

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

Last evening our Joel Team met for the first time. I am so excited for the future of Shepherdstown United Methodist Church as this team takes the time to prayerfully discern God's next faithful step for this community of faith! Our Joel Team takes its name and purpose from that passage in Joel (Chapter 2) that reminds us we will dream dreams and see visions. Well, friends, what is the "God dream" that God has for us here at Shepherdstown?

Over the years, we have been faithful in many ways, reaching out and offering to those in our community and world the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the lives of others as they meet, perhaps for the first time, the one we call Savior and Friend. We have been, and will be, boldly empowered by Acts 1:8 which tells us that "...the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."

Together, we have been blessed and have the talents, desires, resources, and abilities to really make a difference. As we look to the future, the work to which we have been called as a church is serious. Our task is urgent. The question is: "What is God's next step for us as a community of faith? As we live into God's next step for us, are we doing all we can; all we should?"

This is an exciting time. Join me in prayerfully and powerfully undergirding the Joel Team as they prayerfully discern God's next faithful step for us as a community of faith. I believe God has a great future for our community of faith, and I can't wait to see what God will do with us next.

Living in the name of Jesus..... 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***

**Neveah Stout, Carol Mann, Paul Klase, Millie Stare, Ann Sullivan, Helen Beitzel, Elizabeth Bahn**

***NOTE OF THANKS:*** I would like to thank all the kind people here at Shepherdstown for meals, cards, visits and most of all for their prayers following my fall. Thanks to Pastor Tim for his many visits. I am slowly healing but would welcome your continued prayers. This church is a blessing to me. Thank you, **Ann Sullivan**

***PRAYER SHAWLS BLESSED TODAY:*** During both worship services, Pastor Tim will bless the prayer shawls that have been made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry members. These shawls will be given to folks who are sick or going through a difficult time; surrounding them with God's love and showing them they are being lifted up in prayer. If you would like to learn how to make a prayer shawl (crochet or knit), instructions, yarn and needles can be provided for you. The Prayer Shawl Team meets this Tuesday (4/24) at 11:00 in the Church Parlor. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to a loved one, simply take one from the cabinet in the Narthex. Please remember to sign the prayer shawl sign out on the door of the cabinet! You are also welcome to take a greeting card found on top of the cabinet to accompany your shawl.

## **CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Jeff Noss and family
<b>Tuesday</b>	Joanna Noss
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kevin and Ruth Nutt and family
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeff and Teresa Olzacki and family
<b>Friday</b>	Eleanor Parks
<b>Saturday</b>	Chris and Jen Patterson and Alexandra

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 28th:** The annual Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 28th, starting at 8:30. As in the past, we will spruce up the flower beds and put down mulch. We need all the volunteer help we can get...and don't forget to bring wheel barrels, shovels and gloves!

## **Adult Sunday School Happenings At Shepherdstown UMC**

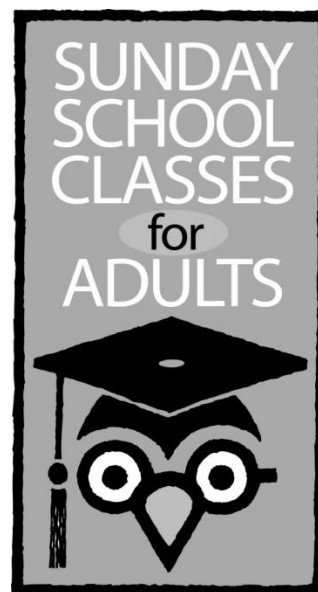
**Helping Hands Class** – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

Current study is the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. Teachers are Janeann Runkle, Darryl Kenes, Tom Mann

**Life Class** – meets in Room 9 – younger adults, parents with school age kids. Current study is Lessons on The Book of Psalms Teachers are Keith Kapp and David Schade.

