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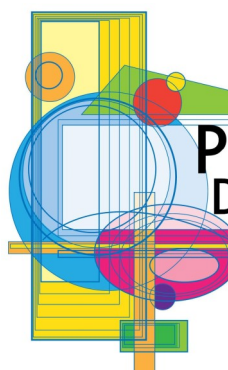
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PresbyPost Deadlines

March PresbyPost
Friday, February 17, 2023

A "Let's Get to Know Each Other" Potluck

Come in from the Cold! The Congregational Fellowship Committee (CFC) will host a church-wide potluck lunch on Sunday, January 29, following the Congregational Meeting.

Everyone is invited. Just bring a dish that can serve 6-8 people. Hot food can be kept warm during the church service and meeting by plugging in your crock pot or hot plate in the kitchen. Items needing to be kept cool can be stored in the large kitchen refrigerator.

Bring a casserole, hot sandwiches, mac & cheese, stew, soup, taco salad, fried chicken, baked beans, your favorite party recipe, desserts, salads – you name it. Just let us know how we can help. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and lemonade will be provided.

If you have a dish that you want to deliver on Saturday afternoon, let us know and we'll arrange for that.

Contact Jerry Sawyer (jvs3@psu.edu),
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All-Church Potluck



Pastor Visioning Committee Listening Sessions

January 8 – Adult Education Hour
January 10 – 8:00 PM (Zoom session)
January 15 – 3:00 PM (Zoom session)
Details will be available in the Weekly Update and on our website (www.scpresby.org)
See full update from the Pastor Visioning Committee on page 5

Annual Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 29,
10:00 AM**



- Receive annual reports of staff, ministry units, and church groups
- Receive annual budget and financial reports



WORSHIP

with us

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Star Words
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM - Communion
Baptism of the Lord
Remembrance of Baptism
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, January 15, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Rev. John Porter, preaching

January 22, 2023 - 9:00 AM
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

January 29, 2023 - 9:00 AM - Congregational Meeting
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Music Ministry Thank You

We had a marvelous Advent Season full of music and there are many people to thank.

- All those who have participated in one of our choirs - LOGOS Geckos and Chrysalis, the Handbell Choir, the Candlelight Choir, and the Chancel Choir. You all sang and rang beautifully and put in lots of time preparing your music.
- Jamey Perry, Margaret VanFossan, Jerry and Marti Sawyer, John and Carol Graham, Cheryl Price, and Bill Lukens for hosting the fellowship lunches after our Advent Organ Recitals. The lunches are like dessert after the beautiful recitals.
- Nikki Blake for providing cookies for two of the organ recital lunches. Always yummy and fun.
- To the Deacons for their support at special services.
- For the SCPC staff for supporting the Music Ministry.
- Karen Neff for assisting, supporting and tolerating me during the Advent/Christmas season.
- To all those I've missed!

Thank you,
Ned Wetherald
Director of Music Ministry

December Session Highlights

- Adopted 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,004,200.
- Heard Building & Property replaced boiler motor.
- Advent organ recitals to be heard December 7, 14, 21
- Ordination and installation of officers set for January 22
- Set January 29 for annual congregational meeting
- Agreed to host January 28 meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery.
- Changed time for regular session meetings to third Sunday mornings after education hour, 11:30 a.m.

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Congratulations of the congregation on the baptism of:

Carolyn Rhubart Rothenberger, daughter of **Danielle Rhubart and Michael Rothenberger**, December 4, 2022

Ryan Edward Gilmore, son of **Ryan and Stefanie Gilmore**, December 11, 2022

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

Geoff Harford, December 18, 2022

Jim Powers, December 20, 2022



New Year's Resolutions! (But from Biblical characters)

Can you guess the Biblical character and their imagined New Year's Resolutions?

Resolution #1

I resolve not to eat anything from the vine or cut my hair. Not only will it impress the ladies, but it will keep me healthy.

Resolution #2

I'll be making my husband do all the cooking this year. This way he can't blame all of the world's problems on my what we eat!

Resolution #3

I promise to give one tenth of my sales of purple cloth this year to the church.

Resolution #4

In the New Year, I am committed to keeping my promises. I might mess up once, okay twice, but never again will I break a promise three times.

ANSWERS: #1 - Samson; #2 - Eve; #3 - Lydia; #4 - Peter

From Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

Hekima Place Trip

If you've been thinking about participating in the service trip to Hekima Place in July, 2023, it's time to make a decision! Contact Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com) or Mitch Kirsch (mitchkirsch57@gmail.com) to learn about what's happening at Hekima now and how we can help by going there. A meeting to begin the volunteer application process required by Hekima Place will be held in late January, so we need to finalize the list of participants. It will be a life-changing experience if you go!

