

The Shepherd's Voice

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

The Weekly Church Newsletter of

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The Pastor's Paragraph

"Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace." (Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson) I prayer that each one of us is willing to take a step of faith and move forward by his grace. Fall is my favorite season of the year. I look forward to the beautiful autumn colors. For those of you who know me, I definitely prefer the cooler weather of autumn. The other thing I like about this time of the year is that all of our choirs begin rehearsals once again and share music during the worship services. I have always loved music and for me, it has always been a vital part of the worship experience. I know the choir members enjoying having some time off, but I can tell you I am certainly glad to have you all back! Remember, all of our choirs are certainly open to new members. Offer your praises to God!

**I will sing
and make
music with
all my soul.**

Psalm 108:1, NIV



SHEPHERDSTOWN UMC PRAYER CONCERNS

SICK IN HOSPITAL OR RECUPERATING AT HOME THIS WEEK

Glenn Diller, Dave Gearhart, Claire Gruver, Sue McFadden, Zachary Schade, Marilyn Aust, Donald Shoemaker,

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR SHUT INS

Take a moment to sign the birthday cards on the table in the narthex for Amanda McKee (9/16) and Emma Gates (9/17). These will be mailed to them soon so they know everyone here at Shepherdstown UMC wishes them God's blessings and love!

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the beautiful baby blanket and booties. Whoever made them is very talented and we love them! Thank you also for the cute onesie and the carnation. We appreciate everyone thinking of us. We especially appreciate all the thoughts and prayers while Kayla was in the NICU. We can't thank you enough.

Jeff, Michele, Bekka and Kayla Kreitman

MAKING STROMBOLI

We need help with making stromboli on Thursday, September 9th at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen. We will be rolling dough, filling with meat and cheese and packaging them for distribution. The more help we get the quicker the job will go. See Amanda for details. youth.sumc@comcast.net



YARD SALE UPDATE

Several weeks ago, (August 21), we held our second Yard Sale of the year. There was some concern about the weather early on but the day turned out almost perfect, sunny and warm with very little wind. We had possibly the biggest turn out of vendors possible. 34 families and individuals rented a total of 52 spaces, filling the back parking lot to capacity. This generated a collection of \$520 to the Capital Campaign. Many thanks to all who support these fund raising events. It gladdens the heart of those in charge of organizing them to see such support. **Stan Kingsborough**

CROP WALK WALKERS NEEDED!

The Annual Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. A fund raising event is planned for this coming Thursday, Sept. 9 at Hoss's. Pick up your Hoss coupon though today on the narthex as these need to be filled out for the Crop Walk to get credit. More information about this fundraiser is on the coupon.

Also, plan to walk in the CROP Walk this year and collect sponsors. Sponsor form will be made available beginning next Sunday from the church office. The walk will be your choice of 2 miles or 5 miles throughout the borough of Mechanicsburg.

We are also looking for a representative from Shepherdstown UMC to coordinate the walk. If you think you would be interested in being the coordinator for this year, call the church office for more information.



WALK FOR LIFE

The Capital Area Pregnancy Center, Life Choices Clinic will hold their Annual Walk For Life on Saturday, Oct. 2 at two convenient locations in Mechanicsburg or Carlisle. If you have any questions about participating, call 761-4410

TODAY AND THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH

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TODAY

STROMBOLI orders due

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12-5 – Member using Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. – Craft Time

6:30 –p.m. – Scouts in Room 9

7:00 p.m. – Outreach Committee in CC
Cultivate and Nurture in FH
Mission in FH

7:30 p.m. – Worship Committee in Parlor

WED, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 p.m. – Sonrise Ringers rehearsal

