distribution Center in the Lobby. You can also order at the church website [shepherdstownumc.org](http://shepherdstownumc.org). Just click on the "sub clip art" at the bottom of the homepage.** Orders are due in the Response Boxes by January 27th, and all money is due with the order. Pickup times are from 3:30-6pm on Thursday, February 7th in the Children's Center. Any questions, please ask Charlene or Janice, or email us at [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto:childrens.sumc@comcast.net).

**IT'S TIME TO GET EGG-CITED!** Attention all egg makers! It's time to mark your calendars. Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup> this year. We will be starting our 24<sup>th</sup> year of egg making on Tuesday, Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Tuesday morning crew will start mixing and forming eggs at 9 am. The Thursday (beginning February 14<sup>th</sup>) evening crew will start at 6 pm to dip the eggs in chocolate and package them. No experience is necessary to join either group! Egg makers must wear a hat (baseball cap style) at all times so please don't forget to bring a hat with you. Sale of eggs will run from February 14<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. Friday office egg sales begin February 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm. The success of this project depends on the help of the entire congregation. Please consider participating by asking your friends, neighbors and co-workers to order eggs. If you have questions or if you would like to place an order, call the church office. (Online ordering is not available).



2019  
Eggs

**REMINDER FOR THE EGG MAKERS AND EGG ORDER PICKUPS** – We are asking all Egg Makers (Tuesday and Thursday) and Thursday Night Pickups, to enter the church at the Fellowship Hall back door, as the side door will be kept locked for security reasons. We appreciate your cooperation. In addition, you may place egg orders two ways, by using an order form found in newsletters or at the lobby Distribution Center (place orders in Response Box) or by calling the church office.

***Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry  
Through Shepherdstown Church:  
Beginning January 1, 2019***

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$7,919	\$22,151	\$19,492	\$2,659
<b>Bethesda Mission Basket- \$269.18</b>			
<b>Capital/Special Projects &amp; Related Expenses</b>			
<b>Current Balance - \$53,610.85</b>			

***VAN DRIVER NEEDED FOR 2019:*** Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to drive the church van to pick up Messiah College students for a few Sundays in 2019.

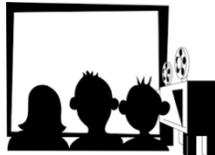
***BEREAVEMENT RESOURCES PROVIDED AT SUMC:*** The Cultivate and Nurture Team provides a resource for those who have lost a loved one. It is a set of four booklets in the series *Journeying through Grief* that will be sent over an 11 month period following the death. If you have suffered a loss and feel these booklets would help your journey through grief, please contact the church office.



***SAVE THE DATES:*** The Cultivate and Nurture Committee invites you to the various upcoming events. The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for church members to build relationships with one another. We hope you can join us for some of the events we have planned and we are always looking for new ideas.

- 02/23 5-8pm Movie Night (hot dogs and mac&cheese for dinner)
- 05/19 1:30-2:30 Riverboat ride on the Pride of the Susquehanna
- 09/29 12:15 Church Picnic

Stay tuned for more details. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved with any events, please see one of our committee members: Cynthia Barletta, Janice Deveney, Bob Gray, Michele Kreitman, Brian Rainey, Mary Rowland, Nancy Stout, and Curran Trimmer. We always welcome extra help!



**THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries**  
**Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp**  
(Directors of 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(1/20/19)-Satan Tempts Jesus**  
**(luke 4:1-13)**



**Today there will be Children's Church for ages 3yrs.-5<sup>th</sup> grade.** 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.



It's that time of the year again. No matter what 2 football teams end up in the Superbowl, we can do our part to get in the game! That is.. the game to **FIGHT HUNGER!** Bring in your canned goods or monetary donation on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all will be donated to New Hope Ministries. Together we can make a difference!

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

1. 1/27- Soup/sub orders due
2. 2/3-"SOUP"erbowl Sunday- we'll need volunteers to help with canned goods the congregation will bring in.
3. 2/7- Soup/Sub pickup in Fellowship-3:30pm-6pm
4. 2/10-Deliver valentines to Messiah Lifeways(Village)-9:30am-10:30am. Signup sheet to come
5. 2/23- Movie Night- Churchwide event-5pm
6. 2/24-VBS Decorating Meeting-2pm- All helping hands appreciated.



January 20, 2019  
"Fusion" Youth Ministries  
Shawn Gray - Director  
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Snowy days are finally here. If we do have enough snow that it would not be safe to have any youth programming look at your emails and check Facebook. These will be the ways in which I will spread the word that any programming has been cancelled.

Tonight at youth we are going to have a Movie night. We will pull the couches out and I have a new popcorn maker. It will be a fun night and the movie fits in perfect for the time of year it is.

### **Fusion Tonight**

**Battleball is coming this February. It will be at Messiah College the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. All are invited and the cost will be \$12 dollars. We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so mark you calendars and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship.**

### **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

Jan 20 - Fusion  
Jan 27 - Fusion  
Feb 1-3 – ZETEO!!!  
Feb 3 – No Fusion  
Feb 10 - Fusion