

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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January 27, 2019

My family is very blessed right now in that we have four generations! That's a lot of years, interests and preferences. There are five in the youngest generation all 6 or under. They generate a lot of energy, noise and excitement especially when we gather. In the oldest generation there is now only one. She is mostly in a wheel chair, with not nearly as much energy and not much noise. Still we are part of the same family and love to gather, catch up and celebrate (anything from birthdays to holidays).

We find for the younger ones we need to make accommodations for interests, attention spans and naps. Really, we choose when to gather and eat based on their schedules. We are glad to do that. They are the future of our family. But when we gather there is something for everyone, even if it is simply seeing the joy in the children's faces.

Today we are trying some changes to Family Sunday. It has been around for quite some time. The Junior Choir sings and there is no Elementary Children's Church so that age group can sit with their families. Today we are going to begin trying some other things to help the service be more welcoming to them. The children's time is likely to be longer and the sermon shorter (just on Family Sundays!) We will sing songs that are popular with children and youth as well as some that we would normally sing. We will try to eliminate silent time a bit since that can get long for the youngest. Some months you may see more children and youth in Leadership, but they share that leadership all the time as well and we don't want to lose that. We will continue to try different things on Family Sunday, the last Sunday of the month. So what you see now is just what we are trying this time. It will change and change can be good.

Like our family, I know you love all the generations of our church family. Like our family, I imagine that you are more than willing to help the younger ones feel as welcomed and comfortable as possible. Thank you in advance for your openness to this new effort!

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

John Mowery, Barbara Protas, Lindsey James-Kline, Darryl Kenes, Linda Bechtel

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Jeanie Hershey
Tuesday	Jerry and Peggy Hinke
Wednesday	Barry and Shirley Hixson
Thursday	Sally Hoffman
Friday	Ron and Doris Hofsass
Saturday	Don and Karen Holtzman

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: A Confirmation Orientation meeting for parents and students will be held today, January 27th 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.



*Confirmation
Orientation Today*

2019 SUMC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: The Discipleship Team is 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. *Please turn your articles in this week so booklets can be prepared for Lent.*

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: The SOS will be meeting on Thursday, February 7th 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.

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.

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 12-31-18.* Thank you.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET - LIFE CHOICES CLINIC: Located at 2515 Gettysburg Rd. in Camp Hill, Life Choices Clinic is a safe place for women and families facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. The many free services available there empower women to make the best choices for themselves and their future. Services offered include pregnancy testing and ultrasound, adoption resources, counseling for fathers to be, and parenting classes. They also offer an abortion recovery ministry. Funds collected today will go directly to the Life Choices Clinic in Camp Hill. You can get more information by calling 717-761-4411 or go to their website at www.lifechoicesclinic.org.

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.

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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.

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 27Life Choices
- February 3Souper Bowl Sunday
- February 10Family Promise
- February 17Youth/Children Offering

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Hebrews 13:15 *Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.*

I was sharing with the Worship team that I no longer make New Year's resolutions but instead pick a focus word. The intention is to apply the word to all that you do. Last year's word was relationship. This year I chose Praise. I want to Praise my God all the time, in all situations, in all ways. It's a hard task. None of us have an easy time of praising Him when our hopes, our dreams, our way of life are changed or threatened. Yes, we call on His name but do we wait for his answer....and accept it? They say you must do something 21 times before it becomes a habit. That is my goal for this year – praising him so that it becomes an ingrained habit. Are you with me?

Let's praise Him when:

- A new pristine snow covers the trees and grounds with shimmering diamond crystals AND when my back hurts from shoveling
- You want steak and mushrooms but only have liver and onions
- Your new first grandbaby arrives AND your Dad is diagnosed with Parkinson's
- You get the job of your dreams AND your landlord raises your rent beyond your budget
- Your mouth is set for a roast beef and Havarti sandwich on pretzel bread AND you only have baloney and American cheese in the fridge
- Your daughter is accepted at her first choice college AND your wife loses her job

You get my drift. Our God is worthy of our Praise – at all times. Just as in our marriage vows – for better or for worse – we need to be in communication, lifting our voices to Him in adoration. Let's do it in 2019 and beyond! Join the Prayer Team as we lift our voices in praise and with grateful hearts. The third Monday of each month, in the Parlor at 12:30P. Come.... **Deb Kenes**

