

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

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Morning Everyone!

What did God put you on this earth to do? What is your purpose in life? As I ponder the possibilities – ultimately two answers come to mind. One answer is “for Me” and the other answer is “for Others”.

There are many people who, when it gets right down to it, answer “for Me”. Certainly they would not say it or even want to think it. But their lives show what they truly think and believe – that they are on this earth only for themselves. They live as though everything ought to fit their way of thinking and doing; that all they have is theirs and theirs alone; that everyone else can do what they want, but “don't mess with me and my stuff!” I know some people like that. I suspect you do too.

The other way to answer the question is “for Others”. No doubt we need to care for ourselves. But, once our basic needs have been addressed, then what? When God has provided more than what I need, then what is to be done? The Bible clearly tells us that God provides for us far more abundantly than what we need, and that that abundance is to be used to care for others. So friends, we have been blessed – to be a blessing! What a great plan God has to care for those who struggle! And guess what – you and I are to be major partners in, and contributors to, that plan!



Blessed
to Be a
Blessing

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

Doris Hofsass, Ted Trimmer

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST TODAY: So many times dedicated individuals of the church, like Sunday School teachers/helpers, do not get recognized for the time and effort they put in to help spread the **LOVE** and **WORD** of God through lessons. **So today we say "THANK YOU"!** Thank you for using the talent with which God has blessed you in turn to bless others. We hope everyone enjoyed the breakfast in their honor, and we say **THANKS** to all who helped provide items for the breakfast as well. Likewise, a special **THANK YOU** goes out to our entertainment, ***This Way Up***. We appreciate them taking the time to share their special talent during our breakfast today. It just goes to show how God can use the most unusual things to bring glory to His name.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Is being celebrated today during the 10:45 service. We welcome Michael Scott Hall into God's great family! This is always a special time at Shepherdstown as we surround this child with our community arms of faith!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The month of October was such a blessing to me (and Ann, too!)! Many of you shared words of thanks and words of encouragement over the course of "Pastor Appreciation Month." Some of those words came at such unexpected times (6:30 AM) and unexpected places (by the ice cream in the grocery store)! We received many, many, many cards! I measured the cards (with a ruler) and it was nine and three quarters inches (just the cards – no envelopes)! Your expressions of kind words, thankful hearts, encouragement for ministry, and gift cards were so appreciated. Ann and I are so blessed – and guess what – YOU are why!!! Thank you so much for being part of our lives!!!

The
ABCs
of Christmas

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE TONIGHT! Remember to save the date of the program - December 3rd at 4pm with a Fellowship Dinner to follow!

Practice Tonight, Sunday, November 12th at 4pm. Meet in the Sanctuary where we will review the program and then split up to practice sections of the play. We will be working on props and making favors for Meals on Wheels when not practicing. Tacos/peanut butter & jelly for supper around

5:30. Hope to see you there!

ELECTION DAY FOOD STAND UPDATE: Many thanks to all who provided kitchen help, food items and baked goods for the Election Day Food Stand. Your generosity and 30% voter turnout enabled the Food Stand to make a profit of \$297.00.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Stuffing mix, jars of gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruit or soup.** 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.**

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Nick Douty
Tuesday	Luther and Phyllis Dromgold
Wednesday	Rita Eaves
Thursday	Kathy Eberly
Friday	Dick Eckman
Saturday	Keith and Julie Eisenhower and family

NOTE OF THANKS: Dear church family; Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, visits and flowers we received during my recent recovery after falling. Thanks to Pastor Tim for all of his visits and prayers. Bob and I are adjusting to our new home at Homeland Center in Harrisburg. We thank you for your cards and prayers.

