

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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October 8, 2017

Good Morning Everyone!

Over the past few days, our upper parking lot (the one with the circle drop-off by the main doors) has been repaved. From time to time I stepped out of the office to watch the progress. Certainly I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, any kind of authority on paving. Even so, I learned a few things and noticed a lot more.

The coordination of the project was impressive. Time was taken to prepare the pavement for resurfacing. Strategic cuts were made in the old pavement. Entryways were prepared. Old pavement was ground away, giving the appropriate thickness for strength where old and new would mate. Suspect pavement was ground up to prepare a better base for new pavement.

With the proper equipment, laying the new surface was artistry in motion. Trucks arrived on cue and offloaded asphalt into the hopper of the paving machine. Operators of the paving machine were continually making adjustments as a new ribbon of asphalt was spread. Helpers would make physical adjustments – shaping the malleable asphalt with shovels. Then rollers would move in – going back and forth as the surface was compacted and hardened.

Through all of this, the work crew functioned with precision. Although it was clear each worker had his (all of them male) particular responsibility, every one of them would “jump into the gap” where and when needed. No one “stood off to the side” waiting for someone else to do their job. Everyone was contributing all the time to see it through. Often it was difficult to tell who was supervisor because everyone, including the boss, was so well integrated into the operation.

What a great metaphor for how the kingdom of God ought to be and function! As we change the world in the name of Jesus and by the grace of God, every one of us should utilize the gifts God has given us and be willing to “jump into the fray” in support of each other and in order that God's kingdom grows!

Are you doing your part

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

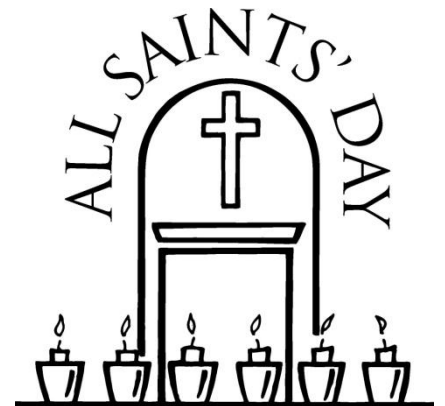
SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Helen Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett, Nancy Hopple, Phyllis Dromgold, Alice Gibney, Bess Minnich, Jenine Lane, Anna Finley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Is being celebrated today during the 10:45 service. We welcome Evan Matthew Vance in God's great family! This is always a special time at Shepherdstown as we surround this child with our community arms of faith!

NEW CHANCEL CHOIR AND HAND BELL CHOIR START TIMES!! Beginning this week, the Handbell Choir rehearsal start time will change to 6:00 and the Chancel Choir rehearsal start time will change to 7:15. Both meet in the Sanctuary.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On Sunday, November 5, Shepherdstown United Methodist Church will be observing All-Saints Day at both our worship services. At these services we will celebrate the life and victory of all our members who have, in the last year, entered the Church Triumphant. In order that we do not miss anyone, please let the Church Office know by October 15th of any members of Shepherdstown Church, or those family members who may not have been church members but were actively associated with Shepherdstown Church, so we can honor them. During the memorial, we will be projecting pictures of each person, if you have a picture of your loved one, please drop it of in the church office no later than October 15th.



CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday** Jim and Denise Cable and family
- Tuesday** Peter and Nancy Calcara and family
- Wednesday** Dave and Wendy Callahan and Evan
- Thursday** Bob and Sue Carr
- Friday** Jeff and Ashley Carr and Luna
- Saturday** Jeff and Kathy Cavalati

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- TodayMission Central “Health Kits”
- October 15Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses
- October 22CROP Walk
- October 29Red Bird Mission

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- TodayLIFE Class
- October 15Helping Hands
- October 22Elective Class
- October 29Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- TodayDeb Kenes
- October 15Keith and Charlene Kapp
- October 22Ann Baer
- October 29Volunteer 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 \$1,032,290.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$51,614.50 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 – 73
- Sunday School – 93
- Late Worship – 145
- Membership – 514

**10/22/17 - A DAY OF SERVICE AND FUN OPPORTUNITIES
COME FOR ONE/COME FOR ALL**



table with a sheet choice! The Mission Offering that day will go to support our walkers or see Janice Deveney for pledge sheets if you would like to raise additional funds. Money raised goes to Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels, New Hope Ministries and Church World Service. Please see Janice Deveney for more information.

