

The Shepherd's Voice

"The sheep hear his voice and he leads them" John 10:3-4

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

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The Pastor's Paragraph

We all remember these words as children, "ready or not, here I come." Well, those words seem to be haunting me this week. There seems to be so much to do, and so little time to do it. You would think I have young children and I am getting ready for the start of school. Well, whatever, the reason, ready or not, it is time for the church to get into the full swing of our fall activities. Next Sunday, we will share in the Faith Walk Service with our children as they are promoted to their new Sunday School classes and Bibles will be given to those who are to receive them. This summer has been extremely busy, with mission trips, several folks in the hospital, and several family emergency situations. If I sound a little stressed, I am! (Sorry!) Relax, get focused, pray, and study God's word and we will all be able to face whatever the day brings! God's peace!

SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC PRAYER CONCERNS

SICK IN HOSPITAL OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Glenn Diller, Dave Gearhart, Claire Gruver, Sue McFadden, Zachary Schade, Paul Schell, Donald Shoemaker,

NOTE OF THANKS - Sue and Wayne McFadden would like to thank everybody for all the prayers, cards and visits. Special thanks for Pastor Dearing for being there for us and his many visits, especially the first one. Please continue to pray for us as this is going to be a long recuperation. We are very grateful to the Lord and for our church family.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Mr. & Mrs. Dick and Louise Henry
Tuesday	Mr. & Mrs. Tom and Lisa Herb and Bryson
Wednesday	Mr. & Mrs. Al and Jeanie Hershey and Eugene
Thursday	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry and Peggy Hinke
Friday	Mr. & Mrs. Barry and Shirley Hixson
Saturday	Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Gretchen Hockman and family

THURSTIN FAMILY HELP NEEDED SOON

Shanon, Nicole and Jakub Thurstin will hopefully be allowed to move back into their smoke damaged townhouse soon following a fire that ravaged their next door neighbor's place last week. Required repairs have to be made before they can return but they are optimistic it will be shortly. When that does take place, they will be needing some assistance and some helping hands cleaning, painting and washing clothes.

This will be a big job as everything in their townhouse has smoke damage. If you would be willing to offer assistance, contact the church office at 766-3076 . You will be contacted to make arrangements when then move back in. Thank you



LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

8:15 Worship Service: 52
Sunday School: 114
10:45 Worship service: 143
Church Membership 496

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE

We have sold \$515,615.00 worth of certificates with a profit to the mortgage reduction fund of \$25,780.75 Giant gift cards are available in the church office after each service or during office hours *8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) on weekdays.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC LISBURN FIRE COMPANY GROUNDS

Sunday, September 12

The Shepherdstown UMC Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 12 at the Lisburn Fire Company grounds beginning at 2:30. Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and condiments will be provided. Please bring your own place settings. Various games and activities for kids and adults will be conducted throughout the afternoon. The meal will be served at 4:30.



Mark your calendars now and plan to come out for this great time of fun, good food and fellowship.

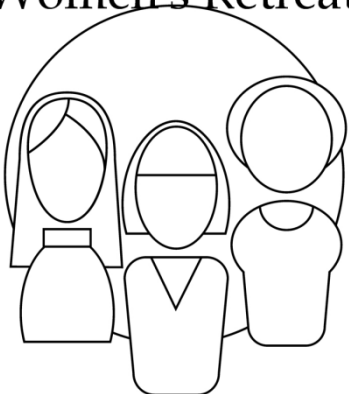
A NEW CHURCH VAN! Collected so far \$6,543.00

As most of you are aware, we have purchased a newer previously owned van for \$18,806.50. Recently we attempted to get a vehicle loan from a variety of banks. This was difficult because the loan must be a commercial vehicle loan. Fortunately, a member of the church has volunteered to loan us the funds to acquire the van. We would like to repay this member as soon as possible so that we own the van free and clear. Any contributions to help in this manner would be appreciated. You may use one of the pew envelopes and note that it is for the van or you can bring contributions to the church office. Thank you so much for your prayerful assistance.

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9th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Women's Retreat



All women – mark your calendars for the 9th Annual SUMC Women's Retreat scheduled for Saturday, October 16th from 8 am – 3 pm. More information will be made available soon but we want you to be aware of the date so you can plan to attend! Don't miss out on this very special, fun and spiritual day for the women of our church.

