

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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week we are beginning a series that looks at the things we promised to support the Church of Jesus when we joined it or will promise if you join it. Today the first thing offered is our prayers. Many people pray weekly; some pray daily. I will be inviting all of Shepherdstown Church to join in praying for our congregation to be fruitful in our mission of making disciples of Jesus.

That may seem overly simple but the power of prayer is unequalled. In the great commission Jesus promised to be with us always in this mission and sent us to do it by sharing with us the authority that he had been given. You'll hear more in the sermon but the invitation is to stop daily at 5:17 pm for at least a minute of prayer specifically asking God to connect new, younger and more diverse people with him and Shepherdstown Church. Set your alarm for 5:17 pm and know that we are all joining in this common prayer.

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, Lindsey James-Kline, Barb Weaver

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.

VAN DRIVER NEEDED FOR 2019: Please contact Don Holtzman if you would like to volunteer to drive the church van to pick up Messiah College students for a few Sundays in 2019.
donaldjholtzman@gmail.com

ADVENT ALL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY: We will be having the Sunday school classes (adult, youth, and children) participate in the same study during this upcoming Advent season. We will be using All I Want for Christmas: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace by James W. Moore for this study. We did a study like this for the 2017 Lenten season. The series provides examples of churches and individuals being involved in sharing God's grace through various activities. We will learn about the gifts of Good News (week 1), a New Understanding, a Strong Foundation, a New Style of Living, and gifts we can pass on to Others in the other weeks.



The signup sheets for books will be in the classrooms and in the narthex starting Oct. 28th. We will be ordering the books on Nov. 12th for delivery Nov. 18th / 25th. The series starts Dec. 2nd and runs through Dec. 30th. If you do not attend a current Sunday school class sign up in the narthex and we will have you attend either one of the existing classes or we may have a new class if necessary. There is a devotional included in the book which we will be asking for a \$5.00 donation to cover some of the costs. Youth and Children materials are provided by the church. There will be combined classes to start each session to watch the DVD presentation. The Youth, L.I.F.E., and Helping Hands classes will watch in the Life Center and then go to their respective areas. The Bible Explorers, Elective, and potentially the new class will view together downstairs.



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 6th. Please see the "American Flag" sign up board located on the table in the Lobby and take a flag to help. Return the flag with your items to the Church Office. Thank you!

NOTES OF THANKS: Eight and a half months ago, I fell and fractured my neck. All during these long months, many here at Shepherdstown have continued to keep me in their prayers. I still have a few months of recovery ahead. I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, words of encouragement and caring. I am abundantly blessed to have so many caring friends. Your prayers have carried me through this healing process. Thank you. In Christian love, Ann Sullivan.

Thank you to all for your recent prayers for Bob's surgery. The surgery went well and he is doing fine. We also appreciate Pastor Otto's visit. **Bob and Jenine Lane**

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: CROP Walk, The collection from today's Mission Basket will be sent to the CROP Walk which supports the Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels Program. If you would like to participate in the Walk, it begins today at 1:30 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 117 West Keller Street in Mechanicsburg.

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 21CROP Walk
- October 28Red Bird Mission
- November 4Dog Tags
- November 11Pink Hands of Hope

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- October 21Elective Class
- October 28.....Bible Explorers
- November 4LIFE Class
- November 11Helping Hand Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- October 21Jason and Robin Hall
- October 28Hersh and Annetta Simington
- November 4Volunteer Needed
- November 11Teacher Appreciation breakfast

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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 – 61

Sunday School – 100

Late Worship – 143

Membership – 513

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 (-)
\$7,818	\$413,201	\$378,990	\$34,212

Shoebox Mailing Expenses - Mission Offering- \$422.18
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$46,036

