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**Deadline for
September *PresbyPost*
Friday, August 15, 2008**

Deadline for October *PresbyPost*
Friday, September 12, 2008

Church Picnic

It's time for our annual church picnic at Tussey Mountain Park hosted by our very own board of Deacons. Remember this date: Tuesday, July 22! The fun all begins at 5:00 PM and doesn't stop until 8:00 PM.

We'll enjoy this summer evening together with hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill (and whatever side dish or dessert you bring to share) as well as plenty of wonderful entertainment. There will be paddle boats and fishing at the pond, go-carts, batting cages, a golf driving range and a par 3 golf course to play, and more!

So don't miss the fun. Come join the Deacons for what is guaranteed to be an evening of fun, smiles, laughter, and good fellowship!

Side Dish Note

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a salad or fruit side dish of some variety, and if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert item of some kind.

For information, contact Jason Stimmel
@ 237-5734 or by email
jwstimmel@comcast.net



Summer Theater Fun 'n Fellowship

Friday, July 18 is the date our group tickets reserved for the new musical *Ordinary Days* are to be confirmed and paid. If you have made a reservation to join the SCPC group for that show on Saturday, August 2, you are invited to join Martha and Brian Orland at their home for a light supper of hors d' oeuvres and beverages from 5-7 PM prior to the 8 PM theater performance.

Directions to Brian and Martha's home at 750 Outer Drive, SC: If traveling toward Boalsburg on South Atherton Street, turn into Harris Acres (next right after passing the light at Scenery Park Drive). Continue straight until you come to a T. Turn right on Huebler. Continue until the next stop sign, turn left. Orland's is a white house, 4th on the right. Large white birch tree in front, close to the road. Number 750 is clearly visible on the mailbox. Home Tel: 466-9258

If traveling on South Atherton towards State College, make a left into Harris Acres and continue as above.

Tickets for the musical will be distributed at the Orland's. If you prefer to skip the pre-show party and join the group at the Downtown Theater on Allen St., please call Linda Morrow (237-5858) about how you will get your tickets. Although we are getting group rate prices for the show, we collected the regular \$30 price for the tickets so we can use the difference to fund the pre-show social. The Allen Street Grill has a coupon for "buy one dessert get one FREE" after the show. Anyone who wants to continue the fellowship after the performance can get a dessert coupon from Linda that evening.



Meet Our New Stay & Play Director

What a pleasure it is to be able to introduce to you our newest staff person, Laura Steager. The Search Committee began their search, far and wide, for a new director in January of 2008, and lo and behold our new director was right here in our own congregation!

Some of you already know Laura for her volunteer work in our church. Laura has been the LOGOS Director for the past two years and has worked with Sunday School and planned Summer Sunday School as well. If you know Laura, you know she loves kids, but do you know other things about her, like who she is related to?

Laura's parents are Al and Sharon Wilson, and her sister is Diana Malcom. That means that her brother-in-law is Blair, and Lydia and Wilson call her "Aunt Laura." But maybe you knew that too? So I must dig deeper to come up with some things you don't already know about Laura!

Let me try again. Laura has always been active in whatever Presbyterian church she finds herself a member of. She grew up in the First United Presbyterian Church of Dubois where her father was the pastor. She went to a small Presbyterian college, Muskingum College, in New Concord, Ohio (where she sang in the choir and loved that experience). Then she moved to State College where she volunteered as a FISH leader at this church. She met Bernie, her husband, here in State College, while she worked at the Meadows Psychiatric Center in the Children's Unit. Not too long after that she moved to Harrisburg and joined Faith Presbyterian Church where she served on Session, was a member of the Education Committee for Presbytery, was a Senior High Youth Leader, a Sunday School teacher, Nursery Attendant and a Stephen Minister.

While they were living in Harrisburg, Laura worked with the Learning and Sharing Center as a toddler room teacher. She also worked with Keystone Residence as the Behavior Specialist – working with people who have developmental disabilities and live in residential community homes.

While living in Harrisburg, Laura and Bernie welcomed their son, Ethan, who is just about to turn 11 and will enter Park Forest Middle School in the fall.

Family is very important to Laura, and she was pleased to be able to move back to State College not too long ago to be nearer to them. Since coming back "home," she has been a Pampered Chef Consultant and has spent hours and hours volunteering here at our church.

When I asked Laura to share with me more about herself than even I already knew, this is one of things that she shared with me.

"I love being with people, helping people, supporting people ... and that is one of the biggest reasons that I accepted this job as the Stay and Play Director. I truly love working with people – adults and children! I feel called to work with the people of this church in fulfilling a great mission to serve those who work for and attend the Stay and Play Program. I am very excited about it."