OPERATION WILDCAT PROJECT UNDERWAY

Shepherdstown UMC is participating with Mechanicsburg Area School District's "Operation Wildcat" Back to School project benefiting our local families in need as students return to school at the end of the month. A plastic bin has been placed in the church narthex for collecting back to school supplies and personal hygiene items. Please see flyer beside collection bin in narthex for a detailed description of the project and for a list of specific items needed. Please keep in mind, gift cards should not be left in the bin but instead mailed directly to the MASD office and marked "Operation Wildcat". MASD, 100 E. Elmwood Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Thank you!

SIGHT AND SOUND

Reservations for the Sight and Sound trip are closed. We have 36 people signed up. We will be stopping for lunch at the Cracker Barrel along Rt 30. It sits on the right side going east and is across the street from American Music Theaters. According to map quest it is 51 miles so if we leave by 10 am we should be there by 11 to 11:10. Remember as you are enjoying your lunch that the show starts at 1 pm and they want us there by 12:30. Those of you that will be traveling with the group please meet at the church no later than **9:45** so that we can get organized and be on the road at 10 am.

PLEASE PARK IN THE REAR PARKING LOT. DO NOT park cross the street from the front of the church nor the sides. Please park in the rear parking lot. We do need some people to volunteer to drive and we will use the church van

FALL CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Once again, we are planning to participate in a Co-Ed Softball League this fall season. This is the perfect chance for any interested female age 14 or over to get out and get some extra exercise playing in this semi-competitive league. We are in need of some new blood this year due to a couple of our regular female starters being on "maternity leave" from the team. You can call Len or Lisa Kapp at 766-6765 with any questions, or just show up at any of our games if you are interested in playing. Our first game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start on Tuesday, August 10 at the Grantham BIC church, just outside of the main entrance to Messiah College. Come on out and have some fun!

Co-ed softball Season schedule

All games start at 6 p.m. sharp!

Mon., Aug. 23 at New Cumberland field

Mon., Aug. 30 at New Cumberland field

Thurs., Sept. 9 at Grantham field

Mon., Sept. 13 at Kentland field

Tues., Sept. 14 at Grantham field

Mon., Sept. 20 at New Cumberland field

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$8,572	\$268,374	\$283,996	-15,622
General Fund Envelope - \$8,247			
Loose Sunday Offering - \$200			
Sunday School Offering - \$98			
Mission Central - \$250.25			
Mortgage Balance as of 8/15/10 - \$299,833.92 73%			
Capital Campaign \$230,709.50			

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS IN THE COMING WEEKS

August 22Faith Weavers
 August 29Elective Class
 September 5Helping Hands
 September 12Good News

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

August 22Thurstin Family Fire Damage
 August 29Compassion International
 September 5.....Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery
 September 12Christian Education Sunday

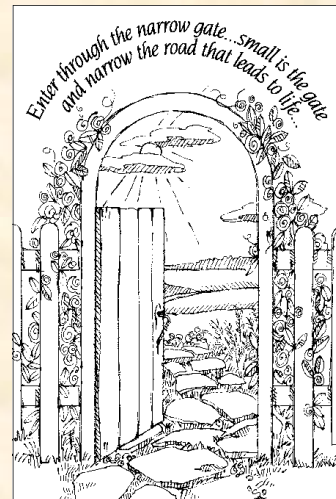
SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY THIS WEEK

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

- *** 22 Loretta Davidson,
- A 23 Wayne & Sue McFadden,
- * 23 Sydney Wilson,
- ** 24 Emilie Fauber,
- A 24 Pete & Louise Swartz,
- *** 24 Richard Denison,
- * 25 Ben Otterbein Cable
- A 25 Chris and Jennifer Patterson,
- *** 26 Donna Leinaweaver
- *** 26 Sandy Showers,
- A 27 Jim & Bonnie Madara,
- * 27 Natalie Brown,
- *** 27 Marilyn Puskarich,
- * 29 Matthew Kostelac,
- A 29 Steve and Brenda Malnick,

PRAYER GARDEN PAVERS AVAILABLE

We want to remind you about dedicating a prayer garden paver in the prayer garden outside of the church entrance ramp. The garden which you can see from the narthex window, is lined with pavers in the walkway. Some have been dedicated but there are still many more available which can be engraved with a message in a loved one's memory or to honor someone. Please see the forms available in the narthex on the information desk. Fill out the forms according to your preference and return them to the church office with your payment. Pavers are 2 different sizes and are \$50.00 or \$75.00. Check out our prayer garden today to get an idea of how to fill you paver out. Wouldn't you like to become a part of making our beautiful prayer garden even more meaningful for family or friends?



