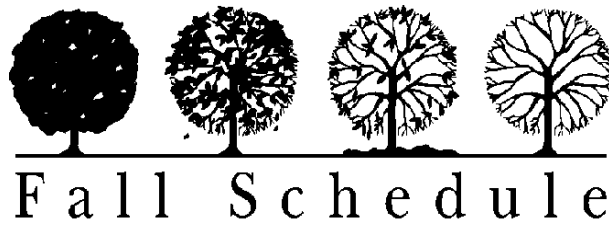


# The Presby Post



## Fall Schedule

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**Deadline for  
October PresbyPost  
Friday, September 14, 2007**

**Deadline for November PresbyPost  
Friday, October 19, 2007**

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Worship - 9:00 &amp; 11:15 AM</b> - The community of Christ, called State College Presbyterian Church, gathers to sing, pray, witness, and learn!</p> <p><b>Coffee Hour</b> - A few minutes to be refreshed, and meet and greet fellow worshippers.</p> <p><b>Sunday School and Adult Education - 10:00 AM</b> - classes for every age and interest. See articles on page 6 for details.</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Presbyterian Women Circles</b> - Usually the third Monday or Tuesday of the month. See article on page 4.</p> <p><b>WPF Movie Mondays - 7:00 PM</b> - Pizza, popcorn, and pop culture for college age folks.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>LOGOS</b> - Our midweek program for children and youth. First through fifth grade is called Geckos, and they meet 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Sixth through eighth grade is called Chrysalis, and they meet from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. The program kicks off with a picnic at Sunset Park on September 18, 5:30 PM and begins regular meetings on Tuesday, September 25. For more information, contact LOGOS Director Laura Steager (238-4443 or laurasteager@comcast.net) or the church office (238-2422).</p> <p><b>Handbell Choir - 7:15 PM</b> - Our handbell choir is a wonderful mixture of high school, college, and other adult members. We meet weekly in the choir room to prepare music for worship. See article on page 8 or contact Director of Music Ministry Ned Wetherald (238-2422 or ned@scpresby.org).</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Prayer - 1:00 PM</b> - A small group meets for intercessory prayer in the Fireside Room. Leave prayer requests in the box in the stairwell outside the sanctuary.</p> <p><b>Taizé Worship - 5:00 PM</b> - Prayer, simple songs, and silence are the hallmarks of this weekly worship service in the Martin Room. All are invited - come as you are able.</p> <p><b>FISH - 6:00 PM</b> - Our midweek program for high school students meets each week for dinner, singing, study and FUN. Open to non-SCPC members as well. FISH begins with an Ice Cream Social on September 5 and regular meetings on September 12. See article on page 5 for more details.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Men's Group - 8:30 AM</b> - This group meets weekly in the Church Library for prayer, fellowship and study. Contact Joel Blunk (238-2422 or jblunk@scpresby.org) for more information.</p> <p><b>Agape - 6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> - Where college students gather to celebrate our faith. Dinner served at 6:00 PM.</p> <p><b>Chancel Choir - 7:00 PM</b> - All interested singers are invited to be part of this wonderful choir. We welcome adults of all ages, including high school and college. Just come and SING! See article on page 8 or contact Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry (238-2422 or ned@scpresby.org).</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>GIFT - 12:15 PM</b> - Beginning September 7, this women's group meets every other week to discuss a book selection over a bag lunch. See article on page 3 for more information.</p>



## Pastor's Sabbatical Ends

It was good to be away! It is good to be back! Once again may I express to all of you the gratitude Jill and I feel for the true gift of a "Sabbath" time after fourteen years in this ministry at SCPC. It was a wonderful time – and it has served the purpose of a Sabbath – preparation for taking up again the work to which God calls us. I look forward to many more years of that work together with you here at SCPC. What did we do? Rested, de-stressed, traveled, read a lot, hiked, swam, reconnected with old friends, made new friends, studied our Reformed branch of the Reformation – right where it happened. More specifically, we traveled for eight of the twelve weeks of sabbatical. Jill was able to join me in it all, for she retired from the Child Development Laboratory at Penn State just as my sabbatical began. Two weeks of travel took us from Zurich (where we landed after a flight from Newark on May 19) to Salzburg, Austria, Venice and Florence, Italy. On June 2 we arrived by train, narrow gauge train, bus, and cable-car in Gimmelwald, a small village in the Swiss Alps. Gimmelwald sits on a cliff edge above the Lauterbrunnen Valley, out from Interlaken. Muerren and the Shilthorn hover above it. At the moment the population of Gimmelwald has more cows than people (96 of the latter). There we rented Chalet Anneli for the month of June – right on the cliff, with windows and balcony facing the Jungfrau mountain. Pure paradise! A train pass allowed us to make many day trips for hiking and learning – including to John Calvin's Geneva and Zwingli's Zurich. July 1 brought us back to the United States, where the garden waited with a full crop of weeds. Because of the generosity of a member of the congregation we were able thereafter to spend two weeks in Maine and New Hampshire, which just topped off the summer! Now we are back. I am looking forward to catching up with you, and moving on into the active fall season. So thanks again for an unforgettable sabbatical!

