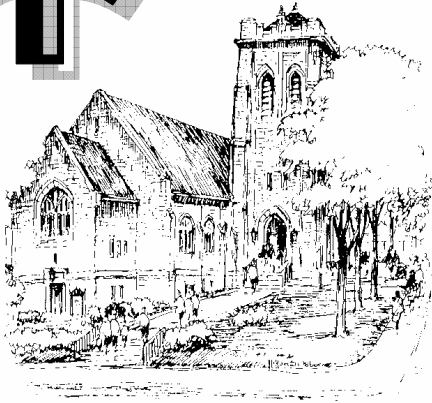


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**Deadline for
February *PresbyPost*
Friday, January 18, 2008**

Deadline for March *PresbyPost*
Friday, February 15, 2008



Roller Skating

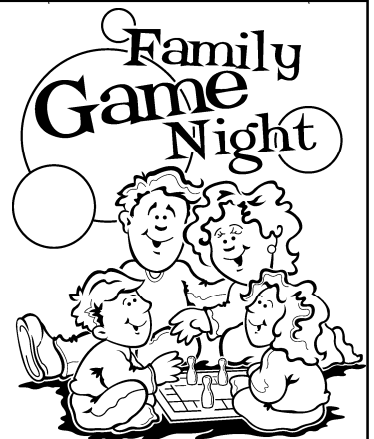
**Tuesday, Jan. 8
6:00-8:00 PM**

Penn Skates

Join us at Penn Skates, 2210 High Tech Road (across from the airport) for a night of fun. LOGOS is sponsoring the Skating Party, but all children, youth, and young at heart are invited to join. Admission is free and skate rentals are \$2. LOGOS will provide water and cookies. Other snacks will be available for purchase.



Come one, come all to the church Social Hall on Friday, January 25th from 7-9 p.m. for games night! All ages are welcome for anyone who would like to participate in an evening of socializing and fun playing Scrabble, Boggle, Clue, Monopoly, and a variety of other board games. Light snacks will be provided. Childcare available for the very young.



**January 25
7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Adult Education in January

We enter a fresh new year! Adult Education continues with a variety of topics into May. You are encouraged to participate. Classes are from 10:15-11:00AM. Please check a particular week's Sunday bulletins for any updates or changes.

Class Offerings	January			
	6	13	20	27
The Year In Mission	X	X	X	
Prayer, the Best Time with my Creator	X	X	X	
Intergenerational Mission Trips		X		
Congregational Meeting				X

Class descriptions:

"The Year in Mission": This three-week series has several themes. Each week is in Westminster Hall.

On Jan. 6th MMU members will share some of the exciting Mission opportunities in store for SCPC in 2008.

On Jan. 13th the topic will be "Ministry Mission Unit Talks Mission Trips". Learn about mission trips SCPC will sponsor this year for youth, college students, and the whole congregation during Spring Break 2008.

On Jan. 20th will be "Mission 2008 Kickoff". Learn what we can do as a congregation to be discerning, mindful, and socially active as we follow Christ into the world to care, both here in our community and in the larger world.

"Prayer, the Best Time with my Creator": Quoting Connie Ansong for this three-week session: "This class will attempt to make prayer a way of life for all attendants and to experience the joy of Christ's intercession for our prayers. As Christians, our goal at time of prayer is to believe that our prayers are heard by God." The class, co-facilitated by Anita Theis, will also explore some questions relating to prayer on a personal level. Suggested Scripture readings for class will be available. The classes will be in Room 10.

"Intergenerational Mission Trips": Those possibly interested in an intergenerational mission trip during Spring Break (March 8-16) should obtain information at this meeting. Trip possibilities include a return trip to Houma, LA, a 3-5 day experience in Washington, DC, and a 3-7 day work project at a location within six hours of State College. If you are interested but cannot attend this meeting, please contact any member of the Mission Ministry Unit.



There's a Class for You!

