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**Deadline for
March *PresbyPost*
Friday, February 11, 2011**

Deadline for April *PresbyPost*
Friday, March 18, 2011



FISH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

will be held on
Saturday, February 12
4:30 - 7:00 PM.

The evening begins with a reception and entertainment in Westminster Hall. When your table is ready, you will be escorted to the Social Hall where you will be served dinner. The chefs are FISH kids, the servers are FISH kids and the entertainers are FISH kids. All of this is FREE and their way of saying, Thank You for your on-going support of the FISH program. This year's theme is "Under the Sea," so feel free to come in costume and enjoy the FISH Spaghetti. We look forward to seeing you on February 12 and thank you again for supporting such a wonderful program!



**The Sixties make a comeback
Saturday, February 19
at the annual Deacons
OGHS Dinner and Auction
Dinner - 5:00-6:30 PM
Live Auction - 7:00 PM**

See article on page 5 for more details!

IT WILL BE GROOVY

Interim Pastor To Start Feb. 1

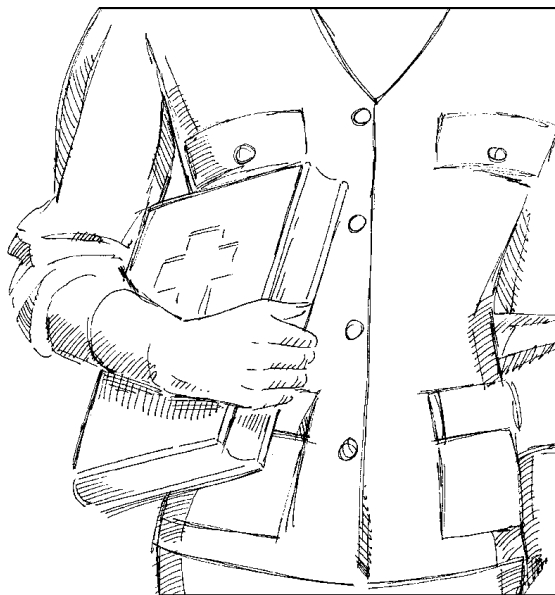
The interim pastor nominating committee, the session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry are thrilled to report that our interim pastor match has been found, the Rev. Susan Dee Reisinger of Morristown, NJ. The nominating committee always felt that their job was to find the candidate that God had already selected for us, they are confident that Rev. Reisinger is that pastor, and session and COM agree.

Susan is a “native.” She was born in Altoona! But her family moved to Lancaster when she was young. She has spent most of her educational and professional years relatively close by – in New Jersey, Eastern PA, and New York. She’s excited about “moving West!” A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Princeton Theological Seminary, she has served nine churches as an Interim Pastor over the last 21 years, churches sized from 300 members to over 1,000, with additional experience as a solo pastor and an associate pastor. She most recently was the interim pastor for a church of 900 members in Morristown, NJ.

Susan says, “In ministry I search for connections between life and faith and try to find ways to strengthen our service; always being ready to open doors to new challenges.”

“My strongest skills are in preaching, worship leadership, administration and oversight. I seek a position where I can use those skills in concert with other Christians who are being encouraged to discover and use their God-given talents.”

Susan’s 12 month contract with us begins on Feb. 1, 2011. We are happy to have Susan’s experience to help us get started with the work of finding a permanent pastor. She will be very helpful in guiding us through a self-study to determine who we are and where we are headed. Please help us welcome Rev. Reisinger to SCPC as we begin this exciting journey forward.



Interim Pastor

February Services and Sermons

Taizé Prayer

Wednesday, 5:00 PM, Martin Room

Sunday, February 6, 2011 - 9:00 & 11:15 AM
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 13, 2011 - 9:00 & 11:15 AM
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 20, 2011 - 9:00 & 11:15 AM
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 27, 2011 - 9:00 & 11:15 AM
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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All in the Family

Congratulations of the congregation on the baptism of:

Alan Garcia Smith, son of **Joel and Silvana Smith**, December 26, 2010

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Brycen Lee Miller, December 6, 2010. Grandparents are **Randy and Carole Hoover**

Liam Charles Naginey, January 3, 2011. Great-Grandparents are **Chuck and Connie Naginey**