Watch Party

Allison and Reed love watching good movies and we want you to join us! The last Sunday evening of the month we'll pick a fantastic, thoughtful, fun, and/ or intriguing movie that we can gather to watch. Afterwards we won't be able to help ourselves but to hang around for some "Gee Willikers, did you see that?" and "Wow that scene really made me think about _____!" conversations. Join our Watch Party January 29 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room for a great movie and even better discussion. Stay tuned for movie details later this month!!

Chrysalis Coffee House

Join the youth of Chrysalis (our midweek ministry for middle school students) for their annual Coffee House on Friday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in Westminster Hall. There will be a wide variety of entertainment - skits, songs, jokes, and hilarity - presented by the youth. There will be snacks, wonderful fellowship, and a silent auction. Join us for the most fun you can have in church! The eighth graders will be choosing a charity to benefit in January



Social Justice and Mission Page

2023 has begun, and this is good moment to glance ahead, but first, heartfelt thank yous:

To organizers, volunteers, donors, and participants in the annual SCPC Christmas Dinner, thank you! So many people were grateful to be back among company, and so many were grateful to be able to be part of it, and keep themselves and their loved ones away from crowds. Teams of organizers, volunteers, and donors made it possible for each participant to join in. Delicious dinners warmed bellies and fueled Christmas celebrations and reflections. Thank you.

To all who donated to the Christmas Offering for the Children of Hekima Place, thank you! We will be able to send a generous donation along with a note sharing our prayers for their health and happiness, and our hopeful anticipation that a small group from our congregation will again be able to travel to Kenya to visit and help out – and bring news and pictures back to share here.



To all who participated in the enormous success of the Angel Tree, thank you! From the initial fall outreach to agencies, to tying and labeling angels, to adopting angels, shopping, wrapping, and delivering gifts (despite some tricky weather), there are so very many people who were part of this project. Special thanks to Carrie Miller (fearless leader), as well as to Laura Green and Todd Hockenberry who did a lot of daily organizing of gifts and physical space from setting up the tree, to delivery of the last gift. Thanks, too, to the Social Justice and Mission Team, which funded the completion of the few gifts that remained after individuals chose theirs – those gifts are also from the congregation.



To all who donated to fund 2 of the 4 nights of respite housing in a hotel for Out of the Cold, thank you! This donation gives both OOTC guests and staff a change of pace, and a bit of ease at Christmas. SJMT were able to fund the other two nights through the generosity of the Powers Fund for local missions that is under their care.

SCPC's Krislund volunteers are taking the winter months to turn our plastic lids and caps into benches for the camp These Thursday volunteers usually do maintenance and projects around the camp, but winter is not a great time for that, so they are helping all of us by collecting clean plastic lids, and sorting them to send to a company that will turn them into durable plastic benches. Collect your plastic lids at home, and watch for collection boxes that will soon appear at both the Fraser St. and the parking lot entrances. Most of the plastic caps and lids that regularly collect in your kitchen are among those that are accepted. [Full lid list with photos](#). Photos of the durable benches can be viewed at www.greentreeplastics.com/photo-gallery/.



As you pay your heating bills this winter, if you are able to do so comfortably, consider pairing that payment with a donation to the Centre County Fuel Bank, which provides emergency fuel to help neighbors who are experiencing difficulty. The Centre County Fuel Bank is run by Interfaith Human Services, with many local agencies participating. Simply click the + Write a Note at the very top of the [IHS donation page](#) to add the memo "Fuel Bank" to your donation.

As we move through winter, watch for an emerging **opportunity for young families to be of joyful service together**, for meetings of **those interested in going on the trip to Hekima** this summer, and for a **congregation-wide effort to build the cache of [cleanup buckets](#)** that help ready Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and partner agencies (including Church World Service) respond to immediate need following storms and other disasters. As you go about your daily lives, listen and attend to what you see in our congregation and community. Offer warmth and kindness as you can, and let [Cricket](#) know what you are seeing and hearing, so that she can support our ongoing work.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Wendy Huffard Jacob Van Hook
January 3	Jeff Moyer Don Gross Danielle Rhubart
January 4	Amy Elliott Kent Matsueda
January 5	Donna Heebner Grace Manno
January 7	Greg Elliott Esther Olson David Klementik
January 8	Bruce Grinder Lou Klindienst Cam Richardson
January 9	Peggy Moyer Deb Anderson Kirstie Yerka Beth Musser
January 10	DeeAnn Wylie Laura Robinson Carolyn Cole Jill Anderson Jeri Elder
January 12	Max Sutterlin Diana Malcom
January 13	Greg Tothero Elizabeth Tussey
January 14	Maureen Garthwaite Rob Ceres
January 15	Bill Nichol
January 16	Dave Atkins Barbara Huffard Kris Sonstebly
January 17	Daniel Miller Adam DeBoef Andrew Bachman Mac Heebner
January 18	Mark Maughmer Dennis Calvin
January 19	Ron Haring Blair Malcom Kristin Nasal Linda Steffee
January 21	Bill Hanson Emma McLaughlin
January 22	Drew Reisinger
January 23	Ed Keller Katie Blume Marilyn Jenkins
January 24	Jill Curley
January 25	Jim Thies
January 27	Ginny Rainey
January 28	Paul Freije
January 29	Jenny Van Hook Ben Tolton
January 30	Dan Shoffner
January 31	Ellen Rom

Pastor Visioning Committee Update

The Pastor Visioning Committee would like to thank everyone for making the time to submit our survey. We have received 165 completed surveys with very thoughtful, insightful comments and feedback.

