

The Shepherd's Voice

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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Good Morning Everyone!

Our Seniors of Shepherdstown (SOS) just returned home from a three day trip to Western Pennsylvania. Ann and I joined them on this excursion which focused on parts of the French and Indian War – especially as it related to George Washington (a Lt. Col. at the time). What a great time we had!

We travelled together. We ate together. We talked together. We laughed together. We learned together. We prayed together. We walked together. We asked questions together. We enjoyed incredible vistas together. We cared for each other together. We shared our lives together. For three days we did everything together (well almost – we did not sleep together!)!!!

I'm reminded of that passage in Scripture that talks of the early Christians and how they did everything together. They were a community of faith that simply cared for each other and in Christian love enjoyed each other's presence – watching over each other in love.

Seems to me that is the way all Christians should be.....

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	Ms. Mindy Kitzig
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Mr. Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Helen Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett, Dick Rhoads, Sue Graybill, Annetta Simington, Ron Finkenbinder, Cathy Hought

NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Nursery help may be needed for the 8:15 worship services on July 30th and August 6th due to vacations. If you would be willing to fill in and are Safe Sanctuary trained or willing to be trained, please see Janice Deveney.

NEVER ALONE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS WEEK

The Never Alone Support Group is a group of single seniors who meet once a month for lunch and fellowship. This month's meeting will be this Tuesday, July 18th at 11:30 am at Baker's Restaurant. New members are always warmly welcomed. Please call the coordinator, Mary Rowland with any questions at 697-0164.

PRAYER GARDEN RENOVATION: This Tuesday, Cumberland Valley Tree Service will be doing a major "do-over" of the Prayer Garden. We will retain the pavers in their present location...eliminate the stone wall round the tree, keeping the tree as is...replace the rubber edging with block edging...and replace most of the plants. We will be pressure washing/cleaning the pavers during the project and will offer members of the congregation an opportunity to have blank pavers engraved once the renovation is completed. An estate bequest from Jim Yeager will fund most of the project.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Michael and Judy Aumiller
Tuesday	Marilyn Aust
Wednesday	Timothy and Ann Baer
Thursday	Tom and Julie Baldwin
Friday	Cynthia Barletta
Saturday	Mandi Barrick and family

CAMPERS THIS WEEK! Please take a moment to send a card/care package/email greeting to the children/youth/adults in our Community of Faith attending summer church camp this week. *It's important that you mail your item today or tomorrow so the camper gets it before returning home.* You can also send an email greeting using the directions given below. Make sure you indicate "Shepherdstown UMC" with your name on the card/email!

Wesley Forest

Larissa Wise (Soaked)
Elizabeth Yeingst (Soaked)

Mount Asbury

Bekka Kreitman (Family)
Kayla Kreitman (Family)

US Postage Mail

Wesley Forest, 58 Wesley Forest Lane, Weikert, PA 17885
Mount Asbury, 1310 Centerville Rd., Newville, PA 17241

Email Greeting: The email will be printed and given to the camper. Please use the following steps to send an email:

Email: To send emails to Larissa or Elizabeth (Lizzy), you may do so by going onto the camping website www.susumcamps.org then go to the "**Camping and Retreat Facilities**" tab, then choose "**Wesley Forest.**", then "**Summer Camp**". Under "**Summer Camp**" you will see "**Send Camper Email**". Click on that link and a dialogue box will appear. Choose "**Wesley Forest**" as the campsite and then "**Soaked**" as the event.

To send emails to Bekka or Kayla, you may do so by going onto the camping website www.susumcamps.org then go to the "**Camping and Retreat Facilities**" tab, then choose "**Mount Asbury.**", then "**Summer Camp**". Under "**Summer Camp**" you will see "**Send Camper Email**". Click on that link and a dialogue box will appear. Choose "**Mount Asbury**" as the campsite and then "**Family Camp**" as the event.

