

Harvest Home September 15th



We will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, September 15th. Again this year you are asked to bring an offering of non-perishable food stuffs beginning Sunday August 25. *Fresh produce* can be dropped off on September 13 from 8 am to 10:30 or September 14 (*times to be announced.*) Your gifts will be forwarded to the Whitehall Food Pantry located at



**St. Stephens Episcopal Church
Mechanicsville Road.**

It is a day to celebrate God’s gifts, share from our bounty, and learn from our tradition.



Worship with us on Harvest Home!



ROAR!

Beginning July 8th and running through July 12th, 22 children and 22 volunteers participated in **ROAR!** The children learned songs and played with some cool Gizmos. They learned that when life is unfair, scary, sad, changing or good, God is always good. They ate an assortment of snacks and played some fun and wet games. Overall, **ROAR!** proved to be a fun and educational experience.



The children were asked to bring in an item for donation and change every night. These generous children brought in 1051 items for Operation Christmas Child. The items were school supplies, flashlights and batteries, toothbrushes, small balls and flip flops. They also raised over \$172 in loose change. This will be sent to Operation Kid to Kid, who will distribute it [provide](#) nutrition and good health opportunities to moms and babies in Zambia, Africa.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors who brought the children every night to attend **ROAR!**. Without you, we wouldn't be able to have a VBS program. Thank you to everyone in the congregation who donated food items, supplies or money towards the VBS program. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated. And most importantly, a huge thank you to the volunteers who came every night to help, teach, guide and have fun with the kids. Without you, this program would be impossible!!

We hope everyone involved had a great time and hope to see everyone again next year.
Save the date—July 10-14, 2020 when we travel on the...



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

September is a month where we begin again some of the learning opportunities at Shepherd of the Hills. The Sunday School year for 2019–2020 will begin on September 9th, we will also begin our Confirmation classes and begin a brand new year of Bible Study sessions. The Word of our Lord is alive and available for all at Shepherd of the Hills. We also have other opportunities to experience the Word of our Lord—each week there is a daily devotion distributed to many members by e-mail. The Bible or the Word of our Lord is important to each one of us as children of God.

Shepherd of the Hills provides many opportunities to experience the Word of the Lord. Come and Hear His Word on a Sunday morning, come and read and discuss His Word in Sunday School and Bible Study. May the Word, the Bible be your favorite book in your life.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Schlegel

Sunday School

resumes on Sunday

September 8th at 8:50 am!



All individuals are invited to come and learn of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have Sunday School classes for all individuals from 3 years old through adults. Please come and join us as we learn together.

Fellowship Hour

will resume **September 8th**. Volunteers will be needed to serve as hosts and hostesses.



September 8, Blessing of Backpacks



As the children begin a new school year we will bless their backpacks. Please bring all backpacks to our worship service at 8 am 10:15 am.

YOUTH MONTH

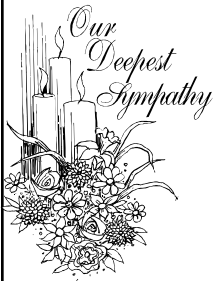
We are celebrating Youth Month in the month of September. We are rejoicing in our Lord for all the many young people who are a part of our family at Shepherd of the Hills. During the month of September there will be envelopes on the table in the Narthex for our Youth Memorial Fund. This fund sponsors our youth to the National



This issue of The Rod and The Staff is donated in memory of Dennis Weaver.

Love, the Family

This issue of The Rod and The Staff is given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Church Family.



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Lisa M. Haas entered into eternal rest on June 4, 2019. We commend Lisa into the hands of Almighty God. We offer our sincere sympathy to the family.



On August 1, **April Marie Maddona** was welcomed into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Welcome April, we wish you God's Blessing.

Joseph Raymond Brown, Jr. the son of Joseph and Emma Brown, Sr. was welcomed into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Welcome Joseph, we wish you God's Blessing.



On August 9, **Devin Ryan Dice and April Marie Maddona** were united in marriage. May God bless Devin and April as they start their new life together.



Thank you to our sponsors of the Times News SOTHLC ad

September— In honor of Savannah Weiss' 22nd birthday. Love Mom and Dad.
 October— In memory of loved ones by Rozelle Higgins.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE ENVELOPES IN THE NARTHEX FOR SPONSORING:

- ◆ ALTAR FLOWERS, COMMUNION WINE, BULLETINS
- ◆ TIMES NEWS SPONSORSHIP and NEWSLETTER
- ◆ MEMORIAL DONATIONS?

