

The Shepherd's Voice
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Good Morning Everyone!

A parishioner sent this to me. Interesting how things are put in perspective when comparisons are made!

Funny how:

- Long a couple hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.
- We can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to say to a friend.
- We get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than regular time.
- A \$100.00 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall.
- Hard it is to read a chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.
- People want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
- We need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.
- Hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for people to understand and repeat gossip.
- Everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, think, or do anything.

That will get a person thinking.....

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, Neveah Stout, Janet Michael, Paul Melhorn, Ann Sullivan, Sandra Weber, Bob Lane, Carl Courtney

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Milton and Sandra Loyer
Tuesday	Clair and Gloria Lutz
Wednesday	Don and Brenda Lysle
Thursday	Brandon and Jill Madara and family
Friday	Jim and Bonnie Madara
Saturday	Todd and Lori Mainhart and family

EASTER EGG HUNT TIME AGAIN... Shepherdstown will host it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st, starting at 1pm. Kids from age 1 to 5th grade are invited to attend. There will be crafts and ice cream offered after the egg hunt. ***We are in need of candy donations for the event.*** Any bite-size wrapped candy that the congregation can help supply us with will be greatly appreciated. Look for the basket in the Narthex to place your donations in the next few weeks. Thanks again for your support!





On July 1, 2018 we will be welcoming the Rev. Dr. Dennis Otto and his wife Mona as our new Pastor family. Please keep Shepherdstown UMC, the Baer's (as they retire) and the Otto's (as they come) in your prayers as we all move through this transition together.

CALLING ALL ELEMENTARY CAMPERS: Kids going into grades 4-7 next school year are old enough to go to church camp for a week of fun and friendship. Some fellow Shepherdstown UMC campers are already signed up for Wesley Forest's "Camp Splash" during the week of July 8 - 13, 2018 (camp is listed as code WF12 in the camping brochure). We would love to have you join us for the week. Remember the church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee for campers and if you register before 5/1/18 you can get an early bird discount! Camp booklets are available in the Children's Center or in the Narthex. Feel free to send any questions to the church office.



FUNDRAISING AUCTION PLANNED MARCH 11

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! The church Fellowship Hall will be the site of an auction this coming Saturday, March 10th. SUMC again will be selling food and staffing the kitchen from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Profits will be used for the greatest needs of the church.



Donations of needed food items and a sign-up sheet for help is on the board in the Narthex. Take a gavel off the board and bring the item listed to the church before March 10. Hours for working in 2 hour shifts starting at 7:00 am will also be on the board. Thank you for your help!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH HERE AT SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC? This Spring, Pastor Baer will be receiving new members during worship. In preparation, two membership classes will be held on April 8 and 15. Then on April 22, new members will join the church during either Worship service. Please contact the church office at 766-3076 or admin.sumc@comcast.net if you have questions or to find out more about becoming a member.

PRAYER GARDEN PAVER ORDER FORM: Prayer Garden Paver order forms are available at the Distribution Center in the Narthex. The order form is fairly straightforward, but if you have questions please contact Deb in the Church Office or Dick Beaty, a co-chair of the Trustee Board. Please return your form and payment to a Response Box, the Offering Plate, or the Church Office, by March 15, 2018.

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 Narthex. We are setting as our goal for this year 200 boxes. Items for the month of March include:

Hair accessories – bows, headbands, clips

Jewelry – friendship bracelets, necklaces, watches

Other -Sunglasses, glow sticks, socks

Just as a reminder the age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 for both sexes. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Stay and eat following worship on March 18th and celebrate your birthday month with your Shepherdstown family. Birthday tables will be set up and decorated with monthly themes. There will be door prizes, counting games and guessing games. The menu includes cheese/pepperoni pizza, salad & veggies, applesauce and or course – **BIRTHDAY CAKE!!!!** Pre-registration is needed to ensure proper seating and food ordering so please fill out a registration form found in the Narthex. Check out the pictures from the last Birthday Dinner in 2001. Please specify any dietary needs on your form and we will contact you so we can provide alternatives. Hope to see you there!

Celebrate Shepherdstown
Birthdays
March 18th following 10:45 Worship
In the Fellowship Hall!

LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES/ASSISTANCE! *Central Pennsylvania Operation Warm Hearts* provides knitted items for local shelters with donations being made every October including hats, blankets and sleeping mats. The sleeping mats are crocheted from “yarn” made from plastic shopping bags. A container to collect the plastic shopping bags is in the Narthex. At a later date, we will be cutting clean bags to create the balls of “yarn”. Watch the newsletter calendar for that date. For more information, check the organization out on Facebook at Operationwarmhearts or their website at operationwarmhearts.org.



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:

March 7.....Shepherdstown UMC 717-766-3076

March 15.....Mechanicsburg Brethren 717-766-8880

March 21.....Shiremanstown UMC 717-737-6621

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 show support to our college students with a card or care package. Check out this month's sign-up sheets for both groups on the table in the Narthex. Lists with their birthdates and addresses are also available on the clipboard there.