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

January 27LIFE Class
February 3Helping Hand Class
February 10Elective Class
February 17Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

January 27Jan James and Dale Glacken
February 3Brian and Angela Rainey
February 10Alexis McAllister and Staria Reisinger
February 17Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,132,430.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$56,621.50. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

Council Meeting

Shepherdstown UMC

January 12, 2019

Actions and Topics at the Council Meeting are as follows:

- The furnace boiler which heats the older sections of the building cracked and required replacement. That work should be completed soon. Heat pumps in many of the rooms ordinarily used for air conditioning are being used to heat those areas now.
- On Saturday, April 6, members of the church will attend the South-Central PA Task Force relating to civilian response for training in responding to active shooter and other emergency scenarios.
- The sanctuary projection improvement is planned for installation near the end of February or beginning of March. This will provide high quality images that have been designed for optimal viewing from seating throughout the sanctuary. This will provide a system that can be used more predictably to enhance worship.
- Mission Sunday will be March 3 with a dinner for all after 10:45 worship and presentation by Jodie Smiley of Paxton St. Ministries. \$740 dollars in gift cards were given by Shepherdstown at Christmas. Two families with about 10 people were hosted by St. Paul's and Shepherdstown Church in our Family Promise ministry over the Christmas holidays.
- Council members received the templates for the devotional booklet being produced by the Discipleship Team for Lent with the request that the Council lead the effort of writing devotions pieces. Articles should be turned in to the church office by the end of January.

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 - 23

Late Morning Worship at 10:45 – 58

Sunday School – 91

Membership – 511

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

***** 27 Ron Finkenbinder,**

***** 27 Bonnie Madara,**

*** 28 Ryan Lauver,**

***** 29 Kay Steiner,**

***** 29 Michele McEwen,**

***** 31 Rita Eaves,**

***** 31 Lois Shenk,**

FEBRUARY

***** 1 Paul Junkins**

***** 2 John McGill**

***** 2 Dianna McClellan**

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 **today**, the Flock is 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. Just click on the "sub clip art" at the bottom of the homepage.** Orders are due in the Response Boxes by today, 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.

NEW 2019 CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the Lobby today. Don't forget to stop and pick up yours, one per family please.

IT'S TIME TO GET EGG-CITED! Attention all egg makers! It's time to mark your calendars. Easter is on April 21st this year. We will be starting our 24th year of egg making on Tuesday, Tuesday, February 12th. The Tuesday morning crew will start mixing and forming eggs at 9 am. The Thursday (beginning February 14th) 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 14th through April 7th. Friday office egg sales begin February 22nd through April 12th 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 (-)
\$9,616	\$31,767	\$29,238	\$2,528

Human relations Sunday Mission Basket- \$197.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$54,056.74

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.



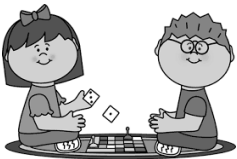
SAVE THE DATES: The Cultivate and Nurture Committee invites you to the various upcoming events. The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for church members to build relationships with one another. We hope you can join us for some of the events we have planned and we are always looking 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
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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(1/27/19)-Jesus Performs His First Miracle (John 2:1-11)

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.**

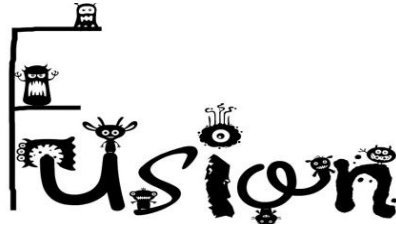


It's that time of the year again. We know the teams are set(Rams vs. Patriots) and we can do our part to get in the game! That is.. the game to **FIGHT HUNGER!** Bring in your canned goods or monetary donation on February 3rd, and all will be donated to New Hope Ministries. Together we can make a difference!

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.



27, 2019

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

After Zeteo we are going to take a closer look at who Jesus is and was. We will look at all the names given to Jesus and the meaning behind them to see how the Bible describes Jesus. We will also have time of sharing to hear how Jesus works in us today.

Tonight at youth we are going to have a Movie night like we planned for last week. 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 24th 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 27 - Fusion

Feb 1-3 – ZETEO!!!

Feb 3 – No Fusion

Feb 10 – Fusion

Feb 17- Fusion

Feb 24 - Battleball