The envelopes help to provide the church office with the information necessary to properly credit your giving statement. We hope having them available will be a convenience for you as well.

Please be aware that when you sponsor altar flowers you should arrange to pick them up after the 10:15 service. They will be distributed to the sick or shut-ins if left until Monday at noon.

Please Keep in Your Thoughts And Prayers:

Louis Albright, Paul Balascki, Donald Baer, Pastor Michael Bodnyk, Gladys Borger, Bonnie Brown, June Brownlee, Joan Brownell, Janice Buckwalter, Jacob Busch, Janis Campbell, Verna Chandick, Gladys Cressman, Karen Culver, Jeffrey Deutsch, Sylvia Diaz, Ed Didra, Brian Dilcher, Joseph Ebner, Mary Beth Fatzinger, Joseph and Gloria Fischl, Kay Fronheiser, Tim Gallagher, Maxine Gantz, Peg Gaylord, Jeff Gilbert, Glenn Gold, Abigail Graham, Jason Greiss, Evelyn



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Youth Group News



There will be a youth group meeting on September 8 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Any youth in their second year of confirmation or older should attend. Lunch will be served. Parents should plan to attend for the first hour.

Hoagies will go on sale on September 15. Cost is \$5 for a hoagie and \$3.50 for a sandwich. Delivery will be October 6 after each service.

Our gift card sale will begin October 6. Order forms will be available on the table by the stairs. They should be filled out and turned in with a check by December 1. Or you may go to www.shopwithscrip.com, log in and use the code **L9A248FA33862** to order online. All orders must be received by December 1 and they will be ready for pickup by Dec 9.

Nut rolls will go on sale October 13 with a delivery date of November 10. Cost is \$16/roll. Flavors are nut, apricot, lekvar, poppy seed, seedless raspberry and pumpkin cheese!

Join the Youth Group

Save the date! We are having a Roast Beef Lunch on November 17. Lunch will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, 2 vegetables, rolls, dessert and beverage. Tickets for 9 and older will cost \$10, children 4-8, \$6 and under 4 are free. Tickets will go on sale October 27.



SOTHLC RECOGNIZED . . . By Heifer International for serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising our gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. “This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

“He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.” Proverbs 19:17





Beginning in August Denise Smith became the Worship Deacon and Scarlet Randolph became the Witness Deacon.

THIRD GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES

On Sunday, **September 29th**, the Sunday School will present Bibles to all those individuals who are going to third grade. Come and share the Word of the Lord.



COME AND JOIN US! LEARN THE WORD OF THE LORD

Come and join us in September as we restart our Bible Study programs.

Monday, September 16 at 9:30 AM

Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 AM

Place the dates in your calendar and come and join us.



CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- Joel Zimmerman, President
- Karen Haberern, Vice President
- Cheryl Reisinger, Secretary
- Colleen Ehst, Treasurer
- Eric Minford, Financial Secretary
- Scarlet Randolph, Witness
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- Drew Null, Youth
- Denise Smith, Worship
- Michelle Ferenchak, Learning
- Brianna Baer, Youth Representative
- Rev. James W. Schlegel, Pastor

T H A N K Y O U ... to all who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a success. Thank you to **Lisa Kroboth**, the director, plus all the teachers and helpers. Thank you to **all the youth**. Thank you to all the **parents** who supported this year's Bible School.

... to everyone who helped with our annual outdoor church service and picnic. What a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. It was great to see so many of our church family and what delicious food! Thank you to the Revitalization Committee for organizing and leading the games.

... to **Linda Forand, Judy Lentz, Colleen Ehst, Ann Marie Ritter, Melissa Sassaman, Karen Haberern** and all who helped keep the church grounds, flower beds, walkways and perimeters free from weeds this summer. We so appreciate your efforts. The grounds have looked beautiful.

.. to **Jason and Michelle Lesinski** for directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Hills in July.
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.. to all who helped with the Community Dinner. 76 people were served. A special thank you to Mike and Karen Haberern.



We received notes . . .

Thank you so much for prayers offered during the illness and death of Eugene Frassetto. He is now at peace with the Lord.

