

***The Shepherd's Voice***  
***The Weekly Church Newsletter of***  
Shepherdstown United Methodist Church  
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"In many churches today Reformation Sunday is being celebrated. It is believed that it was on All Hallows' Eve, October 31, that Martin Luther nailed his list of protests, The Ninety-Five Thesis on the door of the Wittenberg church. It marks the beginning of the reformation in the church. In the long run it brought reform into the Catholic Church as intended but not without many divisions that formed countless denominations that make up much of the Protestant church. All Lutheran, Presbyterian, Reformed, Calvinist, and Baptist Churches are directly related to this effort at reform. While Methodism, though Protestant, is not quite in that historic stream, it was touched directly through Philip William Otterbein who helped form the United Brethren Church (of which Shepherdstown Church was a part originally). On Reformation Sunday we might give God praise for bringing reform and new beginnings in spite of or perhaps through schism and division."



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***

**Lindsey James-Kline, Barb Weaver, Vivian Weakland**

***CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK***

<b>Monday</b>	Dave and Wendy Callahan
<b>Tuesday</b>	Evan Callahan
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bob and Sue Carr
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeff and Ashley Carr, Luna and Piper
<b>Friday</b>	Melanie Chenoweth, Damien and Larissa
<b>Saturday</b>	Peter and Nancy Calcara and family

**TODAY  
OCTOBER 28!**



**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 or the hot dogs will be grilled! 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.

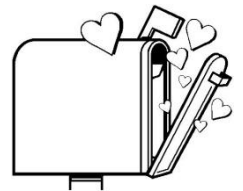
Bring your lawn chairs and favorite candy for s'mores and any outdoor games you would like to share.



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](mailto:pastor.sumc@comcast.net) or [dotto@susumc.org](mailto: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



***COME JOIN THE CHAOS NEXT SUNDAY EVENING!*** Practice for the Shepherdstown Christmas program will begin at 4pm Sunday 11/2. This year's format is a variety show so let us know if you have a talent you would like to share. We also have a choir, short skits for all ages and a need for volunteers to help with crowd control, our mission project for the evening and the fellowship meal. The first practice will involve sorting out what acts we will be having and making care packages for college students. Dinner will be spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread and there will always be peanut butter and jelly. If you are planning to come and have special dietary needs or you would like to be involved but can't make the first practice, please call the office, email [jsdeveney@gmail.com](mailto:jsdeveney@gmail.com) or let Janice or Charlene know. *Save the date for the Christmas program - 4 pm on December 2nd followed by a Fellowship Meal!*

**BREAKFAST AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS...** On Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Discipleship Team will host a breakfast to honor **ALL** the Sunday School teachers and helpers of our church. The **entire congregation is invited** to attend this breakfast and show their support. The breakfast will be available around 9:30am. **(But, coffee will be available at 9:15am)** Then, for the rest of the Sunday School hour (10am-10:30am), we will enjoy our "Teacher Awards" program. We will be honoring our teachers and helpers for their specific traits and attributes. We will also be showcasing some other "local" entertainment. We look forward to seeing you!

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:** Next 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. Plan to attend and be blessed by this meaningful service.

**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.

**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. 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be ordering the books on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for delivery Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>. The series starts Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**THIRD QUARTER 2018 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN LOBBY:** You can save the church postage by stopping for a moment in the Lobby today and picking up your third quarter 2018 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.

**TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Red Bird Mission,** Red Bird Mission is a non-profit organization in southeastern Kentucky. Guided by Jesus Christ, the mission empowers individuals and families by providing spiritual, educational, health and community ministries. This collection honors an annual Covenant Relationship we have with Red Bird through the Susquehanna Conference. See more about Red Bird Mission at [www.rbmission.org](http://www.rbmission.org)

**MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

- October 28 .....Red Bird Mission
- November 4 .....Dog Tags
- November 11 .....Pink Hands of Hope
- November 18 .....Harvest Home – World Hunger

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- October 28.....Bible Explorers
- November 4 .....LIFE Class
- November 11 .....Helping Hand Class
- November 18 .....Elective Class

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

- October 28 .....Hersh and Annetta Simington
- November 4 .....Brian and Angela Rainey
- November 11 .....Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- November 18 .....Jason and Robin Hall

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,112,395.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,619.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm in the church office.

**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 – 71
- Sunday School – 93
- Late Worship – 158
- Membership – 513

## **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!!!!



**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**

<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budgeted</b>	<b>+ or (-)</b>
<b>\$9,333</b>	<b>\$422,535</b>	<b>\$388,233</b>	<b>\$34,301</b>

**CROP Walk - Mission Offering- \$383.15**  
**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**  
**Current Balance - \$46,641.17**

***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***

- \*\*\* 28 Aaron Trimmer,***
- \*\*\* 28 Lisa Kunzweiler***
- \*\*\* 29 Len Kapp***
- \* \* 29 Alyssa Trimmer,***
- \* 29 Evan Vance,***
- \*\* 29 Tanner Wells***
- \*\*\* 30 Sara Franklin***

***NOVEMBER***

- \*\*\* 2 Danielle Sekerak***
- \*\*\* 2 Jen Whitcomb,***
- \*\*\* 3 Richard Reed, II,***
- \*\*\* 4 Elwood Brandt,***



## ***JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM***

**God has a script for our strengths, but He also has a plan for our weaknesses.**

Hmm.....I read this line in a daily message and it stopped me in my tracks. I don't know about you but I want to build up God's kingdom with my gifts not my weaknesses. I don't want to be vulnerable because of them. I don't want to appear lacking or dumb. Yet.....this message refers back to "*Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.*"

**2 Corinthians 12:9.** *Yikes! So, I am reminded that my weaknesses are infused with God's power and His plan for me and that using my weakness will frame His supremacy.*

*How often have you been asked to do something and want to turn it down immediately because it's not in your wheelbase? Probably, again like me, about a million times. We as Christians can be very obtuse and strict and opposed to change. However, our Savior is asking us to let go of our fears, put our feet in the water, and let Him guide us. We are constantly looking for God moments to bolster our faith but perhaps we stand in the way of that happening when we don't open our selves to new challenges.*

*The next time someone asks or God nudges you to do something out of your comfort zone, think about this verse. And say yes.*

*Join the Prayer Team on the third Monday of the month at 12:30P in the Parlor. Let's pray about using our weaknesses to bring as much glory to God as we can. **Deb Kenes***



October 28st, 2018  
"Fusion" Youth Ministries  
Shawn Gray - Director  
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Tonight is the fall festival/weiner roast. This is a family event so bring your parents. 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

### **Fall Festival/Weiner Roast Tonight**

**Battleball Tournament coming up next week. We will be competing at CHUM and it should be an excellent time. This is an event where you are encouraged to bring friends. Let me know by tonight who is coming. 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 28 – Fall Festival/Weiner Roast**  
**November 4 - Battleball**  
**November 11 – Christmas Practice/Fusion**  
**November 18 - Christmas Practice/Fusion**  
**November 25 – No Fusion**  
**November 25 – Christmas Practice**

**"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(10/28/18)- Fall Party Fun-"Jesus Keeps Us From the Heat"**

Last week we learned that sometimes we have to have the courage to stand up in the middle of a crowd and do what is right. Did you do that this week?



**Today is FAMILY SUNDAY! There will be Children's Church for ages 3yrs-5yrs ONLY.** 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. **The ELEMENTARY KIDS will worship with their families today!**



**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. Everyone welcome.**
- 4. 11/25- Truck Stop Ministries Cookie baking, and decorating the Flock Christmas tree-9:30am-10:30am**