We're excited too, Laura! We are so pleased to have you join our staff! I encourage all of you in our congregation to welcome Laura to her new position with open arms. Her office is on the first floor of our building. So next time you are in the building, stop by and see if she is in. Her summer hours are few, but she'll be here every day from around 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM by the fall.

-Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program

Summer Services and Sermons

Every Wednesday, 5:00 PM - Taizé Prayer

Sunday, July 20, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water VI: The Pool of Bethesda
Charles Curley, preaching (John 5:1-11)

Sunday, July 27, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water VII: Across the Sea
Charles Curley, preaching (Jonah 1:1-3; Acts 16:6-10)

Sunday, August 3, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water VIII: The Water of Baptism
Charles Curley, preaching (John 3:1-9)

Sunday, August 10, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water IX: Living Water
Charles Curley, preaching (John 4:1-24)

Sunday, August 17, 2008, 10:00 AM

Joel Blunk, preaching

Sunday, August 24, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water X: After the Flood, the Rainbow
Charles Curley, preaching (Genesis 9:8-17)

Sunday, August 31, 2008, 10:00 AM

Wade in the Water XI: Water's Meant for Fishing
Charles Curley, preaching (Mark 1:14-20)

Sunday, September 7, 2008 - 9:00 & 11:15 AM

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All in the Family

Congratulations of the congregation on the baptism of:
Grace Park, daughter of **Sunyoung Park and Sunghee Yun**, May 25, 2008

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:
Anna Margaret, daughter of **Jason and Diana Stimmel**, on May 19, 2008

Tiernan Saunders, son of **Nathan and Jackie Elliott**, on June 17, 2008

Mason Davis, son of **Grayson and Suzanne Evans**, on July 2, 2008

Congratulations of the congregation on the wedding of:
Amber Henry and Nolan Hughes, June 7, 2008

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

Robert Bregy, **Michelle Lowry's** father, May 24, 2008

Ruth Bittner, June 18, 2008 at age 100

Juliet Kakraba's mother in Ghana, in June

Wilma Martinez's mother, July 2, 2008 in Puerto Rico.

Woody Bierly, July 5, 2008

Dave Colton's sister in early July

Keith Driftmier's mother, **Doris**, July 9, 2008 in Iowa.

Congratulations to **Glen and Ruth Blume** who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 16, 2008

Open Choir

If you like to sing, come and sing with the Open Choir on Sunday, August 10. Open Choir is open to ALL interested singers. They meet once at 9:00 AM to prepare music for the 10:00 AM worship service. We try to do anthems that can be put together quickly and are fun to sing. Some are fun to sing because of the style of music, others because they are just great pieces of music. August 10 will be a communion Sunday and the choir leadership is always essential. We hope you'll come and join us. If you would like more details, contact Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry (238-2422 or ned@scpresby.org).

Summer New Member Class

If you would like to join the congregation of State College Presbyterian Church, please join us for our Summer New Member Class which will meet Sunday, August 10th and 17th. We will meet for those two Sundays from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in the Martin Room, immediately following the single worship service. New members will be received on Sunday, August 24, 2008 during the 10:00 AM service. Childcare will be available by reservation -- please let us know as soon as possible if you will be needing childcare. For more information or to register for the class, please contact Martha Trout, Membership and Program Associate, in the Church Office (238-2422 or mtrout@scpresby.org).



Potters Head to Thailand

Debbie and Lance Potter and their family have been commissioned as mission interpreters. They have been called to Thailand where Lance will be the principal at Chiang Mai International School, which is run by the Church of Christ in Thailand. SCPC and Huntingdon Presbytery have agreed to help support the Potters financially and with prayer. While the school pays Lance a modest salary, the funds will contribute to ongoing expenses in the United States and to travel expenses for their children, Elizabeth 8, Riley 6, Jenae 4, and Callie 2. If you are interested in contributing to this support with a one time gift or a monthly commitment, please make checks out to Huntingdon Presbytery and put "Mission Interpreters: Lance/ Deb Potter" on the memo line. Donations may be placed in the offering plate, left at the church office or mailed to: Liz Armstrong, 323 Main St., Bellwood, PA 16617. To support them in prayer, please email them at debanceplus3@yahoo.com and they will put you on their prayer list.

