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**Deadline for  
March PresbyPost  
Friday, February 14, 2020**

Deadline for April PresbyPost  
Friday, March 13, 2020

## Notes from Kiribati

*(Yes, it's spelled Kiribati but pronounced Kiribas)  
Here are some "postcards" from Dean and Peggy Lindsey from the Kiribati portion of their sabbatical. We look forward to their return in late March and their sharing more details about their experience.*



*Peggy with Bati, the Lindsey's longtime friend, in the maneaba (meeting house) behind the guest house where they stayed.*



*These pictures depict why Kiribati faces such an existential threat from sea level rise due to climate change. Very low lying islands. Many houses are hugging the shore.*

*The small kiakia was their home for four days in the village of Ewenna on the island of Abaiang (Republic of Kiribati).*



*The site where Hiram Bingham first landed when he brought the gospel to Abaiang and Kiribati in 1857.*

# February Services and Sermons



Need a ride to church Sunday morning?  
We can help!  
Contact the Church Office (238-2422).

**Sunday, February 2, 2020** - 9:00 and 11:15 AM  
4th Sunday after Epiphany      Communion  
Michael Ozaki, preaching

**Sunday, February 9, 2020** - 9:00 and 11:15 AM  
5th Sunday after Epiphany  
Paul Mortimore, preaching

*A State College native, Paul met his wife Juli while at Penn State. After he graduated with a degree in Addiction Rehab Counseling, both he and Juli attended seminary in upstate New York. While they have ministered in churches across the US, they eventually settled back here in State College again. The Mortimores, including their daughters Emma, Sierra, and Olivia, are happy to have made State College Presbyterian Church their church home*

**Sunday, February 16, 2020** - 9:00 and 11:15 AM  
6th Sunday after Epiphany  
Allison Maus, preaching

**Sunday, February 23, 2020** - 9:00 and 11:15 AM  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
Led by Senior High Sunday School Class

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday. We will observe Ash Wednesday with a service of contrition, confession, Communion, and the Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 PM led by Mike Ozaki and our FISH youth.

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of the Season of Lent - forty days leading up to Easter Sunday. Other important dates during Lent include:



Palm Sunday - April 5  
Maundy Thursday - April 9  
Good Friday - April 10  
Easter - April 12



## LENTEN GROUP OFFERING

*"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10*

Mary Jane Kistler and Mary Boutselis will be leading a series of group meetings throughout Lent. The series will focus on practices intended to increase our awareness of God's movement in our lives and on living fully the life which God offers us moment to moment. We will be working with Centering Prayer and the Welcoming Prayer. The groups will be beneficial for both beginners and those who have established practices with either/both prayers. . .no experiences with these prayer forms is necessary. Two times for the series of three meetings will be offered: Mondays: February 24, March 9 and March 30 from 7:00-8:30 PM or Tuesdays: February 25, March 10 and March 31 from 1:00-2:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary ([marybouts@gmail.com](mailto:marybouts@gmail.com)) or  
Mary Jane ([mkistler1983@gmail.com](mailto:mkistler1983@gmail.com)).

To register, contact the office ([officescpc@gmail.com](mailto:officescpc@gmail.com) or 238-2422).

## Invitation to join Church on "Second Sunday"



Anyone interested in joining our congregation is invited to join the church on the second Sunday of each month.

Come to the Martin Room (Room 104) on **Sunday, February 9** at 10:15 AM.

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership and Program Associate, ([marthascpc@gmail.com](mailto:marthascpc@gmail.com) or 238-2422).



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

**Patricia Kelley**, December 10, 2019  
**Viola Swope**, December 18, 2019  
**Molly Whaley**, December 25, 2019  
**Scott Banfield's** mother-in-law, **Margaret "Peg" Clark**,  
December 31, 2019  
**Thom Brewster**, January 3, 2020  
**Carol Marboe, Richard Marboe's** sister, January 17,  
2020  
**Harry Roan, III**, January 21, 2020

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:  
**Miles John Glenn Ozaki**, January 9, 2020, to **Mike Ozaki and Bri Hall**  
**Noa June Turns**, January 22, 2020 to **Kelsey (Fleming) and Mike Turns** in Philadelphia. Proud grandparents are **Janet and Paul Heasley**.

