

The Shepherd's Staff

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 1

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday

April 8—Both services

Theme: “God’s Masterpiece”

Youth Band

Special music by Shepherd’s Kids

Guest Worship Leader

Carter Frodge

Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Biblical Worldview Institute

Friday, April 13—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14—9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

At Hope Community Church, Gilbertsville

Featuring: Dr. Jeff Myers, President, Summit Ministries

Topic: “The Secret Battle of Ideas about God: Overcoming the Outbreak of Five Fatal Worldviews”

Adults \$30 Teens \$15

Register at issacharimperative.com





Fellowship Brunch

Thursday, April 26,
11:00 a.m.

Meet at Pied Piper, Bally
Please register

Montco-Berks Golden Age Club

Thursday, April 5, 2:00 p.m.
Butter Valley Community Church
Bally

Program: Rev. Robert Gerhart
"Chalk Talk"

Greetings, Shepherd! I hope this finds you well and blessed. It's April, and that means the start of spring, although you might not believe it by looking out the window some days because it seems like winter isn't in any hurry to leave. Spring officially began on Tuesday, March 20th. Then, on Wednesday, March 21st, we received more than 15" of snow. That's how it goes in life as well; often storms can linger long after we thought they were over and things can seem chaotic.



I can't help but think of the disciples on the boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. These disciples grew up on that sea and knew the storms it produced. They knew these storms would come, and soon after they would leave. But this storm was different; it didn't leave. In fact, the gospels tell us the disciples battled for 12 straight hours against a storm and were only half way across the lake. This was a storm that wouldn't leave! Then, just as they ran out of strength to continue, Jesus showed up and took them the rest of the way.

I have always loved that story. It reminds us that sometimes God will let us get to a point where we can't go on so He can show us how much He loves us, and how willing He is to help. I find comfort in that because it reminds me that even though things may seem out of control from my perspective, nothing is happening that God can't overcome at a moment's notice. It also reminds us that no matter what we're dealing with or how alone we may feel, we have a God that's watching with the intensity of a Father protecting His children.

If you're going through something right now that seems to be lasting longer than you expected, and you're not sure why, I want you to know your heavenly Father sees, and He has the power to come charging through even the most stubborn challenge, and carry you the rest of the way. I hope this encourages you. God bless, and I'll see you on Sunday!

God bless,
Pastor Collin



Coming Events

May 4
National Day of
Prayer

May 20
Confirmation Sunday

May 28
Memorial Day

Missions Commitment



Dave and Lee Hall

Our **Mission Commitment** missionaries for April are Dave and Lee Hall, serving with WEC in Marrakech, Morocco. The church Dave pastors is diverse, consisting of sub-Saharan African Christians from over 15 countries as well as some European members.

The Vision Project for April is the Raffensbergers—Dave and Erin. They serve with CRU in the Boston area. Their ministry is on college campuses, but they also have a high school program in which they make presentations to young students. Dave recently gave a high school speech on “decision making” which was well received. The spring semester is underway on college campuses. They have a part-time intern, a Wellesley student, joining them for



THE RAFFENBERGER FAMILY
Dave, Erin, Natalie and Titus



Saturday, April 14, 9a.m.

Fellowship Hall.

Prayer & Praise will be followed by tea & refreshments. Guest speaker will be Dr. Kathleen J. Stricker, Certified Traditional Naturopath & Certified Nutritional Consultant. Her topic will be the Oils of Ancient Scripture. Tickets for the event are FREE and will be available at the Welcome Desk or by phoning Sandy Moser at: 610-754-012.

Youth Club



Family Skating Party
April 18, 6—9 p.m.
At Pheasantland Skate Rink.
Admission Free. Skates: \$1.00

H2O Youth

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Shepherd's Den

Children's Church

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

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14
3 years—K—Room 12
Grades 1-6—Room 24
Grades 9—12—Den
Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)
Library
Adult—Room 25
Discussion—Parlor East
Spiritual growth—FH

Preschool Clothing Drive

April 21, 2018

Used clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, towels, toys, bikes. No appliances, electronics or books.

Package in black garbage bags. Bags may be dropped off in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, April 15.



Prayers of sympathy are extended to the family of Frances Derr, who passed away on March 22. There were no services.

Prayers of sympathy are extended to Bea Johnson and family on the death of Bob Johnson on March 24. John Brown will officiate at a memorial service on April 2.

The **youth mission trip** to Easton will be held on July 15-21.

The **roof replacement project** is nearing completion. Weather difficulties have slowed progress.

Helping Hands will hold their spring dance in our fellowship hall on Friday, April 27.

The **Youth Leadership Team** extends thanks to everyone who helped make the Escape Room project a success.

A **membership class** for those interested in joining SOTH will be held Sundays April 15-29 at Noon. Child care and lunch will be provided. Please register.

Vacation Bible School dates for this year are June 25-29.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.
Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service

Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.
Magnify!



One Voice Ministry

Isaiah 12:5 says; "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Worship music is an important element in every worship service. Joining with other believers to sing praises to our Lord and savior. Here at Shepherd of the Hills we have been blessed to have some amazing musicians who are committed to leading us in worship.

Our worship ministry, One Voice, utilizes primarily contemporary worship songs to engage the congregation and lead them in passionate heartfelt worship. Though the band stands at the front of the sanctuary all the attention and praise is directed to God. If you have been blessed with the ability to play music or sing angelically and would be interested in joining our one voice ministry see pastor Lucas for more information.



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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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