**Bible Explorers Class** – meets in the Fellowship Hall (back) - younger and older adults. We have been focusing on the Glorious Names of God as found in the Bible. We are finishing this study today. Teacher is Pastor Tim.

**Elective Class** – meets in Fellowship Hall (front) - younger and older adults. Current study is Restored, Finding Redemption in Our Mess by Tom Berlin. The final lesson for Restored is today, April 22. We will be beginning a new study next Sunday, April 29, Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. Teachers are Rich Dixon and Kim Simington.



**GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED:** On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> during the Worship services, we will be recognizing our students who are graduating from High School, College, or some other form of higher education. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please use a blank pew card to submit the student's name, address, degree, and place from where the degree will be earned, to any Response Box by May 20<sup>th</sup>.





**CAN WE COME TOO???** While it doesn't yet feel like Spring, it's coming! With Spring comes the gear up for SUMMER VACATION. Yahoo! Your Shepherdstown church family would like to share in your travels this summer. The Worship Team is going to put up a US map in the Narthex in the beginning of May. We will have stick pins for you to pinpoint where you are going. We are praying that while you are away from us, you will still be attending a church somewhere. Bring back a bulletin from the churches you have visited and we will have a space for those offerings as well. Also, the Prayer Team would like to pray for your safe travels so drop a line to Deb Kenes (chefdeb1951@verizon.net) and we will ask for traveling mercies for you. Have Fun, Relax, and Praise God for His provision!

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Join the nation on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as we pray for our country. National Day of Prayer pamphlets have been provided for you at the Distribution Center in the Narthex. You are welcome to take one to use as a guide as you pray on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, please take a "Unity" Prayer Band in the basket there to wear on May 3<sup>rd</sup> as a reminder to yourself and others to pray for our nation, focusing on our government, military, families, etc. Prayer bands can be worn by those of all ages, so take more than one to share with your family members. God has given us prayer as the vehicle to use to communicate with Him. Let's USE IT to lift our concerns, our praises, our hearts. Let's fill the heavens with our prayers on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**CINCO DE MAYO EVENT!** Join us May 5th for a celebration of Mexican American culture and a time of fellowship. Plans include a taco bar, a guacamole competition (so check out some recipes), games and of course a piñata! More information to come!



**MISSION MEAL FOR BETHESDA MISSION:** On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Bill Christian, Men's Mission Director from Bethesda Mission, will share with our congregation, about how their organization cares for the poor and homeless in Harrisburg. Our weekly Mission Basket will be designated for Bethesda Mission that day. Following the late service, the Mission Team will be providing a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall for our congregation. The meal is free, however we will be accepting donations which will be given to Bethesda Mission. Please join us in supporting Bethesda Mission, through your prayers, April 29 Mission Basket and donations at our Mission Meal.

**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.



**VBS 2018 Update... "SHIPWRECKED"-(June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>):** It is hard to believe we are only **70 days** away from VBS. Even though that number may seem big, it will be here in no time. So, here are a few things that can help us along:



- ✓ **Check out the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.** Please see if there are any areas you may be able to volunteer your time. If you **DO NOT** think you can commit to something for the entire week, **NO PROBLEM.** We appreciate any help we can get, and will work around your schedule. If there are any questions, please see Janice or Charlene.
- ✓ Do you happen to have a **Footlocker** or **Hope Chest** that we may be able to borrow? (Going for that Treasure Chest theme). Or how about **wooden oars**?
- ✓ Our Decorating meetings have been moved to 6pm on Sunday evenings. The next few will be 4/22, 5/6, and 5/20. Please come and help on big and small decorating needs.
- ✓ Prayer! Please keep us in prayer and ALL the children's lives we hope to touch with God's love.

