

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

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! We continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! I came across this powerful prayer written by Lysa TerKeurst and based on the Scripture of the resurrection story! Let me share it with you.....

- "Do not be afraid," - God, I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith squelched by fear.
- "I know that you are looking for Jesus," - God, when my soul is searching, help me know the answer to every longing can be found in You.
- "He has risen," - God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart and my attitude. Help me to live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.
- "just as he said," - Jesus, You keep Your promises. Help me live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more, obey You more and resemble You more.
- "Come and see," - Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations every day. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself ... You, Your Word, Your insights.
- "Then go quickly and tell his disciples," - Jesus, I don't want to be a secret keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You. Me, the unwanted girl whom You loved, redeemed and wanted. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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
Ann Sullivan, Carl Courtney**

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our Community of Faith mourns with the family and friends of Al Hershey, who entered the Church Triumphant on April 5, 2018. Memorial service information has not been determined at time of print. During this time of grief, we remember the sure hope we have as Christians: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)



CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Janet Michael
Tuesday	Robert Miller
Wednesday	Bernie and Mary Mills
Thursday	Bess Minnich
Friday	Kevin and Kelly Morrison and family
Saturday	John and Louise Mowery



NOTE OF APPRECIATION: We want to thank everyone who has been providing us with meals. They are so delicious and very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Pastor Tim for visiting Neveah in the hospital and to Vanessa Brown for calling Neveah. She so loves hearing from Vanessa! We are also very grateful to all of you for the prayers and cards. We pray Neveah continues to improve and can't wait for the day when Neveah comes home!

Dick and Charlotte Barrick, Neveah's grandparents.

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!

CUMBERLAND SINGERS TO SING AT SHEPHERDSTOWN: The Cumberland Singers celebrate their 42nd anniversary this year and will present their 2018 spring concert next Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. here in the Sanctuary at Shepherdstown UMC. The program, entitled "*How High the Moon*" will feature beautiful choral music, folk and jazz, all with the theme of the sun, moon and stars. A free-will offering is taken at intermission. Bring your friends and neighbors for this free concert. For more information about Cumberland Singers – see their website at www.cumberlandsingers.org.

NOTES OF THANKS: We were thrilled to receive your donation of \$474.88 and want to reach out to say "Thank you" right away. We consider it a true blessing to be the recipient of your kindness. Your donation provides much needed funds to help pay an instrumental role in the continued work here at Mission Central. **Rob Visscher, Executive Director**

MILES FOR MISSIONS Walk/Run-A-Thon: See today's Miles for Missions insert for information on how to participate in the Walk/Run A Thon on Saturday, May 19 at Shank Park in Hummelstown, PA to benefit the Bishop's Partners in Missions fund supporting Mission Central and Imagine No Malaria crusade. Register online at harrisburgdistrict.org. Sponsorship Forms are available at the Distribution Center in the Narthex.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED: On Sunday, June 10th 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 20th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY APRIL 21 –

GAME NIGHT: Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 21 from 5:00 to 8:00 for a fun filled evening playing board games. Looking for some new competition? Interested in trying new games? Bring some of your favorite games to share with other SUMC members. A light meal with an entree of pizza will be provided (orders will be taken from 5-5:15 for # slices/cheese or pepperoni so if you will be late or have special dietary needs, please let us know ahead of time). We'll eat around 5:40. In case of inclement weather (hopefully not by then!!!!),

please check the home page of the church website for cancellations. www.shepherdstownumc.org. Sponsored by the Cultivate and Nurture Committee.

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!



JOEL TEAM FIRST MEETING SET: On Wednesday, April 18, the newly organized SUMC Joel Team will have their first meeting. The purpose of the Joel Team is to envision God's next step for Shepherdstown United Methodist Church, to identify present ministries and dream future ministries of Shepherdstown United Methodist Church. Please keep the Joel Team in your prayers as they work together to prayerfully discern God's plans for our community of faith here at SUMC.

MISSION MEAL FOR BETHESDA MISSION: On Sunday, April 29th, 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.

VBS 2018- JUNE 24TH - 28TH
6pm-8:30pm

Please consider volunteering during our week of VBS. There are so many opportunities for people of **ALL** ages to get involved. We need Crew Leaders (walk a group of kids around from to station to station), Crew Leader Helpers, Station Helpers, Registration Table helpers, etc. Contact Charlene or Janice via email at childrens.sumc@comcast.net or 766-3076 for more information. Thank you!