January Services and Sermons

Wednesday, January 2, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

Sunday, January 6, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Epiphany of the Lord
Charles Curley, preaching

Wednesday, January 9, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

Sunday, January 13, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Baptism of the Lord
Joel Blunk, preaching

Wednesday, January 16, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

Sunday, January 20, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Charles Curley, preaching

Wednesday, January 23, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

Sunday, January 27, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Annual Meeting
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Charles Curley, preaching

Wednesday, January 30, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

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All in the Family

Congratulations of the congregation on the baptism of:

Nolan John Bittner, son of **Brian** and **Cynthia**
(Tyworth) Bittner, December 2, 2007

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Allison Julia Cole, October 27, 2007, to **Carolyn** and
Scott Cole. Grandparents are **Arlene** and **Ted Pruss**

Sympathy of the congregation to friends and family on the death of:

Dan Ryan's mother, November 26, 2007

Francis Battaglia, November 28, 2007

Marie McGhee, December 9, 2007

New SCPC Website Launches

We are excited to announce the launch of our refurbished website! Check us out at www.scpresby.org. There is still some work to do -- our web designers Wendy Jones and Binky Lush have been hard at work on this project for over a year -- but it has been well worth the wait. We will make every effort to keep the information as current and up-to-date as possible to keep our members and visitors well-informed. There are many new pages and features on the website and we hope you will take advantage of all the new information available. Let us know what you think!

Sanctuary Flowers for 2008

The flower chart for 2008 is now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please sign your name and include your phone number on the chart for the date you wish to contribute. You will receive a reminder phone call a few weeks prior to your designated Sunday. Flowers are to be ordered by you from the florist of your choice. The flowers belong to you and may be taken following the second service.

Pastor's Class

Pastor Chuck Curley has announced the topic for his weekly Pastor's Class for Winter/Spring 2008. The class meets Thursday mornings from 10:00am – 11:00am in Westminster Hall. From January 10 through May 8 the topic will be "The Years of the Church – Turning Points in the History of Christianity." We will take a journey through two thousand years of Christian History by focusing on significant years in the life of the church. Starting in 70AD with the Fall of Jerusalem, we will move on to 325AD, the Council of Nicea; 451AD the Council of Chalcedon; 530AD Benedict's Monastic Rule; 800AD, the Coronation of Charlemagne; 1054AD, the Great Schism; 1521AD, the Diet of Worms; 1534, the English Act of Supremacy; 1540AD, the Founding of the Jesuits; 1738AD, the Conversion of the Wesleys; 1910AD, the Edinburgh Missionary Conference; and 2008AD, the World Church. Each of these years represents a crucial movement or time period in the life of the church. All are welcome to attend, and a commitment to every week is not necessary. Come learn about the people and ideas which made our church what it is today.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles and Board will not meet in January. A big thanks to the ladies of the church who contributed food and helped serve the Candlelight Choir supper.

Windy Hill Says "Thank You!"

Windy Hill Presbyterian Homes says thank you to our congregation for our recent support of their annual auxiliary bazaar. Funds raised are being used to complete a patio and purchase furniture for the residents. Additionally, funds are being used to help residents with personal needs like purchasing eye glasses and covering the cost of dental work not covered by Medicare. All monies earned at the bazaar are used entirely for the residents and their needs at the Windy Hill complex. Again, we are thanked for helping to make the residents more comfortable and happy.

A Big Thank you from Stay & Play

A big thanks goes to all who donated children's items to our Kidstuff Sale, or who came to shop, or who helped in any other way with the sale. There was an army of helpers who set up, organized and priced items, another group worked the sale, and another group cleaned up afterwards, and still another group found homes for all the leftover stuff. We couldn't have done it without any of you. It was a great sale and Stay and Play thanks all of you.

The Christmas spirit was alive and well at Stay and Play in December. The children made cards and gifts for parents, baked gingerbread, shared their musical and artistic talents at our Christmas Music/Art Fest, visited the Festival of Trees, and Christmas caroled for the residents of Addison Court. During their visit to Addison Court, one of the residents was moved to give us his penny collection which he kept in a large bottle! A running discussion that we have with the children at this time of the year is whether it is better to give or receive gifts. In one of these discussions, one little boy suggested that it was better to give. Later in the discussion the question, "If you could give a gift to anyone in the world who would it be," was asked. The same little boy answered, "My mom and dad." And when asked if he could give his parents anything in the world what would it be, he said, "To be happy!" May the spirit of generosity and giving stay with us the whole year through.

SCPC to Build Habitat Home

The Session of our church recently approved a Mission Ministry Unit proposal for our congregation to build a Habitat Home in '08. Long a partner church with Habitat, taking on the building of a home will be a new and exciting opportunity for all of us. Thorough work by a task force and an anonymous donor helped pave the way for this decision. A steering committee will lead us toward a late March/early April groundbreaking. You'll be hearing more soon about ways that you can get involved in this exciting effort to help provide affordable housing in State College.





