

SHELLS MESSENGER
Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 2024

Vibrant Worship + Active Service
Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship
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We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

VBS SCUBA – Diving into friendship with God



A special **THANK YOU** to our **VBS team** for an **AWESOME, AMAZING**, week of SCUBA VBS, that ran from Sunday, July 7 - Thursday July 11! We shared an incredible week playing, learning, growing, and becoming better friends – diving into friendship with God!

We started each night of SCUBA, exploring the deep blue sea, at Sing and Play Splash, learning cool Bible songs, watching our Sydney Shore skits, learning daily Bible Points and meeting our Bible Buddies! We shared God sightings, evidence of God in everyday life, and added fish to our God Sightings Celebration spot all week. Then our crews divided into groups, rotating between Imagination Station, Reef Rec Games, and Deep Bible Adventures. We ended each night at Fin-tastic Finale, talking about our awesome day, watching our Spotlight VBS show and singing awesome Bible songs. Our “Swedish Fish” drawing each night was a highlight of the week!

We held a Celebration closing program Thursday night for our parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors, to share our exciting, incredible week of VBS, followed by Shells tradition of Rita’s Italian ice after the program. Our Thursday evening social highlight was a “pie-in-the-face” of Father Barnes, by the last name drawn from our contest, Addyson Waiwada.

As part of SCUBA VBS, we participated in an outreach project, collecting money that will provide clean drinking water to children and families in Honduras. By the end of the week of VBS we collected \$356.42, and to date have collected \$788.42. We are accepting donations from the congregation through the end of July. Your donations show the kids in Honduras that someone cares for them! What a way to make a splash in the world!

We provided a light fellowship meal each night in the Social Hall, for kids, families and volunteers, from 5:15 to 6pm. Approximately 312 meals were served during our VBS week! Thank you to everyone for your food donations for our meals and snacks, and to our fellowship team, who helped prepare and serve these delicious meals!

We were excited to have 48 children participate at VBS this year; 14 youth and teen helpers, and 33 adult volunteers! Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and commitment, helping kids have a fun-filled, faith-filled week at SCUBA, and making this another awesome, amazing VBS!! “Thanks, God!!”

Directors:

Barbara Dupler
Angelina Gonzales
Michelle Sholder

Assistant Director:
Sandy Mader

Station Leaders:

Sing & Play Splash & Fin-tastic Finale: Barbara Dupler, Erica Strang
Deep Bible Adventures: Fr. Barnes, Gabriel Gonzales, Ryan Jaggan
Imagination Station: Angie Gonzales, Michelle Sholder, Candy Dupler
Reef Rec Games: Elizabeth, Luke & Nora Holler, Lexi Frye, Dominic Tolland
Tidal Treats & Fellowship Meal: Erna O’Brien, Gen Whitehaus
Fellowship Meal Team: Mim Fake, Brenda Frye, Karen Gussler, Karlene Jaggan, Sherrie Kauffman, Audrey Neiswender, Don Whitehaus
Spotlight Photography/Photo Booth/Sound & Video Tech: Diana & Jessica Budd
Registration/Attendance: Sandy Mader, Deacon Kristen Barnes
Sydney Shore Skits: Anna Holler, Sophie Buse

Crew Leaders:

Crew Winnie (3yr olds): Connie Terry

Crew Winnie (PreK): Patty Harmon, Anna Holler, Sophie Buse

Crew Finnley (Kdg.-Gr. 1): Janet Klos, Erica Strang, Emily Dupler, Ava Arndt

Crew Waylon (Gr. 1-2): Linda Blair, Jenn Landucci, Mary Shellenberger

Crew Tad (Gr. 2-3): Crystal & Colin Blair, Jacob Mende

Crew Fisher (Gr. 4): Katie Shellenberger, Mike Cattermole, Mina Sholder

Crew Octavia (Gr. 5): Diane Suhr, Raelene Smith, Jordan Frye, Addison Leppo

SAVE THE DATES:

July 29 and August 5 @ 3pm - First Holy Communion Classes

July 28 @ 3pm – Annual Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social at St. John Hoernerstown

