

The Shepherd's Voice
The Weekly Church Newsletter of
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During the next five weeks of preaching I will be centering on the five key things that the earliest church practiced according to Acts 2:42-47. Robert Schnase wrote his reflection on both scripture and his observations in the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. The first practice is that of hospitality. Hospitality was an important practice in the ancient Middle East since the climate tended to be harsh, it was sparsely populated in many areas and there were no ready services available at roadside.

In the book, each practice is named with an adjective and a noun. Schnase says that the adjective is as important as the noun. The first practice of the fruitful churches is *Radical Hospitality*. Jesus lived it and so did the early church. The question for us is, what does radical hospitality look like in our time and place. Radical Hospitality includes being friendly, of course, but it's a whole lot more. What would it look like for us to practice Radical Hospitality? Perhaps we would have "the good will of all the people" too, like the earliest church.

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, Bruce Smith, Larry Shoop, Paul Klase, Sue Graybill

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: 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	Tom and Dolores Walker
Tuesday	Doug and Dawn Waltz and family
Wednesday	John and Karyn Ward
Thursday	Amelia Warner and family
Friday	Craig and Joni Warner
Saturday	Jacob Warner

NOTE OF THANKS: We want to reach out and say "Thank you" for your donation of \$495.18 to Mission Central. We consider it a true blessing to be the recipient of your kindness. Your gift will be used to further God's call to be the hands and feet of Christ. **Rev. Rob Ryder**, Executive Director

HOSTS NEEDED FOR MEET AND GREET GATHERINGS! The Staff Parish Relations Committee and Pastor Dennis are looking for volunteer hosts to invite members of the congregation into their home or the church in groups of 8-12 (no more than 15) to meet and greet with the Pastor. Jan James and Angie Rainey will be helping to coordinate these meetings. To get things started we are looking to get volunteers to sign up to host. The recommended structure of the meetings would be for the meeting to occur at the host's home or the church, light refreshments would be provided by the host (ex. Drinks and some snacks) and the meeting would last about 1 ½ hours. The following dates are available:



Daytime (10am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm): 8/12, 8/23, 8/27, 8/29, 8/30, 9/13 or 9/27.

Evening (7pm): 8/13, 8/15, 8/27, 8/29, 8/30 or 9/10.

If you are interested in hosting please call the church office or a sign-up sheet is located in the Lobby. Please note, in the future, sign up sheets to attend the Meet and Greets will be placed in the Lobby for people to sign up.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES OFFERED: You can check out the green information sheet at the Distribution Center in the Lobby to find out more about the Harrisburg District's Lay Servant Ministry Classes being offered on September 15 and October 13 at Grace UMC in Hummelstown, PA. Classes being offered are:

Equipping God's People Module 1 – A required class for all those beginning their path in Lay Servant Ministry, this is also an excellent class for anyone who serves in any leadership role within the church.

Equipping God's People Module II – The second part of the EGP training.

Leading Worship – This class is required for those working toward attaining the Certified Lay Speaker role. It can also be used as a renewal class for those who need to fulfill the requirement of taking a class every 3 years.

All the information you need is provided in the flyer including cost of each class, reading requirements and how to register. Stop by the Distribution Center near the front entrance of the Lobby and pick up your copy. Contact the church office if you have 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: **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.**

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.*

FAMILY PROMISE NIGHT AT SENATORS BALL PARK! Bring your family and friends to a fun filled night at the Senators' ballpark and help support Family Promise Harrisburg Capital Region! Plan to attend the game on Friday, August 10th, 2018. All who get their ticket through Family Promise will receive a free t-shirt, and kids will get a free wristband for the Senators kid zone play area! Also, its free kids hat night and FIREWORKS after the game! Click/go to <https://groupmatics.events/event/Familypromise810> and order your tickets!

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

- August 5Rural Life
- August 12Salt N Light
- August 19Fruitbelt Farmworkers
- August 26SUMC Emergency Needs

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- August 5Bible Explorers
- August 12LIFE Class
- August 19Helping Hands
- August 26Elective Class

BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND

- August 5Charlene Kapp
- August 12Volunteer Needed
- August 19Keith and Charlene Kapp
- August 26Volunteer Needed

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE: Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,094,520.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$54,726.00. 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 – 59

Sunday School – 79

Late Worship – 139

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.



