

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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October 1, 2017

Good Morning Everyone!

Welcome as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and celebrate World Communion Sunday – today!

World Communion Sunday offers congregations that follow Jesus Christ an opportunity to experience Holy Communion with the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Jesus Christ as Savior and the Head of the Church. As we worship today, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers that circles the whole earth. Without a doubt, Christians celebrate communion in as many ways as there are congregations. But no matter how different the customs and practices, and no matter how close or far away, Christians on this day recognize Jesus as the one who gave himself for us that we might spend eternity with our Lord.

Gathering at the table of our Lord.....

Pastor Tim

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that the bread tray contains regular bread with gluten free bread located in the middle of the bread plate. The communion cups contain grape juice.

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

STAFFED TO SERVE

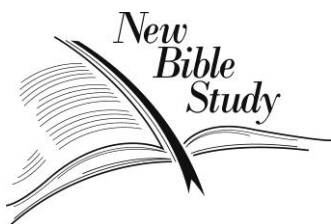
Pastor	Rev. Dr . Timothy R. Baer
Directors of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Janice Deveney Mrs. Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Mr. Shawn Gray
Organists	Mrs. Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mrs. Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Ms. Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Mrs. Periann Smith
Chancel 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, Janet Michael, Jenine Lane, Anna Finley

HYMNALS REBOUND! Over the years of use, many of our hymnals were showing signs of wear. We are pleased to share with you that many of these hymnals have been repaired, rebound and recovered! This has been possible through the Marlin Lippert Memorial Fund (Marlin loved music!)! Our thanks to the Memorial and Honors Gifts Team and the Worship Team for making this possible!

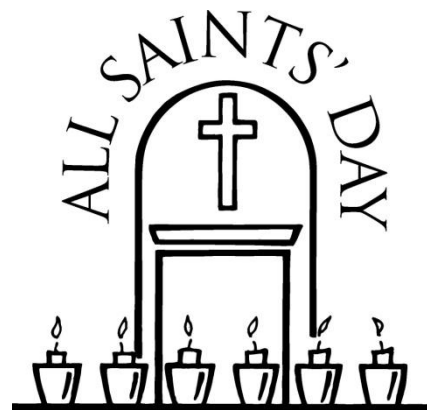
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP! Periodically church membership is reviewed to make sure the church records accurately reflect a church member living out their membership vows. The criteria we use to determine inactive letter recipients are: No attendance or giving (according to church records) within the last three years (unless the member is determined to be "Shut in"), and twenty five years old or older and not attending college or in the military. Once again, we are conducting that process. This past week, letters were sent out, encouraging the above identified persons to respond. Our hope is that they will become active again.



BIBLE EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY: The Bible Explorers adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study today entitled, "Remember – How To Live!!!, Priorities for Christian Living". Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30.

CHURCH PICNIC REVIEW: Approximately 70 people gathered at Lisburn Fire Company for the annual church picnic last Sunday. We were blessed with a beautiful day, delicious food and enjoyable company. Thanks to all who brought food to share. Special thanks to the Eric and Steve Trimmer families for bringing grills, reserving, setting up and cleaning up at the pavilion. Thanks to the Corbin Trimmer family for setting up the bounce house which was enjoyed by the kids and to Sara for picking up lots of water balloon pieces and helping clean up games. Thanks also to the Snyder family who filled their truck and delivered the food and games to the picnic, the Weicht Family for help cooking, serving and cleaning up and especially to Tyler Weicht who made BINGO a memorable occasion. If you played BINGO, say thanks to Cynthia Barletta for again providing the prizes. The hot dogs were hot and cheese actually melted on the burgers this year thanks to Nancy Stout who brought her chafing pans and helped serve. We did play some games but the kids pretty much entertained themselves and temptation is fairly great when water balloons are within reach so by mutual agreement, the games were dropped and the balloons disposed of in other ways - sorry to any innocent bystanders who may have been standing outside!

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	Scott and Melissa Bruck and Andrew
Tuesday	Dave and Brenda Buckwalter and Brady
Wednesday	Ariel Butera
Thursday	Joe and Caren Butera and family
Friday	Gary and Deb Buterbaugh
Saturday	John and Jacob Buterbaugh

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH HERE AT SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC?

This Fall, Pastor Baer will be receiving new members during worship. In preparation, two membership classes will be held. Stay tuned for the dates. Please contact the church office at 766-3076 or admin.sumc@comcast.net if you have questions or to find out more about becoming a member.