Chuck Curley

## Beaver Avenue Parking Garage

We are fortunate to have the Beaver Avenue Parking Garage across the street from the church. Sunday parking is generally free and there are plenty of spaces available most days. However, please remember that the State College Borough charges \$.75 per hour for parking in the Beaver Avenue Parking Garage on the Sundays of home football games and several other weekends throughout the year. On those Sundays, we have parking vouchers available (at no cost to the church) which will cover up to three hours of parking. Simply pick up a voucher at the Welcome Desk outside the church office on the sanctuary level and use it to pay for your parking as you are returning to your car.

In September, the borough will be charging on the following Sundays:

September 2  
September 9  
September 16



# Parking

# September Services and Sermons

**Sunday, September 2** - One service at 10:00 AM

Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 4:26-29;  
Matthew 13:33; 20:1-4; 13:44  
Charles Curley, preaching

**Wednesday, September 5**, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

**Sunday, September 9**, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Genesis 11:3-12:3; 17:15-17  
Charles Curley, preaching

**Wednesday, September 12**, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

**Sunday, September 16**, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Joel Blunk, preaching

**Wednesday, September 19**, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

**Sunday, September 23**, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Matthew 21:28-31; Deuteronomy 29:12  
Charles Curley, preaching

**Wednesday, September 26**, 5:00 PM - Taizé Worship

**Sunday, September 30**, 9:00 & 11:15 AM

Matthew 9:9-13  
Charles Curley, preaching

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# All in the Family

Congratulations of the congregation on the wedding of:

**Heather Barnes and Darren Wagner**, July 14, 2007  
**Jennifer Leasure and John Dingle**, July 28, 2007  
**Karl Heebner and Tammy Strauser**, August 17, 2007

Congratulations of the congregation on the Baptism of:

**Morgan Elizabeth Powers**, daughter of **Jonathan and Barbara (Bainey) Powers**, July 15, 2007  
**Rachel Noelle Deitch**, daughter of **John and Helen (Shiels) Deitch**, July 15, 2007  
**Ava Grace Finley**, daughter of **Andrew and Sarah (Laubscher) Finley**, July 22, 2007. Grandparents are **Jim and Linda Finley**.  
**Emma Pauline Ryan and Cooper Thomas Ryan**, children of **Daniel and Mara (Uhl) Ryan**, July 29, 2007  
**April Jones**, August 12, 2007  
**Brian Tate**, August 12, 2007

Sympathy to family and friends on the death of:

**Martha Everhart**, July 27, 2007  
**Lynn Verity's mother, Audrey Davis**, July 24, 2007, in Mechanicsburg, PA  
**Connie Ansong's sister, Evelyn Koranteng**, July 27, 2007 in Ghana

## Dear SCPC Family,

We want to thank you for the many ways that you have supported our family over the past several months during Lucas' arrival and during our move to Austin. To see God's love through your support and caring has been an inspiration for us. The meals we were provided were wonderful and nourishing not only in the physical sense, but also allowed us to concentrate on getting to know each other as a family. The efforts of the deacons and our friends on moving day made loading the moving van a breeze, and all of our things have arrived safely in Austin. After spending some time with our families, we will arrive in Austin at the end of August to settle in prior to me beginning my studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. You will be in our prayers, and we hope to see you soon.

Your friends in Christ,  
Matt, Lauren, and Lucas Falco

## Thank You

I would like to thank the many members of our congregation who sent me cards and notes during my stay at Mt. Nittany Medical Center and Health South. I was so happy to receive them and appreciate their thoughtfulness.

I also appreciate the many people who came to see me at both the hospital and Health South. It sure made my stay much more pleasant.