## Young at Heart in February

On Friday, February 21, Mac and Donna Heebner will share stories of their volunteering at Camp Jabberwocky in New England! The Camp started in 1953 as a small experiment: a handful of children with cerebral palsy, a tiny summer cottage, a young assistant, and a feisty, headstrong director! Jabberwocky was the first residential camp for people with disabilities. Today, it serves over 250 children and adults with disabilities, has volunteer staff of 180, and 23 buildings on the 15-acre site. Would you like to know more? Come, join us for an evening of fellowship, dinner, and programming.

The evening begins as we gather about 5:00 in the Social Hall for conversation over coffee/tea while you set up your things for the potluck supper. Bring a main course, salad, side, or dessert to share (your choice), 2 utensils to serve it, and your own table service plus a name tag. Your own table service means: dinner/dessert plate(s), silverware, cup(s) for water/coffee/tea and a napkin. The potluck buffet starts at 5:30 and the program follows, usually about 6:30 PM. We are typically out about 7:30 PM. Please join us.

## Angel Tree Thank You

Though Advent and Christmas are past and we're well into 2020, we would be remiss if we didn't take the opportunity to express our appreciation to the many people who made the Angel Tree a success this year. To be sure you're well informed, know that every request on the Angel Tree was filled; that was nearly 700 gifts. If you purchased a gift, wrapped it, and brought it back to the church – thank you. Many individuals helped to sort and deliver the gifts; we thank Dick Bundy, Mary Hartzell, Mac and Donna Heebner, Bob and Karen Johnson, Judy Killam, Dean Lindsey, Ken Manno, John Marsden, Linda McClimans, Marion Sheridan and Amy Sten. Thanks also to church staff, Allison Maus, Janet Heasley, Martha Trout, Todd Hockenberry, and Colett Spicher who worked with the logistics of storage of gifts prior to sorting. Thank you to Michelle Yarwood for presenting the Minute for Mission, Maureen Garthwaite for the many sturdy packing boxes., and Sharon Manno for her behind the scenes help. The project is supported by the Social Justice and Mission Team – thanks to you, as well. Finally, this project would not have been possible without the efforts of chairperson Carrie Miller. Thank you, one and all.

## From Janice Johnson

Dear Congregation of the State College Presbyterian Church,

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and calls over the many months I was in pain, then had hip surgery and pneumonia. I am doing very well, now, no pain. I so appreciate your concern. I also keep up on those of the congregation who need prayer. It is very important to me to remember them in prayer.

God's blessings, Janice Johnson

## PSU Spring Break Trip

This year Presbyterian Student Fellowship and some of our other favorite campus ministry groups are going to Tuskegee, Alabama on a Civil Rights Pilgrimage. We will be working closely with Alabama Rural Ministry doing tornado recovery work, but will also take time to experience some of the important landscapes of the Civil Rights Movement. We hope this trip will allow us to build new relationships, have important conversations, and to do good work for the Tuskegee community. If you or a student you know is interested in going on the trip please contact Allison ([allisonscpc@gmail.com](mailto:allisonscpc@gmail.com)) for more details. We are grateful for your prayers for our preparations and travels.

## Stay & Play Preschool Open House

Monday, February 3, 2020, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The Open House offers the opportunity to meet the teachers and ask them questions about what we do at Stay and Play. SCPC members may complete applications earlier than the public during Social Hour on Sunday Feb. 2nd in the Social Hall, however you are still invited to attend the Open House to get a better sense of our program. Children who will be 1 - 4 years old prior to Aug. 31, 2020 are eligible to enroll at Stay and Play. Laura Steager, Director is available to answer any questions ( [stayandplayscpc@gmail.com](mailto:stayandplayscpc@gmail.com) or (814)237-1154)).