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

TodayNeighborhood Center
July 23PA Alcohol Education Foundation
July 30Compassion International
August 6Rural Life

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Today.....LIFE Class
July 23.....Helping Hands
July 30Elective Class
August 6Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

TodayDeb Kenes
July 23Jan James, Dale Glacken
July 30Volunteer 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 \$1,017,285.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$50,864.25 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 – 80
 Sunday School – 101
 Late Worship – 124
 Membership – 519

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT, September 15-17, 2017: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center is the setting for the 2017 Women’s Fall Retreat, September 15-17, at the headwaters of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Plan now to join us for the theme, “Living Strong: You Are What You Think.” Sessions with speaker Dr. Deirdre Jackson and worship leader, Gwen Smith, co-founder of Girlfriends in God ministry. Registration forms are in the bulletin and will be available at the Narthex Distribution Center. See Rita Spicher with any questions.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM



I often think about love. We are always looking for the love that fills us up, completes us, makes us perfectly happy. As children, we often thought that love centered on and around our parents. They were big and strong and settled all our issues – or so we thought. As we grew and experienced life, we saw with filtered eyes that they were not faultless. Then we fall in love as adults and look to that person to make us feel like a prince or princess. No matter how much our spouses love us, we’re still out there looking for the “perfect” love. It’s natural to want the love of your family but you can’t expect them to satisfy your deepest heart needs – they too are ‘of the world’. Only God, our God, can love us, save us, fill us up. His love is so deep and wide that he gave HIS ONLY SON to woo us back to Him. Can you grasp the meaning of a love that profound? It’s what we all so desperately long for and He offers it to us daily. Thank Him, reach for Him, talk to him. The Prayer Team meets every third Thursday of each month in the parlor at 6:30P. **Deb Kenes**

**Our Financial Support of Christ’s Ministry
 through Shepherdstown Church:
 Beginning January 2017**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,343	\$269,064	\$252,550	\$16,514
Carlisle truck Stop Ministry Mission Offering - \$302.17			
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses			
Current Balance - \$43,070.74			

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.

MEN'S SOFTBALL: After a week off due to rain, SUMC softball players were back on the field. This week they faced PPC. The first game started in a 1-1 tie after one inning with Ian scoring on a double by Nick Costea. Unfortunately for Shep, PPC got their bats going in the second inning scoring five runs in the second, three in the third and 1 in the fourth. Nick Costea hit a run in the bottom of the fourth but PPC scored 2 more unanswered runs in the fifth to force a 10 run game. Game two was a much closer game with PPC taking an early lead and Shep battling back. Nick Costea hit two more home runs with 3 rbi's. Andy Mallon, Corbin Trimmer and Ian Smith combined for 4 rbi's and one score giving Shep a one run lead going into the bottom of the seventh. Unfortunately the first batter hit a triple and scored on a hit by the second batter to tie the game. Linwood Leftwich who had pitched a great game, lost his zone and ended up walking in the winning run for PPC. It was a good competitive game on a beautiful evening though we would have preferred a different ending. There are games on Tuesday and Thursday next week, both at Grantham field. Four wins and a little help from another team could still land Shep in the playoffs the following week. Hope you can come out and support the team!

Shepherdstown plays Grantham at Grantham field, Tuesday night 7-18-17 starting at 6:00 pm. Check the website (www.shepherdstownumc.org) for more information! Please talk to Shawn Gray if you can keep score! We hope to see you there!

A full list of all upcoming softball games and ball field directions is available in the Narthex at the Distribution Center or on the church website at www.Shepherdstownumc.org.

GRANTHAM CHURCH: 421 Grantham Rd. Grantham, Pa 17027 (G FIELD)

**From the South: Take US 15 North past Dillsburg. Take Lisburn Rd. / Messiah College Exit, and then go right onto Lisburn Road (east). At the bottom of the hill (less than 1 mile) make a right onto Grantham Road. The church is on the left, the field is behind the church.