-Marie J. McGhee

## Omega Bank Parking Reminder

As we start back with our busy fall program schedule we want to put out this important reminder. Omega Bank graciously allows us to park in their parking lot adjacent to the drive-thru branch on Allen St. WEEKDAYS AFTER 6:00 p.m. AND SUNDAYS ONLY. At all other times the spaces are reserved for Omega Bank employees to come and go as they need to and unauthorized cars will be towed at the owner's expense. If you are coming to the church to drop off or pick up your child at Stay and Play or for an after school/early evening weekday program please use the church parking lot, the Municipal lot or the Beaver Avenue parking garage.

## GIFT in September

GIFT will begin again on Friday, September 7. We will meet in the Fireside room at 12:15. Our summer book was "Smoke Jumper" by Nicholas Evans and we will discuss this at our first meeting. We will also be meeting on Friday, Sept. 21. Please check the Sunday bulletins for book selections and time changes. If you are interested in being part of GIFT this year, bring a lunch and please join us for one of our Friday meetings or call Deb Becker (692-7572). We are women of all ages, and we read books of all kinds. Coffee is always served.

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart has interesting and exciting programs lined up for fall. Come and enjoy.

**September 21:** Rev. Richard Haney, son of Glenn and Eleanor Haney, will speak on his Presbyterian mission trip to Kazakhstan.

**October 19:** We will travel to Sight and Sound Theater near Lancaster to see the show "In the Beginning." Fullington Bus Company will provide transportation. Cost is \$100 per person which includes bus, lunch at Hershey Farms, and theater ticket. Suggested \$2 per person tip for bus driver is not included. We leave from Fullington terminal at 9:00 AM and should be home near 9:00 PM. Call the church office or the Coders for sign up. Money is due to the church treasurer by September 12.

## Presbyterian Homes Auxiliary

A Fourth of July sing-along was held for the guests of the Presbyterian Home at Windy Hill, Philipsburg by our Auxiliary members. Patriotic songs were featured with Audrey Stover providing the accompaniment. Members who helped with singing were Jo Dixon, Marie McGhee, Jo Keiser, Dot McCurdy, Kay McGeeary, Phyllis Bierly, and Phyllis Smith.

The Auxiliary held a business luncheon meeting on July 11. Ann Ferguson, administrator, thanked the Auxiliary for its help providing patio furniture for the Home. She also mentioned September 16 as the date for the Benevolent Dinner to be held at Westminster Woods.

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at Windy Hill November 10. Church members and friends are encouraged to provide baked goods, crafts, and other items to be sold. Proceeds are for the guests who need help with living expenses. Contact an Auxiliary member if you can assist.

## New Members - August 2007

**Gail Driban** joins us by Letter of Transfer from Presbyterian Church of the Lakes in Orlando, FL. Gail and her husband, Jerry, have lived in State College for about a year but feel like they have come home, as they both went to school at Penn State and Gail attended SCPC as a student. She's a lifelong Presbyterian and was very involved in her church in Orlando as a Sunday School teacher. Gail and Jerry are parents to three boys: Alexander (11), Matthew (9), and Jackson (5). Jack attended Stay and Play here last year and Gail will be teaching in the Stay and Play 2 year old room this coming Fall. She enjoys reading, needlepoint and exercise. Welcome home to the Driban family.

**April Jones** joins us by Confession of Faith. Originally from Maryland, her parents were Catholic and Methodist but were not active in either church, leaving April to find her own path. She received her undergraduate degree from Hood College and is now entering her 4th year as a graduate student in the Department of Psychology at Penn State. She and Brian Tate (below) met here at Penn State and recently adopted a new Golden Retriever puppy. They are both excited about joining our congregation and getting involved. April enjoys playing with her dogs, reading and mini-golf.

**Brian Tate** also joins us by Confession of Faith. Brian grew up in Richmond, VA and did his undergraduate work at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also entering his 4th year in the graduate program in the Department of Psychology, where he met April. Brian visited several churches in Virginia, but he and April wanted to officially join a church together when they found their way to SCPC. They have been impressed with the friendly people and activities here. Brian enjoys tennis, going to movies, basketball and playing with their dogs. Welcome to both April and Brian.

