

The Shepherd's Voice
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When I begin a worship service I almost always start with "Welcome to worship at . . . Shepherdstown Church. It is such a pleasure to welcome you to worship here at Shepherdstown. I am Dennis Otto, pastor here. During these moments of worship I hope you sense yourself to be in God's presence and among God's people." Let me say that last week it was our pleasure to be welcomed by so many of you as pastor and his wife here at Shepherdstown and we really did feel ourselves in God's presence (during the wonderful presentation by the VBS team) and among God's people as you greeted us. It was not the first time we worshiped with you and experienced God's presence and the sense of being among his people.

While last year we were in an interim pastorate, the previous five years we lived in Boiling Springs and I worked in Congregational Development as a member of the Bishop's Cabinet. In those years one of the times that we particularly missed being part of a local congregation was on Christmas Eve. So we sought out services that sounded "right" and where I knew I would hear good preaching. On two or three of those five years we spent Christmas Eve right here with you in Shepherdstown. How interesting that God led us here to visit and worship on those Christmas Eves, maybe as preparation for us being led here to serve as pastor among you.

Let me say that I am so pleased to be your pastor and Mona is so happy to be here as well. I believe it will be an incredible journey that we take together as we work to grow more like Jesus and invite others to follow him as well!

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.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY: Our love and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Edwinna Newmyer "Winks" who passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018. Edwinna was a faithful member of the Wednesday morning Neighborhood Bible Study here at Shepherdstown UMC. She was loved and will be greatly missed. "Winks" was a member of Trinity UMC in New Cumberland. Services for her were Friday, July 6th there. Interment is at Rolling Green Cemetery in Camp Hill.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dennis and Brenda Tewell and Nick
Tuesday	Jim Tewell
Wednesday	Joann Tewell
Thursday	Michelle Tewell
Friday	Loring and Sally Thomas
Saturday	Shanon and Nicole Thurstin 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

Doug Brown (Camp Splash Counselor)

Natalie Brown (Camp Splash)

Vanessa Brown (Camp Splash)

Neveah Stout (Camp Splash)

Aidan Trimmer (Camp Splash)

Camp Penn

Tyler Weicht (Spirit Adventure)

US Postage Mail

Wesley Forest Camp

PO Box 58

Weikert, PA 17885

Camp Penn

8005 Old Forge Rd.

Waynesboro, PA 17268

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

For Doug, Natalie, Vanessa, Neveah or Aidan - Email: To send emails, you may do so by going onto the camping website www.susumcamps.org then choose the "Summer Camp" tab. 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 "Camp Splash" as the event.

For Tyler - Email: To send emails, you may do so by going onto the camping website www.susumcamps.org then choose the "Summer Camp" tab. Under "Summer Camp" you will see "Send Camper Email". Click on that link and a dialogue box will appear. Choose "Camp Penn" as the campsite and then "Spirit Adventure" as the event.

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 8Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry
- July 15Neighborhood Center
- July 22PCAP
- July 29Compassion International

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

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

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY: Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc. ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of the truckers and travelers who use the truck stops and terminals along the busy section of U.S. Route 11 just east of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

This stretch of Route 11 is known as 'The Miracle Mile' because it is a connecting corridor between Interstate 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This highway sees well over a million vehicles each month and has the heaviest tractor-trailer traffic anywhere on the East Coast.

In addition to the thousands of truck drivers who patronize the truck stops each day, thousands more pass by on their way to one of several dozen terminals and warehouses which are located within ten miles of this area. These facilities operate on a 24/7 basis.

Your gift will provide direct assistance to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry without regard to gender, race, religion or economic status.

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- July 8Cathy Fauber
- July 15Brian and Angela Rainey
- July 22Volunteer Needed
- July 29Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,089,010 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,450.50. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 9 am – 12 noon in the church office.

