

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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Some of you will remember a doorframe, wall or inside of a closet door in the home where you grew up that had pencil marks from maybe 2 feet above the floor on up to five or six feet above the floor, maybe higher. Remember? It was where you backed up to get measured. Perhaps it was at birthdays or maybe a couple of times a year you backed up and Dad or Mom made a mark where the top of your head was.

If you had that sort of custom, you were probably eager to back up against the wall, have someone make your new height mark and step away just to see how much you had grown. You took joy in measuring your growth and were eager to grow some more. Paul tells us that we are "to grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ." (Eph. 4:15) But how are we measuring. We don't stand against a wall or doorframe to see our growth. By what do we measure? Perhaps the question is "do we measure?"

Today, we are looking at the third "practice of fruitful congregations," Intentional Faith Development. Many of us have not been "measured" since our birth of Christians. We have been around, been part of worship and maybe Sunday School, navigated both challenges and joys, but have not checked for growth for a long time. Maybe it is time to see how we measure up.

In Christ's 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, Paul Klase, Sue Graybill, Ruth Schell, Mary Jane Boyer

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Rose Weiser
Tuesday	Chandler and Stephanie Wells and family
Wednesday	Kristina Whaley and family
Thursday	Daniel and Jennifer Whitcomb
Friday	Dee Whitcomb
Saturday	Tim and Wendy White and Tiffany

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: Beginning Monday, August 20, 2018, the hours for the church office will be 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

ATTEND A MEET & GREET! Sign-ups are now available to attend Meet and Greets. If you are interested in attending there are sign-up sheets by the doors to the church at the Distribution Center in the Lobby. The following dates and times are available for members to attend:

August 23rd at 1pm

August 27th at 1pm

August 29th at 7pm

August 30th at 10am

September 6th at 2pm

September 10th at 1pm

September 10th at 7pm

September 13th at 7pm



If one of these dates and times do not work, please keep an eye out for new dates to be added.

HOSTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL MEET & GREET GATHERINGS! You can still volunteer to host a Meet & Greet gathering. Jan James and Angie Rainey are helping to coordinate these meetings. The recommended structure of the meetings is for the meeting to occur at the host's home or the church, light refreshments will be provided by the host (ex. Drinks and some snacks) and the meeting will last about 1 ½ hours. The following dates are still available:

Daytime (10am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm): 8/29, 9/13 or 9/17.

Evening (7pm): 8/27 or 9/6.



If you are interested in hosting please call Angie Rainey the church office or a sign-up sheet is located in the Lobby.



FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP COOKING CLUB... Would you like to be part of a cooking club? Our Fun, Food, and Fellowship Cooking club will begin again in September. It will be a time for us to gather, watch a recipe be made, taste-test, laugh a lot, and enjoy conversation sparked by a devotional of the day. The club is scheduled to meet twice a month, with the first

session being on Thursday, September 13th from 9:30am-11:30am and the second one Sunday, September 23 from 6-8 pm. at the church. If interested, just show up and plan on having a great time. If you need any more info, please contact Charlene Kapp via email at cnkkapper@juno.com or church phone 717-766-3076.

SENIORS ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER: On **WEDNESDAY** September 12th, the Seniors of Shepherdstown will visit September Farm Cheese Making in Honey Brook, Pa. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. We will have lunch at the Cheese Farm. After lunch we will visit the Zook Molasses Co. Store. A sign up sheet and information on the Cheese Farm is posted on the seniors bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet. Deadline to sign up for this trip is September 6th. We hope to return to the church by 3:30 p.m. Any questions please contact the church office at 717-766-3076.

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you to all who monetarily and prayerfully supported me for my Eagle Scout Project at Cumberland Vista recently. During 4 work days, my fellow crew of scouts and leaders, helped to re-organize the supply storage rooms, mechanical room, garage and outdoor storage shed by cleaning out the areas and then designing and building new shelving, building steps for safer access, and conducting maintenance on their riding and push lawn mowers. Proceeds collected went directly to the project with any extra funds donated to Cumberland Vista. The residents and staff of Cumberland Vista were very impressed and grateful of their newly organized and easily accessible storage. Your support made that possible. I received my Eagle Scout status on August 2, 2018 at a Board of Review. Thank you again, **Jacob Buterbaugh**

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 Lobby. Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.