**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 April include:

**Toys** - stuffed animals, puppets, dolls

**Other** – homemade craft items, craft kits, stamp and ink pad sets, watercolors.

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

**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.**

## **JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM**

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry James 1:19*

How are your listening skills? In this day and age of electronic interaction, we seem to be losing the small amount of attention we pay to what people actually say. Often if we are physically close to one another - having a conversation - we are formulating in our head what our eloquent response to the words will be. I am guilty of it, are you? We are not listening to tone or facial expression or the heart of the person speaking. What if Jesus had the same listening skills we do? Proverbs 18:13 tells us "To answer before listening - that is folly and shame." In the Gospel of Mark, there are 67 conversations. In them, Jesus asks 50 questions. And then He listened. Jesus understood that really listening...and asking questions, being personal, opens up a person's heart. It's how relationships begin. We all want to be listened to and we are attracted to people who allow us to do that. Let's work on using our ears instead of our mouths this week and in the coming days. Father God, forgive me for missing the opportunities to listen to the people you place in my life. Help me to be less self-centered and truly listen to their heart stories. Help me to be more like you. Amen.

Prayer Team is contemplating changing our time of gathering to the third Monday of the month at 12:30P. Let me know if you are interested. **Deb Kenes**

**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.



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

- April 22 .....Bingman Scholarship Fund
- April 29 .....Bethesda Mission
- May 6 .....Cup of Water Fund
- May 13 .....Golden Cross (Benevolent Homes)

**SAVE THE DATE!** Mark your calendars to attend the Mission Meal Fundraiser at SUMC to benefit Bethesda Mission immediately following the late Worship Service next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

- April 22 .....LIFE Class
- April 29 .....Helping Hands
- May 6.....Elective Class
- May 13 .....Bible Explorers

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

- April 22 .....Brian and Angela Rainey
- April 29 .....Peggy Reed
- May 6 .....Volunteer Needed
- May 13 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,068,925.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,446.25. 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 – 68  
Sunday School – 70  
Late Worship – 193  
Membership – 513

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$15,364	\$170,021	\$138,655	\$31,366

**New Hope Ministries - Mission Offering- \$389.49**

**Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses**

**Current Balance - \$50,375.53**

**FIRE DRILL REMINDER AND PROCEDURE:** Within the next few weeks we will be conducting a Fire Drill during the Sunday School hour. It is very important that everyone follow the list of procedures. **Anytime** the fire alarm goes off in the church – here is what you do.

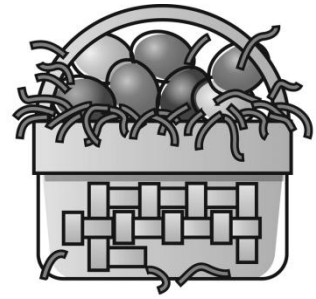
- 1. Evacuate immediately to the back parking lot. Take every alarm seriously, even if you believe there is no fire.**
- 2. Children in Sunday School classes will exit as a class with their teacher. Go to that classes' assigned parking space to find your child. Otherwise, stay with your child as you exit.**
- 3. Do not enter or go back into the church for any reason.**
- 4. In order to eliminate confusion, only Staff has the authority to announce the "okay" to reenter the church (this will be whenever the fire department gives their approval to reenter the building)**

**Encourage and help others to properly follow a fire alarm evacuation.**

**SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN MAY ACTIVITY:** Our May activity will be a lunch at Naomi's Country Kitchen in Newburg on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be an Amish meal with two meats being turkey and roast beef. The cost of the meal will be \$20.00 each and **must be paid in cash**. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 11:00 am with our lunch scheduled for 12:00 noon. We should be returning to the church around 3:00 pm. A sign up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board in the upper rear hallway. Deadline to sign up is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Only the first 40 people to sign up for the lunch will be able to go. Any questions ask, JoAnn, Louise or Melvalene. For those interested, after lunch we will have time to visit Meadowbrook Gourds. Directions to Henry and Naomi's will be given to the drivers the day of the trip.

**EASTER EGG UPDATE FOR 2018:** We would like to give special thanks to all who participated in the egg project this year. Also, we extend a big thank you to all members of the congregation who sold and bought eggs. We had over 50 volunteers helping over the course of 8 weeks!

