

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Good Morning Everyone!

These days are rife with difficulties and problems that seem intractable and insurmountable. Layered onto the issues needing addressed is a less civil discourse that has at its core a selfishness centered on people wanting what they want no matter how it impacts others. People are living by the idea that “what’s mine is mine, and what’s yours I want, too.” All of this breeds a world less Christ-like. With this in mind, I remember something I read:

“Civilization is littered with unsolved problems, baffling impasses. The best minds of the world are at the end of their tether. The most knowledgeable observers of our condition are badly frightened. The most relevant contributions that Christians can make at these points of impasse is the act of prayer – determined, repeated, leisurely meetings with the personal and living God. New life is conceived in these meetings.”

This was written 32 years ago! It seems so relevant today. Eugene Peterson in his book titled “Earth and Altar” tackles the problem of what it is like to be a community of prayer in a self-bounded society. Maybe we would do well to heed these words from a pastor, scholar, writer, and poet.

Praying without ceasing.....

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, Bess Minnich, Doris Hofsass

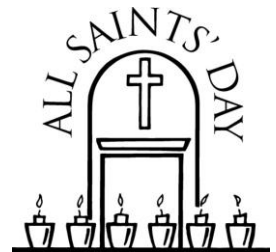


CLERGY APPRECIATION:

Shepherdstown has been blessed with the presence and leadership of Pastor Tim and his wife, Ann. Today, we will be presenting them with a "Basket of Blessings" that contains appreciation cards we have collected for them this month. Don't forget to place your card in the basket today! Thank you.

BE A PART OF OUR SHUT-IN OUTREACH MINISTRY: It's easy to reach out to our Shut-Ins by simply stopping by the Ministry Opportunities Table in the Narthex and signing up to reach out to one or more of them, also by signing the Shut-in Thanksgiving cards while you're there. Over the years, many shut-ins have responded with gratitude over the cards they have received.

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



TODAY October 29th!!!



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 or shine!

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: On November 2nd the SOS will visit the National Christmas Center in Paradise, PA. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to arrive for our tour scheduled for 10:30 AM. This is a handicap accessible, self-guided, walking tour with numerous seating opportunities throughout. There are 15 main galleries of life-sized exhibits celebrating the magic and memories, history and traditions of Christmas. Most folks spend about an hour and 1/2 there. The cost is \$9.75, unless our group should fall below 20, then the cost is \$12.50. Please pay in advance as they want one payment upon arrival. Pay JoAnn Kyper, Louise Henry or Melvalene King. Checks should be made payable to JoAnn. Following the tour, we will travel approximately 5 minutes to Fisher's Amish Restaurant for lunch. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Upper Rear Hallway. Deadline to sign up is today, Oct. 29.



BREAKFAST OFFERED TO HONOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS...

On Sunday, November 12th, the Discipleship Team will host a breakfast to honor **ALL the Sunday School teachers and helpers**(whether you are a new teacher this year, or have been teaching for many years) 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 duration of the Sunday School hour(10am-

10:30am), **"This Way Up"** will amaze us with their music called "Unconventional Percussion". Their "instruments" are colorful lengths of plastic tubes called Boomwhackers and corrugated drainage pipe. Everything is tuned up to specific notes and played like a gigantic pipe organ. So, come and enjoy this **FREE** breakfast and entertainment . We look forward to seeing you!



JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. John 20:21

Darryl and I belong to a small group from our past church who get together to study the Word. We recently talked about the scary task of going out to witness. Almost all of us agreed that not knowing scripture was a big part of our fear. What would we do if someone asked us something we couldn't answer? I had also discussed this in my Christian Businesswomen group. A wise woman shared that you don't have to know a ton of scripture in order to help go out and make a nation. What you need to share is what Christ has or is doing in your life. No one can refute YOUR story. Most of us would rather hide from the reality of wars and tragedies and brokenness in the world but truly our stories are not our own. They are meant to be shared with others so they can see the light God put into each of us. Yes, it makes us vulnerable to others but it also allows us to encounter again the God we are trying to reveal. Don't miss the sweetness of being "sent". Share your light.

