

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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I have met a lot of people since arriving a few weeks ago. I have remembered some names but want to begin to get to know you. To help in that process, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is organizing "Get Acquainted Gatherings," small group gatherings of about a dozen people in homes (and sometimes in the church). These will last between an hour and an hour and a half. The first step is to find people who will serve as hosts, opening their homes and providing light refreshments for the group. If you are willing to host a gathering, clipboards with available dates will be passed today or you may contact Angela Rainey and Jan James to sign up. Once hosts pick times to host a gathering we will be advertising specific times for gatherings both day and evening to which all are invited. So that the host can prepare and we have about a dozen present, we will be asking you to sign up to attend a gathering either digitally or here at the church soon. I hope to meet and get to know as many of you as possible beginning at one of these gatherings next month.

In His Service,

Dennis L. Otto, Pastor

STAFFED TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Dr . Dennis L. Otto
Directors of Children's Ministries	Janice Deveney Charlene Kapp
Director of Youth Ministries	Shawn Gray
Organists	Cathy Fauber (8:15) Mindy Martz (10:45)
Hand Bell Choir Director	Rita Spicher
Junior Choir Director	Periann Smith
Chancel Choir Director	Mindy Martz
Kitchen Coordinator	Jeanie Hershey
Administrative Assistant	Debra Buterbaugh
Custodian	Jeffery Forester

SICK OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Ann Sullivan, Mary Jane Boyer, Bruce Smith

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

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR YOUTH AT IMPACT THIS WEEK: Please keep the youth in your prayers this week. On July 25th-July 29th there will be 20 youth and adult helpers heading to Greene Hills, PA where we will be attending the 2018 Impact Festival. Impact is a 5 day camping event, sponsored and led by Salt N' Light Ministries, full of speakers, seminars, worship services, and a variety of other activities that will give hundreds of youth the opportunity to grow in their faith and fellowship with other youth groups. So, this Wednesday to Sunday we ask you to pray for our group that we have a safe and amazing time experiencing and sharing Gods love. Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing stories with you when we get back. **Shawn Gray**

IMPACT SEND OFF AND GAME NIGHT: This Tuesday, July 24 from 5-8 pm, everyone is invited to join us for games, dinner (6 pm), ice cream, and support those heading off to IMPACT the next day. We will serve mac & cheese, hot dogs, carrots and dip, a taco casserole creation and fruit. If the weather's nice, bring your lawn chairs and we'll eat outside but normally we opt for indoor dining due to heat. Bring your favorite games to enjoy before and after dinner and send the youth off with a meal and prayer. For planning purposes only, if you think you might come, please contact the church office



FIRST SIX MONTHS 2018 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN LOBBY: You can save the church postage today by stopping for a moment in the Lobby and picking up your six months 2018 giving statement. Statements are visibly marked and sorted in alphabetical order by last name. *Also, please remember to pick up the statement for your church member child, college student, adult child living at home or shut in parent.* All statements that are not picked up today will be mailed this week. Thank you.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Ted and Pat Trimmer
Tuesday	Michael and Dixie Trinen
Wednesday	Marsha Tritico
Thursday	Ruth Turns
Friday	Matt and Emily Vance and family
Saturday	Joe and Gladys Venzlowsky

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.

SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN: The "SOS" will meet on Thursday, August 2nd at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall for their annual SUMMER PICNIC. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Meat and drinks will be furnished. A video called FIRST FLIGHT (A mother hummingbird's story) will be the program. A sign-up sheet is posted on the SOS bulletin board in the rear hallway. Deadline to sign-up is July 29th. Any questions, please contact, the church office at admin.sumc@comcast.net or call 717-766-3076.

SHUT IN BIRTHDAY CARDS: Take a moment and stop by the table in the Lobby to sign the birthday cards there for our Shut In members celebrating a birthday soon. In the past, the Shut In have expressed heartfelt gratitude upon receiving birthday cards from their church. It means so much to them to know we are thinking of them on their special day. Cards available to sign are Ron Hofsass (his birthday is this week!), Susan Wagner and Norma Kinard, all with birthdays coming up this summer!

“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.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, July 30th, Holy Communion will be celebrated at both Worship Services.

TODAY’S MISSION BASKET: PENNSYLVANIANS CONCERNED ABOUT ALCOHOL PROBLEMS is an educational association serving as a resource to provide information concerning the use of alcohol and related problems. Speakers are available to local schools and community events to further educate and inform. PCAP is also part of a federation of 37 state affiliates promoting the reduction of alcohol advertising, availability and consumption throughout the United States.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On Sunday, August 19th, during both 8:15am and 10:45am services, Pastor Otto would like to bless the backpacks of the children and youth of the church. **So, all children and youth are asked to bring their backpacks to worship that day!** This gives us an opportunity to pray for their upcoming year, their hearts and actions, their teachers and administrators, and that they have a great year filled with learning new things, making new friends, and growing as people.

FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: This month’s Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **laundry detergent, diapers, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, empty egg cartons.** 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.**

CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Church Picnic will be September 30th following worship. This year the picnic will take place on church grounds. Mark your calendars now and watch for more info coming soon.



MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- July 22PCAP
- July 29Compassion International
- August 5Rural Life
- August 12Salt N Light

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

July 22Helping Hands
July 29Elective Class
August 5Bible Explorers
August 12LIFE Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

July 22Hersh and Annetta Simington
July 29Deb Kenes
August 5Volunteer Needed
August 12Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,090,610 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,530.50. 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 – 68
Sunday School – 58
Late Worship – 114
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! 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.

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

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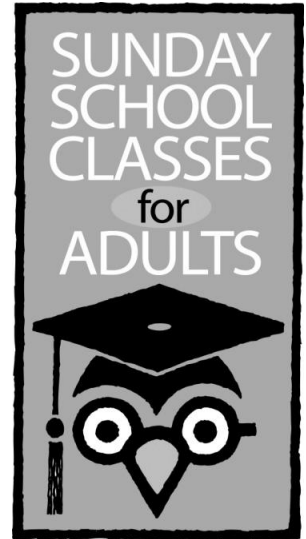
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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 this month 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.



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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,827	\$293,837	\$258,822	\$35,015

Neighborhood Center - Mission Offering- \$363.43

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$58,505.10

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 soon.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND SOFTBALL PLAYERS! We've been looking for a good excuse to get the Young Adults of Shepherdstown together this summer and since there are a few on the softball teams, we are inviting both to an evening of food, fun and fellowship at SUMC on Monday, July 30th from 6-9. All softball team members and families, and recent grads to the age 30ish category are welcome to attend and catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Reminisce about Battleball, Impact, softball and mission trips. Hamburgs, hot dogs, mac&cheese and nachos with cheese sauce will be available. Corn hole, volleyball and other outdoor games are also planned. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards or electronically (website Shepherdstownumc.org) and while signup is not required, it is appreciated to help with food count, dietary restrictions and child care needs. Any questions, see Shawn Gray or Janice Deveney. Gather your friends and come out for a fun evening!



Young Adult Activity

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

My sister in law's sister's husband has passed away. While we knew it was coming, it still was painful as he was a young man. His four children are adults with kids of their own. When Darryl and I found out about his condition, he was already stage four. The Dr. said that he would not see July. Our sister in law encouraged us to go see him as soon as we knew that. No matter what, you find yourself wondering what to talk about when a life is ebbing. What matters at that stage of the game? The day we went, he was lying in his bedroom and greeted us with a big smile. He was obviously tired but not willing to let go. At first we talked about mundane things. I was thinking that we should be discussing vital things not rehashing the everyday. It came to me as we sat there that the mundane everyday stuff IS the stuff of life and probably what Joe was wishing he had. He was a true believer and disciple of Christ so we talked about loving Jesus and serving him and finally getting to the room He has been preparing for all of us. I'm glad we got to talk to him. We prayed over him and wished him the best of journeys and told him we would see him on the other side. Darryl and I left his room feeling sad but uplifted that his victory was near. Lord God, we thank you for relationships. For the privilege of being gathered together with other believers. For the love and support we receive from them. For your healing of those who suffer. For dying for our sins. You are AWESOME!

Join the Prayer Team on the third Monday of the month at 12:30 in the Parlor. Pray with us as we thank God for all his provisions. Come.... **Deb Kenes**

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

A 22 Glenn & Pearl Rinehart,
*** 23 Kelly Morrison,
*** 23 John Shenk,
A 24 Dick & Mel King,
*** 24 Angela Rainey,
A 25 Paul & Joan Junkins,
*** 25 Bick (AI) Crawford,
* 25 Logan Trimmer,
** 26 Alec Shute,
A 27 John and Karyn Ward,
*** 27 Nick Douty,
*** 27 Jeff Cavalati
*** 28 Ron Hofsass,
A 28 John and Lynda Ross
*** 29 Steven Malnick, Jr
*** 29 Debra Buterbaugh
*** 29 Dr. Maggie Stolar

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.

SHEPHERDSTOWN MEN'S SOFTBALL: With two games this week and players on vacation, one good thing was we got to catch up with players for Shepherdstown that we haven't seen this season. Monday night, Shep played CCC. Shep scored two runs in the first off a double by Adam Fisler but gave up 6 runs to CCC who never looked back. They went on to win 20-5 in five innings. Shep started the second game giving up 10 runs in the first before holding CCC to 9 runs for the next 6 innings. Unfortunately, they couldn't get anything going on offense. After scoring 3 runs in the first, they only scored one more run in the seventh, losing 19-4. Ian Smith had good game, scoring 2 of those runs, and going 3 for 3. Justin Markle, Christian Hindel and Adam Fisler each contributed doubles. Jack Weicht had two hits each scoring runs that were hard to come by and Shawn Gray ended the evening with a hit.