**Martin and Mary Ellen Nurmi** join us by Reaffirmation of Faith. They moved to State College from Kent, Ohio in February and heard about SCPC from "a few Presbyterians" at The Village at Penn State where they are now living. Martin is a retired English Professor from Kent State and served that University in several different capacities over the years. He is well-traveled as he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago, Ph.D. from Minnesota and Post Doc. from Princeton. Mary Ellen was Martin's first Ph.D. student and is also a retired English professor from Kent State. They have 5 children with daughter Katie living here in State College. Their church background is varied, but they are happy to have settled here at SCPC. Mary Ellen keeps busy with ready, sewing and using the computer.

**Ryan and Shelly Williams** join us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ryan grew up in Denver, CO in a very active Presbyterian family. He is an Insurance Account Executive for Zurich (based in Pittsburgh) and his hobbies include golf and biking. Ryan and Shelly moved to State College about 2 years ago and have two children; Carter (2), and baby Adyson, born in March. Shelly was raised in an active Catholic family but she and Ryan wanted to worship and raise their family together in one church and found a common ground here at SCPC. Shelly is a Registered Nurse and Dance Teacher, but spends her time right now as a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys dancing, reading and biking. Welcome to the Williams family!

### New Member Directory August 2007

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## Presbyterian Women News

**Fall Gathering Luncheon** at Westminster Woods with a complimentary lunch. Van and carpooling will be available. Please sign up at your Circle Meeting in September. A sign up sheet will also be available in the Social Hall starting September 9.

**Fall PW Presbytery Gathering** will be held Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. There will be a small charge for lunch. For more information and to make reservations, call Audrey Stover (234-3358).

### Presbyterian Women Circles

**Esther Circle** - Monday, September 17, noon at the home of Esther Porter, 1449 W. Park Hills Ave. Bring a salad of your choice. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

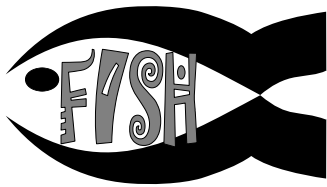
**Rebecca Circle** - Tuesday, September 18, 9:30 AM at the home of Kay McGeary, 3291-740 Shellers Bend, 234-5060.

**Ruth Circle** - Monday, September 17, 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.



## Introducing Ruth Blume

Truly, Ruth Blume needs no introduction to many of you, for she has been an active member and elder in this congregation for many years. But this year you need to meet Ruth in a new role – that of Seminarian Student Pastor. Ruth has been studying part time at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and is close to finishing her Master of Divinity degree. She is an Inquirer for Ministry under the care of the SCPC Session and the Huntingdon Presbytery. In order for Ruth to complete her seminary degree, she must spend ten hours a week for three terms working in the ministry of a local church. We are pleased that Ruth will be spending this time here with us. From September to May Ruth will fulfill her field education requirements as our Student Pastor. At this time we anticipate that she will most likely work within the areas of children's education, teaching, college-age ministries and pastoral care. She will preach a time or two during the year and share at times in worship leadership. Please join in welcoming Ruth to this new ministry among us as she continues her seminary education.



## FISH Registration & Ice Cream Social

The 2007/2008 FISH (Fellowship in Sr. High, grades 9-12) year kicks off on Wednesday,

Sept. 5th, 7:00 PM in the Social Hall with our annual Ice Cream Social. This meeting is for high school youth and their parents to meet the FISH leaders, hear about this year's programs, activities, mission trips, and to register for the year. Information and registration forms for the Fall Retreat to Krislund will also be available. Please also remember to sign-up for SCFISH group email. It contains weekly information about FISH. There will also be an ice cream sundae bar set up to enjoy while you hear all about FISH. We encourage all high school students to come to FISH every Wednesday night starting at 6:00 PM with a meal, followed by singing and then special and exciting programs every week! You do not have to be a member of SCPC to attend. All high school youth are welcome!! Any questions contact Joel Blunk or Martha Trout (238-2422) or Patti Kephart (592-0149).

We hope to see old and new FISH kids and their parents on Wed., Sept 5th in SCPC Social Hall at 7:00 PM.

### FISH Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, September 5** – Ice Cream Social, 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 12** - 1st Regular FISH meeting night (6:00 – 8:45 PM)

**Saturday, September 29** – **Sunday, September 30** – FISH Fall retreat at Krislund

## Krislund Campaign Goal Met . . . and Exceeded

Our goal of \$90,000 has been met! In fact, we are approaching \$100,000. Thanks to the congregation for once again rising to the challenge of giving. There are still opportunities to pledge. Please contact the church office for information. Thank you, State College Presbyterian Church!

