

There are so many opportunities to step into mission this month! With opportunities to **pray**, to **donate**, and to **act**, there are ways for every one of us to contribute to this work.

God, give me the courage to be vulnerable with others, that I may nourish the seeds of peaceful and beloved community in my congregation, my communities, and your beautiful world.

If you haven't yet joined a Juniper Village Block Party, October is a great time to jump in! Every other month, we gather in the common room of building #1930 on the first Sunday of the month.

At 1:45, join residents as they gather for their weekly viewing of the SCPC service.

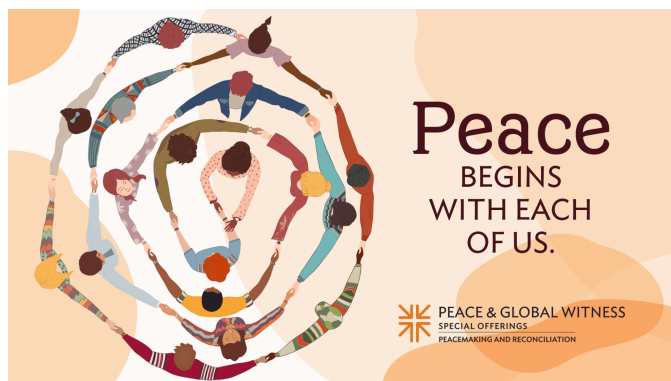
At 2:45, we transition to a time with snacks, music, and socializing, with a craft corner for children and anyone else who wants to.

Come for the whole afternoon, or make your entrance or exit at intermission. Please do wear a mask if you have been around folks with nasty colds – there are a few things we don't want to share!

A graphic for the Juniper Village Block Party. It features a dark purple background with a yellow circular inset showing a group of people gathered around a table. The text is in white and yellow. It says "Juniper Village Block Party" in a large, bold, white font. Below that, it says "Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing." in a smaller white font. Then, "Join us!" in yellow, followed by "October 1, 1:45-4:00" in yellow, and "and first Sundays of every other month." in white. At the bottom, it says "Sign up here:" in white, followed by a QR code. There are also some small yellow flower icons scattered around the text.

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This project was conceived as a way for young families to be of service together, and they are particularly welcome, but Juniper residents are always glad to see all who attend – many of the regulars fall in different demographics, and we all have fun. [Bring yourself, or sign up to help out with a snack, a craft, or music.](#) This being October, we will have a trick or treat party. Bring a costume (or borrow one when you get there!), or a bag of candy, and trick or treat right there at Juniper. Want to join in, but don't have transportation? Please [let Cricket know!](#)



[online giving portal.](#)

Through the [Peace & Global Witness Offering](#) (active at State College Presbyterian Church **now through October 30**) congregations are invited to address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. Donate by cash or check using the specific pew offering envelopes, or choose a [one-time gift to Peace and Global Witness on our](#)

Half of the funds we raise will support work being done by Presbyterians around the globe, and half will stay in our region, to support groups or projects addressing peacemaking nearby.

Last year, the **Social Justice and Mission Team (SJMT)** directed the local portion of the 2021 and 2022 funds to the [Jana Marie Foundation](#),



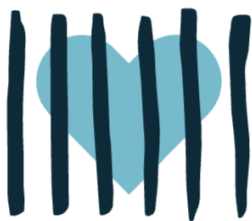
in honor of the work they do to increase our community resilience. Much of their work is focused mental health and suicide prevention for youth in our county. They will be presenting to a joint session of Oasis and Adult Education on **October 8th: *Suicide Prevention: What You Can Do*** Two staff members from the foundation will share action steps we can all take to prevent suicide in our communities, including how to have courageous, lifesaving conversations.



Every fall, the [CROP Walk](#) raises money for our local food bank, and for the food and hunger work of the Church World Service (the same folks who deliver the storm cleanup buckets we make to where they are needed, quickly).

Watch for a signup and donation table at Coffee Hours this month, or you can [sign up](#) for SCPC's walking team or [donate online here](#). This year, the walk starts at Grace

Lutheran Church (205 S. Garner St.). Check in and welcome is at 1:30, step-off is at 2:00. Traditionally the weather is excellent, and friendly canine members of our congregation are welcome to join the team!



On **October 22**, a speaker from the Centre County chapter of the [PA Prison Society](#) will join us for Adult Ed to share ***The Challenges of Incarceration: What's it REALLY like on the inside?***

Did you know that there are more than 3000 men and women incarcerated in Centre County's three correctional facilities? Nancy Spooner will share some of their experience of daily lives, and, importantly, sharing existing opportunities for us to make a difference. Nancy has more than five years of experience as an Official Visitor with the PA Prison Society, a group that advocates for the rights and well being of the incarcerated.

Do you remember **making Christmas Cards for our incarcerated neighbors** last year? We're doing it again, and people of all ages can participate!

Christmas before Halloween

- All-ages mission opportunity!
- Cards due October 29
- Blank cards available in the office today
- Card corner at Coffee Hour on Oct. 22
- **New ideas in Thursday emails in October!**

Too many of our incarcerated neighbors feel entirely forgotten. **For many, these cards are the only mail they get the entire year and they have a huge impact.** We need as many as you can make.

The best cards are **colorful, kind, and imperfect**, so they look like they come from a real human person who cares. We sign with first names (or name and age) only. Cards have to be scanned and printed inside the prison system for distribution to each institution, so they are **due at the end of October**. Mark your calendar to turn yours in on Sunday, 10/29... and consider making or writing one each week.

We have blank cards ready for decorating and writing in the Church office, and you'll easily spot the Christmas-wrapped boxes for finished cards at both our Fraser St. Entrance and our parking lot entrance. Watch for **a fresh idea in each weekly email** this month, and **join Oasis at coffee hour on October 22** for a making party. Reed is going to keep the card corner open, so folks who attend Adult Ed can make one more before they leave for the day. [More info here](#).

Thinking ahead: as we approach November, watch your Weekly Updates for organizing meetings for Angel Tree and Christmas Dinner.