**From Harrisburg: pointing North take I-83, I-81: get on 581 West to Rt 15. Take US 15 South past Camp Hill. Take Lisburn Rd. / Messiah College Exit, and go left onto Lisburn Road (east). At bottom of hill (less than 1 mile) make a right onto Grantham Road. The church is on the left.

Hymn Sing - Summer Sendoff

Date/Time: July 25th – 6:00-8:00 Dinner will be served at 6:00



Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! We are planning to provide nourishment and support as the youth finish packing for Impact.

Trustees are welcome to join us for dinner before their meeting. Cultivate and Nurture will provide pizza (Little Caesar cheese and pepperoni), snacks, drinks, and top it off with build your own sundaes. Gluten Free options are available on request. Games will be available for those not involved in the packing or meeting and we'll end the evening by singing 6 of your favorite church hymns. Signups are not required but will be helpful to ensure we have enough food. Sign up and vote for your favorite hymns using the forms at the Distribution Center. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend! Don't miss out on a fun evening!!!



SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]

July

- *** 17 Doug Brown,
- *** 17 Larry Freeland,
- *** 17 Stan Kingsborough,
- *** 17 Darryl Kenes,
- *** 18 Curran Trimmer,
- *** 18 Ken Rider,
- *** 18 Kayla Fisher,
- * 19 Jackie Snyder,
- A 20 Wayne and Kelley Mallon,
- * 21 Alexandra Patterson,
- *** 21 Dick Henry
- *** 21 Jim Madara,
- A 21 Bill and Adeline Gaydosh
- A 22 Glenn & Pearl Rinehart
- *** 23 Kelly Morrison,
- *** 23 John Shenk,

JOHANNES BRAHMS' "REQUIEM" will be performed today, July 16th at 3:00 in the Luhrs Performing Arts Center. Rather than honoring the dead as is typical in a "requiem", Brahms' great work was written to console the living and gives a message of comfort and hope. Although it will be sung in German, the translation of the text will appear over the stage. The Festival Orchestra and Chorus is comprised of professional musicians who come together from many cities each summer. They will be joined by the Towne Singers (of which a SUMC member is part) for this performance. The soloists have appeared at the Metropolitan Opera and the conductor of the performance, Robert Trevino, is world renown. Call the Luhrs Box Office for tickets at 717-477-7469 or go online luhrscenterboxoffice.com.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You're invited to participate in this mission to children around the world to experience the love of Christ at Christmas. All items collected will be sent to children at Christmastime. The items for July are: socks, t-shirts, ball caps, flip flops, any small clothing item. We cannot include toothpaste this year. These items can be dropped off in the marked collection box in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Flour, sugar, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, peanut butter, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereal, deodorant, soap, toothpaste.** 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.**

SING IN THE SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR! Come one! Come all! Starting June 18th and through September 3rd, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC IS REQUESTED during our worship services (8:15, 10:45 or both) for the summer months. Please sign up to share your talent. Dates are available from through September 3rd. The sign-up list is posted outside the church office, or contact Mindy Martz the church office.

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: The SOS will meet Thursday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall for our annual Summer Picnic. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Meat and drink will be provided. Our program will be “This Lyme is Not the Fruit”, presented by Linda Oiley, R.N., founder of Harrisburg Area Lyme Disease Support group. Everyone is welcome. Deadline to sign up will be Sunday, July 30th. A sign-up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board in the rear hallway. Any questions can be directed to the Church Office.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Believe it or not – various resources in our community are already getting ready for the next school year! Join us in supporting local school supply drives:

Project Back to School of Operation Wildcat and
School Daze Craze of New Hope Ministries

What is **Operation Wildcat**? The Mechanicsburg Area School District PTO’s, Parent Advisory Group, and community members are working together with the school district administration and staff to pool resources to help those local families in need on an ongoing basis. You can help support **Project Back to School**, which gives guidance counselors, nurses, and teachers access to supplies for distribution to students in need.

What is **New Hope Ministries**? New Hope Ministries provides many needs for Mechanicsburg and surrounding communities. As part of their mission, *Sharing Christ’s Love By Meeting Human Needs*, New Hope Ministries holds an annual **Back to School Daze Craze**. This event includes giving out school supplies to approximately 500 children.

