

## ***The Shepherd's Voice***

*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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Good Morning Everyone!

In a world marked by interruptions and short attention spans, it is so easy to get distracted. In fact, as we encounter ever more frequent interruptions, and our attention spans get even shorter, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep our focus on the big picture and long term. Pondering this, I remember for our future that we are a community of faith in Jesus Christ. As such we are a people of faith for all generations.

We are **people of the past** whose faithfulness and vision gave birth to this alive and vibrant congregation that is reaching out to others in the name of Jesus, whose sacrifice and service to Christ laid a strong foundation for mission and ministry.

We are **people of the present** whose everyday living and vital faith in Jesus are growing and deepening – even as we provide time, talent, and treasure to strengthen our faith journey and invite our neighbors to do just the same.

We are **people of the future** whose lives will be transformed by the grace of Jesus as children, youth, families, and persons of all ages and stages who are not here yet become part of the church family.

The church is all about people coming to know Jesus, growing in grace and love, and reaching out in service to all the world. That is the heart and focus of our faith – no matter how many interruptions, and no matter how short our attention span!!!

Keeping life focused on Jesus.....

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**

**NEW CHANCEL CHOIR AND HAND BELL CHOIR START TIMES!!** The Handbell Choir rehearsal start time has changed to 6:00 and the Chancel Choir rehearsal start time has changed to 7:15. Both meet in the Sanctuary. If the later time start times were keeping you from joining the choir, then now is your opportunity to hop on board! Just come! See you Wednesday evening!

## **STREETS OF TREATS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>,**

**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](mailto:childrens.sumc@comcast.net).



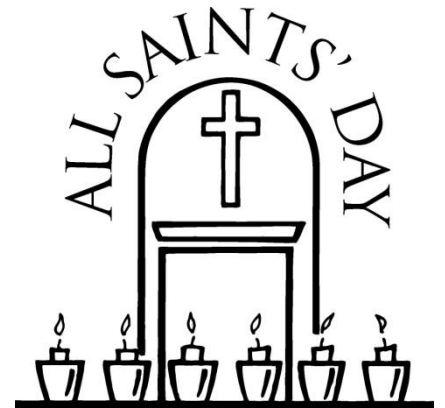


***DID YOU KNOW...October is Clergy Appreciation Month?***

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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.



**CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

- Monday** Melanie Chenoweth and family
- Tuesday** Richard Chubb
- Wednesday** Carl and Rosemary Courtney
- Thursday** Michael and Erin Coy and family
- Friday** Angela Craig
- Saturday** Richard and Tricia Craig and family

**MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

- Today .....Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses
- October 22 .....CROP Walk
- October 29 .....Red Bird Mission
- November 5 .....Dog Tags

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- Today .....Helping Hands
- October 22 .....Elective Class
- October 29 .....Bible Explorers
- November 5 .....LIFE Class

## **BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

Today .....Keith and Charlene Kapp  
October 22 .....Ann Baer  
October 29 .....Volunteer Needed  
November 5 .....Volunteer 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 \$1,034,330.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$51,716.50 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 – 63  
Sunday School – 79  
Late Worship – 155  
Membership – 514



October 22, 2017

St. Marks Lutheran Church  
Sign-in begins at 1pm  
Walk kicks off at 1:30 pm

Join area churches in the fight against hunger and show your support by participating in the 5k walk/run for hunger. Next Sunday, meet at 117 West Keller St. between 1 and 1:30 to sign in. The SUMC Mission Offering that morning will go to CROP so no pledge forms are necessary but if you would like to obtain additional pledges, see Janice Deveney. Money raised goes to Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels, New Hope Ministries and Church World Service.

**2017 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Attention Singers, Performers, Artists, and Good Hearted People Who like to help out!!!! We need your help for the church Christmas program which will be held December 3rd at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary with a fellowship meal to follow, but the real fun begins November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. That is our first “practice” where we start to put it all together. Practices will be held every Sunday in November at 4:00 pm 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 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 this Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at The Presbyterian Apartment's, Marketplace Dining Room, 1271 Gettysburg Pike, Dillsburg.



**SIGN UP TO HELP AT ELECTION DAY FOOD STAND:** Baked items and helpers are needed for the food stand we will have on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the "American Flag" sign up board located on the table in the Narthex and take a flag to help. Return the flag with your items to the Church Office. Thank you!

**FOOD STAND DURING WHITE ELEPHANT:** Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 during the White Elephant Sale, we will also conduct a Food Stand and Bake Sale. Many items are needed for the Food Stand. You can help by taking a slip from the list of needs poster, which will be provided in the Narthex next Sunday. Simply remove a slip and return the item to the Church Office no later than the due date listed on the slip. Thank you!

**BAKED ITEMS ALSO NEEDED AT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!** We will also be selling baked goods at the White Elephant and are asking for your help! All baked goods including, cookies, brownies, pies, and rice krispie treats, etc. can be dropped off to the Church Office beginning November 8 from 8:30 – 12:30 or in the evenings, 6-8. Thank you!



**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY:** The shoeboxes are almost ready to be packed! We will meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to pack them. The Elective Class thanks you for all of the donations for the children around the world who will benefit from your generosity! This year, Samaritan's Purse found it necessary to increase the donation for sending the boxes from \$7.00 to \$9.00/box. This is almost a 30% increase which will stretch our resources considerably. If anyone would like to sponsor an individual box please see Pat Dixon or Annetta Simington. The following list includes items we could still use:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Crayons                            | Coloring books    | Watercolor paint sets |
| Tablets                            | Colored pencils   | Solar calculators     |
| Stuffed animals                    | Hair clips, bands | Brushes/ combs        |
| Jump ropes                         | Small Toys        | Flashlights/batteries |
| Mosaic Coloring Books (Ages 10-12) |                   |                       |

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,235	\$384,066	\$369,805	\$14,261

Mission Central Health Kits Offering - \$415.17

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$52,793.44

Coming on October 29<sup>th</sup>!!!