8:00 p.m. – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

THURS., SEPTEMBER 9

9:45 a.m. – Sight and Sound trip, meet in church parking lot

6:00 p.m. – Softball at Grantham

7:00 p.m. – Praise Band in LC

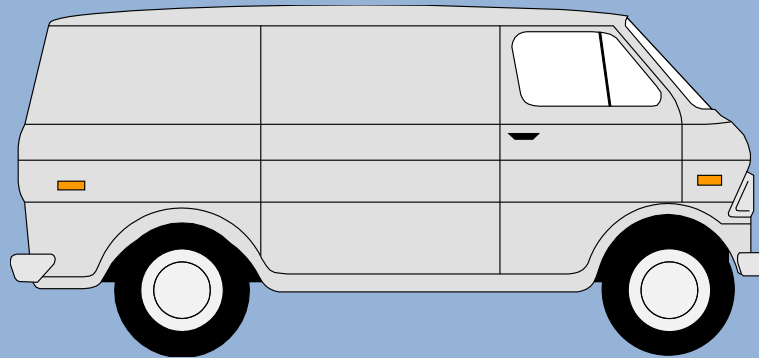
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5-7 p.m. – Pick up Stromboli orders

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9-11 a.m. – Pick up Stromboli orders

For Sale by Sealed Bid.....



1994 Dodge Ram 350, 15 passenger van
with approximately 59,600 miles on it
Inspected until February 2011
Vehicle is expressly sold "AS-IS"
without any warranty offered or implied.

The Trustees have authorized the sale of
our old church van to the highest bidder.
Sealed bids must be received in the church
office no later than 12 noon
on Monday, September 27th, 2010.

All bid submittals must include name, address, phone number, and bid amount.
Bids will be opened at the Trustees regular meeting on Tuesday, September 28th.

To view the van, contact the church office
during normal office hours.

CHURCH FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Carol Howe
Tuesday	Mr. & Mrs. Dick and Lois Hudson and family
Wednesday	Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Jean Adair Hughes
Thursday	Mr. & Mrs. Doyle and Joanne Ivey and family
Friday	Jan James and family
Saturday	Lindsey James

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC LISBURN FIRE COMPANY GROUNDS

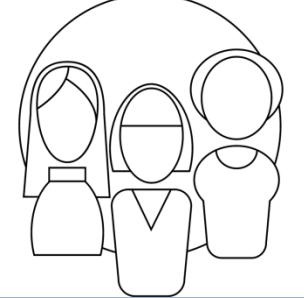
Sunday, September 12

The Shepherdstown UMC Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 12 at the Lisburn Fire Company grounds beginning at 2:30. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. 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.

Women's Retreat



From Bad Girls to the Bold and the Beautiful!

Ladies come join us at the 9th annual women's retreat, Saturday, October 16; 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Judy Smitley will present "Nasty, Naughty & Nameless Women" – three "bad girls" Herodias, the Woman of Endor and Lot's wife. Musical guest will be pianist and soloist, Pamela Wertman. Many will remember Pamela as the pianist from last year's dynamic duo.

Cost for the retreat (which includes luncheon) is only \$5.00!

A free will offering will also be taken to help defray the cost of the programs.

Registration and payment is due October 3, 2010.

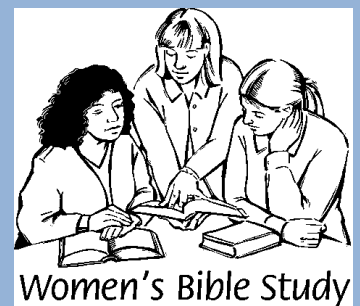
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2010-2011 Monday Evening women's Bible Study will be a follow up from last year's study – "Really Bad Girls of the Bible". Come explore the likes of Jael, Athaliah, Herodias, Tamar and others. We will see what lesson these women can teach us.

Even though the Women's retreat has a similar theme – the Bible Study is not dependant on the retreat and vice-versa! Books are available if you would like – please see the sign up sheet on the information table. (Cost less than \$12.00) –

Books are not required – but please sign up if you are interested in coming.