Please leave items in the collection basket placed in the Narthex, which will be disbursed between the two drives:

Backpacks (age and gender neutral)	Loose Leaf Paper
Binders, 1”, 1 ½”, and 2”	Index Cards
#2 pencils	Subject Dividers with Pockets
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Highlighters	Rulers
Pens	Scissors
Markers	Deodorant (men and women)
Erasers	Hair bands & ties
Pencil Cases	Razors
Pencil Sharpeners	Soap
Glue Sticks	Socks
Calculators	Underwear
Composition Books	Shampoo
Notebooks	Conditioner

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER:

Neighborhood Center, Harrisburg, PA builds a vital community by serving and empowering children, youth, and families. The Neighborhood Center is an affiliate agency of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Guiding Principles:

Foundation: We are committed to being a Center of Christian life, love, health, and inspiration.

Community: We are committed to the concept of living and learning in a Christian community.

Response and Service: We are committed to responding to expressed needs of individuals and community.

Human Potential: We are committed to maximizing both individual potential and community empowerment.

Who We Are: Neighborhood Center has served a multi-ethnic uptown neighborhood, as well as the total Harrisburg community, since 1910 with educational, cultural, social service, basic needs, leadership, and recreational programs for children and their families.

The Center specializes in helping young people discover and develop their capabilities, so that their lives and the life of the community can be enhanced.

Neighborhood Center is community based. Many of the Center's staff have been neighborhood residents who attended Neighborhood Center programs as children, developed their talents, and grew into leadership positions. The Board of Directors is, by mandate of the corporation's by-laws, composed of neighborhood, community-at-large, and United Methodist representatives.

Neighborhood Center is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, and tax-exempt as a religious organization under PA law.

Neighborhood Center's childcare programs are licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Neighborhood Center is a member agency of United Way of the Capital Region, Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Organizations, and the Safe Kids Coalition.

“THE FLOCK” Children’s Ministries

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(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 – 5th Grade



Today(7/16/17)-Summer Sunday School Series- David’s Strength. 1 Samuel 17



Please Note: There will be Childrens’ Church for AGES 3yrs-5yrs. ONLY over the summer. Please make sure ALL kids have a Children’s Church Consent Form found in the pew.



Elementary kids will worship with their families over the summer.

The Flock continues to learn about the need for *Balance, Strength, and Agility* to help their FAITH grow. They are learning that *Prayer, Worship, and Reading the Bible* are the means to do just that! Last week we started to learn about David. Remember that David kept himself grounded in God through Prayer. How did you keep yourself grounded this week?

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. 7/18- Kids Club- 9:30-11:30am- Decorate cupcakes for Meals on Wheels
2. 7/21-Kids Club- 9:30am-11:30am- Make and Take Meal. Come and make a meal for your family that you will take home for them enjoy.
3. 7/25- Churchwide Game Night and Hymn Sing-5pm



July 16th, 2017

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Have you ever wondered how many translations of the bible there are in this church? The youth went around the church and found nearly 20 translations just in this building. We used that as a launching point to discuss God's word and the different perspectives and difference in translations when looking at the Bible. Later in the week many of us went to a Chinese buffet and ate some delicious sushi. All in all it was a good week.

Fusion Tonight !!!

As we look at the summer, one staple of our Youth Ministry is Salt and Lights Impact. Impact is a Christian music, art, and drama festival where nearly 1000 youth from surrounding areas camp, praise, and fellowship and Camp Greene Hills.

If you are interested or have questions Shawn Gray will give you the forms.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

July 16 – Fusion Youth Group

July 21 – Service (Make and Take Meal) 9:30a – 11:30a

July 23 – Impact Packing

July 25 – Impact Packing

July 26 – 30 – Impact

August 6 – Fusion Youth Group

August 9 – Service Opportunity

August 11 – Service Opportunity

August 13-Fusion Sunday School