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 Lobby. 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. *In response to those members who prefer filling their own shoebox, we have placed the boxes on the table next to the display in the Lobby. We have included a list of those items which must be included in each box and some ideas for other items. When you are finished just place the box on a table in the Elective Class' area in the Fellowship Hall.*

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, August 21st at 11:30 am at the Baker's Restaurant in Dillsburg. Please call the church office.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE: The rear parking lot will be closed this week for paving work. Please plan to park in the side lots or the lot across from the church.

TODAY'S MISSION BASKET: Fruitbelt Farmworker Christian Ministry is a 501©(3) inter-denominational ministry dedicated to ministering to Migrant Farm Workers in South Central Pennsylvania. Through our outreach we offer: spiritual nurture, pastoral care, recreation, and advocacy. We also strive to provide cross-cultural understanding through our Friend-a-Camp program. This is done by networking with churches and agencies in our ministry area to improve the quality of life for all people in the Fruitbelt of Pennsylvania.

FAITHWALK SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Plan to join us next Sunday, August 26 for Faithwalk Sunday as our children and youth participate in Worship and share their faith stories with us all. Your encouragement and support is vital to the spiritual growth of our children as they build and strengthen their devotion to God for life's "Faithwalk".

NOTES OF THANKS: Our work in the Cumberland Valley region of building and repairing homes for lower income families would not be possible without the faithful and generous support of donors like you. Thank you very much for your contribution of \$433.43 to our significant ministry. Gratefully, Jerry Nichols, Executive Director, Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity

We are grateful you have shared a portion of your stewardship with the ministries of PCAP/PAEF in the amount of \$369.18. With your support, we have an opportunity to reach thousands of young people, elementary through college, with the truth about alcohol and other drugs. **Don Wert, President, Pennsylvanians Concerned About Alcohol Problems/Pennsylvania Alcohol Education Foundation**

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

- August 19Fruitbelt Farmworkers
- August 26SUMC Emergency Needs
- September 2Silence of Mary Home
- September 9The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- August 12LIFE Class
- August 19Helping Hands
- August 26Elective Class
- September 2Bible Explorers

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

August 19Keith and Charlene Kapp
August 26Jan James and Dale Glacken
September 2Volunteer Needed
September 9Volunteer Needed

CO-ED SOFTBALL: The opening game scheduled for last week was delayed for 1 week. Below is the schedule of games for the Fall season. If anyone (age 14 or older) is interested in playing, please contact Shawn Gray at #

8/20 Monday Shep versus PPC at Grantham Field (2-7 inning games)
8/28 Tuesday Hope Grace versus Shep at Hope Grace (2-7 inning games)
9/4 Tuesday SEAS versus Shep at Grantham (2-7 inning games)
9/10 Monday PPC versus Shep at Grantham (1-9 inning game)
9/18 Tuesday Shep versus Hope Grace at Hope Grace (1-9 inning game)
9/25 Tuesday Shep versus SEAS at Grantham (1-9 inning game)
10/1 Championship Game at Hope Grace Field

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

Remember there is now road construction so to get to the field you need to 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. The road is supposed to be closed from the intersection of Grantham Rd. and Lisburn to the traffic signal.

HOPE GRACE FIELD: 110 Old York Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019 (H FIELD)

Travel south on Rte. 15. Turn left on North Baltimore St. (PA 74)(.46 miles). Turn left onto E. Harrisburg.(.10 miles) Turn right onto South Chestnut (1.16 miles). The field/church is on your right.



Special
Music
By
Andy
Barry
2pm

CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 30
FOLLOWING
10:45 SERVICE
AT
SHEPHERDSTOWN
UMC

SAVE THE DATE!

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,096,640.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,832.00. 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 – 89

Sunday School – 74

Late Worship – 132

Membership – 518

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.



