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**Office hours**  
Sunday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
304-876-6466

**Sun 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Moving Up Sunday**

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
5:00 p.m. Summer picnic. Morgan's Grove Park

**Wed 30**

7:30 p.m. Parish Care committee. Fellowship Hall

**Thu 31**

9:30 a.m. Liturgy planning. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table  
9:15 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table  
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**WORSHIP September 3:** Rev. Robert Close. Lessons: *Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28*

**WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION of WV**, special offering to support Presbyterian Campus Ministries in West Virginia, including Connections, SPC's program at Shepherd University is **Sunday, August 27**, Catherine Irwin serves on the Board, along with Ethel Hornbeck who facilitates Connections. The Foundation's financial and spiritual support over the past decade has made our program possible; this is our opportunity to give back. Make checks to: SPC; memo: Westminster.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, September 3, 6:00 p.m.**, Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:45-5:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers, if possible.

**SPC SUMMER PICNIC** *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, August 27, 5:00 p.m.**, at Morgan's Grove Park. Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: dessert; I-P side dish; Q-Z: vegetable or salad. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

**CHOIR** resumes rehearsals **Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.** All singers welcome! For more information contact choir director Georgiann Toole at georgiann1@aol.com or 304-870-0012.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:25 a.m.** Sanctuary. Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. Childcare will be available.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE** meets the first Thursday of each month, but the first meeting this fall will be held **Thursday, Sept. 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The bible study for the coming year will focus on *Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation* by Alice Connor. Not your little ol' church ladies usual Bible study! Books will be available in the office Sept. 1 for \$10. All women of the church are welcome.

**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-first Sunday

**August 27, 2017**  
10:45 a.m.

**WAGE PEACE**

Wage Peace with your breath.  
Breathe in firemen and rubble,  
breathe out whole buildings and flocks of red wing blackbirds.  
Breathe in terrorists  
and breathe out sleeping children and fresh mown fields.  
Breathe in confusion and breathe out maple trees.  
Breathe in the fallen and breathe out lifelong friendships intact.  
Wage peace with your listening; hearing sirens, pray loud.  
Remember your tools: flower seeds, clothes pins, clean rivers.  
Make soup.  
Play music, memorize the words for thank you in 3 languages.  
Learn to knit, and make a hat.  
Think of chaos as dancing raspberries,  
imagine grief  
as the outbreath of beauty  
or the gesture of fish.  
Swim for the other side.  
Wage peace.  
Never has the word seemed so fresh and precious:  
Have a cup of tea and rejoice.  
Act as if armistice has already arrived.  
Celebrate today.

Judyth Hill, September 11, 2001

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So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

**Exodus 1:20**

If it were not for You, O Beloved, You who make all things new, fear and chaos would reign in every heart; in You will I trust.

**Psalms 124 (Merrill)**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Romans 12:2**

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

**Matthew 16:15**

**Preacher**

Ethel Hornbeck

**Worship Leader**

Judy York

**Assistants**

Sophia Tuzzio

Kaitlin Rolfe

**Piano**

Kari Edge

**Offertory**

Lisa Lafferty & Sam Jannotta

**To Our Guests**

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**Childcare**

Available in the nursery. See ushers for assistance.

**BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD**

**Introit (2x)**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace  
Love before us...

**Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Call to Prayer**

Lift up your hearts  
*We lift them up to the Lord*

**Prayer**

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**\*Hymn 7**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**GRACE ABOUND S**

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving Creator, you have gifted us with eyes to see and hearts to love this, your glorious world. But we focus on darkness. We give in to fear and despair. We build walls to protect ourselves from you and others. Help us to see goodness. Teach us to trust the presence and power of your transforming love in all circumstances that we might learn to build up love in and around our lives.

**Kyrie (2x)**

Kyrie eleison

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Response Hymn 62 (2x)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

**Hymn 48**

"Rain Down"

**First Pew**

Moving Up Ceremony

**Parish Life**

**Hymn 286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

**Sermon**

"Choosing Life"

**\*Hymn 100**

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayer for Others**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Come Sunday"

Duke Ellington

**Affirmation**

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**\*Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**\*Response**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace  
Light before us...

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Tend only to the birth in you and you will find all goodness and all consolation, all delight, all being, all truth. Reject it and you reject goodness and blessing.

**Meister Eckart**

The midwife helps new life into being and protects it; even more than the mother she is the tender guardian of its safety...Shiphrah and Puah may well stand as an icon, the foremothers of all midwives, but behind them is another faithful guardian of new life. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. The Lord is my midwife, I shall be kept safe.

**Margaret Guenther**

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "And so do all who live to see such times. But it is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

**JRR Tolkein**

It still all comes down to the same thing: life is beautiful. And I believe in God. And I want to be there right in the thick of what people call horror and still be able to say: life is beautiful.

**Etty Hillesum,**

*written from the Westerbrook  
Concentration Camp, 1943*

Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death.

**Bishop Desmond Tutu**

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Kathy & Richard Klein

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**Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

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