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

Edward James Kelley, December 2, 2010

Dylan Krentzing, Clark Moose's nephew, December 19, 2010

Catharine "Kay" Scholey Imbt, December 24, 2010

Carroll Howes' sister, **Mary Thompson**, December 31, 2010

Glen Blume's Aunt Clara, in Illinois

Dan Sharda's father, Richard, January 19 in Michigan

Confirmation begins in February

The Confirmation class, for 9th graders and older unconfirmed youth, begins on February 20 with the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" We meet for six Sunday afternoons between February and mid-April, exploring other questions such as: "Who is God? Who are we as God's people? Who are we in relationship to God? How do we live our lives? What does it mean to be Presbyterian?" This is a remarkable program for young people to explore what it means to be an adult member of our congregation and for adult mentor-partners to reaffirm what they know is important about their own faith and commitment to the church. There is still time for young people (9th & up) to join the class and most especially, for adults to sign on as covenant partners (mentors). Parents of participants will meet on Sunday morning, Feb. 6, to learn more about the program. Partners meet on Feb. 13. Kim Hunziker, Greg Elliott and Annie Robison will be leading the class this year. If you would like to know more about participating, please contact Kim Hunziker (238-2422/khunziker@scpresby.org) for more information.

Camp Krislund for Summer 2011

It is not too soon to start thinking about summer camp. Krislund brochures for Summer 2011 are now available. They are being sent by email or standard mail to campers from last year. Additional brochures are in the rack outside the church office. They are also available on our website (www.krislund.org) or by calling the Krislund Camp office (814-422-8878). Hope to see you this summer!



Save the Date

The 2011 Progressive Dinner is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, April 9th beginning at 5:30 PM. Please mark your calendars now and watch for further information regarding event sign-up in the March and April PresbyPosts.

If you are interested in hosting a group of 50-60 for either appetizers or dessert, please contact Jerry Sawyer (234-3323 or jvs3@psu.edu) or Connie DiNunzio (867-3125 or Lioness1872@yahoo.com). Thank you.



Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Group

Praying Hands will be taking a new format and ALL are invited to take part.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are hanging in the tower entrance of the church. They are available for anyone to take, to keep or to give. They were made with the intent that they will surround the recipient in prayers and love for times of celebration or comfort.

If you would like to be part of the giving of shawls, there are two ways to participate. The first is to make a shawl. They can be knitted, crocheted, woven, sewn or made by any other creative method. Bring the shawls to the tower entrance on the last Sunday of the month between services, at 10:30 AM. We will gather in a circle of prayer to bless the shawls and the lives of the recipients that they will eventually touch - this is the second way to take part. All are welcome to this prayer circle, even if you did not make a shawl but would like to offer a prayer.

The dates of the upcoming prayer gatherings are Sundays, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, and April 17 (the 24th is Easter so we will meet the week prior). If you have any questions, contact Maura McConnell (mccnllmj@comcast.net or 360-4153).

Come in from the Cold

Sunday afternoon, February 13, 12:30 – 4:30 PM join Kim Hunziker for a surprise Spirit of the Arts challenge with a touch of collage and Book of Hours. All you need to bring is your open-hearted self and a willingness to accept a gentle challenge to dive into the spiritual practice of collage work. OR you can bring your own project and just enjoy the company of other church friends while you do your own thing. Any and all are encouraged to participate. NO technical or artistic skill is necessary. Children with parental supervision are absolutely welcome to join us. Questions? Ideas? contact Kim (238-2422 / khunziker@scpresby.org)

2010 Christmas Dinner Wrap-Up

Well, we did it. The 2010 Christmas Dinner was a huge success and there are so many people to thank that I couldn't possibly start thanking them. Sound like a cliché? Let me tell you why it's not. Based on my records, over 120 members of our congregation volunteered their time and energy to set up, serve, clean, cook, wash dishes, deliver meals, and much more. Yes, that number, 120, is correct. That doesn't even include the dozen or so people that called from the community at large to help us out. Some of them just showed up Christmas Day and asked to be put to work. Okay, I won't make you wait any longer for the answer to the number one question: "How many people did we serve?" The number of meals including those that were served at the Church and delivered is..... 360 (give or take 15 or 20 – it's so hard to count). That's 2.4 meals a minute! We also stepped up efforts to reach out to the community at large this year. The additional marketing paid off and we had a record number of non-congregation members attend the dinner.