Tuesday night Shep faced Hope Grace with 4 different players than the previous evening. Jack Weicht pitched both games. Shep started the first game with a Justin Markle hitting a triple and Steve Mahan knocking him in with a double turned homerun behind aggressive base running. Those two would score again in the second bringing the score within 2 of Hope. Both teams were scoreless in the third, then Hope pulled away in the fourth scoring 8 runs and winning the game in 5 with a score of 18-6. Shep started the next game with 3 runs, 2 scoring on a sac fly by Jack Weicht and 1 on a single by Shanon Thurstin but gave up 7 runs to Hope. David Ries walked, advanced on the first of two doubles by Shawn Gray and scored on a sac fly by Justin Markle before giving up 3 runs to Hope. Despite a homerun by Dave Goudy and good batting performances by Shanon Thurstin (3 for 4 with 2 rbi's, 2 runs scored), Shawn Gray (3 for 4 with 2 doubles, 1 rbi, 1 run scored, 1 torn up leg from sliding - they never learn) and Steve Mahan (2 for 3 with 2 walks and 3 runs scored), Shep lost 25-14. The game did end on a fun note when David Ries caught his high school classmate's fly ball to end the game.

One game remains for Shep this Monday night at 6pm on Grantham field against Dillsburg. Check the website for cancellations and note the slight detour due to road construction. Next up will be co-ed softball starting in August. Please see Shawn Gray or Janice Deveney if you are 14 and older and interested in playing.

Take the Lisburn exit off rt.15 towards Messiah College. Turn right at the 4 way stop sign. Turn left at the next stop sign. At the next stop sign, turn left onto Grantham road and the church will be on your right. Lisburn road is supposed to be closed from the intersection at Grantham Rd. to the traffic signal at Bowmansdale.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Easy

How did Samson lose his strength?

- A. His hair was cut off
- B. He ate onions
- C. He forgot to eat his spinach
- D. He got old

Moderate

Who said "I know not the man." (Matthew 26: 74)

- A. James
- B. Peter
- C. Mark
- D. John

Hard

From what kind of lumber did Noah build the ark? (Genesis 6: 14)

- A. Elm
- B. Oak
- C. Gopher
- D. Cherry

Answers to 7.15.18 Questions

Who did the serpent tempt in the Garden of Eden?

- D. Eve

"What little _____ you have! Why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14: 31)

- A. faith

In the passage above, who was Jesus speaking to?

- C. Peter

Newsletter Bible Trivia Provided by the Discipleship Team SUMC

(Source: www.religionresourcesonline.org)

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.

Gift Cards should not be left in the bins but can be mailed or dropped off to:
"Operation Wildcat", MASD, 1225 S. Market St., Suite 1, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
New Hope Ministries, 5228 E. Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Please leave items in the collection bin placed in the Lobby, which will be disbursed evenly between the two drives:

Backpacks (age and gender neutral)	Loose Leaf and Graph Paper
Book Covers	Index Cards
#2 pencils	Subject Dividers with Pockets
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Highlighters	Rulers
Pens	Scissors
Markers	Deodorant (men and women)
Erasers	Hair bands & ties & Brushes
Pencil Cases	Razors and Shaving Cream
Pencil Sharpeners	Soap
Glue Sticks	Socks & Underwear
Calculators	Tooth brushes & Tooth paste
Composition Books	Shampoo
Notebooks	Conditioner

"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(7/22/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 6- You Shall Not Kill

Q  n last week's lesson on Commandment #5: How well did you honor
yc this week?



Today there is Children's Church for Preschool ages 3yrs-5yrs old ONLY. (Any kindergarteners are welcome too). The Elementary kids will worship with the families over the summer.

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

1. July 24th - 5pm-8pm- Churchwide Games and Dinner night.
2. August 2nd - Kids Club-9:30-11:30am- beach party with sand art/games at Bethany Towers (please signup outside the Children's Center)
3. August 9th-Kids Club- 9:30-11am- Make and Take meal for your family. Come and make a meal for your family to enjoy later in the day.(Signup outside Children's Center)
4. August 16th - Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends.(signup outside Children's Center)
5. August 19th- Blessing of the Backpacks
6. August 26th - Faithwalk Sunday- please signup to volunteer during the service.



July 22nd , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We leave for Impact this week. There will be many tents, many meals cooked over the fire, many laughs, many campfires, many people, many pieces of bacon. There will be many things but most importantly we will live together for a week and experience Christ's love through fellowship, worship, fun, and nature. This is one of the biggest and most anticipated events we do and it's because we get to experience God in a big way!

Fusion Tonight

We will be partnering with Kids Club this year for service opportunities during the summer. Below are a couple opportunities that are labeled service. Cupcake decorating is making cupcakes for Meals on Wheels and will take place at SUMC. Plarn is a ministry that makes bedding for the homeless out of recycled material that will also take place at SUMC. There will be more opportunities in August.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

July 22 – Impact Packing
July 24 – Impact Packing
July 25 – 29 – IMPACT
August 2 – Service (Bethany Towers 9:30 – 11:30)
August 5 – Fusion
August 9 – Service (9:30 – 11 Make and Take)