

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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"Let the Children Come to Me . . ."
Luke 18:16

One of the most touching scenes in Jesus life was when he welcomed children and talked with them. It was busy. Many wanted to see him, listen to him teach, or be healed by him. Then a bunch of kids came and Jesus gave them his complete attention. When the disciples complained and tried to chase the kids away, Jesus responded, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Paraphrased significantly we might say, "Help kids get close to Jesus. Don't do anything that makes it hard for them to connect with him. No matter what you think 'church' is about, the children naturally get it in ways that adults don't."

This week that's exactly what happened at Shepherdstown Church! Children came and everything was designed to help them, not hinder them, in connecting with Jesus. The Sanctuary looked little like it does week to week. It was a total make over that took hours! You are seeing it today. There was a wonderful simplicity in songs and messages. The messages were presented by video (so much a part of their world) and by live speakers, which is much more what we are accustomed to in the church.

The laughter, excitement and engagement of the kids was a testimony that the leaders of Shepherdstown Church were not hindering the children at all but helping them become more a part of the Kingdom of God! You will see some of that this morning and families have caught glimpses of that growth this week. The best part is yet to come. Things that happened this week, seeds planted, will change some of these children for life and for eternity.

Thanks to Charlene and Janice and all their team who helped make this happen! Thanks to families, neighbors and friends who got kids here! Thanks be to God who is using all this to do far more than we can hope or imagine!

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
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

Ann Sullivan

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Beginning Thursday, June 28, 2018, the summer hours for the church office will be 9:30 am – 1:30 pm., through August 10th.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dr. Maggie Stolar
Tuesday	Nancy Stout and family
Wednesday	Lori Stubbs
Thursday	Dale and Amanda Suhr and family
Friday	Chuck and Ann Sullivan
Saturday	Pete and Louise Swartz and family

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 July include:

Toys: Jump ropes, balls, Slinky, Play Doh, cars, yo-yos. 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. Check out this month's sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Lists with their birthdates and addresses are also available on the clipboard there.

"ARISE AND SHINE, DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!" – WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER

14-16 at Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center at the headwaters of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plan now to join us for the theme, "ARISE AND SHINE: Stepping out of the Spiritual Shadows and into God's Adventure of a Lifetime". Sessions with speaker Allison Allen and worship leader, Cheri Keaggy will rejuvenate your spirit for facing and conquering trials in your life as we "discover that God makes far more use of our consecrated weaknesses than our so-called perfected strengths...and delights in showing us that our wounds and worries will never have the final say over the story of our lives." Additional Information and registration forms are available at the Narthex Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **cereal, canned vegetables, pasta, peanut butter, condiments, personal hygiene, dishwashing soap.** 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.**

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 the church office and we will ask for traveling mercies for you. Have Fun, Relax, and Praise God for His provision!

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- July 1Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity
- July 8Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry
- July 15Neighborhood Center
- July 22PCAP

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- July 1Elective Class
- July 8Bible Explorers
- July 15LIFE Class
- July 22Helping Hands

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

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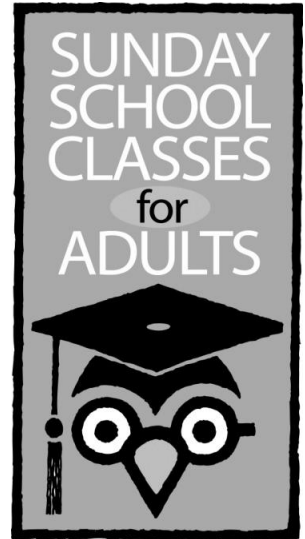
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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. Teacher today is Peggy Reed.

Elective Class – meets in Fellowship Hall (front) - younger and older adults. Current study is Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton. Teachers are Rich Dixon and Kim Simington.



BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

July 1Rich and Pat Dixon
July 8Volunteer Needed
July 15Volunteer Needed
July 22Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,087,010 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,350.50. 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 – 76
Sunday School – 94
Late Worship – 163
Membership – 519

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.



SING IN THE SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR! Come one! Come all! Starting June 17th and through September 2nd, you are invited to sit in the choir loft with the Congregational Choir and sing a special anthem during the late worship service on Sundays. There will be no Wednesday evening choir rehearsals. Instead, all singers will meet in Classroom 11 at 10:30 am each Sunday morning to practice the anthem selected for that day. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$9,886	\$263,919	\$231,091	\$32,828

VBS Collection - Mission Offering- \$453.48

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$56,645.43

Please note: \$20,000 is committed to additional parking lot paving. That amount and \$10,180 from the rental property sale was approved by Church Council at its March meeting. The work is scheduled to be done in early July.