I have to tell you that I was overwhelmed by the response from the Christmas Dinner committee, the volunteers, the cooks and the shoppers. It seems like we had things well in hand earlier than I can ever, and I mean ever, remember. The Christmas Dinner Committee has already met to debrief the 2010 dinner, and we are looking forward to making the 2011 dinner even better. Thank you, thank you, thank you.... Greg Elliott

Holiday Bazaar Thank You

The Presbyterian Homes Auxiliary of the Windy Hill Village in Philipsburg would like to give a special thank you to the congregation for helping to make our Holiday Bazaar a success again this year. In these difficult financial times, we were able to raise \$5,214.00 this year. The time and talents our members contribute have a special meaning to the residents. All monies made by the bazaar go back to the Home for the needs and comforts of the residents.

This year the employees of the Village completed their fundraiser for the Serenity Garden, and the garden was completed and dedicated this past fall. All residents can now enjoy the outdoors in the security of the garden with its beautiful waterfall, plantings and benches. If you are ever in the area, please stop by and ask for a tour of the facility or the gardens.

Each of us has so many blessings that it is good that we pass these blessings on to others. Without the cheese balls, sticky buns, baked goods, home made soups, dish clothes, pocket-books, and many other handmade items as well as time our church members donated, the bazaar would not have been able to accomplish our goal to help make the residents more comfortable and happy. Thank you again for all of your help and donations from the members of the Presbyterian Home Auxiliary of our church.

Many Thanks for Angel Tree Success

Once again, the response of State College Presbyterian Church to our neighbors at holiday time was overwhelming. Although we had an increase of 90 requests, we filled 89% of the gift requests and provided 794 gifts, including nearly all those requested for individuals. The agencies we support are very grateful for these gifts. Take a look at some of the "thank you's" posted on the mission bulletin board outside the church office.

There are many people to thank for making this project a success (and we apologize if we inadvertently left anyone out):

Thanks to the following: the Angel Tree planning committee (Katherine Allen, Mary D'Ambrosia, Maggie Foster, Maureen Garthwaite, Gail Guss, Monica Manning) for planning, preparing and guiding the effort; Chris Geist, Jeanne Sallade and Amy Vashaw for preparing the gift request lists and labels; Chrysalis for their creative and humorous Minute for Mission; all the Sunday School students and their teachers for making

unique Angels and the beautiful ornaments for the individual gifts; FISH for hanging the ornaments; the energetic Angel Tree packing and delivery crew (Inga Book, Bobbie Beebe, Peggy Campbell, Bob & Maggie Foster, Dick & Judy Killam, Hagan & Montez King, Bob & Ellen Malcom, Dave Maneval, Norma McCarl, Bill & Lilly Nichol, Kim Reese, Grant & Sue Sherritt, Tom Smyth, John & Judy Swisher, Bill & Jane Thomas, Guy & Carolyn Thompson, Paul

& Sally Wangness); photographer Bill Nichol; Kim Hunziker for maintaining the Angel Tree bulletin board; the church custodial staff (Paul, Nelson and Russell) for setting up and maintaining the angel tree area and clean up; the church office staff (Janet, Martha and Sharon) for help with publicity, preparing the bulletin insert and collecting envelope gifts. Special thanks to Maggie Foster for once again coordinating this entire operation.

Most importantly, thanks to all the members of the congregation who contributed nearly 800 gifts and helped to make this a better holiday season for our neighbors!

Bell Ringing Thank You

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The money raised this year for the Interfaith Mission wishing well campaign was just under \$19,000. Our church was a huge part of this success. SCPC in one way or another was responsible for 16 nine hour days of ringing. We were by far the most active of the 24 member congregations on the Board of Interfaith Mission. Remember, every penny goes right back into our community. Thank you again for all your help.



Get Hip to the Swinging Sixties!

2011 One Great Hour of Sharing Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Dinner 5:00 – 6:30 PM; Live Auction 7:00 PM

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, you're invited to step back in time to the 1960s. For those of you who are too young to remember the '60s, it was the time when a blackberry was a fruit, a cell phone was something in prison, and just about everything in State College was closed on Sundays. Remote was still an adjective rather than a noun, and if you wanted to change the television channel—to one of the other two or three—you had to get out of the chair, cross the room and turn the dial. That's right, dinosaurs still roamed the earth!