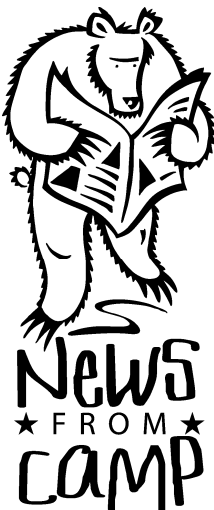
## More Krislund News

### Annual Fall Work Day

Skilled and unskilled workers are invited to lend a hand on Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for the annual Fall Work Day.

### 2007 SCPC Youth Campers

Ask any of the following youth about their fun, spirit-filled week at Krislund this summer: Emily DeWolfe, Jessi Gahegan, Andrea Krohe, Elena Lloyd, Grace Lloyd, Alyson Lush, Henry Lush, Will Lush, Lydia Malcolm, Charlie Page, Louise Page, Garrett Rabian, Janice Rabian, Emily Reichard, Eric Reichard, Emily Rodgers, Emma Sutterlin.



## PSU Students back at SCPC

How fortunate we are to be a church where college students want to be! Here are some things you can do to be part of the ministry to our college students:

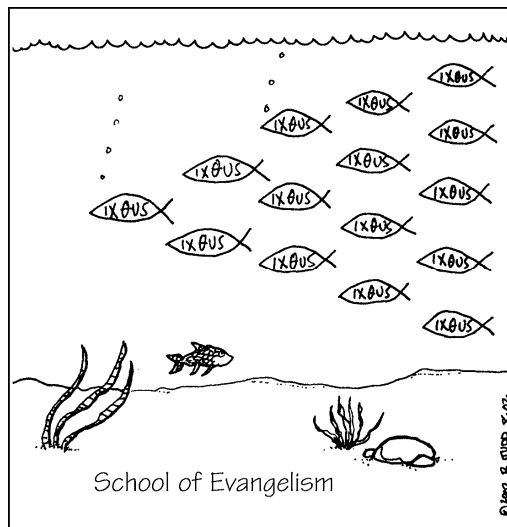


Make sure you take advantage of any opportunity you have in the upcoming weeks to **welcome these folks to SCPC**. Reach out your hand, pass the peace to them and introduce yourself!

- **Share flyers** (back of sanctuary) and the church website with students to let them know what's going on for them here at SCPC.
- **Volunteer** to provide dinner once/month or once/semester as Agape will begin following the mid-week youth ministry model, beginning with dinner on Thursday nights. Contact Diana if you can help!
- **Share your gifts!** If you'd like to be part of the CAM committee or work in some way (Habitat Days, Bible Study, Retreats, Mission Trip, etc.) with college students, please talk with someone on the CAM committee.
- Consider **Adopting a Student** (registration forms available outside the church office). This new ministry is just getting started this semester, and will be open to registrations throughout the year.

It's so easy for us to make sure our college-age friends feel welcome to participate in WPF and SCPC opportunities. This year we'll be doing Agape (our fellowship group) earlier so we can eat dinner together (Thursdays, 6-8:30 PM). A movie night will be offered on Mondays. And, we'll be offering lots of special mission opportunities. The web-site, [www.scpresby.org](http://www.scpresby.org) is a great place to learn more! Contacting Diana is another great way to get information!

Please join Diana on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the blessing our college friends are to this congregation and welcome them!



## Adult Education in September

It's September and Adult Ed is up and running again! The programs are from ideas offered by you the congregation and members of the Adult Ed committee. If you have program suggestions, please contact John Rodgers, Chair, or Deannine Shipman. We trust that these offerings for September will encourage your participation in programs that give us both information and can also carry us along our journey of faith. All classes run from 10:15-11:00AM Sundays, but please check that week's bulletin for any late changes.

Class Offerings	September			
	9	16	23	30
Starting the Season with Song	x			
Reading the Ten Commandments	x	x	x	
Christian Music Sing-Along		x		
Personal Experiences in the Ulster Project		x		
Spotlight on Our Missions: A Fair			x	
Pastor's Sabbatical: Pursuing the Reformed Reformation Through Italy and Switzerland				x

### Class descriptions:

**"Starting the Season with Song"** What better way to begin a new program year than by making a "joyful noise!" Ned will lead us in hymns and songs that YOU choose from our two hymnals and maybe even some contemporary hits!

