

*The Shepherd's Voice*  
*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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Good Morning Everyone!

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. For Jesus' followers, this is a season of preparing our hearts, minds, and souls for the coming great celebration of Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for Baptism by converts to the faith. Over the years it was generalized to a time for penance by all Christians. Lent is a time of reflecting on our relationship with Jesus.

During Lent, many "give up something" in order to remind themselves of what God "gave up" for our salvation. Perhaps you are one of the many. But this year, I encourage you to "take on something" as a spiritual discipline. Maybe there is something that you can commit to doing for someone else as a way of being Jesus' servant. As you do "it", reflect on deepening your relationship with Jesus.

Changing the world through service .....

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***

Mercy Gray, Helen Love, Barb Allen, Samantha Hall, Zack Schade, Paul Melhorn, Jenine Lane, Ann Sullivan, Sandra Weber

***TODAY WE CELEBRATE*** the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that the bread tray contains regular bread with gluten free bread located in the middle of the bread plate. The communion cups contain grape juice.

***NEVER ALONE SUPORT GROUP:*** On Tuesday 2/20, the NASG will meet at Silver Springs Diner at 11:30 for lunch. The NASG is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for fellowship. New members are always welcome. Call the church office for more information.

***TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Youth/Children Offering.*** Collected funds will be given to Susquehanna Conference to use for assisting various local church programs that help with youth and children's ministries.

***SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:*** The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry has opened the registration for summer camps and retreats for 2018. The 2018 Camp Brochure and the link for online registration can be located on their webpage. <http://www.susumcamps.org/>. You can also pick up a copy of the Camp and Retreats information booklet at the Distribution Center in the Narthex.

**MECHANICSBURG AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN LUNCHESES:** This year MACC (Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches) is sponsoring Wednesday Lenten Lunches. All lunches beginning at 12 noon will include a light meal and devotions led by the pastor of that day's host church. Each week, if you plan to attend, please use the phone numbers provided below to call in your reservation by the Monday prior. Thank you. Locations for the lunches are as follows:

- February 21.....St. Luke's Episcopal Church 717-766-5182
- February 28.....Grace UMC 717-766-3282
- March 7.....Shepherdstown UMC 717-766-3076
- March 15.....Mechanicsburg Brethren 717-766-8880
- March 21.....Shiremanstown UMC 717-737-6621

**FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Canned vegetables, fruit or meat, peanut butter, cooking oil, salt and pepper, powdered milk, catsup, pancake mix and syrup, dishwashing liquid and clothes washing detergent.** 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 Bob and Jenine Lane
- Tuesday Bob and Kris Langer and Caitlyn
- Wednesday Josh and Carrie Larock and Anthony
- Thursday Doug and Michelle Lauver and family
- Friday Barb Lawver
- Saturday Donna Leinaweaver

**FEBRUARY**

- \*\*\* 18 John Snyder,
- \*\*\* 19 Andrea Beitzel/Blakesley,
- \*\*\* 19 Sandy Yost,
- \* 19 Jenna Nicole Thurstin,
- \*\*\* 20 Shawn Gray,
- \*\*\* 21 Pat Dixon,
- \*\*\* 21 Sally Hoffman
- \*\*\* 21 Kristina Warner-Whaley,
- \*\*\* 24 Stu Blakesley,
- \*\*\* 24 Scott Lippert,
- \*\*\* 24 Carol Mann

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

*Does it seem a small thing to you that the God of Israel has chosen you ... to minister to them?*  
Numbers 16:9

See the word “**YOU**” in this verse? Each one of you, every single one, has been given something by the King to share with Shepherdstown United Methodist Church and beyond. Each child, each youth, each elder, each “between” has been gifted and purposed. We talked about the fact several weeks ago that we have 15-30 seconds to obey the Holy Spirit when prompted before our natural inclinations chime in. How often in the recent past have you been asked to help in some way? We frequently need Gathering Ground hosts. We always are looking for people who want to share the word as Liturgists. The Children’s Department could use helpers and aids. The Youth have retreats where chaperones are needed. The Nomination Team makes numerous calls during September/October and we are still without several chair persons for committees. It’s always great to hear a choir that has many members. Greeters are needed to hand out bulletins. The egg makers could use more hands. I think you can see that there are multiple places for all of us to serve. God has chosen YOU to minister and serve others. Spend time in prayer this week asking God where He wants you and then enlist! **As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. James 2:26**

Deb Kenes

## **Dinner and Devotions for Lent 2018**

### **Theme – WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD!**

**Beginning February 21**, everyone is invited for Dinner and Devotions in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings! We are journeying through the season of Lent focusing on ways we encounter the great God who created us and loves us! When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? And if we encounter God, do we change by that experience? This Lenten study series (created by United Methodist Pastor Tom Berlin) invites us to focus on basic characteristics of God (majesty, fidelity, authority, righteousness, graciousness), and then challenges us to faithfully, in our living, respond to those characteristics. We begin at 5:45 with a light dinner, then share in a devotional and are on our way by 7:00. Sign up inserts are provided in the newsletter.



