

*The Shepherd's Voice*  
*The Weekly Church Newsletter of*  
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I am old enough to remember the TV show with Peter Graves. Perhaps you're more in tune with the movie version with Tom Cruise. It is the same ". . . your mission should you choose to accept it . . ." The music in the background increases the tension . . . music in 5/4 time brings the edginess that we feel. Everything that follows in the show or the movie has to do with accomplishing that mission.

The Church has been given a mission. We have no choice about accepting it or not. The Church of Jesus Christ has the mission of making disciples. Our choice is whether to join the Church of Jesus Christ! The question for every congregation is how do the activities that busy us, make disciples? How do Sunday School classes, youth groups, vacation bible school, knitting groups and on and on make disciples? How do each of those activities connect people with Jesus for life and eternity. Remember the question isn't could the activity make a disciple or has the activity or event ever made a disciple but rather "how is it making disciples?"

Tough mission isn't it?!

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***

Tom Walker, Mary Jane Boyer

***CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK***

<b>Monday</b>	Ken and Linda Bechtel
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jack and Carol Beitzel
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bruce and Mary Benton
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark and Anne Beyer
<b>Friday</b>	Stu and Andrea Blakesley and family
<b>Saturday</b>	John and Amanda Blasius and Caden

**TODAY'S MISSION BASKET:** Advance #8055, Susquehanna Flood Relief through Susquehanna Conference. All funds collected today will remain within our area to assist local flood relief efforts.

**THE JUNIOR CHOIR** is for children in grades K-5 and practices every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room #11 (in the rear upstairs hallway). Rehearsals resume October 7th. Contact their director, Periann Smith, through the church office if you have any questions (717-766-3076) or admin.sumc@comcast.net.

**FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP COOKING CLUB...**In addition to Thursday mornings, the Cooking Club now also meets Sunday nights! Plan to come out TONIGHT, September 23 from 6-8 pm., in the church kitchen. If interested, just show up and plan on having a great time. If you need any more info, please contact Charlene Kapp at phone 717-766-3076.

**FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** This month's Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup, toilet paper, soap, shampoo.** 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 September include:

*hygiene items: mild bar soap (not Ivory), comb, brush, washcloth, we have toothbrushes left over from last year. 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.*

#### **MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS**

September 23 .....Local Flood Relief through Sus. Conference  
September 30 .....UM Children's Home  
October 7 .....World Communion Sunday  
October 14 .....Shoebox Ministry Mailing Expenses

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

September 23 .....Elective Class  
September 30 .....Bible Explorers  
October 7 .....LIFE Class  
October 14 .....Helping Hands

**BREWERS AND BAKERS FOR GATHERING GROUND**

- September 23 .....Keith and Charlene Kapp
- September 30 .....Volunteer Needed
- October 7 .....Alexis McAllister and Staria Reisinger
- October 14 .....Volunteer Needed

**GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE:** Since October of 2001, we have sold \$1,105,055.00 worth of Giant cards with a profit to the church of \$55,252.75. Purchase your cards immediately following the worship service or on weekdays from 10 am – 12 pm 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 – 70
- Sunday School – 79
- Late Worship – 134
- Membership – 516

**THIS WEEK CO-ED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:** Shep will play SEAS at Grantham Field on Tuesday, 9/25 at 6pm. Check the website for cancellations. Hope to see you there!

**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.



**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.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

**BIBLE EXPLORER CLASS:** This group is led by Pastor Otto and various volunteers. They meet in the Fellowship Hall in front of the church kitchen. Tidbit: This group loves to share personal stories that will encourage your spiritual growth. They will be studying the Gospel according to Mark.

**LIFE CLASS:** Led by Keith Kapp and Dave Schade, this class meets in Room 9 (upper rear hallway) and is currently studying the book of Psalms.

**THE ELECTIVE CLASS:** Led by Kim Simington and Rich Dixon, in the Fellowship Hall, this class uses materials that provide a forum for insightful and thoughtful discussion of relevant Christian topics using contemporary Christian materials. We view each other's positions with respect and grace. All adult age people are welcome as we have a diverse group. They are currently using Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today by Adam Hamilton. Next up in October: If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg.