August 6 - South Hanover National Night Out

August 9 @ 6:30pm - Mini golf and ice cream at Challenge Golf in Hummelstown

August 15 @ 7pm - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and First Holy Communion

September 14 - Knoebels Grove

12-2pm hotdogs provided by church

October 2 at 7pm - Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (*Blessing of First Responders*)

October 4 @ 6:30pm - Blessing of the Animals

October 12 - National Acolyte Festival in Washington DC

October 27 - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

November 2 @ 6:30pm - All Souls Day

November 11 @ 6:30pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (*Blessing of Veterans*)

November 23 - Yuengling Brewery tour

December – Christmas Caroling

Be sure to check out the photos in the Social Hall highlighting some Shells Lutheran Church history as we prepare for the 200th Anniversary in 2025. If you have photos you would like to add to the display, please clearly mark them and give them to Diana Budd or Diane Gotshall. We will be scanning the photos to make a digital slide show for the anniversary celebrations. Photos will be returned to you in Summer 2024.

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Local Food Pantry. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

RACETRACK PROJECT - Thank you to the Congregation and the Adult Sunday School Class for making this year's project such a success. This was the biggest undertaking we have had and you all came through with flying colors. We met our goal with donations and did not have to purchase any items. Wow, what a feat! Special thank you to Diana Budd for keeping us on track and keeping a running count of our items, Linda DeMario for sewing all of the wonderful bags and to my helper and set up girl, Karen Gussler. Everyone did a fantastic job and I appreciate all your help. Since we don't know what our numbers will be going forward, we will continue to collect items as we have this past year.

AUGUST - Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER - Bar Soap & Combs

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - Tissue & Lip Balm

Thank you all for job well done. Your help and participation is so appreciated.

Shells Family Fun Committee is meeting Monday August 5 @ 6:30pm at the church. Please join this fun group as we plan our fall events for our church family.

August Family Fun Event: Mini-golf and ice cream at Challenge Family Fun Center Friday August 9 @ 6:30pm (366 Middletown Road, Hummelstown, 17036). Please sign up by August 4 on the sheet in the Narthex. If we have 15 or more people the cost is \$8 - payable at the event. If we have less than 15, the cost is \$11 for adults and children \$8.50. Any questions, please see Kathy or Bethany Espenshade.

The Girl Scouts are continuing their sneaker collection for the next few months. We are collecting any size or condition of sneakers. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you, Anna and Nora.

Audit Volunteers Needed. Our Treasurer, Charlie Schreiber, is in need of three volunteers to spend 90 minutes on our yearly audit. It will need to be completed in the month of August. Tuesdays and Thursdays during the daytime work best. If you are able to serve in this way, please contact Sherry Ulsh.

Please contact the Church Office to sign up to bring individually wrapped baked goods, snacks, fruit, and veggies to the South Hanover National Night Out on August 6. Please consider coming to help run our booth too!

ALIVE 2024: Join middle schoolers from across the Lower Susquehanna Synod at Camp Nawakwa from September 27-29. Please visit the Lower Susquehanna Synod website for more information. The cost is \$139 and Shells will cover half of the cost (full tuition coverage available if needed).

Dear Shells Community,

Thank you so much for gifting me an amazing scholarship that I can put towards my college tuition at Lynchburg. It is truly a blessing. Thanks again!

With Love,
Grace Peterson

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

Angie Gonzales, Blake O'Brien, Colton O'Brien, Shane O'Brien, Diane Suhr, Sherrie Kauffman, Wade Mader, Vicki Hilbert, Prya Jaggan, Joe Budd, Riley Gonzales, Kyle Gordon, Azyel Jaggan, Joanne Manchester, Audrey Neiswender, Troy Wiltraut

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

8/1	Seth Frye	8/13	Sue Smith
8/4	Jack Ulsh	8/14	Joe Budd
8/6	Ed Murphy	8/14	Erna O'Brien
	Douglass Howard	8/15	Ellie Roush
8/9	Rick Hoover	8/19	Scott Espenshade
8/10	Linda Rose	8/22	Olivia Gordon
8/12	Tregan Layton	8/23	Pria Jaggan
	Thurston Manchester	8/26	Michelle Sholder

Prayer List: Linda DeMario, Betty Espenshade, Don Espenshade, Ed Fake, Mim Fake, Herb Fisher, Sylvia Fisher, Al Germann, Angie Gonzales, Alfred Howard, Doug Howard, Jr., Nancy Iachini, Keira Karijomenggolo, Iva Rodemaker, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Gen Whitehaus, Our Shells Family Shut-ins, Our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Matt Gordon, Crist Espenshade, Nikolas Jaggan, James Hess, Keegan Wenner, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, John Thomas and Chris O'Brien.