46TH CROP WALK/RUN FOR HUNGER: Meet between 1 and 1:30 at St. Mark's Lutheran church at 117 West Keller St. There will be a sign in for Shepherdstown UMC. This is a 5K walk/run – your choice! The Mission Offering that day will go to support our walkers or see Janice Deveney for pledge sheets if you would like to raise additional funds. Money raised goes to Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels, New Hope Ministries and Church World Service. Please see Janice Deveney for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 4:00pm to load the shoeboxes via assembly line with the goodies that have been collected throughout the year. Help brighten a child's Christmas!



HOT DOG ROAST AND TOURNAMENT: By 5:00 pm, the fire pits should be lit and ready for hot dog roasting! Enjoy mac & cheese – roast hot dogs over fire pits and of course make s'mores. Bring your lawn chairs and favorite candy for s'mores. Bring your game and a partner too - we will be holding tournaments again. This event will be held

rain, snow (unless it's too slippery) or shine!

Attention Singers, Performers, Artists, and Good Hearted People Who like to help out!!!! We need your help for the 2017 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The church Christmas program will be held December 3rd at 4 pm in the Sanctuary with a fellowship meal to follow, but the real fun begins November 5th at 4. That is our first "practice" where we start to put it all together. Practices will be held every Sunday in November at 4pm followed by dinner at 5:30. *You do not need to attend every practice to participate.* In order to make this happen, we need volunteers to put on the program and help behind the scenes with meals and service opportunities. Don't want to be part of the play but enjoy the fellowship - each week we will be working on service projects to benefit the community.

This year's theme is the A,B,C's of Christmas. We hope to welcome back the youth elves and are looking for speakers/dancers/instrumentalists of all ages! We will find a part for everyone who wants to participate. Signup sheets are on the bulletin boards outside the office and side door entrance. Any questions please see Janice Deveney.

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING: The Never Alone Support Groups is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This month's meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 am at The Presbyterian Apartment's, Marketplace Dining Room, 1271 Gettysburg Pike, Dillsburg.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY: The Elective Class is sponsoring the Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry for Christmas 2017. Gift items for **October** are

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| Composition notebooks | Colored pencils |
| Scissors | Watercolor paint set |
| Glue sticks | Pencils |
| Pens | Pencil sharpeners |
| Erasers | Tablets |
| Crayons | Solar calculators |
| Coloring books | Games |
| Puzzles | Peg Games |
| Etch a sketch | Playing Cards |
| Watercolors (Dry paints) | |

These items can be dropped off in the marked collection box in the Narthex.

**Our Financial Support of Christ's Ministry
through Shepherdstown Church:
Beginning January 2017**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,307	\$375.831	\$360,786	\$15,045
World Communion Sunday Offering - \$440.92			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$51,955.54			

THIRD QUARTER 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 third quarter 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. Thank you.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions. 2 Timothy 4:3

Does this sound like today? I read a daily message I got recently that asked if you were a Christian, religious or a Christ follower. My immediate reaction was that I was all three. Then, I started thinking about it. You probably don't need the first two labels if you are the third. If you ask a non believer what they think of Christians, you will more than likely get an earful. Christians don't have the most stellar of reputations. If people call you religious – what does that mean? Depending on what denomination you are, it can mean different things. Religion is full of rules and regulations (just like shipping cabbage ☺). But being a Christ follower says and means everything. Are you reading the Word, praying your heart, investing in supportive relationships that help you be a true Christ follower? We all could do better. Come and pray with the Prayer Team. I promise you that there is no stress, no rules to this group. We are just a group of people who want to be better Christ followers.

Deb Kenes

The Prayer Team meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 in the Church Parlor. All are invited.

STREETS OF TREATS TIME AGAIN... OCTOBER 21ST,

10AM-2PM: This is always such a fun time to be out in our community. The kids from the area come and play games and do crafts at our stand as they Trick or Treat throughout the businesses in downtown Mechanicsburg. **Once again we could really use your help with donating candy (preferably candy that is wrapped in individual pieces). Also, we could always use volunteers to help setup and run some of the games and crafts as well.**



Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Look for the candy donation bin in the Narthex, and a sign up sheet if you'd like to volunteer to help. Any questions, just contact Charlene : childrens.sumc@comcast.net.

CHURCH CO-ED SOFTBALL WRAP-UP: Alas, the coed team did not win Monday night but they did play well. The scorekeeper did not make it to the game so details are scarce but the team stayed within 1 run of Hope Grace throughout the game until the last inning when Hope pulled ahead to win by 4. Thanks to all the players for signing up and coming out on a regular basis and being a fun group to play with. For more details, see Shawn Gray and thank him for being the fearless leader this Fall. Stay tuned for Men's softball in the Spring!