Our egg count was 16,815. (Last year 16,683). The profit for this year is \$12,186.00. Thanks to all the local businesses who supported us by selling eggs and those who took eggs to the consignments.



## Easter Eggs 2018

The businesses were:

Angie's New Angels Hair Salon/Cottage Salon  
Angie's Bark Avenue Pet Grooming  
Brother's Restaurant  
Brother's Pizza – Cumberland Parkway  
Dr. Brown's Dental Office  
Finished Effects Beauty Salon  
Hess Garage  
Meadowbrook Gourds  
Sherry and Co.  
Larry B. Shoop, CPA  
Miller's Beer and Soda in Lemoyne  
The Station  
Waltz Barber Shop  
Zimmerman's Garage

Thanks to everyone! **Ken and Haddiee Spidle**

### **SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

(\*child; \*\*youth; \*\*\*adult; A=Anniversary; SI=shut-in; CS=College Student; MI=Missionary)

#### **APRIL**

\*\*\* 22 Dave Wagner,

\*\*\* 22 Gloria Lutz,

\*\*\* 23 Ann Sullivan

A 23 Joe and Caren Butera,

\*\* 23 Samantha Hall,

\*\*\* 24 Michelle Tewell,

A 24 Mark & Darlene King

\*\*\* 24 Don Haines

\*\*\* 24 Michael Bartlett,

A 25 Clair & Gloria Lutz,

\*\*\* 26 Claire Gruver,

CS 27 Linnea Mehls

A 27 Wesley & Laura Reohr,

\*\*\* 28 Cathy Crownover

A 28 Paul and Kathy Ries

A 28 Craig and Joni Warner

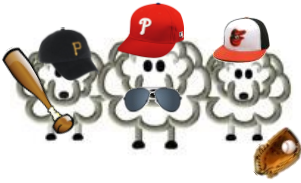
\*\*\* 28 Ken Love

\*\*\* 29 Jen Patterson,

\*\*\* 29 Sue Reday,



**"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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(4/22/18) Peter Tells the Sanhedrin About Jesus (Acts 4:5-14)**

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 2018- "SHIPWRECKED" -6/24-6/28**

**The Volunteer Board has been placed in the Narthex.** Please take a moment to look at all the available opportunities, and signup where interested. If you have any questions, please see Janice or Charlene.



**JR. CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

1. 4/22, 4/29- Practice- 8:45am-9:25am
2. 4/29- SINGING in the 10:45am SERVICE
2. 5/6, 5/13, 5/20- Practice- 9:00am-9:25am(Time Change)
3. 5/20- SINGING in the 10:45am SERVICE



**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

1. 4/22, 5/6, 5/20- VBS Decorating- 6pm \*Note the Time Change\*
2. 5/5- Cinco de Mayo fun-Churchwide event- 5pm-8pm
3. 5/13- Muffins for Moms(and grandmoms)- 9:30am-10:30am. Please signup outside the Children's Center
4. 5/19- Church Yardsale



**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray – Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

In Fusion we have been looking at what Christ's commission after Easter means for his disciples and to realize that WE are the disciples of Christ. We are not just individuals following Christ we are in fact part of the body of Christ and even though we might look different and have different skills, we are all equally important and equally honored in our pursuit to spread Christ's love. We don't spread this love out of duty or obligation but we spread this love because Christ's love in us is overflowing and wants to be shared.

### **Fusion Tonight!!!**

**We are going back to Gary West Virginia as there is still much good work to do. 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. 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 questions see Shawn Gray.**

**This is the last Sunday to participate in the Easter Egg fundraiser. Find large Easter Rabbit in narthex for details.**

#### **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

**April 22 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**April 29 – Fusion Youth Group**  
**May 6- Fusion Youth Group**  
**May 12 – Confirmation Trip**  
**May 13 – Mothers Day (No Youth Group)**  
**May 15 – Wing Night**