Come and pray for boldness at our next Prayer Team meeting on November 16th at 6:30P. Allow us to experience your light. All are invited. **Deb Kenes**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Bick and Linda Crawford
Tuesday	Leon and Sarah Crone and family
Wednesday	Richard and Jean Crow
Thursday	Joe and Cathy Crownover and Hayley
Friday	Matthew Crownover
Saturday	Gordon Culling

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

Today	Red Bird Mission
November 5	Dog Tags
November 12	Pink Hands of Hope
November 19	Harvest Home – World Hunger

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Today	Bible Explorers
November 5	LIFE Class
November 12	Helping Hands
November 19	Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

Today	Peggy Reed
November 5	Jan James/Dale Glacken
November 12	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
November 19	Jason and Robin Hall

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 \$1,036,600.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$51,830.00 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 – 93
Sunday School – 102
Late Worship – 151
Membership – 521

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 next Sunday, November 5th 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.

The ABCs of Christmas

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.

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST PRACTICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 4:00 Meet in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm to discuss play parts. We will have parts for singers, dancers and speakers and always need help behind the scenes. Not interested in performing??? We will be baking cookies and creating care packages for our college students and for dessert for supper. If you think you would like to help in any way, please sign up on the sheets on the Narthex bulletin board, Youth or Children's Center. We will be serving hamburgers for supper at approximately 5:30. Hope to see you there.



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 7th. 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!

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$7,482	\$400,830	\$387,845	\$12,985

CROP Walk Offering- \$375.17

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$33,164.25

Using a combination of funds from the sale of the old Parsonage and \$21,000.00 from the balance of Capital/Special Projects and Related Expenses, \$42,000.00 was recently paid to Parvin Paving for the north parking lot re-surfacing.

CHURCH CONFERENCE IS November 20th: Our annual Church Conference will be held here at Shepherdstown at 7:00. Every member is encouraged to be present as we care for the annual business of receiving reports, approving pastoral compensation, electing our leadership for the coming year, etc.



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.

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 provided in the Narthex. 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!

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

- *** 29 Len Kapp**
- * * 29 Alyssa Trimmer**
- * 29 Evan Vance**
- * 29 Tanner Wells**
- ***30 Sara Franklin**

NOVEMBER

- * 1 Tayvn Livingston**
- *** 1 Shannon London**
- *** 2 Danielle Sekerak**
- *** 2 Jen Whitcomb**
- A 2 Ken and Karri Houseman**
- *** 3 Richard Reed**
- *** 4 Elwood Brandt**
- *** 5 Kevin Kramer**
- *** 5 Joey Butera**
- A 5 Ken and Pam Martz**
- *** 5 Matt James**

CHECK OUT THE CHURCH'S NEW FACEBOOK PAGE! It is under "Shepherdstown United Methodist Church." The more people in the congregation who "follow" and "like" our page, the greater the chance that this new outreach effort will be successful. This upcoming week is especially important because we have a Facebook posting for advertising the White Elephant sale coming up on November 10 and 11. We are hoping many of you will "like" and "share" that posting as soon as possible so that more of your "friends" and other people will see this publicity piece and come to the event. Thanks for your help in our new Outreach effort! We hope this is just the start of using social media to grow the church through sharing information with our local community about the many great ministry opportunities here at Shepherdstown! More information will follow on how we plan to expand our use of social media.

"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(10/29/17)- Fall Party Fun- Shining for Jesus by being a LIGHT for Christ.



Please Note: Today is FAMILY SUNDAY! There will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5yrs old ONLY. 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 Elementary kids will worship with their families today.



"The ABC's of Christmas"- program practice is to begin next Sunday, November 5th at 4pm, and will be the following Sunday's through November. Please plan on being part of the program to help build the excitement and share the message of Christmas.

Join the
could help



Sunday School Teacher/Helper Appreciation Breakfast

church on Sunday, November 12th at 9:30am for breakfast and entertainment by ***This Way Up***. If you donate some of the needed items for the breakfast, that would be greatly appreciated.

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NEWS: Upcoming Events:

Light! Love God, Love Others, Serve All!

1. 10/29- Fall Party-9:30am-10:30am
2. 10/29-Weiner Roast and Shoebox filling for Operation Christmas Child
3. 11/5- Christmas Program Practice begins-4pm
4. 11/12- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast-9:30am



October 29, 2017

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Wiener Roast tonight. Youth will begin at **5pm** and will participate in the Wiener Roast. We will end at **7pm – 7:30pm**. There will be corn hole, ladder ball, can jam tournaments. There will be hot dogs and smores. Come on out and enjoy this awesome event.

There is a service opportunity tonight to pack the shoe boxes for the Shoe Box Ministry. Come to the Fellowship Hall at **4pm** and take part in this awesome service project. We have around 75 boxes to pack.

Fusion Tonight/Weiner Roast !!!

Battleball is approaching. Come November 5th will be defending our championship for 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 by TONIGHT.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

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

November 19 - Christmas Practice