The SCPC Deacons are celebrating this fabulous decade with the 2011 One Great Hour of Sharing Dinner and Auction. It's a fun evening for a great cause. And who knows, you might end up sitting next to a 1960s fashion icon like Wilma Flintstone, Jackie Kennedy, Jed Clampett, or even Austin Powers.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Half of our auction proceeds will go to the national One Great Hour of Sharing, and the other half will stay in our church to support the work of the State College Presbyterian Church Deacons and Mission Ministry Unit.

Our event features a tasty meal in the Social Hall, followed by a live auction in Westminster Hall. Child care will be offered for children up to age four, from 6:00 PM until the end of the live auction. There will be a movie for older children. The silent auction will open on Saturday evening, but will not close until 11:00 AM on Sunday, February 20.

The Deacons are still looking for auction items. Donation forms are available at the church, and deacons will be staffing a table in the Social Hall between services where they can answer questions and help you with your donation form.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend from outside the church to share in great fellowship, delicious food, and good times.

For more information about the dinner and auction, please ask any deacon or contact Phil Spangler (883-8525 or sts54@comcast.net).

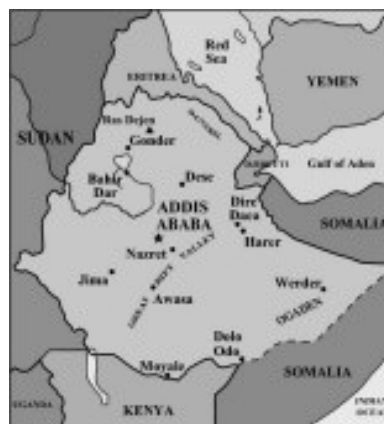


Team Tasfa's recent trip to Ethiopia

To members and friends of SCPC, Clayton Blunk, Kathy Dansky, and Larry Dansky thank you from the bottom of their hearts. Because of your prayers, love and financial support, they were able to accomplish so much. Their team transported and distributed approximately 2000 pounds of donated items - including shoes, books and school supplies, clothes, pillowcase dresses and backpacks - to Ethiopia. They experienced many challenges but also joy and beauty like they have never known. Their venture would have not succeeded without your love and support! Here are a few highlights of what Team Tasfa accomplished in Ethiopia:

- visited Korah, a major slum in Addis Ababa, where they provided medical care and delivered food to families.
- worked with FOVC (www.fovcethiopia.wordpress.com) in Shanto, where great progress was made on building FOVC's new orphanage, playing with and loving FOVC's orphaned children and encouraging the widows that FOVC serves. Due to the unimaginable poverty in the area, they learned that the FOVC staff had not been paid for about five months. They were able to put in place a plan to pay modest wages to the staff.
- made continued progress in the Orphan Sponsorship program.
- purchased the first sewing machine for the FOVC widows, and "met" five cows that your donations have purchased.
- the team's pastors taught and encouraged the local pastors for two days, then preached to over ten thousand Ethiopians from all over the area.
- outfitted the girls of FOVC and Children's Heaven (www.childrensheaven.org) in beautiful pillowcase dresses.
- Thanks to the efforts of Ethiopian Orphan Relief (www.ethiopianorphanrelief.org), delivered backpacks, filled with needed supplies and "fun" things, to the orphans of FOVC and Children's Heaven.
- the medical team treated hundreds of people - including FOVC children, girls at Children's Heaven, bus crash victims on a very dark night, and each other.

If you would like to see pictures of their trip, hear more stories, and learn about "what's next," come to the Adult Education program on February 20!



Adult Education in February

February is a good month for indoor things when winter winds blow. Sunday Adult Ed is a worthy refuge from the winter blast, and one to combine Christian fellowship with faith nurturing. We invite you to the sessions listed. As always they are 10:15-11:00AM. Be sure sure to check a particular Sunday's bulletin for any updates or changes.

Class Offerings	February			
	6	13	20	27
Unraveling the Book of Revelation	x	x		
Parents as Spiritual Nurturers	x	x		
Return from Ethiopia			x	
The Religious Life vs. the Narcissistic Society			x	x
Interim Ministry: Who and What				x

Class descriptions:

"Unraveling the Book of Revelation" Deirdre Fulton returns to offer this informative two-week series. She will give us an introduction to this enigmatic book. Deirdre will untangle many of its allusions to help us understand the context in which the book was written. She will include a look at Jewish apocalyptic literature, and how this literature was adapted by early Christian writers. This will assist with an understanding of the issues the author of Revelation was addressing in the early church, and will help us see how, if at all, we can apply its meanings to the church of today.

