

The Shepherd's Staff

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Introducing Our New Staff

Charles Rowdon—Executive Associate Pastor



Charles Rowdon

Charles Rowdon joined our staff on July 16. He is a 2009 graduate of Messiah College where he studied Christian ministries as well as Biblical and religious studies. While attending Messiah, he met and fell in love with his wife Amber and they currently have two young children— Samantha and Gabriel. They live in Boyertown, PA and can be seen frequently taking walks through the town.

Recently, Charles was working through the Berks County Intermediate Unit as an interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing and before that he was the youth coordinator at Messiah United Methodist Church in York PA. He is passionate about seeing people encountering Christ and becoming Christian disciples. His favorite book of the Bible is Ephesians and his favorite section from this book is Ephesian 2:8-10 which reads “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Charles’ father, Craig, is a retired air force lieutenant colonel; his mother, Toni, is a retired labor and delivery nurse.

Charles is the third of four siblings, two brothers and one sister, who live across the United States. Interestingly, Charles has an identical twin brother, Mark, who can easily be distinguished from Charles because of his large unkempt beard. His older brother, Bill, lives in Carson City Nevada with his wife and son while his younger sister, Annie, lives just outside of Washington DC.

As you see Charles and his family you are encouraged to introduce yourself and welcome them to our congregation. Charles enjoys spending time with his family and he especially enjoys taking his daughter to the pool and the park. He is an avid sports enthusiast, preferring to play rather than watch. His hobbies include disc golf, reading, and bowling. If you would like to meet our newest pastor and get to know him better please stop in to the church anytime Tuesday-Friday!

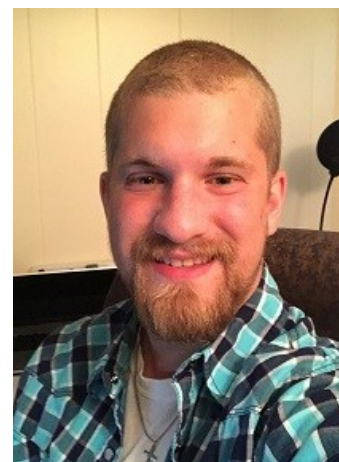


Lucas Hahn—Youth Pastor

Hi! I’m Lucas Hahn, and I’m the new Youth Pastor here at Shepherd of the Hills Church! My wife Rachel and I are so happy that we are a part of your church family. We live in a quiet neighborhood near the edge of Emmaus, PA.

I have a huge passion for youth ministry and reaching the lost for Christ. I was involved with other ministries before coming to Shepherd, all focused on youth, worship, missions and outreach.

My journey with Christ has taught me that I need to trust and rely on Him in all circumstances. As I have been doing so, it has been amazing to see His plan for me unfold. I’m so blessed He has made Shepherd of the Hills the next stop on the journey He has for me.



Lucas Hahn



Hi Shepherd! I hope you had a wonderful summer. It seems like only yesterday we were pulling out the shorts and T-shirts and putting away the sweaters, but that's how it goes I suppose.

I wanted to take a minute and share with you some things that have been happening at our church.

As you all know Pastor Derrick has transitioned into a missionary ministry and is planning to depart for Florida soon. He served here with great distinction for more than twelve years and for that he has our deepest thanks. In case you are wondering, he will remain an ordained pastor through Shepherd even though he will be in Florida. That ordination will serve him in situations where such a credential is needed.

Derrick's departure brought the need for new pastors. You may have noticed we hired two new pastors and will now have three full-time pastors on staff; that was done with the church's needs in mind. By hiring a full-time youth pastor and a full time assistant pastor we are better able to minister to you. Our church is blessed and we currently have more going on than two pastors can handle. It is our goal that, by dividing the duties between three pastors, we can better meet your needs as a congregation.

In addition to our paid staff pastors, we also licensed Jim Jessum to the pastoral ministry. He will serve as a volunteer pastor charged with making sure our visitation needs are met. Jim is extremely gifted in this area of pastoral care and by allowing him to focus on this one area we will be in a better position for visits. And I have to say he is running with it! He has a plan to develop a visitation team, training and other programs to make sure we are meeting the needs of our people.

If you are wondering whether or not the addition of these pastors will result in more people, all I can say is I have no idea, nor is it a priority. I have told our leaders I am more concerned with the people we already have than those we don't. That does not mean we don't want to reach more people - we will continue developing ways of outreach and evangelism - it just means our first priority will always be to you, to those God has already given us. Jesus said, *You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.* (Matthew 25:21) The goal of having more pastors is not numeric growth but rather better pastoral care. And in that area I am confident we will be faithful.

Having said all that, there are some things at Shepherd that will never change. We are, and will remain, absolutely committed to chasing after Christ with everything we have. That means Bible teaching will remain paramount in our ministry. Everything we do will be done with the intent of somehow sharing Jesus. *Second*, we remain committed to the sanctity of life and will continue to advocate for reforms needed to protect the unborn. *Third*, we remain a church of prayer. Your prayers are the most effective means of helping the ministry here so please, pray a lot! We will continue supporting missions, both locally and abroad. We will continue engaging our local community through various means. In fact, the essence of Shepherd has not changed at all. Although some people may have changed, the direction in which Shepherd is moving will always remain vertical, toward Jesus.

I have to say, it is a pleasure to serve as your pastor. You all are a great bunch of people and it is a joy to brag about you when I meet with other ministers and pastors. Thank you for your commitment to the faith and your faithful support of this ministry. See you Sunday but until then, God bless and have a great day!



