

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Ever wonder as a parent, employee, member of a club, or student, "Hey what did I sign up for?" As a church member it really is a bit clearer, when joining the church, members were asked, "will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" And you responded . . . "I will."

Over the next five weeks we will look at those five areas with which we pledge to support the congregation. When we talk of supporting the church we tend to think first of a monetary gift and we will look at our giving on the last week of the series, Consecration Sunday, November 18. While our monetary support of the mission of the church is important, our prayers, presence, service and witness are also closely tied to our effectiveness as a congregation in accomplishing our mission of "*making disciples of Jesus Christ.*"

Plan to join us to explore how God can use you and your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

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

Tom Walker, Bob Lane, Dottie Hopple

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Carol Howe, who entered the Church Triumphant on October 5, 2018. Her Memorial Service was held here at SUMC on Friday, October 12, 2018. During this time of grief, we remember the sure hope we have as Christians: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dave and Brenda Buckwalter and Brady
Tuesday	Joe and Caren Butera and family
Wednesday	Gary and Deb Buterbaugh
Thursday	Jake Buterbaugh
Friday	Jim and Denise Cable and family
Saturday	Peter and Nancy Calcara and family

October 28th!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Meet in the church Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm 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 5:30pm, the fire pits should be lit and ready for hot dog roasting! There will be hot mac&cheese and hot chocolate. Instead of bobbing for apples, we'll try dunking them in a variety of dips (see below) and of course there will be the makings for s'mores. Enjoy visiting with friends or playing games and if you are in a competitive mood...



THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENTS WITH PRIZES!! We will have a corn hole tournament, minute to win it games, a sidewalk chalk drawing competition and best apple dip. Bring your apple dip by 5:30 for judging - sign up for the other competitions by 6 to compete by yourself or with a partner.

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite candy for s'mores and any outdoor games you would like to share.



In case of rain, this event will be held indoors minus the fire pits and modified sidewalk drawings! We'll still have plenty of food and microwaved s'mores instead.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup, toilet paper, soap, shampoo.** 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.**

A SIMPLE MINISTRY ALL OF US CAN SHARE: You can help brighten the day of our **shut-ins** with something as simple as a card, a phone call, or a visit. You can also reach out to our **college students** with a card or care package. Check out this month's sign-up sheet on the table in the Lobby. Lists with their addresses and phone numbers are also available on the clipboard there.



How Do I Get in Contact with the Pastor?

Actually it is easier now to get in contact with the pastor than ever before!

If there is an emergency call 717 458-8874. It rings to my cell unless I am out of town at some distance or for an extended time.

If you need information, a question answered or need a quick check, an email is a very good way to reach me – pastor.sumc@comcast.net or dotto@susumc.org . I check my email probably 4 times a day. Even if you want a conversation you may reach me most quickly by sending a quick email asking me to call you. On days off I may not be in cell range and may not respond unless you state that it is urgent.

You may also call the church office when it is open currently 10-2 Monday – Fridays most weeks. I typically am off on Friday (which means I work about one Friday each month.) Remember even when the office is open, Deb, our Administrative Assistant may be on another line or in another part of the church. If you can't call in those hours or reach us during them, leave a message and we'll get back with you.

If you want to see me in person, it is best to call to set an appointment. While I am in the church much of the time during the day Monday – Thursday, I also go to meetings, visit hospitals or those who are shut in and may not be there for a host of other possible reasons. Deb has my electronic calendar so she can make appointments for me. You can email me to make an appointment. As a general rule I do not meet people when the church is empty, but there are activities most Sunday and Wednesday nights, from 10 – 2 Monday through Thursday. We can also schedule to meet in a public venue. So you can walk in and hope I am there and available when you do, but if you really want/need to connect call the church, the emergency number or email me. Pastor Dennis

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On Sunday, November 4, 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 14th 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 off in the church office no later than October 14th.

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,110,145.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,507.25. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

2018 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd at 4pm with a fellowship meal to follow. Practices start on Sunday evenings in November at 4pm with a light meal served at 5:30. If you have a particular talent you would like to share or if you want to participate in a group act or are willing to help with crowd control/meals, please sign up in the lobby or see a staff member for more information. You do not have to attend every practice to participate. All ages are welcome!!!!



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. We are setting as our goal for this year 200 boxes. Items for the month of October include:
compact mirrors, lip balm, hair accessories for older girls, sewing kits, watches (both girls and boys). In response to those members who prefer filling their own shoebox, we have placed the boxes on the table next to the display in the Lobby. We have included a list of those items which must be included in each box and some ideas for other items. When you are finished just place the box on a table in the Elective Class' area in the Fellowship Hall. Also, there is a jar for donations for Samaritan's Purse mailing expenses there if you would like to contribute.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

October 14Shoebbox Ministry Mailing Expenses
October 21CROP Walk
October 28Red Bird Mission
November 4Dog Tags

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

October 14Helping Hands
October 21Elective Class
October 28.....Bible Explorers
November 4LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

October 14Keith and Charlene Kapp
October 21Jason and Robin Hall
October 28Hersh and Annetta Simington
November 4Volunteer 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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Early Service – 78
 Sunday School – 83
 Late Worship – 178
 Membership – 514

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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

BIBLE EXPLORER CLASS: This group is led by Pastor Otto and various volunteers. They meet in the Fellowship Hall in front of the church kitchen. Tidbit: This group loves to share personal stories that will encourage your spiritual growth. They will be studying the Gospel according to Mark.