The second step of our process will include the opportunity to engage in conversation and dialogue about the survey results. The committee is scheduling numerous listening sessions in January to hear directly from our church community before making our final report. These sessions are optional, and you need only attend one if you would like to share your thoughts and ideas with the committee.

Some of these sessions will take place with groups that meet on a weekly basis (LOGOS, Chrysalis, YoPro, PSF, Men's Bible Study, Chancel Choir, FISH, Wed in the Word, Handbell choir) – if you are a part of any of these groups, you can look forward to members of the PVC joining you at one of your January meetings. If there are other groups that gather on a regular basis and would like us to come to your meeting, please reach out to any member of the committee and we will make arrangements to do so.

Members of the PVC will also be conducting sessions outside the church, in the retirement communities where many of our members reside: Foxdale, The Village, and Juniper Village. If you live in one of these communities, you can expect to hear more about the sessions scheduled for you.

General sessions will also be held throughout January, and we invite anyone interested to attend:

January 8 – Adult Education Hour

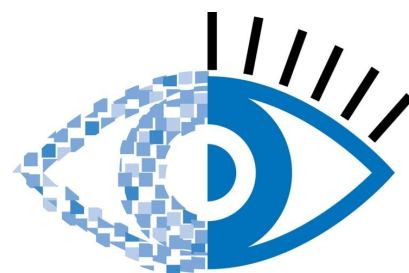
January 10 – 8pm (Zoom session)

January 15 – 3pm (Zoom session)

Additional sessions will be scheduled, so please stay tuned for more information – details will be made available via the weekly email announcements and on the church web site.

Our goal remains to complete your discernment process during the month of January, followed by the submission of our final report in February of 2023. Any questions can be directed to any member of the PVC:

Mitch Kirsch, Chair
Katherine Allen
Laura Essinger-Hileman
Rob Huffard
John Porter
Cam Richardson
Jillian Rounsiville
Brady Wassom



Pastor Visioning Committee

Opportunities Sunday Adult

	January	8	15	22	29
Pastor Visioning Team Listening	X				
Connect		X	X		
Small Island, Big Song, Part 2		X			
Gender Fluidity			X		
Congregational Meeting				X	

**Connect - January 15 and 22, Room 10,
led by Bizz and Zack Maser, and Jamie Bauman**

(We invite you to join the Listening Session on January 8 and the Congregational Meeting on January 29)

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions. This is meant to be a time to sit with questions without needing the answers, speak from the heart, pray, meditate, reflect, and be changed by the stories and sharing of others. Anyone with a desire to Connect more deeply, whether you are a believer or unsure what you believe, is invited to join us. Come as you are to listen, share, grow, and be!

**Pastor Visioning Listening Session - January 8,
Westminster Hall**

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**Small Island, Big Song, Part 2 - January 15,
Westminster Hall, led by Heather Bruhn**

Motivated by the 5th Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, Taiwanese producer BaoBao Chen and Australian music producer/filmmaker Tim Cole spent three years visiting artists on their homelands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, recording with their guidance in nature, sharing songs from island to island.

In November, we showed the first part of Small Island, Big Song, but the second half was delayed due to the cold! We will watch and discuss the second half of their film on January 15. If you would like to view the first part in advance, please contact Deannine Shipman at deanninescpc@gmail.com.

**Gender Fluidity: What is it and how should we understand it?
January 22, Westminster Hall
led by Allison Maus and Reed Dressler**

For some youth, gender fluidity may be a way to explore gender before landing on a more stable gender expression or identity. For others, gender fluidity may continue indefinitely as part of their life experience with gender. Allison and Reed will lead a discussion of the meaning of gender fluidity, the experience of those who do not fall squarely within "male" or "female" categories, and how the church can better welcome and support them.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
: 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Exploration Hour 10:15 Adult Opportunities 10:15 Deacon's Meeting 10:15 Invitation to Join 10:30 YoPro Bible Study	2 5:30 Personnel Ministry 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer - Zoom	3 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer - Zoom 5:00 Chrysalis Leader Meeting 6:00 Stay & Play Staff Meeting - Zoom	4 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom	5 6:00 Pastor Visioning Team 7:00 Chancel Choir	6	7
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