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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

- Early Service – 74
- Sunday School – 83
- Late Worship – 177
- Membership – 519

Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC

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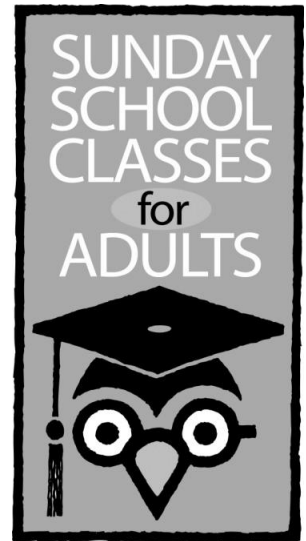
Helping Hands Class – Meets in Room 11 – older (senior) adults

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.



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.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$11,650	\$275,569	\$240,335	\$35,234

CV Habitat for Humanity - Mission Offering- \$433.43

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$57,115.32

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

And it will be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people." Isaiah 57:14

Time to do one of our least favorite chores - cleaning out the gutters. We had been noticing that water was gushing from the pipes instead of a steady flow of water. I don't like ladders and I don't like "handling" the accumulated gunk of broken down leaves and dirt so while I knew it needed done, I wasn't joyous about it. However, we had purchased one of those tools that attach to a hose that allows for an easier way to clean out the stuff. Darryl had built a drain through our paver sidewalk that allowed for the roof water run off to flow to the street years ago - which also helped. We turned on the water, put the hose at the end of the gutter and waited for it to do its thing. And waited..... While some gunk was coming through, it clearly was not enough. We finally determined that a mass had collected at a bend in the gutter and was caught there. We continued the water pressure and banged on the bend. It finally let loose and flowed out to the street. Yahoo! Our lives are a lot like those gutters. When things are flowing, we don't think much about our blessings. However, when things build up and collect and don't allow the junk to pass through, we become jammed, grumpy, unhappy. We are so blessed to have a Savior who knows where each of our "bends" are and has a way to make things flow again. Turn to Him in prayer when you feel your bend becoming blocked. Allow Him to give you peace like a river. Thank you Lord for the many ways you give us to keep our paths straight. Allow us to feel your presence as we rest in your promises. Amen.

Join the Prayer Team on the third Monday of each month - in the parlor - at 12:30P. Come....
Deb Kenes

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, July 17th at 11:30 AM at TJ Rockwell's. New members are always warmly welcomed.

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 8 Mark & Cathy Fauber,
*** 9 Don Franklin,
*** 10 Ruth Turns,
*** 11 Donna Keefer,
*** 11 Barb Lawver,
*** 11 Greg Shoop,
* **11 Tiffany White,
*** 11 Betsy Sherlock,
*** 11 Matthew Vance,
*** 12 Wendy Fisher
*** 12 Barbara Allen
*** 12 Tyler Bauer,
* 12 Vanessa Brown
* 12 Eddie Gaydosh
*** 12 Jason Hall
A 12 Doug and Janice Deveney,
A 13 Ed & Dorothy Hopple
*** 13 Jeff Noss,
*** 13 Jack Weicht
*** 14 Jeff Deveney
*** 14 Audrey Olzacki
*** 14 Erin Hought
*** 15 Rebecca Fauber
*** 15 Shanon Thurstin

SHEPHERDSTOWN MEN'S SOFTBALL: Shepherdstown played the Meeting House in 95 degree heat Monday night. Shep led off and thanks to some errors, a triple by Chuck Johnston and 2 singles, started the game with 4 runs. TMH responded with 6 runs thanks in part to some errors by Shep. Shep answered with 7 runs featuring a double by Justin Markle and homerun by Nick Costea. Not to be outdone, TMH scored 8 runs. Shep held TMH scoreless for the next 3 innings while scoring 10 runs including a double by Adam Fisler and Nick Costea's triple turned homerun on an out of play throw to home despite a skinned leg that used all my medical supplies. TMH rallied with a 4 run rally in the 6th but Shep prevailed winning 24-18 under pitchers Joe Stover and Linwood Leftwich in a game that finally ended at 7:40pm. Due to the length of the 1st game, the second game was limited to 5 innings. Shep gave up 4 runs in the first after 3 errors behind Jack Weicht (guess the coach should have warmed up the players after making position changes...) Andy Mallon led the Shep offense scoring in the first inning and hitting a 3 run homer to tie the game in the second. Both teams scored in the third and Shep scored 2 in the 4th to take the lead. Alas, they game up 3 unanswered runs in the 5th losing 8-7. Some impressive defensive play by Ian Smith (5 catches), Shanon Thurstin, Jack Weicht, Linwood Leftwich, and Nick Costea made for enjoyable viewing. Hoping for cooler temps and less blood at this week's game on Monday, July 9th at Grantham field. Please note the detour directions below and check the website for cancellations.