Those who have died:

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process *(please pray for the formation of those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation):* Jordan Frye, Lexi Frye and Nora Holler.

Family & Friends: Bob Baker, Saadia Baker, Nancy Balmer, Skip Balmer, Bill Birtle, Billie Jo Blatt and family, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Owen Burns, Cory Cerperich, Verna Ebersole, Joan Espenshade, Michael Gelehorte, Anne Gordon, Tom Gussler, Emily Hand, Rob Herman, Michael Hudak, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Lee Lippi, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Pokhim Ker, Dan Martin, Barb Morrow, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Ken Rebuck, Molly Reinhart, June Rohrbach, Yvonne Rosenberger, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Kathy Spangler, Jay Stahl, Steve Tentylo, Stephanie Wagner, Aria Wenner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list may call Theresa at Shells office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

Worship Assistants Schedule: August/ September

	Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Communion Assistant	Greeter /Usher	Altar Care
August 4 Ordinary Time 18	Gen Whitehaus	Brenda Frye	Mary Shellenberger	Don Whitehaus	Bert & Karen Gussler	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
August 11 Ordinary Time 19	Raelene Smith	Steve Espenshade	Nora Holler	Louise Murphy	Rick & Linda Blair	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Karlene Jaggan	Brenda Frye	Mary Shellenberger, Gaber Gonzales & Jacob Mende	Deacon Kristen Barnes	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	
August 18 Ordinary Time 20	Karen Gussler	Erica Strang	Douglass Howard	Louise Murphy	Tom & Sandy Mader	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
August 25 Ordinary Time 21	Sherry Ulsh	Ed Fake	Jacob Mende	Louise Murphy	Joe & Diana Budd	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos
September 1 Ordinary Time 22	Karlene Jaggan	Raelene Smith	Abigail Blair	Louise Murphy	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer
September 8 Ordinary Time 23	Gen Whitehaus	Diane Gotshall	Lexi Frye	Don Whitehaus	Rick & Linda Blair	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
September 15 Ordinary Time 24	Raelene Smith	Gen Whitehaus	Douglass Howard	Don Whitehaus	Bert & Karen Gussler	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
September 22 Ordinary Time 25	Karen Gussler	Lisa Lugovich	Nora Holler	Louise Murphy	Tom & Sandy Mader	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
September 29 Ordinary Time 26	Sherry Ulsh	Gen Whitehaus	Ellie Frye	Don Whitehaus	Joe & Diana Budd	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6pm Cub Scouts	2	3
4 Ordinary Time 18 6pm Boy Scouts	5 3pm First Communion Class 6:30pm Family Fun Task Force Meeting	6 6-8pm National Night Out South Hanover Twp.	7 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Parish Council	8 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Learning Ministry	9 6:30pm Family Fun Mini Golf & Ice Cream	10
11 Ordinary Time 19 6pm Boy Scouts	12	13	14 6pm Girl Scouts	15 7pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & First Communion	16 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	17 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>
18 Ordinary Time 20 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	19 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	20 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	21 6pm Girl Scouts Food Pantry <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	22 6pm Cub Scouts Food Pantry <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	23 Food Pantry <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	24
25 Ordinary Time 21 6pm Boy Scouts	26	27	28 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	29 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	30 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>	31 <i>Fr. Barnes Vacation</i>

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (June 30, 2024)

2024 Approved Budget \$277, 995

Income: \$139,764.23

Expenses: \$135,285.56

Love of Family Contributions: \$2,310

Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$2,381.14

Capital Improvement Contributions: \$17,075

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$480

Adult Forum: \$241.51

Friends in Action: \$1,195

Richard Sarker, Missionary: \$1,000

Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$2,342

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