

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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is World Communion Sunday. The day was first conceived and championed by the pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh in 1933. It was adopted by his denomination in 1936 followed shortly after by the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church. The purpose was to promote Christian unity and cooperation between various denominations. In 1940 it was adopted by the Federal (now National) Council of Churches. According summaries available about it, the day is celebrated by several US based denominations with much the same purposes as its origin.



The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

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, Mary Jane Boyer, Dottie Hopple

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Wayne Branyan
Tuesday	Dirk and Tonya Brown
Wednesday	Hannah Brown
Thursday	Doug and Mandy Brown and family
Friday	Josh Brown
Saturday	Ken and Sherry Bruck

THE JUNIOR CHOIR is for children in grades K-5 and practices every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room #11 (in the rear upstairs hallway). Rehearsals resume October 7th. Contact their director, Periann Smith, through the church office if you have any questions (717-766-3076) or admin.sumc@comcast.net.

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.**

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 of in the church office no later than October 14th.

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.



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 7World Communion Sunday
- October 14Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses
- October 21CROP Walk
- October 28Red Bird Mission

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- October 7LIFE Class
- October 14Helping Hands
- October 21Elective Class
- October 28..... Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- October 7Alexis McAllister and Staria Reisinger
- October 14Volunteer Needed
- October 21Jason and Robin Hall
- October 28Hersh and Annetta Simington

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,108,715.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,435.75. 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 – 59
- Sunday School – 91
- Late Worship – 146
- 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 (-)
\$7,077	\$393,387	\$360,503	\$32,885

UM Home for Children - Mission Offering- \$342.83

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$44,893.50

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSH BROWN, JEFFERSON AWARD RECIPIENT: Congratulations to Josh Brown, a member of Shepherdstown UMC who recently was the recipient of the CBS21 News, Jefferson Award, for outstanding community service, recognizing the countless hours of volunteer service he has provided at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp in Loysville, PA. Josh's time, skills and hard work has made a difference for hundreds of scouts and their families every year, by keeping the camp in tip top shape. Josh donates his time and energy to provide everything from fine tuning the computers to maintaining the buildings and grounds. Josh will never forget what scouting has done for him. "I believe that being an Eagle Scout truly defines your character," he says. See a video about Josh and his service at Hidden Valley at www.local21news.com under the "Community" tab and "Jefferson Award" tab.

STREETS OF TREATS TIME AGAIN... 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

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26

My granddaughter started kindergarten in August. With all the changes in Mechanicsburg schools, she was going to have to ride the bus to school. It made me nervous. I, being old, wanted to use the vintage phrase "well when I was young, I walked a mile(s) to school". I thought of all the stories of kids being bullied, harmed or forgotten on school buses. I just wanted her to be safe. She had been given a tag with her name and her bus number prior to the first day. Violet told me the tag was so her teacher didn't forget who she was. Darryl and I, along with her parents, walked her to the bus stop that first day. There was confusion over where the bus was to pick Violet up and it ended up that she was dropped off at the wrong stop also. By the second day, all things were worked out. Does this strike any chords? Who are we and what is the plan? We don't need to wear a tag with our name on so the teacher doesn't forget us. Or do we? Do our actions tell the world who we are? Can people tell we have been with Jesus recently? Are we riding the Jesus bus or cruising down the wrong path in our slick automobiles? Let's ride the bus!

Father God, we stand in awe of you! Forgive us when we don't consult our heavenly map. Guide us when we lose our way. Help us to turn our faces to you for direction. Amen. Join the Prayer Team as we pray to be more obedient, more responsive, more identifiable! We meet the third Monday of the month in the Parlor at 12:30P. **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.]

***** 9 Sara Trimmer**

A 9 Don and Harriet Franklin,

***** 9 Galen Mann**

A 11 Dennis & Brenda Tewell

*****11 Joan Junkins.**

**** 11 Caitlyn Lauver.**

A 12 Jeff and Michele Kreitman

CS 13 Rachel Deveney

***** 13 Ruth Schell**

A 14 Bick and Linda Crawford

A 14 Dick & Louise Henry

*****14 Dixie Trinen**

**** 14 Nicholas Tewell**

***** 14 Teresa Olzacki**

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 7th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

The picnic last week was tons of fun. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars next year. There was great music from Andy Barry and awesome food. We also had a bounce house! All around great time.

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.

NO Fusion tonight
(Enjoy the long Weekend)

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 7 – No Fusion (Columbus Day)
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)
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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(10/7/18)- Israelites Worship a Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-25)

How do you show respect to others this week with your words and actions?



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 7th - Soup and Sub orders Due.
2. October 18th - Soup and Sub pickup from 3:30pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall
3. October 20th - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm
4. October 28th-Fall party Fun- 9:30-10:30am
5. 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!
6. 11/11- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- 9:30am-10:30am