New Year Edition

Parents: Resolve to Register Do you make New Year resolutions? If so, make one that isn't very hard and that will change your child's life. Sign them up for a week at Krislund this summer. If your child has never attended a Christian camp before, make a resolution to let them go to have the time of their lives. They will thank you for it. Go to Krislund's website and download an application to attend one of the 21 summer camps. Don't delay; this resolution you won't regret.

Immunize Children and Grandchildren Against NDD & Videophilia What is the effect on children of more than 6 hours spent daily watching TV, playing video games, or being on a computer? The answers are compelling: increased childhood obesity, decreased sensitivity to environmental issues, increased sense of isolation, and growing numbers of childhood attentional problems. One of THE most effective interventions against Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD) and videophilia (the rise of sedentary activities while engaged in electronic media) are wilderness play and hands-on outdoor experiences. One week at Krislund is a 138-hour immunization that can last for weeks, months, and maybe a lifetime of interest in the God of creation. Sign up your child or grandchild now for a week at camp: www.krislund.org.

Where Are They? Counselors are the backbone of Krislund's life-changing experience. Many high school seniors and college age young adults have the gifts to make a deep impression on the lives of children and youth. You know who are the ones in your church who would be great spiritual mentors for this summer's campers. Call or e-mail the camp with their names and we will do the rest. Help us find those people God is calling to make a difference this summer.

Who's In the Kitchen? Each summer's head cook is a person of great skills and broad popularity. Do you like to cook for large groups? Are you free this summer and would like to live and serve in the beauty of Krislund? Would you be willing to be trained in the joys of camp cooking? If so, contact Krislund for an application.

Invited! Every year someone is surprised to find that Krislund is not just for Presbyterians. All interested children and youth are invited to be part of the fun this summer.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet January 18, when Joel and Kristen Blunk will relate some of the fascinating life experiences. Newcomers welcome. Come at 5:00 for social time before our potluck dinner at 5:30 PM. Bring a covered dish of meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert and your own table service. Please wear your name tag.

Mission 2008

Get ready for "Mission 2008: Pray It ~ Live It!" The Mission Ministry Unit has spent over a year dreaming, discussing and articulating a vision of how to expand the outreach work of our church. This year, MMU invites the entire church family to participate in a time of education, creative discernment and prayer about ways our faith community can and should serve God, by serving others, beyond these walls. There are exciting plans in the works for a major church-wide mission project, which you'll hear more about in January. We're also gearing up for multiple mission trips over Spring Break. Watch for photos, banners, adult education classes, a Lenten devotional and many more opportunities to learn about Mission 2008. Listen for God's call to you!

Intergenerational Mission Trips

If you are interested in participating in an intergenerational mission trip during spring break week (March 8-16), plan to attend an informational meeting between services on January 13 in Room 10. Among the possibilities are a return trip to Houma, LA, a 3-5 day experience in Washington, DC (similar to spring 2007), and a 3-7 day work project at a location within six hours of State College. If you are interested but can't attend on January 13, contact any member of the Mission Ministry Unit.



Habitat for Humanity

Mark your calendars! We're going to sponsor and build a Habitat house in State College in 2008. Groundbreaking will likely be in March with building following through the spring and summer. There will be opportunities for those of us with varying skills and abilities to participate. These include selecting the partner family, organizing work teams, providing meals, etc. Building days will be Wednesday-Saturday. Consider dedicating your vacation time to our house build. Great opportunity for families to work together on a local mission project. More details to follow in the next PresbyPost. Contact Lam Hood (Lhood@psu.edu, 231-0556) if you want to know more.

Two duplexes have been donated to Habitat. They will be moved to Woodycrest Avenue (adjacent to our building site) in late winter. After renovation, they will provide affordable homes for four families in need of adequate housing.

The ReStore at 1155 Zion Road, Bellefonte, has a variety of building supplies for your remodeling and building needs at very economical prices. You can also donate your used cabinets, light fixtures and building materials. Items can be dropped off at the ReStore (9:00-4:00, Wednesday-Saturday; till 6:00 on Thursday). Pick up at your home can also be arranged by calling Jennifer at the ReStore (353-2390). Proceeds from the sale of donated materials go to building Habitat houses.

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