The Potters left State College July 10th for some time on the West Coast and then a July 21st departure for Thailand. They will communicate regularly with the church

Bible Study Opportunity for the Fall

Would you like to be in a small group Bible Study? Would you like to grow in your faith through an exciting encounter with the Word of God? Bob Igo is willing to convene a group this fall for those interested in meeting every other week before or after working hours. The group will choose a basic study guide and determine the format and schedule together. If you're interested, contact Bob at 466-2296 or rli2@psu.edu.

Presbyterian Women News

PW would like to thank the congregation for making their Strawberry Social a huge success. All ages enjoyed the fellowship and delicious food. A special thanks goes to the outstanding committee (Eloise Gilliland, Kay McGeary, Barbara Dreese) for a job well done. Additional thanks to the sixty volunteers who cooked barbecue beef, baked shortcakes, cut up strawberries, made cole slaw and served it all. Your help was appreciated.

How much was consumed by the crowd of over 250 people?

9 family size boxes of Bisquick that went into the shortcakes
baked by Joanne Chuckran

6½ flats of strawberries

9 gallons of vanilla ice cream

60 pounds of barbeque beef

39 pounds of cole slaw prepared by Maggie Foster and Ellen Malcom

8 18 oz. bags of potato chips

40 quarts of lemonade

The net profit of \$924 will go towards our annual pledge to National Presbyterian Women Projects.

Make plans now to attend PW's Fall Gathering Luncheon in early October. Plans for the special lunch and program will be announced in the September PresbyPost.

Stay and Play

Summer is going so FAST! Stay and Play is excited and preparing for the 2008-2009 school year already. We have Meet the Teacher's Day Scheduled for Sept. 2nd and our first day of classes will be Sept. 3rd. We look forward to the year with our returning children and families as well as meeting new families! Right now we still have several openings for 4 year olds. This is a wonderful program with fun and learning to help children prepare for kindergarten. So if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in enrolling a 4 year old child for 2, 3 or 5 days a week for the coming season, we'd love to share our program! You can contact the Stay and Play office (237-1154) for more information. The new Director, Laura Steager, will be happy to answer questions and get your 4 year old registered in the program.

SCPC Habitat House

Progress is swift on the Habitat House. After just two weeks (14 work days) the house is under cover (shingles and all) and firmly planted on a finished basement floor! The interior walls are in place, windows are going in, plumbing is coming. The King family has been working weekly, side by side, with SCPC teams to help get their house built! Good and faithful work done by those with hammers and those with mayonnaise!



Please note that on **Wednesday, July 23 - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** - there will be a special **Pot Luck Lunch** at the Habitat House to celebrate our progress and to formally meet the King Family. Hot dogs & hamburgers, grilled fresh, will be provided. The rest is up to us: last names - A to P to bring salads, chips and casseroles and last names - Q to Z bring desserts. Drinks will also be provided.

While it may appear as though the end is nearly in sight, the work is far from finished! Please go to the website (<http://www.scpresby.org/mission/habitathouse.htm>) to see newsletters & pictures, and to see who the upcoming crew leaders are. Please let Casey Hovick (SCPCHabitatHouse@yahoo.com) know if you are available to help in the upcoming weeks, and be sure to let her know specific dates so that she and the crew leaders can carefully plan for the work that needs to be done.

If you have general questions about this amazing mission ministry, contact Phil Spangler (sts4@comcast.net), the SCPC project manager.

Adult Education

The Adult Education committee is gearing up for solid offerings in the Fall. Watch for full announcements in the next issue of the PresbyPost. See you then!

LOGOS Registration Meeting

Mark your calendar and watch for details of the LOGOS Registration and Information Meeting on Sunday, August 24 at 11:15 AM.

Christmas in July

Throughout the months of July and early August, the Mission Ministry Unit of our church is assisting our local shelters by helping fulfill the basic needs of the clients they serve. The shelters we will assist are Centre House, Stepping Stone, Stormbreak, Zerby Gap, Women's Resource Center, and Burrows Street Youth Haven. Each shelter has requested specific items that they would appreciate receiving. These items are listed on the bulletin board outside of Chuck Curley's office and downstairs in the social hall.

The collection of supplies will include everyday household items as well as personal care supplies. We are asking you to deliver the items to the shelter yourself (unwrapped), however, assistance is available for delivery if needed. There will be boxes outside the church office and at the parking lot door. The item tag should be attached to the purchase. All items requested for Zerby Gap can be left at the Centre County Youth Services Bureau on Foster Avenue.