Sunday School Happenings

At Shepherdstown UMC



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 (-)
\$12,658	\$336,071	\$295,797	\$40,274

Salt N Light - Mission Offering- \$367.48

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$60,819.66

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.

JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

His way is in the whirlwind and the storm. Nahum 1:3

A friend of mine lent me a daily devotional called Streams in the Desert. It is a book authored by many. I have read the July 28th message and just loved it. It told of a man attending school in the Mt. Pleasant area. One day he was sitting on the mountainside and a storm popped up. He watched as the valley darkened and the thunder and lightning rolled. It totally changed the look of the place. He wondered about if he was in the exact same place the next day. Where did the rain and storm go? And the grass answered him - "the storm is in me". And the daisy said, "the rain is in me" and all things that were planted in the ground said, "it is in me and has made me radiant". Friends, we need the storms and the rains and trials in our lives to show us how radiant we can be through Christ Jesus. Be thankful even for the dark days.



We have had so much rain lately that it is hard to be thankful for it. Perhaps God is preparing us for something in the midst of it. Join the prayer team as we lift up our praise and gratitude for EVERYTHING God gives us. We meet the third Monday of each month in the Parlor at 12:30 pm.
Deb Kenes

GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED: Join Pastor Dennis on Sunday, September 23 at Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg for the Breakfast Brothers Golf Outing to support the Keystone Emmaus scholarship fund and the Chrysalis Flight. The Outing is a scramble with a Shotgun Start at 2 pm. The Outing is open to men, women and mixed foursomes that you may assemble on your own or have the outing staff complete for you. Registration begins at noon with a light lunch at 12:45. There will be a picnic style dinner at 6:30 pm. To register ahead (\$65), please pick up a Registration Form at the Distribution Center in the Lobby

SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH THIS WEEK

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

[All Mechanicsburg 17055 addresses, unless otherwise noted.]

AUGUST

** 21	Rachel Kapp,	A 24	Ken and Haddiee Spidle]
A 22	Richard and Tricia Craig,	*** 25	Ben Cable
A 23	Wayne & Sue McFadden,	* 24	Ariana Morrison
*** 24	Emilie Fauber-Matthews	A 25	Chris and Jennifer Patterson
A 24	Steve and Brenda Malnick	*** 26	Donna Leinaweaver
A 24	Pete & Louise Swartz	*** 26	Mollie Gray

"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(8/19/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 10- Do Not Covet!



Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #9: Why shouldn't we try to cover up a lie? Why is it best to be honest?



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



We are always looking for more volunteers (ages 18-100+) to help with the Children's Ministry. You can help us by teaching Sunday School and Children's church, or help in the Nursery. Time is never wasted when you invest it in a child. See Janice or Charlene for more information or email us at

childrens.sumc@comcast.net

FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:

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

- 1. August 19th - Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 2. August 26th - Faithwalk Sunday- please sign up to volunteer during the service.**
- 3. September 2nd - Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6th graders will be up to start with the youth)**
- 4. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: HERE! Shepherdstown**
- 5. October 20th - Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm**



August 19 , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

We are going to do an End Of Summer Bonfire this Sunday at the Trimmers. We will be leaving the church at 5:30pm and we will be returning to the church at 8:30pm. There will be a sheet to sign that night so Parents make sure you see me while dropping them off. Swimming is optional. Bring closed toe sneakers.

There will be:

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, S'mores, a Pool, Manhunt, Bonfire

You can bring:

Chips, Any other food to share

End of Summer Bonfire Tonight

Uprise is a Christian music festival that takes place in Shippensburg. There will be Skillet, Newsboys, Family Force 5, and many other bands coming together September 14 and 15. See Shawn to sign up. We will be sleeping over at the church Friday night. More details to come. The cost is \$40 dollars and all youth are invited. Permission slips are available. Due date for permission slips is September 9.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

August 19 – Bonfire at Timmers 5:30 – 8:30

August 26 - Fusion

September 2 – No Fusion (Labor Day)

September 9 - Fusion