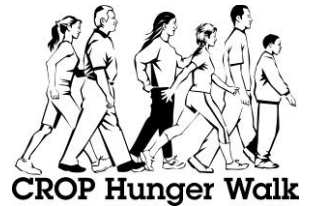


SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE

through today, the Flock is selling subs, pretzel sandwiches, and quarts of Homemade Chicken Corn Noodle 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 October 8th, and all money is due with the order. Pickup times are from 3:30-6pm on Thursday, October 19th in the Fellowship Hall.** Any questions, please ask Charlene or Janice, or email us at childrens.sumc@comcast.net.

CROP WALK SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND!

Save the date for the annual CROP walk. Times and available routes and sponsor sheets will be available closer to the date. The mission basket that Sunday will again be designated to support CROP and sponsor our walkers. We hope you plan to join the Shepherdstown walkers and help fight hunger.



FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Juice and juice boxes, boxed meal mixes, pudding or jello, instant potatoes, rice mixes, canned vegetables, fruit cups, cereal, applesauce, saltine or snack crackers, laundry detergent, diapers and wipes.** 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.**

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.]

*** 9 Alice Gibney
*** 9 Sara Trimmer
A 9 Don and Harriet Franklin,
*** 9 Galen Mann,
A 11 Dennis & Brenda Tewell,
***11 Joan Junkins,
** 11 Caitlyn Lauver,
***12 Scott Bruck
A 12 Jeff and Michele Kreitman,
CS 13 Rachel Deveney
***13 Ruth Schell,
A 14 Bick and Linda Crawford,
A 14 Dick & Louise Henry,
***14 Dixie Trinen,
** 14 Nicholas Tewell,
***14 Teresa Olzacki

DID YOU KNOW...October is Clergy Appreciation Month?

Shepherdstown has been blessed with the presence and leadership of Pastor Tim. We would like to acknowledge him and his many gifts. Pastors often need encouragement and support just as the rest of us. Just because He was chosen by God to lead our flock does not mean that it is easy. He too wants to know that he is making a difference. We, as a congregation, need to affirm and strengthen him and his family, encourage and support and applaud his efforts, help shoulder their burdens and ignite his faith as he does ours. Let's show him how much we love and appreciate him with a card shower. Please purchase a card and ask each family member to write a couple of lines on the difference he has made in your life. Be specific in your praise. We will have a basket on the table in the Narthex to collect the cards. On Sunday, October 29th we will present the cards to he and Ann. Thank you.



“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(10/8/17)- God Floods the Earth
(Genesis 7-8; 9:8-16)



Please Note: 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.

Just a REMINDER: Soup/Sub orders are due TODAY. If for some reason you do not have your order today, please contact Charlene Kapp to let her know at 717-766-9705.



STREETS OF TREATS- OCTOBER 21st - 10am-2pm

This event is a perfect opportunity for us to be involved with the Mechanicsburg community. So, anyone from the church is invited to come lend a helping hand with games and crafts. You do not have to commit for the entire time, even just an hour of your time would be appreciated. If interested, please see Janice or Charlene, or send an email at childrens.sumc@comcast.net

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 10/19- 3:30pm-6pm-Soup and Sub pickup
2. 10/21- 10am-2pm- Streets of Treats Mechanicsburg
3. 10/22- Cropwalk
4. 10/29- Fall Party-9:30am-10:30am



October 8, 2017
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We had a great time remembering all of the music and dramas from Salt and Light. During Sunday School we discussed what doubt looks like when related to our faith. We looked at Lee Strobel author of Case for Christ and how he went from atheist to Christian.

October 29 Fusion will start early at 5pm. We will be participating in the Weiner Roast and the tournaments that come with it. Last year we played can jam, corn hole, ladder ball. This is a family event so everyone is invited. We will finish between 7 30pm and 8pm.

Fusion Tonight !!!

Battleball is approaching. Come November 5th will be defending our championship for the fall tournament. Everyone is welcome to come including friends. This event takes place at Camp Hill United Methodist and hosted by Salt and Light ministries. The cost for this event is \$10 which includes admission and dinner for the night. I will need a 2017 liability form if you have not filled one out yet and I will also need a Salt and Light form filled out.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

October 1 - Fusion Youth Group
October 8 - Fusion Youth Group
October 15 - Fusion Youth Group
October 22 - Fusion Youth Group
October 29 - Fusion Youth Group/Weiner Roast
October 29 – Battleball forms due
November 5 - Battleball