SUMMER GIVING: This summer, if you are going to miss worship due to travel, vacations, etc.; we encourage you to continue 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.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! Sometimes our gardens grow more produce than we know what to do with! This summer a great solution will be provided for you! Why not share your over abundance of tomatoes, zucchini, corn, etc. with the folks here at SUMC or at New Hope Ministries? Beginning this week, each Sunday throughout the summer, a produce table will be placed at Gathering Grounds (in the Life Center). You can drop off your extra produce there, or stop by and check out what is available. If you're enticed by a delicious looking tomato, you can leave a monetary donation in the container provided (both leftover produce and money collected will be given to New Hope Ministries each week). This service is provided by various SUMC Ministry Teams.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

I stopped in the church last week, several times, to take care of some things. Each time I was here, work was going on in the Sanctuary and Gathering Area in preparation for VBS. It is no small task to prepare for the many, many little feet that will be visiting Shepherdstown soon. It is a good example of how God gifts us separately and uniquely but encourages us to be "better together". The job is done more quickly and creatively with a team. Both adults and youth and children pulling together to be the hands and feet of Jesus is inspiring. What other tasks can be taken on as a church community to increase our joy on the journey and profit the community? Let's share our blessings with others. We have so much to be thankful for.

Lord God, we are a church on a hill with unlimited potential. Share with us what we can do to be a blessing to others. Help us to focus our energies on things that are meaningful and bring you glory. Thank you for loving us and presenting us with the ability to do - as we know, LOVE DOES. Amen

Join the Prayer Team on the third MONDAY of the month at 12:30P in the parlor. **Deb Kenes**

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]

JULY

A 1 John and Stephanie Snyder,

A 2 Len & Lisa Kapp,

***** 2 Tracy Shields**

***** 3 Sarah Bartlett**

***** 3 Pam Trimmer**

CS 3 Jacob Buterbaugh

***** 5 Don Holtzman**

***** 5 Ellie Squire**

A 6 Tom and Mayra Barry,

***** 7 Brian Rainey,**

A 8 Mark & Cathy Fauber

BIBLE TRIVIA

Have a wonderful 4th of July!

Easy

What landed on Jesus after he was baptized?

- A. A leaf
- B. Snow
- C. Rain
- D. A dove

Moderate

Which two were father and son?

- A. Saul and Solomon
- B. Saul and David
- C. David and Solomon
- D. Noah and Benjamin

Hard

How many of the twelve tribes of Israel were lost? (1 Kings 11:31)

- A. 1
- B. 10
- C. 0
- D. 6

Newsletter Bible Trivia Provided by the Discipleship Team SUMC

(Source: www.religionresourcesonline.org)

Answers to 6/24/18 Questions

What is the kids' response to each day's Bible point this year?

- A. Jesus rescues!

On Tuesday the kids will learn about how Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane as told in

Luke 22: 39-54 and Matthew 26: 36-56. These verses teach

- A. You can always turn to God when you're struggling

On Thursday the kids will hear how Peter and John healed a lame man in Jesus' name (Acts 3). The kids will learn when they're feeling powerless, Jesus' s power can help them do wonderful things.

- A. True

(Source: Preschool Tide Pool KidVid Cinema Manual)

"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(7/1/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 3, and practicing for closing VBS program.



Today there will be NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH. All kids will enjoy the closing VBS program with their families.

VBS 2018...It's been a WONDERFUL week!



It is hard to think VBS has come and now is gone. It is always such a fun week with the kids. The singing of songs, the bible stories, KidVid, crafts, and games. It was an inspiring week to remember how much Jesus loves us, and is there to rescue us through some of life's challenges. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to be part of our week in some way. And, thank you to the congregation for your support through your prayers and donations. We so greatly appreciate it!

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

- 1. 7/1- VBS Closing Program during both services**
- 2. Look for upcoming opportunities to do Kids Clubs over the summer.**



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"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

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Tonight we have the opportunity of going to McBic and join together in worship for a Salt and Light Worship night. Because of this I ask you be at the church at 5:45pm. The cost is free and we will be back at the church at 8:05pm. Please sign the permission slip and have them ready for the event.

There will be no Wacky Wednesday this week as it will be July 4th. Enjoy your picnics and fireworks.

**Fusion Tonight
SNL Worship Night 5:45**

There will be a parent meeting today at 12:00pm. Parents and youth are encouraged to come to this. It will be a time to touch base and discuss what is going well and also what are things we can add to ministry to make it better. Hope to see you then

Impact is coming up make sure you get your permission slips in.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

July 1 – Fusion Youth Group (SnL Night @ McBic) 5:45-8:05

July 1 – Parents Meeting

July 8- Fusion Youth Group

July 11 – Wacky Weds 12 – 3 (*In Need of Parent Volunteer*)

July 15 – Fusion Youth Group