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

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 is too slippery) or shine!

**RED BIRD MISSION APPALACHIAN CRAFT FAIR** Thanks to all who have taken posters and brochures to help us to advertise the upcoming Craft Fair that will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are covered for housing for the Red Bird Mission Team. We still need help on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017 at 6:00 to unload and set up the craft fair. We will provide a meal for the helpers. Also, we need help on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 after the ending of the craft show to repack and load the van. Please contact Kathy Ries at 691-5932 or [karies5@yahoo.com](mailto:karies5@yahoo.com) if you are able to help with set up or tear down.

# **FALL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE FOOD STAND & BAKE SALE**

**Friday - Nov. 10 - 9 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday - Nov. 11 - 9 AM - 2 PM**

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: We can NOT accept any items this year before Wednesday due to the Election

We will begin taking your items starting in the Lower Level on:

***WEDNESDAY, November 8 from 9:00 AM - Noon  
And 6:00 - 8:00 PM***

***THURSDAY, November 9 from 9:00 AM - Noon***

***DONATIONS:*** Please make sure items donated are in good, clean, usable condition.

Children toys, books, video games  
Books - Paperbacks and Hard cover  
DVD's & CD's - **No VHS tapes**  
Holiday decorations, ornaments, etc.  
Small appliances in good working condition  
Kitchen items: glasses, mugs, dishes, silverware, utensils,  
S&P, serving dishes  
Linen items - Bedding, curtains, towels, tablecloths, etc  
Craft items including artificial flowers and baskets  
Luggage, purses, backpacks  
Furniture  
Jewelry  
Antiques & Collectibles

***NOTE: Please NO clothing, electronics, encyclopedias, broken and dirty items, exercise equipment, VHS tapes and books without covers.***

## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

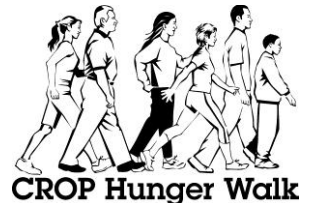
I surrender. It's so hard to give up our will for His - is it not? We want to. Our faith backgrounds tell us that we need to be obedient - onto death. Do you think that Jesus had a hard time doing God's will? We may think that he didn't - He was God. BUT, he was also Man - subject to and living among our frailties and temptations. How did He do it? Persistent and heartfelt Prayer is how. In His Word, you often find Jesus looking for solitude and time away from the crowds that filled his days. You would think that Jesus and God should have had some kind of spectacular inter-universal pulsating communication device to talk to each other - like those vacuum tubes at the bank. But nope, Jesus had the same thing we do. Prayer. The difference between us is that Jesus KNEW how important and how useful prayer can be. Let's put down our cell phones, our iphones, our ipads and talk to God in the age old tradition. On our knees, hands folded, focused and surrendered - in prayer. Join the Prayer Team on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30P, in the Parlor. Praise His Name!

### **Deb Kenes**

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

### ***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***

- \*\*\* 16 Brenda Malnick, 910 Wakefield Ave., 17055
- \*\*\* 17 Stephanie Gibney, 4822 Brian Rd
- A 18 John & Sue McGill, 1027 York Rd., Dillsburg 17019 [1980]
- A 18 Jeff and Teresa Olzacki, 43 Sycamore Dr., 17050
- \*\*\* 19 Kelley Mallon, 318 W. Lisburn Rd.,
- A 19 Ed & Karen Kapp, 561 Dogwood Dr. [1962]
- \*\*\* 19 Samantha Mann, 9330 Carlisle Rd., Wellsville, PA 17365
- \*\*\* 21 Karen Wagner, 201 Belmont Dr., Dillsburg, 17019
- \*\*\* 21 Loring Thomas, 2312 Bumble Bee Hollow Rd



**"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries**  
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp  
(Directors of Children's Ministries)  
E-mail: [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto: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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(10/15/17)- People Build a Tower at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)**

**Please Note:** Today there will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> 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 PICKUP will be this Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**And, a BIG THANK YOU for your support for this fundraiser.**



**STREETS OF TREATS- OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>- 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](mailto: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 in Fellowship hall
2. 10/21- 10am-2pm- Streets of Treats Mechanicsburg
3. 10/22- Cropwalk
4. 10/29- Fall Party-9:30am-10:30am
5. 10/29-Weiner Roast and Shoebox filling for Operation Christmas Child



**October 15, 2017**

**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**

**Shawn Gray - Director**

**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

Last week we had a movie night as a change of pace. We watched Facing the Giants. It is a great football movie where a team decides to praise God in all they do whether it is winning or losing. In doing so they experience God's blessing not just in their successes as a football team but as people of faith. As we look at the Battleball Tournament approaching and fall sports beginning to wind down I think it would be great to adopt that philosophy. In all we do, win or lose, we should praise God.

**Fusion Tonight !!!**

**Battleball is approaching. Come November 5<sup>th</sup> we will be defending our championship in 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 15 - Fusion Youth Group**

**October 22 - Fusion Youth Group**

**October 29 - Fusion Youth Group/Weiner Roast**

**October 29 – Battleball forms due**

**November 5 – Battleball**

**November 12 - Fusion Youth Group**

**November 12 – Christmas Practice**

**November 19 – Fusion Youth Group**

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**November 24-25 – Sleepout for the Homeless**