OCTOBER SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: The Seniors of Shepherdstown will meet on Thursday, October 5th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. A Powerpoint presentation by Steve Runkle on "Chief Pontiac's Rebellion" will be the topic. This presentation explores the causes of the Native American Rebellion against the English Colonies during 1763 and 1764 in and around the Susquehanna River Basin over these years of war. Refreshments will be served after the program. No sign up is necessary. Everyone is welcome.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- TodayWorld Communion Sunday
- October 8Mission Central “Health Kits”
- October 15Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses
- October 22CROP Walk

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- TodayBible Explorers
- October 8LIFE Class
- October 15Helping Hands
- October 22Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- TodayHersh and Annetta Simington
- October 8Volunteer Needed
- October 15Keith and Charlene Kapp
- October 22Ann Baer

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 \$1,030,440.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$51,522.00 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 – 67
- Sunday School – 92
- Late Worship – 147
- Membership – 516

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 (-)
\$8,212	\$364,524	\$351,766	\$12,758

South Central PA Foodbank Offering - \$465.42

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$50,912.64

CHURCH SOFTBALL: Tuesday night Shepherdstown faced off against New Cumberland at the New Cumberland field. The hitting spree that started the last inning of last week's game continued and Shep responded to a one run inning by NC with a 4 run inning of their own to start the game. They continued with another 4 run inning in the second and tacked on 8 more runs over the next 6 innings while holding NC scoreless through the 8th. NC scored 3 more runs in the 9th but some great catches by Kristina Whaley and Steve Mahan (in the dusk) ended the game with a final score of 16-4. Other Shep players - Michele Tewell had 2 hits and 1 RBI. Jack Weicht pitched 5 innings (4 scoreless) and added a hit. Shawn Gray had two hits and scored once. Shep faced Hope Grace Thursday evening (after newsletter deadline) which determined their playoff standing. If they made the playoffs, the first game will be Monday, October 2. If not - thanks to all the player for another fun season!

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses, And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

I was singing this song last night. I had come early for Prayer Team so I could spend a few minutes in the Sanctuary. Only to discover, I had forgotten my key. And... no one else showed up. So, I decided to spend some time in our newly renovated Prayer Garden. What a blessing! The air was as soft as a baby's new stuffed toy. I stared at the tree planted there thinking about how God created this amazing thing - which gives us oxygen and takes away the carbon dioxide - which provides us with shade and shades of color in the Fall. I looked at the pavers and thought of all the love represented by those that were dedicated. I finally walked over to the light stanchion at the side of the building and sat there for a while and looked over the valley. The sun was so bright in the beginning that I had a hard time seeing the homes below. The mountains wore a quilt batting of clouds so that the tops were blurry. I wondered about the people in those homes. Were they eating dinner? Were they talking about their day with each other? As I prayed for you, my church family, a motorcyclist noisily drove by on his Harley. Only to come back, drive into the parking lot, take off his helmet, and look at the view. I prayed for him too. We are a church on a hill. We have a view that few other churches can claim. Do we take the time to look and be inspired by all that beauty or have we become immune to it? We have another view that is far more important. We have a God that loves us. Let's share both views.

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.



PARKING LOT RENOVATION: Tomorrow, October 2nd, we will be putting down the running coat of asphalt on the side parking lot that abuts the Prayer Garden and the ramp. The lot will be closed for a few days as the work takes place, but we will try to have the drop-off area available on Sundays. There is always ample parking available in the rear lot.

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. Please call the church office

CAKE DECORATING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR

ADULTS! If you are 18 or older and would love to learn some cake decorating tips, we have a class for you! Our favorite cake maker, Kathy Eberly has agreed to teach a small class of adults how to decorate your own Thanksgiving themed cake. The class will be held on October 12th at 6:30 pm with a cost of \$18 per person. Kathy will prepare the cakes and provide the decorating instruction and supplies (and snacks!) and you get to take your finished creation home with you. Class size is limited to 10 on a first come basis. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Church Office so sign up before all the spots are filled!



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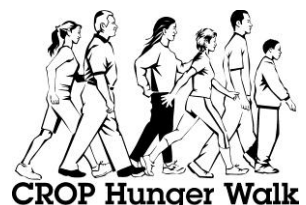


SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE

through October 8th, 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.



CROP Hunger Walk

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.]

- *** 1 Laura Reohr,**
- A 1 Andrew and Jill Mallon,**
- A 3 Michael and Barbara Squire,**
- *** 4 Stephanie Wells,**
- A 4 Dave and Brenda Buckwalter,**
- *** 4 Jill Kramer**
- *** 4 Douglas Lauver**
- *** 5 Darlene Lippert,**
- *** 6 Richard Crow**
- *** 6 Dirk Brown**

"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
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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(10/1/17)- Noah Builds the Ark
(Genesis 6:5-22)



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.



The "FLOCK'S" Soup and Sub Sale is underway and will run until October 8th. All soup is homemade, and the subs come from RnK. All items will be \$5.00. Any help getting outside orders are greatly appreciated, as the money raised will help fund the needs for the Flock Children's programs throughout the year. Look for an order form in the newsletter, out in the Narthex, or down in the Children's Center.



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



October 1, 2017

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownmc.org / 570-460-8132

Fusion Tonight !!!

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

November 5 - Battleball