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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH HERE AT SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC? Pastor Baer will be receiving new members during worship on April 22. In preparation, two membership classes will be held, one today and one next Sunday, April 15. Then on April 22, new members will join the church during either Worship service. Please talk to Pastor Tim today, if you have questions or to find out more about becoming a member.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Through Native American Ministries Sunday, the United Methodist Church is able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. You will enable seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries and congregations to find fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. Your gift today also educates Native American Seminarians and empowers outreach into Native American Culture.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER NEW HOPE MINISTRIES GERANIUMS. See the blue insert at the Distribution Center in the Narthex to order geraniums to benefit New Hope Ministries. Fill out the order form and place it in one of the Response Boxes with your payment (checks made out to "New Hope Ministries") by today, April 8th. Flowers will be delivered to you by Sandy Yost on Saturday, May 12th. Thank you

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you for your financial gift to North Star Initiative. It is partnerships like yours that help women in the battle to gain their freedom. Your gift gives them the hope of complete restoration. Our staff and residents thank you for being a part of our family!

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

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.



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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.**

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH

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, April 17th at 11:30 am at TJ Rockwell's. Please call the church office with any questions.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
By Bart Millard

Jesus has died and, Halleluiah, rose again.....and so the story continues. What does that mean to us?

Have you seen the movie "I Can Only Imagine"? It's a true story of a young songwriter who grows up with an abusive father. He harbors the bitterness of that relationship. He can't move forward until he backs up and figures out how to leave it behind. He goes to visit his father and finds that the father has found a relationship with the Savior. He doesn't believe it. How can a man who was so hateful to him expect him to forgive him? Yet he stays for a while and sees the transformation.....and believes. As soon as he forgives his father, he is able to write the song that is the title of the movie. It changes his life. This is what the resurrection means to us. Another chance, redemption, forgiveness, love, faith. We have again been blessed by revisiting another telling of the Easter story. How are YOU going to use it?

Come and Pray with the Prayer Team and only imagine..... Third Thursday of the month at 6:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- April 8Native American Ministries
- April 15New Hope Ministries
- April 22Bingman Scholarship Fund
- April 29Bethesda Mission

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SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- April 8Elective Class
- April 15Bible Explorers
- April 22LIFE Class
- April 29Helping Hands

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- April 8Keith and Charlene Kapp
- April 15Volunteer Needed
- April 22Volunteer Needed
- April 29Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,066,455.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$53,322.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

- Maundy Thursday Service - 72
- Sunrise Service - 79
- Early Service – 109
- Sunday School – 65
- Late Worship – 245
- Membership – 513

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$13,433	\$144,167	\$120,168	\$24,000

Seminary Debt Fund - Mission Offering- \$633.68
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses
Current Balance - \$49,030.75

APRIL

- *** 8 Janeann Runkle,**
- *** 8 Bernard Mills,**
- *** 10 Ronnie Trimmer,**
- *** 10 Dolores Walker,**
- *** 10 Rita Spicher,**
- *** 10 John Ross**
- * 10 Ben Rainey,**
- *** 11 Jill Evans**
- *** 11 Cathy Fauber**
- *** 12 Caren Butera**
- *** 12 Millie Lerew,**
- *** 12 Mark King**
- *** 12 Joshua Brown**
- * 12 Alex Evans,**
- *** 13 Jacob Warner,**
- *** 15 Hayley Crownover**
- *** 15 Ada Rhoads,**
- *** 15 Dave Buckwalter,**

"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(4/8/18) –Jesus appears to His Disciples
(John 20:19-31)

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.



VBS 2018- "SHIPWRECKED"

TODAY, The Volunteer Board will be in the Narthex. Please take a moment to look at all the available opportunities, and sign up where interested. If you have any questions, please see Janice or Charlene.

****Decorating Meeting TONIGHT at 6pm****



JR. CHOIR SCHEDULE:

1. 4/8, 4/15, 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. 4/8, 4/22- VBS Decorating- 6pm *Note the Time Change*
2. 4/21- Churchwide Game Night 5pm-8pm



April 8th, 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

It's that time of year again when we start fundraising for this summer's Mission Trip. Take all of your empty plastic eggs left over from Easter and fill them with money to support our youth going to help one of the most impoverished areas in the nation. You will see a large stuffed Easter Bunny where you can drop off your filled eggs in the Narthex. There will also be empty eggs next to the bunny. 100% of the proceeds send our youth on this Mission Trip.

There will be a **Mission Meeting** April 15th that is strictly informational in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45am. This will only be 30 minutes. If you are interested please attend.

Tonight Fusion!!!

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 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:

- April 8 –Fusion Youth Group**
- April 15 - Fusion Youth Group**
- April 15- Mission Meeting (In Fellowship Hall)**
- April 22 – Fusion Youth Group**
- April 29 – Fusion Youth Group**