Mary Ann Frassetto

Thank you so much! We do believe in the power of prayer.

Maureen J. Miller

From Lutheran Congregational Services thanking SOTHLC for the gift of \$875.00.

Your gift helps strengthen relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach.



COMMITTEE PAGE

THE SERVICE TEAM

Reach out to those in need . . . We will continue collecting canned goods for the local Food Bank. The Food Bank serves all Whitehall and Coplay area residents who are in need of food for their family tables. We are presently collecting coffee (Decaf and Regular) - *no Keurig Cups* and cereal for the Whitehall Food Bank. We are also collecting soap and shampoo for the ministries of Pathways and Daybreak. Please reach out in God’s love to those in need. *God’s Work, Our Hands*. Please place your donations on the table in the narthex.

THE WITNESS COMMITTEE Take A Look At Our Revamped Web Page.

We have our own web page. You can find out information about our church at www.sothlc-egypt.org.

We also have e-mail. Our address is pastor@sothlc-egypt.org. We still have daily devotions which are sent out by e-mail. If you would like to receive the devotions, please e-mail us and we will add you to the list.

The Witness Committee is asking for all the addresses of students away at college. Please contact the church office with this information.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Assistance Fund

Our Church has an Assistance Fund to help those in our congregation who need assistance. There are envelopes in the Narthex to give toward those in our church family. As we end the Summer and begin the Fall and Winter, the need is more prevalent. Please give so those in need in our Church Family may not go hungry or cold.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE MORNING PRAYER: Each Thursday morning at 9:30 AM we are meeting in the church sanctuary to pray to the Lord. Come and join us as we gather together in the House of our Lord.

THRIVENT GRANTS

Each month Shepherd of the Hills receives a deposit into its Operating Account on behalf of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program. By directing designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars.



Summer is over, and so as the kids go back to school it is time to join up for CHOIR! We sing at the 10:15 worship each Sunday.

Rehearsal is on Wednesdays 6:45 – 8:00 PM



SOTHLC Signs of Our Faithfulness
“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”
End of Prior Month (as of July 31, 2019)

Monthly Stewardship Income: \$13,091 YTD: \$107,520
Monthly Operating Expenses: \$18,086 YTD: \$125,375
Stewardship Income includes Benevolence Envelopes:
July: \$362 YTD: \$2,789 (Budget for 2018—\$14,455) Paid to Date: \$3,614
June Electric : \$437 YTD: \$7,087
June Lawn Care: \$459 YTD: \$1,122

**Youth Group
Schedule
September 2019 through
January 2020**

SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY	MEETING WITH LUNCH
SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY	HOAGIE SALE BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 21, SATURDAY	MIRACLE LEAGUE, SCHNECKSVILLE, LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED
SEPTEMBER 29, SUNDAY	HOAGIE ORDES AND MONEY DUE
OCTOBER 6, SUNDAY	HOAGIE DELIVERY, AFTER SERVICES; GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER BEGINS
OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY	8 AM—12 PM; VOLUNTEER AT LILY’S LOOP, VELODROME, BREINIGSVILLE.
OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY	NUT ROLL SALE BEGINS
OCTOBER 20, SUNDAY	11:30 AM—LUNCH AND ACTIVITY
OCTOBER 27, SUNDAY	NUT ROLL ORDERS AND MONEY DUE
NOVEMBER 3, SUNDAY	6-8 PM, MEETING TO PACK SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD; FELLOWSHIP HALL, SNACKS AND GAMES AFTER BOXES ARE FILLED
NOVEMBER 10, SUNDAY	NUT ROLL DELIVERY, AFTER SERVICES
NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY	ROAST BEEF LUNCH, SET UP DURING CONFIRMATION HOUR, MEAL BEGINS AT 11:30, ENDS AT 1 PM
DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY	GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER ENDS, ALL ORDERS AND MONEY DUE
DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY	MEETING, 6-8 PM, GIFT CARD DELIVERY, AFTER SERVICES
DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY	TREE DECORATING AND CAROLING, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 10:15 SERVICE
JANUARY 19, SUNDAY	REHEARSAL ATER 10:15 SERVICE, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
JANUARY 26, SUNDAY	YOUTH SUNDAY, BOTH SERVICES, BREAKFAST SERVED