**HELPING HANDS:** Meeting in Room 11 (upper rear hallway), this class is led by Darryl Kenes, Tom Mann and Janeann Runkle on a rotating basis. It follows the International Lesson Series. The class is a very welcoming group of mature adults.

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

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$9,027	\$379,947	\$342,015	\$37,932

UMCOR - Mission Offering- \$587.18  
Capital/Special Projects & Related Expenses  
Current Balance - \$43,838.72

### **STREETS OF TREATS TIME AGAIN... OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>,**

**10AM-2PM:** This is always such a fun time to be out in our community. The kids from the area come and play games and do crafts at our stand as they Trick or Treat throughout the businesses in downtown Mechanicsburg. **Once again we could really use your help with donating candy (preferably candy that is wrapped in individual pieces). Also, we could always use volunteers to help setup and run some of the games and crafts as well.** Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Look for the candy donation bin in the Lobby. Any questions, just contact Charlene : [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto:childrens.sumc@comcast.net).





## JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM

Do you love like Jesus?

*The scripture for today says: "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples" John 13: 34-35.*

I don't know about you but I fall short of loving like Jesus did. Think about his days. He was drawing crowds and ministering constantly. He was healing the sick, the lame, the deaf. He defeated leprosy and brought the dead back to life. Sounds like an exhausting day to me. Yet, all day/every day, he was loving people, even knowing that they would eventually fail him. There is no real way to love like Jesus did - under our own power. We can wear our t-shirts with Christian sayings and offer to visit a shut in every now and again but is that what God means? Probably not. We need to show up in the places where love is most needed - just as He did. Loving like Jesus means living a sacrificial life. Have you forgiven a transgression, fed a needy neighbor, offered time when you didn't have any, curbed a sarcastic remark that would only hurt? You can pray that your words and your actions reflect that you have been with Jesus recently.

*Father God, share with us the desire to serve and to love behind the scenes - especially in the places where love might be absent or wavering. Open our hearts to serving others the way you served - without prejudice, without an agenda, with total concentration. We know we can't do it without you. Help us, Lord.*

The Prayer Team meets the third Monday of each month at 12:30P in the Parlor. **Deb Kenes**

## ***FALL DAY CAMP AND WEEKEND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS!***

***Nurture the Soul*** – Monday, October 1, 10 am – 3 pm  
For Adults 18+ at Wesley Forest

Spend a day away breathing in the peace and fresh Fall air of the Forest. We'll walk through a day-long Bible study where we'll spend time in the quiet of God's Creation. We'll also take a hike, make nature art, enjoy campfire s'mores, and spend time in community with friends both familiar and new.

### ***Senior Day at Mount Asbury***

A Who-Done It Mystery – Wednesday, October 3

Join us for fun, food and fellowship as we solve the Mystery and Mayhem of the day!

Come and enjoy the beauty God has given us in the Natural Surroundings of Mount Asbury. Check in time will be between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Enjoy our Pennsylvania home-cooking Buffet from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. During Lunch, the Mystery of the Day will be presented, with facts and findings. After lunch you will flex your super sleuth skills to be the first to figure out the Mystery. The day will conclude by the campfire as we roast marshmallows, make s'mores and sing hymns. We hope you can join us! This event has an all-inclusive price of **\$15.00 per person.**

### ***Fall Holiday Crafts and Laughs***

November 2-4

Ladies 18+ at Greene Hills Manor

Imagine an entire weekend filled with fall holiday celebrations that you can enjoy with your sisters in Christ, doing what you love most - CRAFTING! Crafts, meals, and devotions are all planned with fall holiday themes. All craft and program materials will be provided for participants and are included in the price of the event.

***Register at <http://susumcamps.org/index.php/upcoming-events>  
or call 717-766-7395***

***SENIORS OF SHEPHERDSTOWN OCTOBER MEETING:*** Join us Thursday, October 4 in the Fellowship Hall to hear our guest speaker, and Medical Missionary, Mary Klaus. Mary, is a Christian medical missionary nurse who spent 34 years as a reporter in Harrisburg. She has worked as a nurse for Hospice of Central PA. She also has written various religious publications. Come and enjoy this very interesting program. No sign up is necessary. Refreshments will follow.