**"Reading the Ten Commandments Anew: Towards a Land of Freedom"** Perhaps you know that Brother John of the Taizé community in France will be with us the weekend of October 20-21! This will be sponsored through the Henszey Lecture series but Brother John will do much more than "lecture". In preparation for this visit, you are invited to be part of this program of three weeks in Adult Ed which will read Brother John's book of this title. Why read about a subject so familiar? Because it is an opportunity to grow in faith and learn to follow not the letter but the Holy Spirit. Copies of the book will be available for loan or sale. We meet in Room 10.

**"Christian Music Sing-Along"** As part of the kick-off month of September, Joel and friends will offer this opportunity to savor through song the joy of the Christian life. The format will be similar to the Easter Adult Ed session. Come to Westminster Hall.

**"Personal Experiences in the Ulster Project"** This project is an international peace-making program that promotes trust and understanding between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. This past summer several of our teens and their families hosted members of the Ulster Project in order to build community here and "across the pond". Join Larry Dansky, the teens, and their parents as they discuss their experiences in this most unique form of ministry. We meet in Room 10.

**"Spotlight on Our Missions: A Fair"** This event will showcase the mission work of our church. Various "booths" will be set up around Westminster Hall to allow not only Mission Ministry Unit members but also members from some of the agencies we support. Many of us know fragments of what goes on

in our mission work but the full picture can be lacking. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions at the various "booths" to learn what specific missions really do.

**"Pastor's Sabbatical: Pursuing the Reformed Reformation through Italy and Switzerland"** Chuck Curley will share insights into the Reformed Reformation of the Protestant Reformation as gained through visiting these four cities. There will be excellent pictures and discussion of the highlights.

## Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

The year officially begins on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Listed below are the rooms for all of our children and youth classes. Children must be the age of the class listed by Sept. 1st (or in that grade) to be in that class. Any questions or concerns may be addressed to Patt Campolongo (SS Superintendent), or to Deannine Shipman (Director of Education and Program).

Three Yrs. (Bears)	Room 100
Four Yrs. & Kindergarten (Noah's Ark)	Room 203
First Grade	Room 209
Second Grade	Room 210
Third Grade	Room 211 & 208
Fourth Grade	Room 206
Fifth Grade	Room 12
6th - 8th Grade (Middle School)	Fireside Room
9th - 12th (Senior High)	Library, 2nd Floor

The Sunday School Classes start at 10 AM. Children who go to a program, such as Creative Movement and Music or Children and Worship, are taken directly to their Sunday School classes by the teachers. Children in 3rd Grade and older should leave worship and go directly to their classes.

This year in our Sunday School Classes we may only have weekly snack in the youngest classes. Snacks may be offered monthly in the older classes, but it all depends on parental involvement.

Parents are encouraged to sign up on snack sheets outside the Sunday School rooms.

### Creative Movement and Music

Beginning on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, our pre-school aged children (ages 3 - 5) are invited to join with music leader, Ellen Manno, in Westminster Hall for a time of music, movement, and fun! This program begins following the Children's Message during the 9:00 AM worship service. At the conclusion of this program, the children are escorted by their Sunday School teachers to their classrooms. This program is designed for children who are already 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2007. Children turning 3 years old during the school year should wait until next Fall to join Creative Movement and Music, which is the same time they will start Sunday School. (*Our Toddler Room is designed for ages 2 and 3.*)

### Children and Worship Class

Our Children & Worship program begins on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with leaders, Ronda Craig and Jody Barth. This program is for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who choose not to stay in the earlier worship service. They meet in Room 11 following the Children's Message during the 9:00 AM worship service. At the conclusion of this program, the children are escorted by their Sunday School teachers to their Sunday School classrooms.



## Is There A Mouse in the House???

(Or in the Martin Room and Fireside Room Kitchens?)



'Twas the last day of August and all through the church,  
 The building was ready; there was no sign of dirt.  
 Everything had been scrubbed, the carpets and floors,  
 And the dust bunnies were sent right out of the doors.  
 We're ready for Sunday School, LOGOS and FISH,  
 The kitchens are clean, down to every last dish.  
 Adult Ed, Stay and Play, Agape, and more,  
 The building is ready, let's open the door!

We know that we're ready, but here's what we fear,  
 The same thing will happen that happens each year.  
 It's clean when we lock up and leave for the night,  
 But come the next morning, the kitchens are a sight!  
 The dishes are in piles, the cups are in stacks,  
 And what's not in the sink has been left in the racks.  
 But we cleaned it all up and we shut it up tight,  
 We wonder- are there church mice having parties at night?  
 How else can the dishes end up in the sinks?  
 What's happening? It's sending us over the brink!