AUGUST FOOD PANTRY FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The August Food Pantry Collection is for New Hope Ministries. The following staple items are currently needed: **Canned meat, beef stew, canned fruit, graham crackers, pudding, pancake mix, saltines, dry milk, coffee, sugar, jecy, fruit juice, flour, cooking oil, mayo, ketchup, mustard, manwich, instant potatoes, scalloped potatoes, pancake syrup, salt and pepper, salad dressing.** Please keep in mind, any opened containers or expired items cannot be used.

DOES THE CHURCH OFFICE HAVE YOUR SPECIAL DAYS?

The information for the weekly Special Days section in our bulletin has been pulled from various sources. We do not publish the year of birth for adults, only those for children, youth and anniversaries. If you do not want some of your or your family's information published in the bulletin or newsletter, please notify the church office (766-3076).

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY

The Church address is: 1934 South York Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5102. Our Administrative Assistant is Deb Buterbaugh, and her office hours are 8:30 AM–12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The direct church office phone number is 766-3251. The line connected to an answering system when the office is closed is: 766-3076.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

To help defray the costs of bulletins, we are looking for weekly sponsors as well as special day sponsors. The average weekly cost is \$10.00 for 8:15 and \$20.00 for 10:45. Special holidays would be a higher volume copied so we could use more than one sponsor on these days. Please see sign up book with cost breakdown in the narthex! On behalf of the worship and finance committees, we would appreciate any help that can be given to this initiative.

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 sheet on the table in the lobby. Lists with their addresses and phone numbers are also available on the clipboard there.

2010 FALL CRAFT FAIR
WILL BE HELD
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12: 8-8
AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13: 8-2
BLOOD DRIVE, SAT., NOVEMBER 13

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

We make crafts for the Fall Craft Bazaar every Tuesday, from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. No experience needed! Come join us for fun and fellowship. Bring any craft ideas you may have. There is something for any and every skill level.

If you have ideas for crafts but do not like to do crafts or cannot come to Craft Time, please do not hesitate to still share your ideas with JoAnn Kyper.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS?

You can share it with the pastor at: pastor.sumc@comcast.net

TODAY AND THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH

TODAY

5:00 p.m. YOUTH Group Family Picnic
Stromboli orders begin (Red Bird Mission Team fundraiser)

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

6:00 p.m. – Softball at New Cumberland

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m. – Craft Time
11:00 a.m. –Prayer Shawl Committee
7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees in Room 9

THURS., AUGUST 26

3:30 – 6 p.m. - Sub pickup

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

12:30 p.m. – Praise Band practice in LC

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2010

August 22 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – Jeremiah 4:1-10, p. 859
Hebrews 12:18-29, p. 275
Luke 13:10-17, p. 92

August 29 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sermon – “Keeping the Sabbath”
Faith Walk Sunday
Children’s Directors in Charge of Services

DO YOU NEED CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES?

If so, call the church office at 766-3076 and request them. They will be mailed directly to your home bi-monthly.

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“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 FOR KIDS

9:30-10:30AM for Age 3 – 5th Grade

Today (8/22/2010)- Review of activities for Faithwalk Sunday, and learning about “Facing our Giants” (as David did) as the school year begins.

There will be Children’s Church offered to kids ages 3yrs-5th grade! These kids will be excused to go downstairs during the announced time in the 10:45am service.



SUB SALE to benefit Zack Schade... WOW! What can we say, but a HUGE THANK YOU! It just completely amazes us the generosity of this congregation. Between subs that were sold and some very kind donations, **we will be able to present a check to the Schade family in an amount greater than \$1000.** That is just awesome Shepherdstown, just awesome! Thank you to all who sold or purchased subs for this fundraiser. **Please remember sub pick up will be on Thursday, August 26th from 3:30-6pm.** Again, we are humbled by the outreach you have shown!

Please remember next week is Faithwalk Sunday. We would love to see as many kids as possible attend the services for the program we’ll be presenting. Hope to see you!



Calling on volunteers to help teach or assist with Sunday School and foot Children’s Church during the fall...if you love kids and have an interest in sharing God’s word with them, then WE NEED YOU! All materials for lessons are provided. **Even 1 Sunday a month would be helpful!**

If interested, contact Janice or Charlene. We’ll be waiting to hear from you!