***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.]***

**SEPTEMBER**

A 23 Ken & Sherry Bruck,  
A 23 Roy & Millie Stare,  
\*\*\* 23 Lou Reday  
\*\*\* 23 Lori Stubbs,  
A 24 Randy & Wendy Fisher  
\*\*\* 25 Bob Carr  
\*\*\* 26 Dick King  
\*\*\* 26 Wayne Branyan  
\*\* 26 Nicholas Schade  
\*\*\* 26 Bill Evans,  
\*\*\* 27 Randy Fisher  
\*\*\* 27 Jack Beitzel  
\*\*\* 27 Candace Bordner  
\*\*\* 27 Sandy Allen,  
A 27 Kevin and Jill Kramer,  
\*\*\* 28 Ken Spidle  
\*\* 28 Breanna McEwen,  
A 29 Stu and Andrea Beitzel-Blakesley,  
\*\*\* 29 Ariel Butera,  
\*\*\* 29 Brenda Buckwalter  
A 30 Hersh and Annetta Simington  
\*\*\* 30 Laurie McFadden,  
\* 30 Sophie Weigle,

***DO YOU LOVE DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?*** We need HELP! Shepherdstown is looking for folks who love to decorate! Are you one of those who love to coordinate colors and textures and placement? Well, the Worship Team is looking for you for Advent or perhaps other holidays! Can you spare some time in putting up the tree and hanging the ornaments or hooking the window swags into place? Do you have new ideas for beautifying our facility? Please let me know if you would like to be part of this sweet effort of dressing Christ's bride. Contact the church office for more information. **Deb Kenes**





**September 23rd, 2018**  
**"Fusion" Youth Ministries**  
**Shawn Gray - Director**  
**youth@shepherdstownumc.org / 570-460-8132**

It has been an epic start to the school year. With Uprise and Impact Rewind behind us, we got a chance to shout praises to God through just about any genre of music possible. There was jumping up and down and dancing and smiling and laughing. If it has been a while since you or someone you know has been to Fusion or if you/they have never been to Fusion/Sunday School I want to encourage you to come out and be a part of this fun loving, Christ centered group. If you have any questions about what we do, please reach out to me by email/text/phone.

### **Fusion Tonight**

**The next event to look forward to is the Battleball Tournament coming on November 4. We will be competing at CHUM and it should be an excellent time. This is an event where you are encouraged to bring friends. We will leave from the church at 12:30pm and return at 8:15pm. If you have any questions please call/text/email me.**

### **Upcoming Dates/Events:**

**September 23 – Fusion**  
**September 30 – Church Picnic (No Fusion)**  
**October 7 – No Fusion (Columbus Day)**  
**October 14 – Fusion**  
**October 21 - Fusion**

**"THE FLOCK" Children's Ministries**  
**Janice Deveney and Charlene Kapp**  
(Directors of Children's Ministries)  
E-mail: [childrens.sumc@comcast.net](mailto: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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Today(9/23/18)- God Gives the 10 Commandments (Exodus 19:16-20:21)**



Today there is Childrens Church for Ages 3yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade. All kids will be dismissed after the Children's sermon in the 10:45am service. Please fill out a **GREEN Children's Church consent form** found in the pew.

**\*\*We have decided that Word Works money for the first quarter would go to help the hurricane relief efforts from Hurricane Florence. Please try your best to complete the Word Works as much as possible. Every little bit of effort on your part will mean additional help for families in need.**

**FLOCK NEWS: Upcoming Events:**

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

1. September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Soup and Subsale begins to benefit Flock activities.
  2. September 30- Church Picnic- 12pm- location: **HERE!** Shepherdstown
  3. October 7<sup>th</sup>- Soup and Sub orders Due.
  4. October 18<sup>th</sup>- Soup and Sub pickup from 3:30pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall
  5. October 20<sup>th</sup>- Streets of Treats- 10am-2pm
- 6.10/28-Fall party Fun- 9:30-10:30am