So dear congregation, can you help us please?  
 If your programs use our kitchens, perhaps you have seen  
 The church mice getting this stuff out at night,  
 And not cleaning it up, well, that just isn't right!  
 Or, if you get it out, please put it away;  
 So someone else doesn't find it that way the next day.  
 We'd really appreciate anything you can do  
 To help keep our kitchens clean for everyone –  
 Thank you!



## Presbyterian Home Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2007

Well, it's that time of year again. We're hoping that we can count on members of our church to donate either crafts, baked goods, or their time for the Presbyterian Home Bazaar this year.

Last year we had donations of hand knit dish clothes, hand-made ornaments, wreaths, some paw print glassware, soup mixes, baked goods, etc. This year the college age group has agreed to make the cheese balls, and we're hoping that others in the church will follow their lead and either donate a craft, baked goods, candies, or come over to Windy Hill to shop at the bazaar.

This is the biggest fund raiser that the Presbyterian Home Auxiliary hosts to raise funds for the residents of the Heights at Windy Hill. In the past we've been able to help many residents with personal needs that they can't afford on a daily basis, as well as helping some pay for things such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, some much-needed dental work, a new pair of glasses, and things for the home itself (a new refrigerator for their family room which all of the residents enjoy, and some much needed patio furniture for the assisted living area).

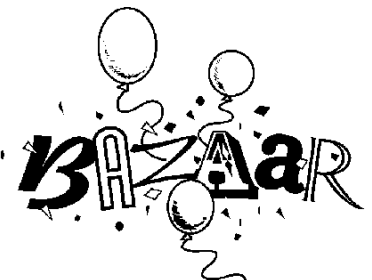
Sooooo...we're hoping you will be able to donate some of your talents or time! Some suggestions are: wreaths (all seasons), centerpieces, wood working, gift baskets, knit items, hand towels, and any type of craft that you'd like to donate. We'll also be collecting baked goods like cookies, pies, cake, bread, rolls, or fudge and other candies. You can have your picture taken with Santa, have a barbeque sandwich or soup at the café, start your Christmas shopping, and make a family day of it. Tim Behney will also be there again this year from 1:00 PM on to sign autographs, and he'll have his race car outside for everyone to enjoy! He was a big success last year, and it was fun watching them put his racing car back into the huge trailer that they had in the parking lot beside Windy Hill.

Agape, our college-aged students, have agreed to help make cheese balls to sell at the Bazaar again this year. Diana Malcolm and her group of students made almost 75 cheese balls last year. They were a huge help, and the cheese balls are always a favorite item for sale.

So, please join us in helping make this year's bazaar even bigger and better than last year. An Amish quilt will be raffled off again this year. There will be more details and a picture posted on the bulletin board outside the church office, and you can contact Jo Dixon to purchase tickets.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Diana Brenizer (692-7703). Also, Diana will be stopping by the church office to collect any donations. On Thursday, November the 8th, she will stop by to collect any remaining donated crafts, baked goods, candies, etc. from the office.

Thank you again, and hope to see you at The Heights at Windy Hill on Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.



## Music Ministry

Just like all the other ministries of our congregation, the Music Ministry is gearing up this month for the new program year. We want you to know a few things about our Music Ministry and invite you to participate.

None of our music groups have any sort of audition or entrance requirement. We subscribe to the "Y'all come!" school of auditioning. If you have the interest, take the time, and make the commitment - you're welcome! We'll do our best to help you along and make sure you blend in with the group.

We also try to program an eclectic mix of music. The first time I heard the word "eclectic" I had to go home and look it up. Eclectic means "Selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources, systems, or styles" and we would take that one step further and say that we try to select the BEST music from a variety of sources and styles.

Let me define one more word. For the purposes of our Music Ministry, the word "adult" means people who are of high school age, college age, and any age beyond. Our music is better when the musicians are a blend of ages, experience, and taste.

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Our Chancel Choir meets on Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM and leads worship at one of our Sunday morning services almost weekly during the program year. We sing an eclectic mix of music. Understanding your busy lives, we have a liberal attendance policy for rehearsals and Sundays. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 30. All interested adults (see definition above) are invited. Currently we do not have child care available, but would be delighted to arrange child care if the need arises.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Handbell Choir meets on Tuesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 PM beginning September 25. We learn music to ring in worship and in the spring prepare for the Nittany Valley Handbell Festival. A little music reading helps but is not a requirement! We are proud of the mixture of ages and town and gown in this ensemble. All interested adults (see definition above) are welcome!

