

*The Shepherd's Voice*  
*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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Greetings to Everyone!

Today we celebrate Human Relations Day! Turn on the news or look as you drive around, and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Many are living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. Some are easily seen, while others are hidden. Over and over Jesus served people like these, embracing them. That is what we want to model as United Methodists. We want to continue the ministry of Jesus.

Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan: “to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality.”

Together, we United Methodists do remarkable ministry around the world. We care for survivors recovering from earthquakes and storms; we invest, long term, in vulnerable communities; we implement the most effective solutions to diseases like malaria; we equip the next generation to lead the church and society. In all of this, we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

And so, on this Human Relations Sunday, we extend a helping hand to those in crisis, so they can overcome formidable obstacles. We help all God's children realize their potential, because we - - - Love God, Love Others, Serve All!

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**

***SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:*** The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry has opened the registration for summer camps and retreats for 2018. The 2018 Camp Brochure and the link for online registration can be located on their webpage. <http://www.susumcamps.org/>. You can also pick up a copy of the Camp and Retreats information booklet at the Distribution Center in the Narthex.

***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**

<b>Monday</b>	Matt and Amanda James
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wanda Julias, Kaylin and Jesse
<b>Wednesday</b>	Paul and Joan Junkins
<b>Thursday</b>	Ed and Karen Kapp
<b>Friday</b>	Keith and Charlene Kapp and family
<b>Saturday</b>	Len and Lisa Kapp



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

## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

*My dear brothers, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19*

Were you listening to Pastor Tim's sermon on "listening" last week? Sometimes I think listening is a lost art. It used to be that people were at least respectful enough to look like they were listening to you. Not so much anymore. It's like we all have ADHD. What if God thought he had enough of us complaining and whining and decided to turn a deaf ear? Some of you may believe that is exactly what he is doing when you don't get the answer you want. Some of you may think that God has never spoken to you. I think that OUR inattention, our lack of listening may be where the truth lies. Getting in tune with God is a lot like getting used to a new friend. You have to communicate in order to learn about each other, feel each other out, understand each other. It takes time and attention. Spending time with God, through his Word, through bible studies, through quiet time at home with Him each day, is how you begin to understand who exactly He is. Praying and praising Him and then listening for His answer(s) is paramount to a more centered peaceful life. Make it part of your goals for 2018. Join the Prayer Team as we pray this year for better listening skills, on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

**FEBRUARY 4th is "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY:** On February 4th, 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 Narthex 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 4th. Together we can score big by helping fight hunger in our area.



**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**

- \*\*\* 21 Brenda Tewell
- \*\*\* 21 Doris Wildman,
- \*\*\* 21 Glenn Rinehart
- \*\*\* 22 Doris Hofsass,
- \*\*\* 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,
- \* 28 Ryan Lauver

**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 .....Human Relations Sunday
- January 28 .....Life Choices
- February 4 .....Souper Bowl
- February 11 .....Family Promise

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- Today .....Bible Explorers
- January 28 .....LIFE Class
- February 4 .....Helping Hands
- February 11 .....Elective Class

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

Today .....Ann Baer  
January 28 .....Volunteer Needed  
February 4 .....Rich and Pat Dixon  
February 11 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,053,050.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$52,652.50 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 – 71  
Sunday School – 89  
Late Worship – 138  
Membership – 517

**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.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$9,585	\$22,492	\$18,487	\$4,004

Bethesda Mission- Mission Offering- \$526.44  
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses  
Current Balance - \$41,714.46

**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](http://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](http://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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(1/21/18) –Disciples Follow Jesus**  
(Mark 1:14-20)

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



**SOUPERBowl SUNDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
Help TACKLE hunger by bringing in canned goods or **monetary**  
New Hope Ministries. Flock kids can sign up to help collect items  
enter church.



**VBS 2018: June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8:30pm**  
(SAVE the DATES!!!!!!)

**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 21, 2018  
"Fusion" Youth Ministries  
Shawn Gray - Director  
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Last week we wrapped up a lesson series called The Great Adventure. During this series we talked about how important prayer, community, and passion are with our relationship with Jesus and who we are as a church. We strive to embody these disciplines so that God might use us to spread his love to all.

### **Fusion Tonight!!!**

**Battleball is coming this February. It will be at Messiah College the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. All are invited and the cost will be \$10 dollars. We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so mark you calenders and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship. Check your email next week for permission forms and details.**

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

**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**