We are a casual group. First session will be Monday, October 4th. We will meet the 1st and the 3rd Mondays in October and November; and we'll pick up again in the New Year. Any questions – please see or contact Barb Dearing.



SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir will start Wednesday, September 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Mindy Kitig.



Choir Rehearsals Resuming

SONRISE RINGERS

Ring-Ye, Ring-Ye – Bell choir will be starting Wednesday night September 8th!

6:30 P.M. NO EXPERIENCE needed! New members are welcome – but – please let Barb know by September 5th if you will be joining so that we can plan for you!

GIANT CARD FUND RAISER UPDATE

We have sold \$517,485.00 worth of certificates with a profit to the mortgage reduction fund of \$25,874.25 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.

A NEW CHURCH VAN! Collected so far \$6,803.00

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. or you can bring contributions to the church office. Thank you so much for your prayerful assistance.

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

Co-ed softball Season schedule

All games start at 6 p.m. sharp!

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

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

8:15 Worship Service: 66
 Sunday School: 101
 10:45 Worship service: 193
 Church Membership 496

STEWARDSHIP REPORT **GIVING LAST SUNDAY**

Last Sunday	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	+ or (-)
\$6,654	\$283,372	\$301,206	-17,834
General Fund Envelope - \$6,399			
Loose Sunday Offering - \$162			
Sunday School Offering - \$93			
Mission basket – Compassion International - \$252.25			
Mortgage Balance as of 8/15/10 - \$299,833.92 73%			
Capital Campaign \$231,799.50			

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS IN THE COMING WEEKS

September 5Helping Hands
 September 12Good News
 September 19Pastor’s Bible Study
 September 26 Faith Weaver’s

MISSION BASKETS IN THE COMING WEEKS

September 5.....Daystar Center for Spiritual Recovery
 September 12Christian Education Sunday
 September 19Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels
 September 26South Central PA Foodbank

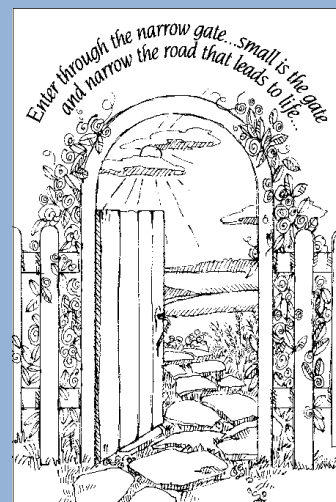
SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY THIS WEEK

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

- *** 5 Hersh Simington,
- A 5 John & Carol Hackenberg,
- ** 7 Heather Barry,
- * 8 Luke Kapp,
- ** 8 Andrea Kemble
- *** 9 Mayra Barry,
- *** 9Megan Allen
- A 9 Doyle and Joanne Ivey,
- A 10 Don and Rose Weiser
- * 10Gabriel Trimmer,
- A 11 Bob & Jenine Lane,
- A 11 Dave and Wendy Callahan,
- A 12 Jerry and Peggy Hinke,

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?



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.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS?

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

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2010

- Sept. 5** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1-21,
Luke 14:25-33
Sermon – “The Cost of Discipleship”
- Sept. 12** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28,
1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
Sermon – “Grace and Mercy”
- Sept. 19** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amanda Bressler and Youth in charge of services
- Sept. 26** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Ted Yohe, Guest Speaker

“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 (9/5/2010)- First lesson of the fall quarter- David becomes King

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.



Calling on volunteers to help teach or assist with Sunday School and 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!

Where does time go? It is hard to believe we have started the month of September. But, with that comes all the excitement of Sunday School classes starting up again, Children Church lessons, Kids Clubs, and outreach opportunities in the coming weeks/months. Be on the look out in the next few weeks for opportunities to get involved. And, you’re always more than welcome to bring a friend.



A big thanks to all the kids who participated in the Faithwalk Sunday service last week. You did a wonderful job! You showed how much you know Jesus and how much people can see Jesus in your actions! Keep it up!