GRIEF SUPPORT EVENT PLANNED: Join us at a FREE community event with local grief experts as they discuss how to find hope even in life's most difficult situations. This event is sponsored by Vickie's Angels. Participants include: Grace United Methodist Church in Lemoyne, Someone To Tell It To, A Grief Trajectory, Caitlin's Smiles, and Radiant Hope. Light refreshments and several resources designed to help you walk in hope will be available. ***Date: November 4, 2018, Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Where: Grace Church - 309 Herman Avenue - Lemoyne, PA 17043***



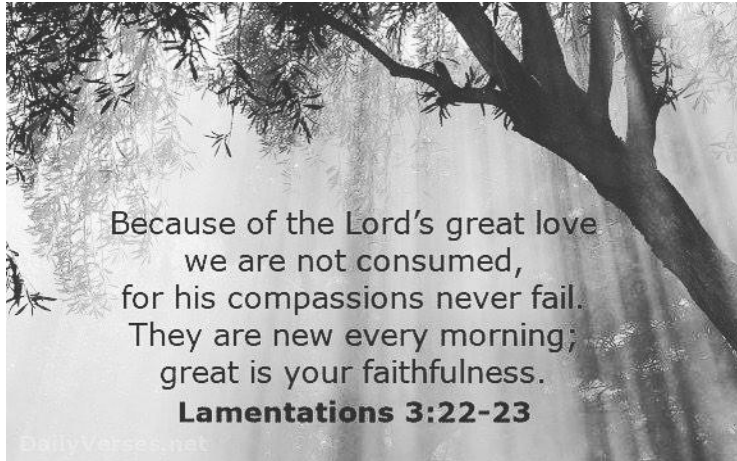
SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

(*child; **youth; ***adult; A=Anniversary; SI=shut-in; CS=College Student; MI=Missionary)
[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]

OCTOBER

***** 21 Karen Wagner,**
***** 21 Loring Thomas,**
A 22 Bernard and Mary Mills
***** 24 Bob Lane,**
A 24 Jack & Carol Beitzel
***** 25 JoAnn Kyper**
***** 25 Doug Deveney,**
**** 25 Turner Gaydosh**
***** 26 Michael Anderson,**
***** 26 Tonya Brown,**
***** 28 Aaron Trimmer,**
***** 28 Lisa Kunzweiler**

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM



We are NOT consumed! This verse spoke to me this morning. In a day and age where we are “consumed” by so many things – news, politics, pain, lack of time, debt, bitterness - it is a blessing to know that we are saved by the grace and mercy of our Creator. Each day, He offers us living water. He offers us a new way to live and love. He offers us sanctuary from the consumerism of the world! Let us embrace this faithfulness with a passion that knows no boundaries. Join with me in praying for a renewed sense of worth, a bold purpose, a sense of urgency in going out and making disciples, for the Truth. Lord God, we do praise your name and thank you for a compassion that knows no end. We pray that we might not be consumed by anything less than You! Amen.

Join the Prayer Team on the third Monday of the month at 12:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**



October 21st, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Tonight we have Fusion as normal from 6-8 but next week we are going to merge Fusion and the Weiner Roast together. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm and play some fall games and cook hotdogs over the fire. It will be great fun. If you would like to help pack the shoeboxes for the shoebox ministry come to the church at 4:30pm

Planning for the Christmas program. We can do something with the elves skit or do something completely different. Continue to think 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 21 - Fusion
October 28 – Fall Festival/Weiner Roast
November 4 - Battleball
November 11 – Christmas Practice/Fusion
November 18 - Christmas Practice/Fusion

“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(10/21/18)- Moses Sends Spies Into the Promised Land. (Numbers 13:1-14:23)



Last week we learned God has blessed us all with different kinds of talents? How did you use your talents this week to honor God?



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 28th-Fall Party Fun- 9:30-10:30am**
- 2. 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!**
- 3. 11/11- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- 9:30am-10:30am**
- 4. 11/25- Truck Stop Ministries Cookie baking, and decorating the Flock Christmas tree-9:30am-10:30am**