

The Shepherd's Voice
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Good Morning Everyone!

“... and have clothed yourselves with a new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.” (Colossians 3:10)

Recently, in my daily devotions, I came across and thought about the above passage of Scripture from Colossians 3:10. Even in the midst of winter, this passage sparked my thinking about spring. In nature, there are few images more powerful than the renewal that comes with spring. What a contrast to the gray and cold of winter. The beauty we see as the earth renews itself, certainly has a way of bringing joy to our hearts.

The same is true of our spiritual lives. The created order will be taken care of by a God who intimately loves it. The Good News is, God loves each of us as intimately as well. The scripture speaks of a God who seeks to recreate us and offers us new life. In fact, in a passage from II Corinthians 4:16, we are renewed “day by day.” That is how much God desires we be filled with the joy of life and of living.

Our spirits long for renewal that brings a new found strength, courage, joy, and zest. Friends, in these days of winter, be blessed by God who makes life spiritually blossom and grow in us, which leads to a life full and meaningful.

Thinking about spiritual spring.....

Pastor Tim

STAFFED TO SERVE

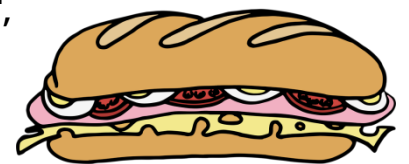
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Directors of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Janice Deveney Mrs. Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Mr. Shawn Gray
Organists	Mrs. Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mrs. Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Ms. Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Mrs. Periann 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, Zack Schade, Paul Melhorn



SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE Through February 4th, 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. **Orders are due in the Response Boxes by February 4th, and all money is due with the order. Pickup times are from 3:30-6pm on Thursday, February 15th in the Children's Center.** Any questions, please ask Charlene or Janice, or email us at childrens.sumc@comcast.net.

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

Monday	Chad and Rebecca Keefer and family
Tuesday	Donna Keefer
Wednesday	Carolyn Kell
Thursday	Darryl and Deb Kenes
Friday	Norma Kinard
Saturday	Dick and Melvalene King

VALENTINE CARDS FOR SHUT INS: Please take time to sign the Valentine cards on the table in the Narthex for our shut-ins. They will be mailed in a few weeks as a service from our Outreach Committee.

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

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things' Matthew 5:21

One of my daily messages talked about the need to be obedient. We all struggle with it. We struggled with it when we were young and our parents told us to do something we didn't want to. We struggle with it now when the boss gives us a missive that we perhaps don't agree with. We struggle with it within our marriages. We just plain struggle with it. When our Lord and Savior gives us a nudge, we often ignore it in favor of our own will. Yet, we all want to move on to the next step in our faith journeys. However, if we don't understand that we must be compliant in the small stuff, God will not reward us with a bigger territory. The message also shared that we have about 15-30 seconds to respond to the Holy Spirit before our own will intercedes. We must be ready to say yes to God at a moment's notice. Are you ready?

Join the Prayer Team in 2018. There are so many things to pray for and about. Do your heart and soul good as we all dance to be more obedient. The third Thursdays of each month at 6:30P in the Parlor.

Deb Kenes

NEXT SUNDAY, 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

- * 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,
- *** 4 Robert Langer,

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

- TodayLife Choices
- February 4Souper Bowl
- February 11Family Promise
- February 18Youth/Children Offering

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

TodayLIFE Class
February 4Helping Hands
February 11Elective Class
February 18Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

January 28Janice and Doug Deveney
February 4Rich and Pat Dixon
February 11Volunteer Needed
February 18Volunteer Needed

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.

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,054,100.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$52,705.00 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 – 76
Sunday School – 95
Late Worship – 156
Membership – 516

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 this Thursday, 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 Huntington 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 (-)
\$9,202	\$31,694	\$27,731	\$3,963

Human Relations Day - Mission Offering- \$411.18
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$42,549.35

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.



OUR SUPPORT OF NEW HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY 2017: In 2017, SUMC collected 1,382 pounds of food, non-food and school supplies given for New Hope Ministries. In addition, \$594.00 was given to New Hope on Souper Bowl Sunday and \$674.00 was given in April from a Mission Basket Collection for a total of \$1,268.00! Many thanks to all for your generous support of our Food Pantry and Mission

Basket Collections for New Hope Ministries!

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.



IT'S TIME TO GET EGG-CITED! Attention all egg makers! Easter is on April 1st this year. We will be starting our 23rd year of egg making this Tuesday, January 30th! The Tuesday morning crew will start mixing and forming eggs at 9 am. The Thursday (beginning February 1st) 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 1st through March 18th. 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 Ken and Haddiee Spidle at 697-1335. (Online ordering is not available this year).

NEW EGG INFO FOR 2018 – 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 now 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 in the Narthex (place in Response Box) or by calling Ken or Haddiee Spidle at 717-697-1335. (Online ordering will no longer be available).

HOW DO I GET EASTER EGGS? Green egg order forms are available in the Narthex or from the church office. *It is helpful that you use an order form each time you order eggs.* Ordering ahead ensures that you get exactly what you want because the different varieties go fast! You can pick up your eggs three different ways:

1. Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall (Please use back Fellowship Hall entrance)(beginning 2-1)
2. Friday mornings from 9:00-noon in the Narthex (beginning 2-2)
3. Sunday mornings outside the kitchen immediately following the first or second service. (beginning 2-4)

LENT CHALLENGE! Many of us want to emulate Christ in a symbolic "giving up" of something during Lent. For years, Darryl and I gave up ALL sweets during this season. We were absolute shells of sugar deprivation by the time Easter arrived. Although it was hard for us to do, it was not spiritually fulfilling. There is certainly nothing wrong with giving something up for Lent. But this year perhaps we can add something as part of our commitment for Lent. The Worship Team is challenging the entire congregation to come up with a promise or pledge to serve others. On February 11th, we will have paper crosses with ties - similar to the Blessing Tree concept for Consecration Sunday - to write your promise/pledge on. Possibly your promise/pledge might look like 'I promise to visit my elderly neighbor once a week', or 'I promise to take a meal to a family in need', or 'I promise not to fight with my sibling during Lent'. It could be anything that supports our motto "Love God, Love Others, Serve All". I know we can do it!!! Let's start thinking.....**Deb Kenes, Worship Team Chairperson.**



"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(1/28/18) –Jesus Demonstrates His Authority
(Mark 1:21-28)



Today is Family Sunday! There will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5yrs. ONLY. 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. **Elementary kids will worship with their families today.**

NEXT WEEK

SOUPERBowl SUNDAY, February 4th, 2018



Help **TACKLE** hunger by bringing in canned goods or
New Hope Ministries. Flock

monetary

kids can sign up to help collect items

enter church.



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

If interested in volunteering, please see Janice or Charlene. There are lots of opportunities to serve!

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

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



January 28, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

It is time to start thinking about Easter and more specifically the Sunrise Service. The youth are responsible for the Sunrise Service this year and we have the ability to get creative to make this an awesome worship service. Start thinking about ideas on how to make this the best and plan on being there Easter Morning.

Fusion Tonight!!!

Battleball is coming this February. It will be at Messiah College on the 25th. All are invited and the cost will be \$10 dollars. We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so mark your calendars 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 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

March 3 – Fusion Youth Group