Prime Timer Activities

Fellowship Lunch
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m.
Moccias (Train Stop)
Schwenksville
Register on the Welcome Card

Montco-Berks Golden Age
Thursday, Sept. 7, 2:00 p.m.
Shepherd of the Hills Church
Program: Music by Karl Hausman



“Save The Date” - Dec. 14
The Prime Timers Committee is sponsoring a holiday outing to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for their luncheon buffet and matinee musical, “White Christmas.” Reservations will be accepted, starting October 1st. For more details, please see the Prime Timers bulletin board.



H2O
6:00—8:30 p.m.
Shepherd's Den

Youth Club
Wednesdays, 6:15—8:30 p.m.
Session One: Sept. 13—Dec. 12
For K through Grade 6

End of Summer LUAU

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527 Hoffmansville Road
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Saturday, September 9th
5:30-8:30pm

Bring your lawn chair, blanket, or beach towel and join us for a
night of outdoor fun!



Schedule

Food & Fellowship 5:30
Worship with Allan Scott 6:15
Message from Pastor Collin 7:00
Hula presentation 7:30
Meet and greet with Moana 8:30



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Just so you know, some of my interests are spending quality time with my wife, playing the drums, listening to all kinds of music, and spending time with friends and family. I'm so excited to be here at Shepherd of the Hills, and can't wait to see what God is going to do with me here at the church!

Jim Jessum—Pastor of Visitation



James Jessum

My family started attending this church body around 1958. I was active then in youth fellowship. I was confirmed and married after our church became known as Shepherd of the Hills and moved to this site. I became an elder about 40 years ago and have taught Sunday school, ushered, been a crib room attendant, and served for several years during healing services.

Presently, I serve as secretary on consistory, vice president of elders, and elder in charge of confirmation/ teacher. Some of my interests are golf, my grandchildren/ family, vacations, and reading — especially history books. I am a veteran of the Vietnam War as a medical corpsman, and now work part-time at Professional Pharmacy as a respiratory therapist. I look forward to serving as lay pastor of visitation and getting to meet many of you.

Rally Day
September 10



Children's Church

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday
during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Children & Youth

Toddler—K—Room 14

Grades 1-3—Room 24

Grades 4-6—Room 25

Grades 9-12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)

Library

Adults

Adult—Room 22

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH



Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

September 10

Rally Day

A Memorial Service for Sandra Kaprelian was held on August 15 in our sanctuary.

Daniel Baxter Yonkovitch, son of Paul and Suzanne Yonkovitch, was dedicated on Sunday, July 30.

Wedding Bells rang for Ryan Wilkins and Sarah Getgen at the Inn in Leola in Lancaster County on June 10. Pastor Monger officiated.

The Shepherd's Voice Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:45 pm. The choir welcomes all who like to sing. Kathy Hill is the choir director.

The **Mission Commitment**

Project for September is Clara Kimmel, retired from Kentucky mission.

The **Vision Project** for September is New Systems International.

Over 200 people attended the August 13 send-off lunch for Derrick Whitmore as he left Shepherd of the Hills to begin his new career with Reliant Ministries.

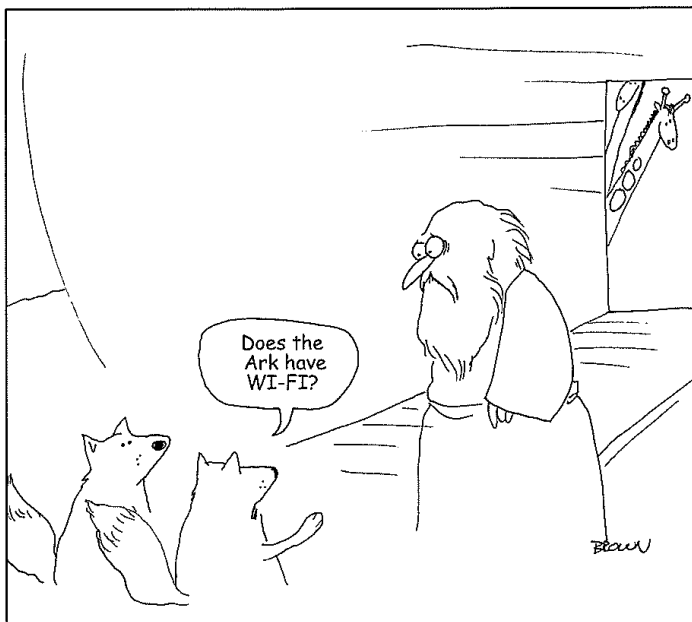
18 pints of blood were donated in the August 25 blood drive.

Charisma, Today's Christian Living and the Upper Room are regularly available at the literature rack in the sanctuary foyer. Use the attached envelopes for payment (place in offering plate or in mail slot on church office door.) The magazines are \$2.50. The Upper Room devotional is by donation (they cost about \$1.00 each.)

Confirmation Class will begin September 10, 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The first session is for parents and students. Confirmation instruction is a two-year program in preparation for membership for youth entering 7th grade. For more information contact Jim and Sherry Jessum at 610-754-7683.

The SOTH Relay for Life Team raised \$1,790. Many thanks to Bea Johnson for spearheading this effort.

Many thanks to Ron Nyce and Dale Bangs for their faithful service as lawn mowers this summer. Much appreciated!



Pastoral Staff

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Shepherd of the Hills' regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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