

The Shepherd's Staff

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Thursday, May 4

For Your Great Name's Sake!

Our theme this year is For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us ...Forgive Us ...Heal Us! which is inspired by Daniel 9:19.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Jesus, stand among us, in your
risen power;
Let this time of worship be a
hallowed hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into
every heart;
Bid the fears
and sorrows
from each
soul depart.
Thus with
quicken'd feet
steps we pursue
our way,
watching for the dawning
of eternal day.
—William Pennefather



Coming Events

Graduate Sunday
June 11

Congregational Meeting
June 11

Father's Day Car Wash
June 18

Vacation Bible School
Jun 19-23

Relay for Life
June 24-25

Prime Timers Sunday
June 25



Hi Shepherd! It is hard to believe we're already into Spring. It seems like just yesterday I was bringing firewood up to the house. Now we're getting ready for gardens, pulling out lawn mowers and the smell of flowers and fresh-cut grass is in the air.

The same is true, I would say, for our church. As many of you already know, we have been blessed with the opportunity to begin a radio ministry through 107.5 WBYN-FM ("107.5 Alive"). The name of our program will be "Light the Way" and will feature our Sunday morning messages. It will air at 6:30 on Sunday evenings starting in May (so tell your friends). As you know, our main goal here at Shepherd is to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ and by broadcasting our teachings through radio we will be able to do that in a way we haven't before! How exciting!!!

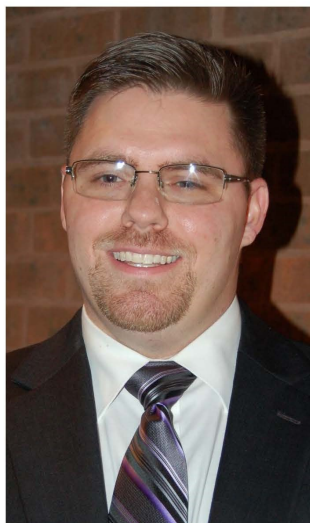
In addition to the radio ministry, we launched a Wednesday night worship service called "Magnifi." Last year we decided to keep two services throughout the Summer and it was a success so we will be doing the same this year. You all did, however, communicate that you enjoyed the fellowship part of the single service. Well, we heard you and so in addition to the Bible teaching you'll receive at Magnifi, you'll be able to do just that very thing. With a common mid-week service you can meet new people and build new relationships all while growing closer to God. It's going to be great!

We also launched a new series called "Say What," a Bring a Friend Fellowship service on 'fifth-Sundays,' and our new member's class called "Firststeps." We also sponsored a local Boyertown Baseball team this year. In addition, we're also looking forward to another baptism event this summer.

Among all the buzz and activity, there seems to be a fresh, Spring-like feel in the air. I speak with you all and one thing that keeps coming up is the feel of 'action;' the sense that 'things are happening.' And, well, they are! You all have a great group of Elders and Deacons and volunteers corps that serve in so many ways we can't possibly list them all. And the truth is, without the effort of so many people serving and supporting Shepherd, none of this would even be possible. So, thank you all so much for your prayers and service and support; it makes all the difference.

I, for one, am looking forward to the return of warm weather and flowers, and most importantly continuing to see what God is doing here at Shepherd. I hope you have a blessed week and that this Spring season will be an uplifting one, both at home and here at church. God bless and we will see you on Sunday!

Collin Monger



Prime Timer Activities

Fellowship Lunch

Wednesday, May 17, 11:45 a.m.
Rebecca's Home Cooked Meals
Narvon
Register on the Welcome Card

Montco-Berks Golden Age

Thursday, May 4
Lancaster Bus Trip
American Music Theatre



Youth Group

H2O Youth
Wednesdays
6:30—8:30 p.m.

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



The **Mission Commitment Project** for May is Ruth Marks, formerly a missionary with WEC Radio Worldwide, based in England. She is currently working with a Christian theatre company both in production and training.

The **Vision Project** for May is Child Evangelism Fellowship of Berks & Montgomery Counties. This organization is committed to reaching unchurched children with the Gospel.

Youth Mission Trip

July 26—August 2

2017 City Beautiful Missions Trip

This year the H2O Youth Ministry will be serving in Orlando, FL (also referred to as "City Beautiful") and the surrounding area. Central Florida has been hit with some tragic events in the last few years and we have the great opportunity to share God's love around that region.

We will be joining two of Shepherd's missionaries, Jeff and Karen Grant, with their outreach efforts to local college students. We will visit some local missions agencies (including Cru with the Grants, Wycliffe Bible Translations, and Reliant - Pastor Derrick's missions agency) to do some projects with them and to share with our youth the unique ways God is ministering through His people around the world.

We also are planning to do some children and youth ministry with local churches. And we will be joining the Orlando Chapter of Shattered Studios to do some art ministry outreaches around the city and some light construction work to bless the community.

We are very excited about the great opportunities the Lord is opening up for our youth this year and we appreciate your support!

Derrick Whitmore

Fill Your Bucket!

David Brooks, author of *The Road to Character* (Random House), created a moral bucket list in an effort to develop "eulogy virtues" — the traits praised at people's funerals. Qualities such as humility, dependence and energizing love offer more joy than any "résumé virtues" ever will, he writes.

"There's joy in freely chosen obedience to organizations, ideas and people. There's joy in mutual stumbling. There's an aesthetic joy we feel when we see morally good action, when we run across someone who is quiet and humble and good, when we see that however old we are, there's lots to do ahead."



Boyertown Relay
for Life

Special Offering

Sunday, May 28



Light the Way

The broadcast of Shepherd of the Hills' Sunday sermon on WBYN (107.5 FM) will begin on Sunday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.





<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/7 5 pm	SOTH vs. MSF Black	New Hanover Lutheran
5/21 5 pm	SOTH vs. Spring Valley CC	New Hanover Lutheran
6/4 5 pm	SOTH vs. Heidelberg UCC	New Hanover Lutheran
6/11 2 pm	Upper Perk CC vs. SOTH	Eagle AA Field
6/18 5 pm	SOTH vs. New Life BFC	New Hanover Lutheran
6/25 2 pm	MSF Gold vs. SOTH	Morning Star Fellowship

*First team listed is Home Team

Bits and Pieces

Vacation Bible School dates for 2017 are June 19-23. Please contact Diane Smith about your interest in being involved.

Please submit names of members who are graduating this spring from high school, college or other educational institutions to the church office. Information needs to be in the church office by the 21st of May in order to be included in the summer Shepherd's Staff. You may use the Welcome Card in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office to provide the name, school and degree earned.

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.)

Pastor John Brown's tenure as a part-time associate pastor will end on May 31. He has served in this capacity since his retirement as senior pastor on February 8, 2016.



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

May 14

Confirmation



Consider
yourselves
dead to sin

and

ALIVE
to **GOD** in
CHRIST
JESUS

ROMANS 6:11

Pastoral Staff

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Derrick Whitmore, John Brown

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