Bob and Jenine Lane

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

Do you forget the many blessings that fill your life? Have you become so used to them that they become ordinary? Remember the Israelites in the wilderness? They had been delivered out of slavery only to turn around and complain about the how long they were wandering, the leadership, the food. They forgot all the wondrous things God had done for them. Pretty audacious, right? However, I think we do the same thing - especially here in the US. Are you working, have enough food, do you have a house that protects you from the elements, family and friends who love and support you, good and timely medical care, celebrations to attend, cars? We are a blessed country. Yet, we complain. Do you think that our counterparts in poorer parts of the world would gripe about any of the aforementioned items? They would feel like they were in Heaven to have one quarter of what we have. We don't have to feel bad about our blessing but we should be acknowledging our gratitude to the Creator of it all. Before the cross, blood sacrifices were required to remind people to be grateful. That ended with Christ's death on the cross. Our sacrifice now is offering God our praises, sharing our bounty and our wills for His will.

Father God, help me to offer myself to you and others all the time, every day, so that I don't lose the wonder of being your daughter. Join the Prayer Team as we pray our thanks. The third Thursday of each month, 6:30P in the Parlor. All are invited. **Deb Kenes**

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET - PINK HANDS OF HOPE is a local thrift store that sells donated clothing, furniture, and accessories. Run almost completely by volunteers, proceeds from the sales help to fulfill their mission which is to help women who are "in the fight" with breast cancer, and their families. This includes providing wigs, prosthetics, bras, chemo caps, shawls, clothing, and other items they might need. Pink Hands of Hope is located at 5325 East Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 11 am – 6 pm; Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

TodayPink Hands of Hope
November 19Harvest Home – World Hunger
November 26United Methodist Student Day
December 3Ecumenical Food Pantry

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

TodayHelping Hands
November 19Elective Class
November 26Bible Explorers
December 3LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayTeacher Appreciation Breakfast
November 19Jason and Robin Hall
November 26Lori Weicht
December 3Ann Baer

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 \$1,039,095.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$51,954.75 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 – 80
Sunday School – 96
Late Worship – 177
Membership – 519

SOS CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Thursday, December 7th, at 12:00 the Seniors of Shepherdstown will hold their annual Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall. The Grumpy Old Men Barbershop Quartet will present the program. Menu and cost for dinner will follow on a future announcement.



A BLESSING TO SHARE: It’s always an amazement to watch the Amish faith come together to do a barn raising. In just one day, a community of people focus on one project and a new building happens at the end. Each of those folks are experienced in something – hammering nails, calculating spatial divisions, waterproofing, cooking a meal to nourish the workers, hauling water for thirsty throats. It is a testimony to how laboring as one makes things happen. As a church family, we too can gather our gifts/blessings and make a difference. Consecration Sunday is

November 19th. Before worship that day, we will be passing out paper hearts via the greeters with ribbons attached as hangers. We would like you to write down a blessing that God has bestowed on you. As you bring your Estimate of Giving card or Harvest Home goods forward, we would ask you to also hang your “Blessing to Share” on the tree that will be up front. Looking forward to a tree just blooming with blessings!

COOKIE BAKERS WANTED! Do you love to bake? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Sign up to donate cookies for our Youth Mission Cookie Walk which will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9 am -12 pm. A Cookie Walk is where we collect donated cookies and give the congregation and the community an opportunity to purchase Christmas cookies. The cookies will be sold by the pound.

We are in need of **cookie donations**. The suggested donation guidelines are as follows:

We ask that you sign up to donate between **4 and 5 dozen** of the same kind of cookie (you are welcome to donate more than one kind)

Be creative! You can donate traditional Christmas Cookies (Snickerdoodles, Sand tarts, Sugar Cutouts, Gingerbread men, etc.)

Or you can donate cookie bars, fudge or candy. The possibilities are endless. Variety is good! We recommend the cookies be made on the smaller side. Those purchasing cookies will do so by the pound, so if you have a heavier cookie, the smaller size is better.



Sign up at the cookie display in the Narthex.

When you bring your cookies to the church, you will fill out an index card with specific information about the kind of cookie.

Cookie Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Friday, December 1st (9 am-12:30 pm or 5 pm -7pm).