Burrows Street Youth Haven is the runaway youth shelter. Centre House provides bridge housing, emergency shelter, budget counseling, and case management to individuals and families. Stepping Stone Transitional Living Program is a ten bed independent living program whose primary mission is to provide youth with a nurturing, supportive, and challenging environment conducive to learning independent living skills. Stormbreak Youth Program provides females security and support in a time of crisis. The Women's Resource Center provides a 24 hour rape/abuse hot line; it also maintains a 24 hour shelter for abused women and children. This shelter counsels and lends legal support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse. Zerby Gap Familyworks is a residential program of the Centre County Youth Services Bureau. This highly structured, staff-secure program services dependent and delinquent boys ages 12 to 18 year of age. Zerby Gap specializes in fostering family involvement through-out placement to facilitate family reunification and permanency planning for all youth in care.

For more information, call the church office or Gail Guss (466-9208) or Katy Stone (235-0995). The shelter addresses and telephone numbers are listed below:

Women's Resource Center 140 Nittany Avenue 234-5222	Stepping Stone 334 S. Burrowes St. 234-2632
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Stormbreak 143 W. Fairmount 234-2100	Centre House 217 E. Nittany Ave. 237-4863
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Zerby Gap Youth Services 410 Fraser St. 234-2632	Burrowes St. Youth Haven 330 S. Burrowes 237-5731
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LOCAL MISSIONS

SCPC Calendar - July 20 through August 31, 2008

Sunday, July 20

10:00 - Worship

Monday, July 21

7:00 - Scout Troop Committee

Tuesday, July 22

5:00 - Church Picnic at
Tussey Mountain

Wednesday, July 23

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

10:00 - Worship

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

Wednesday, July 30

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

5:15 - Personnel

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

Summer Theater
Fun 'n Fellowship
*(See article on the cover page
for details.)*

Sunday, August 3

10:00 - Worship

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 - LOGOS Coordinators

Wednesday, August 6

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

Thursday, August 7

7:30 - Scout Court of Honor

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

Sunday, August 10

9:00 - Open Choir

10:00 - Worship

11:15 - New Member Class

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12

3:00 - Brookline Service

5:00 - Mission Ministry Unit

7:00 - Scoutmaster Council

Wednesday, August 13

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

Thursday, August 14

Friday, August 15

PresbyPost Deadline!

Saturday, August 16

PSU Commencement

Sunday, August 17

10:00 - Worship

11:15 - New Member Class

Monday, August 18

7:00 - Scout Committee Meeting

7:00 - Stay and Play Board

Tuesday, August 19

Chrysalis Pool Party
@ McConnell's

Wednesday, August 20

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

7:00 - LOGOS Board

7:00 - Summer FISH
@ Hunziker's

Thursday, August 21

1:00 - Bible Study, J. Johnson

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

9:00 - Centering Prayer Retreat

Sunday, August 24

10:00 - Worship

11:00 - New Member Reception

6:30 - Sunday School Team
Teacher Dessert

Monday, August 25

PSU Classes Begin

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 - Stay and Play In-Service

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 - Stay and Play In-Service

1:00 - Prayer

5:00 - Taizé

7:00 - Men's Covenant Group

Thursday, August 28

6:00 PM - Agape

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

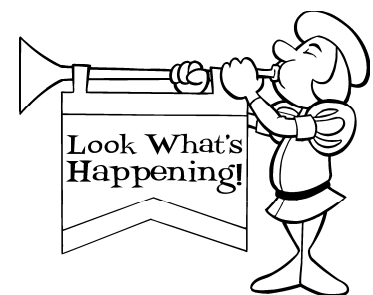
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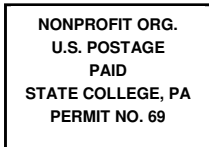
Sunday, August 31

10:00 - Worship

Monday, September 1

Labor Day
Church Building Closed





Board of Deacons

Deacons are elected officers who serve three-year terms.
 Their responsibilities are divided into three ministry units: Service, Caregiving, and Mission
 Moderator - *Ted Hovick*
 Advisory Member - *Rev. Joel Blunk*

Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2010
Rick Bryant	Diane Birmingham	Ellen Coffman
Cathy DeWolfe	Lynda Bregy	Jill Curley
Ted Hovick	Colleen Fisher	Meghann Elliott
Richard Manning	Keith Johnson	Paul Heinemann
Tod McPherson	Ken Manno	Bob Igo
Sean McPherson (youth)	Rhett McLaren	Blair Malcom
Pam Meister	Lisa McLaughlin	John Marsden
Jim Powers	George Pedlow	John McConnell
Cheryl Price	Brent Peters	Brian Orland
Carol Rabian	Karen Reichard	Barb Powers
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	Phil Tometich	Jennifer Tothero
	Nancy Willis	Dee Ann Wylie

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