"Parents as Spiritual Nurturers" Jackie Naginey Hook (Spiritual Formation Ministry Unit) and Deanne Shipman (Director of Education) continue their series begun last month. Join them as they take parents "through the hours of a day" with their children. We explore how we, as parents, in the midst of a noisy and busy world, can make family time a sacred haven, filled with laughter and gratitude. We share resources, activities, and ideas to enrich your family and help guide and nurture the spirituality of your whole family.

"Return from Ethiopia" Kathy and Larry Dansky, along with Clay Blunk, are back with us after their very recent trip to Ethiopia. While there they helped build an orphanage in a rural village. In a small way this act of humanity can do its part to assist the needs of Ethiopia's incredible six million orphans. Their trip also included a bit of time in the capital Addis Ababa. There will be much information and visuals to share with us.

"The Religious Life vs. the Narcissistic Society" Dr. Phillip Craul offers this three-week series on an intriguing topic. Narcissism implies that we live for ourselves and for the present. It is a common element in our modern culture. To what extent does narcissism relate to concerns about eternal life? What is the interface between religious belief and narcissism? Each week Phillip will discuss specific aspects of the seeming contradiction between these two life-defining systems.

"Interim Ministry: Who and What" Interim Pastor Susan Dee Reisinger explains the role of Interim Ministry.

Presbyterian Women News

A reminder that Presbyterian Women is a church-wide organization whose membership is open to all women. PW members are those who choose to participate in or be supportive of Presbyterian Women in any way. PW has representation at all levels of the church: local (SCPC), Presbytery (Huntingdon), national, and international.

Coming soon - Think Spring! - Monday, May 2, 2011 is the PW Spring Event luncheon followed by the Birthday Offering Service and a special speaker.

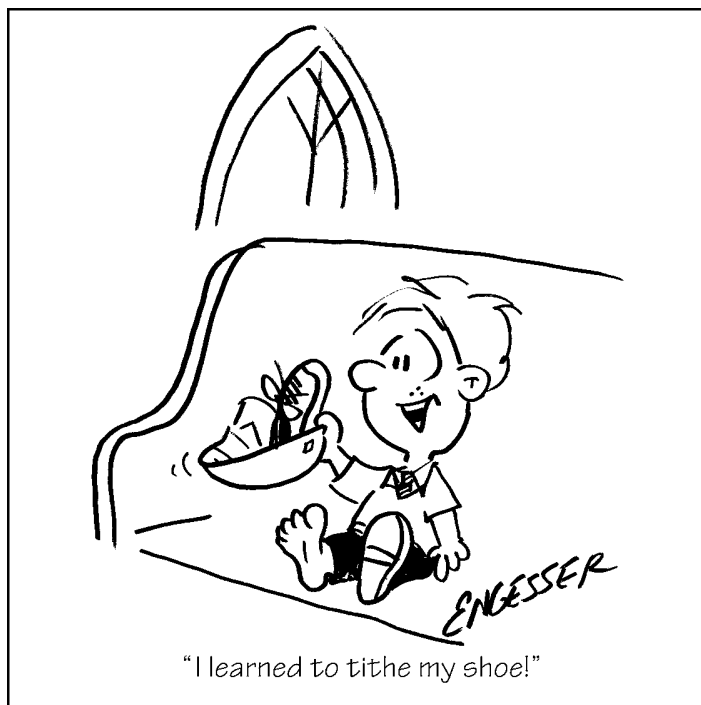
PW Board meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1:00 PM in the church library.

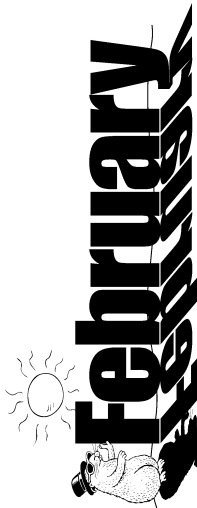
Esther Circle and Rebecca Circle combine for a special meeting in the Social Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 9:30 AM. Connie Dinunzio will present a program on her travels through Turkey, the cradle of Christianity.

From the Library

A new year means time to get rid of clutter. Why not check your bookshelves and return forgotten items to the Church library. There are many more titles to try during the winter months.

Duplicate books and pre-1990 copyright books are available free of charge. These were used in the library and can be found on the table in the Social Hall. Take and enjoy!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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