Coming in November! **Candlelight Choir** rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 3 at 7:00 PM and continue on Sunday evenings through December 9. This year we will be working on "The Promise" by contemporary Christian musician Michael Card. The ten songs are drawn from ideas in Card's book by the same title. The songs are arranged for soloist, choir, and orchestra. Our own Joel Blunk will be singing the solo parts. We hope many singers will join us as we prepare this wonderful service.

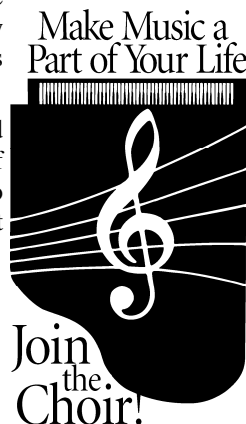
**Instrumentalists** - If you are interested in playing in an instrumental group or if you would be interested in playing a solo for a prelude or offertory, please contact Ned to discuss the possibilities.

For more information,

Ned Wetherald

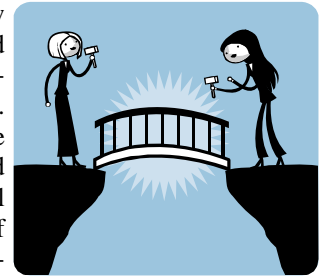
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## CC Bridge Being Built

SCPC begins our exciting, new outreach program for students and young adults interested in considering a call to ministry this fall. YOU can help us make sure we utilize this grant (from The Fund for Theological Education) well by sharing with us the names of anyone you know who is interested in ministry (as a volunteer



leader, a pastor, or any way of serving God intentionally). The "College to Congregation Bridge for Theological Discernment" (**CC Bridge**) will encourage students to consider what it means to serve in the church and will help participants discern their own unique gifts. Participants will be part of a group led by a leader-facilitator helping the group explore what God might be asking them to do with their gifts and understand better how to share them through volunteer or paid ministry. Much of the group's work will be done at monthly dinner meetings where we'll meet with folks involved in various fields of ministry. An opportunity for vocational assessment and a resource library for use on the journey of discernment will be available. Finally, a field trip to a seminary(s) will be planned for the spring semester. The advisory committee consists of Chuck Curley, Rob Huffard, Kim Hunziker, Joy Kauffman, Diana Malcom, and Susan Sanders. This is a congregation wide ministry! We encourage your support and prayers.

**MOST IMPORTANT: If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating (can include folks outside the SCPC congregation!), please let one of the Advisory Team members know.**

Want additional information? Please contact one of the Advisory Team members.

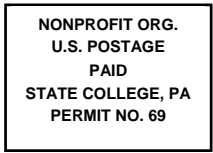
## Small Group Opportunity

Are you interested in your spiritual growth? Have you ever wanted to explore your faith? Do you want to get to know people in our church family? Would you like to be with a smaller group of people who are also interested in a meaningful and nurturing experience?

Here is your opportunity! Come to the Social Hall on Monday, September 17, 6:00 - 8:00 PM for dinner and exploration of the small group potential. The Worship Ministry Unit's Spiritual Formation Task Force, created to enhance the spiritual life of our congregation, invites any and all who are curious, inquisitive, and motivated to learn more about small groups. Over dinner, members of the task force will point out the strengths, benefits, and opportunities of positive small groups they've experienced; highlight existing small groups and how one can get involved; and, finally, begin the process of tailoring small groups to fit the particular needs of our congregation.

No commitment necessary, just come to explore the possibilities. Eat, fellowship, and be part of the process that will nurture the spiritual needs of our congregation within the small group setting. Dinner and childcare provided. Call the church office to let us know if you are interested and need child care. Look to the bulletin for more details.





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### Visitation Deacons

Visitation Deacons are members of the congregation who are specially ordained and installed for the purpose of calling on shut-ins. Every month each Deacon visits one or more of our members who are confined to their homes, living in retirement communities, or nursing homes, or limited in their ability to be a part of the life of the congregation. If you know someone who would appreciate such a visit, talk with Chuck Curley or one of the Visitation Deacons.

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Caroline DeJong	Jo Keiser	Marilyn Jenkins
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Margie Miller	Barbara McKeehen	Jane McKinley
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