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.**

NOTES OF THANKS: I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and visits. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for all of his support. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Team for my shawl. It is nice and cozy! **Carl Courtney**

Thank you so much for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. I will hold this very dear to my heart as I continue through my journey. The many acts of love and kindness and prayers have given me so much strength and courage to deal with my cancer in a very positive, upbeat manner. Thank you again, **Vicky Zelazny**

On behalf of the Ecumenical Food Pantry, and those who benefit by your generosity, we would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$447.94 received in January of 2018. Sincerely, **Jacqueline M. Young**

Thank you for your recent contribution to Bethesda Mission. Your partnership in God's amazing words at Bethesda is such an encouragement! **Steve Dunwoody**, Executive Director.

The Susquehanna Conference, Preacher's Aid Society is very appreciative of your recent contribution in the amount of \$377.17. With your help, we can continue to support pastors to lower their indebtedness incurred by their theological education. **Myron James**, President, Board of Managers. (Please see certificate of appreciation on Missions Bulletin Board in upper rear hallway to view a list of congregations who have benefitted from grants for this purpose.)

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland County, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$377.79. We are very appreciative of your support of our agency's efforts to help those living in abusive homes. Sincerely Yours, **Barbara Kohutiak**, Executive Director

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

MARCH

- A 4 Shannon and Gina London,**
- *** 4 Helen Bartlett,**
- *** 5 Carol Beitzel,**
- *** 5 Kevin Nutt**
- *** 7 Matthew Crownover,**
- *** 7 Joe Butera,**
- *** 7 Mary Trimmer**
- *** 8 Mary Boyer,**
- *** 8 Wesley Reohr,**
- *** 8 Julie Baldwin**
- ** 9 Nathaniel Reed,**
- * 9 Ryan Wagner**
- *** 9 Mattison Waltz,**
- *** 10 Dennis Tewell,**
- *** 11 Kevin Morrison,**

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Trust, who do you trust? I want to be naïve enough to believe that I can trust more people than not. I want to think that the majority of folks are not out to cheat me or manipulate me or use me. I want to have confidence in my government - local and national. I want to count on my newscaster to give me the truth and only the truth - with no personal statement. I long to have the kind of trust that allowed all the doors in my childhood neighborhood to be open and rarely locked. Where has it gone and how can I find it again? Times have changed. God has not. We may not be able to go back to that time when it was more rare to distrust. What we can do is stand on the truths of Christ. He has never lied to us, never left us, never cheated us. He is our ROCK, the foundation on which we CAN trust. As Carrie Underwood sings in her song, we can let "Jesus take the wheel". He'll never steer us wrong.

Join the Prayer Team as we approach Christ in adoration and praise for his awesome love and mercy. The third Thursdays of each month. In the Parlor at 6:30P. **Deb Kenes**

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- TodayUnited Methodist Committee on Relief
- March 11.....Bishop's Partners in Mission
- March 18.....North Star Initiative
- March 25.....HUUMM (Harrisburg Uptown UM Ministries)

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- TodayHelping Hands
- March 11Elective Class
- March 18Bible Explorers
- March 25LIFE Class

Dinner and Devotions for Lent 2018

Theme – WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD!

During Lent, 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!

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayAlexis McAllister
March 11Ann Baer
March 18Hersh and Annetta Simington
March 25Lori Weicht

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,060,400.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,020.00 Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon 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 – 70
Sunday School – 97
Late Worship – 190
Membership – 514

DECORATING MEALS ON WHEELS BAGS. Feeling creative – like to color? The Children’s Dept. has been decorating one side of the brown paper bags used to distribute meals for various holidays. Help brighten someone’s day by decorating some bags. There are 130 brown paper bags in the Children’s Center that need decorated for St. Patrick’s Day so see Janice Deveney if you are willing to decorate some of them. Bags must be returned by March 11.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,799	\$82,432	\$73,949	\$8,483
Mission Central - Mission Offering- \$474.88			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$45,774.30			

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 and click the red “Online Giving” link then follow the directions. Thank you for your continued support.

“THE FLOCK” Children’s Ministries
Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp
(Directors of Children’s Ministries)
E-mail: 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 – 5th Grade



Today(3/4/18) – Jesus Teaches About Commitment (Mark 8:31-38)

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.

JR. CHOIR NEWS...

On Sunday, March 18th, there will be a brief Jr. and Chancel Choir rehearsal after the 10[”]45am service. This will be to practice for the March 25th anthem.



VBS DECORATING BEGINS *3/11 (note change)

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.



FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

- 1. 3/11 & 3/25-VBS Decorating- 2pm**
- 2. 3/31- Egg Hunt-1pm**



**March 4th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

Last week our Youth competed against 16 churches in battleball. We made it to the semi-finals and lost against our friends over at McBic. I was very proud of our entire team because they played well but more importantly embodied sportsmanship by competing fiercely and did not let losses deter from their overall attitude. They were a great example of Christlike athletes.

Fusion Tonight!!!

For our summer Mission trip, we are going back to Gary West Virginia as there is still much good work to do there and many kiddo's who would love to see us again. We are planning on going 6/10 – 6/16. The church that we connected with last year will be their 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. The trip is for 6th – 12th grade and I also need some adults to man the different sites. If you have any questions see Shawn Gray.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

**March 4 – Fusion Youth Group
March 11 – Fusion Youth Group
March 13 – Wing Night
March 18 – Fusion Youth Group
March 25 – Fusion Youth Group
April 1 – Easter and Sunrise Service
April 7 – Outpost**