Directions: Lisburn road will be closed from Grantham road to the stoplight. Take the Lisburn rd. exit from 15 and head toward Messiah College. At the first stop sign, turn right onto Mill Road. At the next stop sign, turn left onto Grantham Road. At the next stop sign, turn left and the church will be on your right.

Andy Mallon: 6 for 9 with 4 runs scored, 5 RBI's, a double and a homerun

Ian Smith: 2 for 8 with a walk, 2 runs scored and an RBI.

Justin Markle: 3 for 9 with 2 runs scored, 5 RBI's, and a double.

Chuck Johnston: 5 for 7 with a walk, 4 runs scored, 4 rbi's and a triple

Nick Costea: 5 for 8 with 5 runs scored, a triple+ and homerun

Adam Fisler: 3 for 8 with 2 runs scored and a double

Christian Hindel: 5 for 7 with a walk, 4 runs scored and 3 rbi's

Linwood Leftwich: 5 for 8 with 3 runs scored, 4 rbi's and a double

Jack Weicht: 2 for 7 with 2 runs scored and 1 rbi

Shanon Thurstin: 1 for 5 with 1 run scored

Joe Stover: 1 for 6 with a walk, 2 runs scored and 2 rbi's

BIBLE TRIVIA

Did you get the correct answers to all of last week's questions? Are these too easy for you?

Easy

Where was Jesus baptized?

- A. The Red Sea
- B. The pool of Bethesda
- C. The Jordan River
- D. The Arctic Ocean

Moderate

Did Abraham live before or after Jacob?

- A. Before
- B. After

Hard

What did God send to feed the murmuring children of Israel? (Exodus 16: 13-15)

- A. Deer and fish
- B. Bread and quail
- C. Corn and barley
- D. Wheat and seeds

Answers to 7/1/18 Questions

What landed on Jesus after he was baptized?

- D. A dove

Which two were father and son?

- C. David and Solomon

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

- B. 10

Newsletter Bible Trivia Provided by the Discipleship Team SUMC

(Source: www.religionresourcesonline.org)

"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(7/8/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 4- Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #3: How was your chameleon skin this week? Did it change a lot of colors?



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 12th - Kids Club-10:00am-11:30am- make cupcakes and decorate bags for Meals on Wheels.
2. July 18th - Kids Club- 10am-12:30pm-Cutting plastic bags into strips to help the organization, "Operation Warm Heart". And, enjoy making pizza for lunch as well.
3. July 24th - 5pm-8pm- Churchwide Games and Dinner night.
4. August 2nd - Kids Club-9:30-11:30am- beach party with sand art/games at Bethany Towers
5. August 9th-Kids Club- 9:30-11am- Make and Take meal for your family.
6. August 16th - Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends



July 8th , 2018

"Fusion" Youth Ministries

Shawn Gray - Director

youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We have not had a Fusion meeting in a while and I am excited to get us all back together. I do believe last time we got together I said we could play Zombie. So get ready for an action packed night. We will also be doing taco's for dinner.

Fusion Tonight

We will be partnering with Kids Club this year for service opportunities during the summer. Below are a couple of 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.

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

Upcoming Dates/Events:

July 8- Fusion youth Group

July 11 – Wacky Wednesdays (12 – 3 *In Need of Parent Volunte*)

July 12 –Service (Cupcake Decorating 9:30 – 12)

July 15 – Fusion Youth Group

July 18 – Service (Plarn 10 – 12:30)

July 18- Wacky Wednesdays (12:30 – 3)