All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trips.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,208	\$420,677	\$405,884	\$14,793

Dog TAGS Mission Offering- \$448.41
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$34,523.04

CONSECRATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for next Sunday's Consecration Luncheon are due today! If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out a reservation card (found at center table in the Narthex). The menu will be ham, breaded chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, salad and cookies. Please fill out your card and place it in a Response Box. The luncheon will be held immediately following the 10:45 service next Sunday November 19th in the Fellowship Hall.



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY is November 19th. The Worship Team asks that you bring fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, as well as canned goods to church to decorate the front of the Sanctuary. You may place your donations in the Narthex as you arrive. Canned food items needed are cranberry sauce, green beans or corn, sweet potatoes or instant potatoes. Following worship, these items will be donated to New Hope Ministries to help other people have a Happy Thanksgiving.



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.



SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

- *** 12 Bob Steps,
- * 13 Gabriela Shute,
- A 13 Larry and Debbie Peck
- A 13 Bruce and Connie Smith,
- ***13 Rosemary Courtney,
- A 14 Bill and Jean Adair Hughes,
- ** 15 Thomas Murray
- ** 15 Lauryn Trimmer
- A 15 R.J. and Kerry Finley
- *** 15 Jane Mann
- A 16 Leon and Sarah Crone,
- *** 16 Carol Hackenberg,
- *** 16 Jean Adair Hughes
- *** 16 Bill Gaydosh,
- *** 17 Lindsey James-Kline,
- A 17 Rich and Pat Dixon,
- *** 19 Janet Shoop,
- * 19 Emily Hall,

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS COLLECTION: Share Christ's love for those in need. The Mission Committee is collecting \$20 Gift cards to Walmart or Target. ALL DONATED GIFT CARDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE RECEIPT. This enables replacement of the card if it fails to work when used. All donated gift cards will be divided between New Hope Ministries and The United Methodist Home for Children. Please place your purchased gift cards in the Sunday Mission Basket during the mission collections or drop your cards off at the church office by **Sunday, November 26, 2017.**



"THE FLOCK" 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(11/12/17)-Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Please Note: Today there will be Children's Church for AGES 3yrs-5th 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.



"The ABC's of Christmas"- program practice resumes **TODAY, Sunday, November 12th 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. If you did not make it last week, no problem, you're more than welcome to come be part of the show.



Sunday School Teacher/Helper Appreciation Breakfast

Make sure to take a moment to say ***Thank You*** to a Sunday School teacher who has made a difference in your life. We all need to share the love of Christ with others, but we truly appreciate those who volunteer to bring God's word to life and help us down that path.

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

Being a Light! Love God, Love Others, Serve All!

- 1. 11/12- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast-9:30am**
- 3. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26- Christmas Program Practice- 4pm**
- 4.11/26- 9:30am- Baking Cookies for Truck Stop Ministries**



November 12th, 2017

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

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The Cookie Walk fundraiser is coming again. The date that this will take place is December 2nd. I will need help from the youth December 1st in the evening to get ready for the event. It has been a great event that has raised money for our mission program and was a crucial help this past summer as we went to West Virginia.

Fusion Tonight!!!

The Christmas program is coming again this year and we have practices starting this week. The Elves did such a great job last year that they were asked to return again this year. There will be silly string and pudding this time around. All are needed to help make this happen so please plan on attending the practices that begin at 4pm and end at 5:30pm. We will still have Fusion after.

The youth were asked to be a part of the Advent Worship services this year by lighting the candles and reading a provided excerpt. The sign up sheet is hanging on the white board in the Sunday School room. An individual or a group can participate in this and they can do more than one.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

November 12 - Fusion Youth Group

November 12 – Christmas Practice

November 19 – Fusion Youth Group

November 19 - Christmas Practice

November 26 – Fusion Youth Group

November 26 – Christmas Practice

December 2 – Cookie Walk

December 3 – Christmas Program (No Fusion)