LIFE CLASS: Led by Keith Kapp and Dave Schade, this class meets in Room 9 (upper rear hallway) and is currently studying the book of Psalms.

THE ELECTIVE CLASS: Led by Kim Simington and Rich Dixon, in the Fellowship Hall, this class uses materials that provide a forum for insightful and thoughtful discussion of relevant Christian topics using contemporary Christian materials. We view each other's positions with respect and grace. All adult age people are welcome as we have a diverse group. They are currently using *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton. Next up in October: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg.

HELPING HANDS: Meeting in Room 11 (upper rear hallway), this class is led by Darryl Kenes, Tom Mann and Janeann Runkle on a rotating basis. It follows the International Lesson Series. The class is a very welcoming group of mature adults.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,996	\$405,384	\$369,746	\$35,637
World Communion Sunday - Mission Offering- \$401.43			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$45,596.39			

MISSION BASKET: Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses. Funds collected today will help pay for the expenses to mail the shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry.

STREETS OF TREATS THIS SATURDAY... OCTOBER 20TH,

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 Lobby. Any questions, just contact Charlene: childrens.sumc@comcast.net.



JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven Luke 6:37

I will never forgive you for what you have done! Have you heard that painful statement a time or two? For most of us, we have heard or maybe even said it but thankfully we apologize or are granted grace by the offended party most of the time. However, there are a portion of us who nurture the anger and bitterness and let it become a part of who we are. We focus on the wrongs done to us and let the joy of living pass us by. We have a member of our family who is unwilling to let past hurts go. The event(s), which started out small, has ballooned into a fire breathing entity. Darryl and I have encouraged forgiveness only to be rebuffed. We are truly sad that this person's life is guided by pain rather than the example Christ gave us. He sent his ONLY son to absorb the pain, hostility, and sin of the world. He forgave us so that we might forgive others. Let's pray this week that we might find the strength and resolve to do as He did. It's only through Him that it will happen. Free yourself from the weight of bitterness. Fill those open places with praise instead of pain. Join the Prayer Team as we pray for a new attitude. Lord God, you are our Hope. You are who we want to be. Help us as we throw out the angry parts that keep us captives. We need you, Lord!

Prayer Team meets on the third Monday of the month. Our next gathering is tomorrow (10/15). Normally we meet at 12:30P but for this meeting ONLY, we will meet at 1:00P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

DO YOU LOVE DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS? We need HELP! Shepherdstown is looking for folks who love to decorate! Are you one of those who love to coordinate colors and textures and placement? Well, the Worship Team is looking for you for Advent or perhaps other holidays! Can you spare some time in putting up the tree and hanging the ornaments or hooking the window swags into place? Do you have new ideas for beautifying our facility? Please let me know if you would like to be part of this sweet effort of dressing Christ's bride. Contact the church office for more information. **Deb Kenes**

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.]

OCTOBER

A 14 Bick and Linda Crawford

A 14 Dick & Louise Henry

*****14 Dixie Trinen**

**** 14 Nicholas Tewell**

***** 14 Teresa Olzacki**

***** 16 Brenda Malnick**

***** 17 Stephanie Gibney**

A 18 John & Sue McGill

***** 19 Kelley Mallon**

A 19 Ed & Karen Kapp,

***** 19 Samantha Mann**

***** 21 Karen Wagner,**

***** 21 Loring Thomas,**

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 16th at 11:30 am at Momma Spriggs in Carlisle.,



October 14th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We are back on track for Fusion tonight from 6pm – 8pm. We are going to start a 4 week video series on wisdom and decision making. This is a pretty cool series so I hope all of you can come out for it.

We are going to start planning for the Christmas program. We can do something with the elves skit or do something completely different. Start thinking about how you want to be involved in the show as we will be brainstorming in the next couple weeks.

Fusion Tonight

The next event to look forward to is the Battleball Tournament coming on November 4. We will be competing at CHUM and it should be an excellent time. This is an event where you are encouraged to bring friends. We will leave from the church at 12:30pm and return at 8:15pm. If you have any questions please call/text/email me.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

October 14 – Fusion
October 21 - Fusion
October 28 - Fusion
November 4 - Battleball

"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
(Directors of Children's Ministries)
E-mail: childrens.sumc@comcast.net



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(10/14/18)- Israelites Build the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:4-36:38)

Last week we learned only God deserves our worship. In what ways did your worst honor God in your week?



Today there will be Children's Church for ages 3yrs-5th grade. 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.



We know it's only the beginning of October, but we need to start thinking about December. **Christmas program practice** will be every Sunday starting in November from 4pm-6pm.(make the ones that you can!) A light meal will provided around 5:30. This year is our variety show format where we'd like **ALL ages** of the church to share their talents with us. Look for signup sheets on the bulletin boards. Invite your friends to be part of it with you!

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. **October 18th**- Soup and Sub pickup from 3:30pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall
2. **October 20th**- Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm
3. **October 28th**-Fall party Fun- 9:30-10:30am
4. **11/4, 11/11, 11/18/, 11/25**- Christmas Program practice- 4pm-6pm. A light meal will be provided around 5:30pm. Come and share a talent or act you would like to do. Encourage friends to join the fun!
5. **11/11**- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- 9:30am-10:30am