***PLAN TO BE PRESENT THROUGH LENT:*** Lent is a time of preparing for the celebration of Easter. In life, great celebrations do not just happen. Foundations have to be laid and preparations must be made. The same is true as we spiritually approach Easter. How will you prepare your heart now, to celebrate in a few weeks the great Resurrection? Plan to take part during weeks of Lent as we worship on Sunday mornings and spiritually grow during Dinner and Devotions on Wednesday evenings. Gather yourself and your family. Invite a friend. Make the commitment to be faithful and not miss a single opportunity. Your spiritual life will deepen – absolutely!

### **MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

Today .....Youth/Children Offering  
February 25 .....Mission Central  
March 4 .....United Methodist Committee on Relief  
March 11.....Bishop’s Partners in Mission

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

Today .....Bible Explorers  
February 25 .....LIFE Class  
March 4 .....Helping Hands  
March 11 .....Elective Class

### **BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

Today .....Keith and Charlene Kapp  
February 25 ..... Jan James and Dale Glacken  
March 4 .....Volunteer Needed  
March 11 .....Volunteer Needed

**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 \$1,057,750.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$52,887.50 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 – 58  
Sunday School – 89  
Late Worship – 152  
Membership – 516

**CHI RHO SINGERS CONCERT:** Hope United Methodist Church will be hosting a Chi Rho Singers Concert on **Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m.,** (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050). Hope UMC is celebrating their 200th anniversary of the Salem Chapel and hosting Chi Rho is one of many events they are having throughout the year to celebrate. Though the concert will take place in the Sanctuary, the Salem Chapel will be open for folks to see.

### **Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry Through Shepherdstown Church: Beginning January 2018**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$10,116	\$65,829	\$55,462	\$10,367

Family Promise - Mission Offering- \$368.28

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$44,377.02

***HOW DO I GET EASTER EGGS?*** Green egg order forms are available in the Narthex or from the church office. ***It is helpful that you use an order form each time you order eggs.*** Ordering ahead ensures that you get exactly what you want because the different varieties go fast! You can pick up your eggs three different ways:

1. Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00 in Fellowship Hall (Please use back Fellowship Hall entrance)
2. Friday mornings from 9:00-noon in the Narthex

Sunday mornings outside the kitchen immediately following the first or second service.

***ELECTRONIC GIVING:*** We encourage you to give your tithes and offerings in support of God's work through automated giving. Your church, Shepherdstown UMC, relies on your consistent financial support for the many ministries for children, youth and adults. Electronic giving offers an easy and convenient way to give on a recurring or one time basis. Simply visit [shepherdstownumc.org](http://shepherdstownumc.org) and click the red "Online Giving" link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

**“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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(2/18/18) –Jesus Calms a Storm**  
**(Mark 4:35-41)**



Today there will be Children’s Church for AGES 3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VBS DECORATING BEGINS 2/25**

It is already time to start projects for VBS. We always can use all the help we can get. You DO NOT have to be a “Master” craftsman. Most projects include cutting, taping, and painting. We always have a lot of laughs as well. Please plan on joining us.



**VBS 2018: June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8:30pm**

If interested in volunteering, please see Janice or Charlene. There are lots of opportunities to serve!

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

- 1.2/25- CAMP SUNDAY Presentation by the Brown Family-9:30-10:30am
2. 2/25- VBS Decorating Meeting-2pm-please come lend a helping hand.
- 3.3/11 & 3/25-VBS Decorating- 2pm
4. 3/31- Egg Hunt-1pm



February 18th, 2018  
"Fusion" Youth Ministries  
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I have begun planning for this year's Mission Trip. We are going back to Gary, West Virginia as there is still much good work to do there and many kiddo's that would love to see us again. The church that we connected with last year will be there again. If you have not gone this is a great experience with construction, VBS, and visits to a retirement home. Gary is one of the poorest areas in the US. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and I also need some adults to man the different sites. If you have any question see Shawn Gray.

**Fusion Tonight!!!**

**Battleball is next Sunday. It will be at Messiah College the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. All are invited and the cost will be \$10 dollars. We have been doing awesome these past couple tournaments so mark your calendars and take off for this awesome time of dodge ball and worship. Forms are due this Sunday.**

Upcoming Dates/Events:

**February 18 -Fusion Youth Group**  
**February 25 - Battleball**  
**March 3 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**March 10 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**March 17 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**March 24 – Fusion Youth Group**