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 (-)
\$8,428	\$310,289	\$277,310	\$32,980

Compassion International - Mission Offering- \$329.18

Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses

Current Balance - \$59,789.88

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

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

You are not what you do.

You are not what you have.

You are not what people say about you.

You are God's beloved son/daughter.

This is your only true identity.

I read this in an article from Bobby Schuller. The fourth line is the message. Do you really, really believe it? You may be a lot of things – a spouse, parent, child, bible teacher, sinner, entrepreneur, artist but you are most importantly beloved. To truly know that is a release from fear, pride, comparisons, whatever is holding you back. Bobby said in this article that he has made a mantra of repeating the above every time he prays. It took a while for his heart to finally accept and acknowledge this truth but it is now firmly impressed upon his soul. Perhaps you need to memorize the same if there is any doubt in you. Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me – for calling me Beloved. You fill all my empty places when I know that your love and grace and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

Do you know the Prayer Team prays for each of you every time we meet? Come and be part of a conversation with God. No experience needed. ☺ The third Monday of the month at 12:30A in the parlor. **Deb Kenes**

CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM: We are going ahead with the Co-ed Team, (14 or older) and our first game is Monday, August 13. If you want to participate, please sign up on a green insert at the Distribution Center in the Lobby and place it in a Response Box. The games will be held on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 6 pm through the Fall. An exact schedule has not been provided yet. Please see Janice Deveney or Shawn Gray with questions.

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.

YARD SALE/BAKE SALE: The summer Church Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 from 7 am – 1 pm. A Display Board has been placed in the Lobby for you to indicate how you can assist with set up, donating baked goods, sodas, hot dogs and rolls along with bagged snacks. You can also sign up for a rental space on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office and/or at the side entrance. Space rental will be \$10.00 for one parking space. For additional information, please contact the church office.



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.]**

AUGUST

- *** 5 Denise Otterbein Cable,**
- A 5 Frank and Ellen DeStefano,**
- A 5 Kevin and Kelly Morrison,**
- * 5 Oaklynn Huggins**
- * 6 Kayla Kreitman,**
- * 6 Brady Buckwalter,**
- A 6 Joshua and Emilie Fauber-Matthews,**
- A 7 Dennis and Mona Otto,**
- A 7 Clay and Alexis McAllister**
- *** 8 Clair Lutz**
- A 8 Jerry and Sandy Goodling**
- *** 8 Delores Widders**
- *** 8 Marie Scott,**
- A 8 John and Louise Mowery,**
- A 9 John and Lois Shenk,**
- ***12 Debbie Peck,**
- A 12 Raymond and Linda Myers**

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(8/5/18)-The 10 Commandments: Commandment 8- Do Not Steal!



Question from last week's lesson on Commandment #7: What kind of promises did you make this week? Did you keep those promises?



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. 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)**
- 2. August 16th- Kids Club- 9:30-1pm?- Dinner, Games, and Bingo with Shepherdstown Friends.(signup outside Children's Center)**
- 3. August 19th- Blessing of the Backpacks**
- 4. August 26th- Faithwalk Sunday- please signup to volunteer during the service.**
- 5. September 2nd- Normal Sunday School classes and Children's Church resume. (6th graders will be up to start with the youth)**



August 5 , 2018
"Fusion" Youth Ministries
Shawn Gray - Director
youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132

Impact was great. We left with a group of 22 youth and volunteers and came back with 26. There was very honest discussion about faith and the desire to be closer to Jesus. It is always a blessing to be a part of a group who is honestly seeking Christ. Please stop any of our youth and ask them to tell you about the trip they had.

Fusion tonight (weather permitting) will be baby pool kick ball. So bring a bathing suit and a change of clothes for a fun night.

Fusion Tonight
(Bring Bathing Suit)

Kids Klub August Service Projects: August 8 is a "Make and Take" meal where we will be preparing a meal to take home and share with our family that day. August 16 we will be sharing game time and lunch with Shepherdstown friends.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

August 5 – Fusion
August 9 – Service (9:30 – 11 Make and Take)
August 8 – Wacky Wednesday (5-8)
August 12 – Fusion
August 15 – Wacky Wednesday (12 – 3)
August 16- Service (9:30 – 1 Dinner, Games, Bingo)