## Pot Luck and a Movie

Friday, February 28, 5:00 PM

Stay and Play is hosting a pot luck dinner and a movie for our S&P families. If you have preschool age children and would like to join us, bring a dish to share, your own place settings and join us in the Social Hall. We hope to have all the food laid out to start serving our meal by 5:15 PM and get the movie started as soon as everyone is served. There will be some floor space for the children to watch the movie toward the front after they eat so you are welcome to bring a blanket &/or pillow along as well. Movie will be announced soon!

## Help us Keep our Records Up-to-Date!

Do you have a new address? A new email address? A new phone number? **Have you dropped your landline?** Your church needs to know!

Keeping our records up-to-date is an endless job and we can't do it without your help. Many folks are dropping their landlines. If you have done so, please let us know so we can remove it from our database and keep our records current.

Also, if you regularly spend the winter somewhere warm (lucky you!) we can temporarily suspend mailings like the PresbyPost. Likewise, we can sign you up to get the PresbyPost by email, so you never miss an issue and eliminate mail altogether. Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate ([marthascpc@gmail.com](mailto:marthascpc@gmail.com) or 814-238-2422) if you have changes to your contact information - we would greatly appreciate it!

## Adult Education in February

Date of Class: **February 2, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **Mission Impact in our Community**

Description: The Social Justice and Mission Team works tirelessly to further the church's mission. This session will give a brief look back at its mission history. It will also be a space to discuss future plans for mission impact, so ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Date of Class: **February 9, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **The Plight of the Asylum-Seeker**

Description: Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Esq. from the Penn State Law Immigration Clinic traveled to the Berks Detention Center with a group of students to meet and work with imprisoned asylum-seekers. They spent nearly a week meeting with individuals ranging from 1-58 years old. Come and hear Shoba discuss their experiences and the current state of immigration policy in the US.

Date of Class: **February 16, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **Who Is Our Neighbor?**

Description: Most agree it is good to be inclusive of different groups, but it's hard to do in practice. Come and take part in a discussion on the lessons scripture has for us on loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Date of Class: **February 23, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **Increasing Awareness of our Implicit Biases**

Description: Implicit bias occurs when we quickly and automatically apply stereotypes to predict or explain an individual's behavior. Our implicit biases could lead us to engage in prejudice and discrimination. Our very own Michelle Yarwood, a church member and Associate Teaching Professor at Penn State, Dept. of Psychology, will walk us through implicit stereotypes, provide examples, and discuss ways to become more aware of our own biases.

## From the Financial Affairs Committee

Each year, the Financial Affairs Committee develops a goal budget that seeks to accommodate requests received from Ministry Units while preserving the financial integrity of our church. In 2019, a balanced budget of approximately \$1.02M was proposed which included a goal of nearly \$835K for congregational giving. Thanks to the generosity of our church members, we were able to meet this goal and for that we are extremely thankful. Through everyone's gracious giving, we were able to meet all major expenses and, perhaps best of all, fulfill all of our planned benevolences, including those to many local charities.

As we look ahead into 2020, we hope for continued blessings that will allow us to meet our goals once again. For additional information on 2019 as well as the budget for 2020, you may pick up a copy of the State College Presbyterian Church Annual Report in the main office or visit our website ([scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org); select About Us/Annual Report).



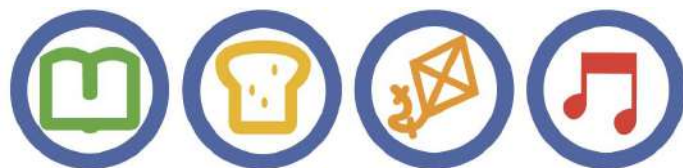
## 2020 Henszey Lectures

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Henszey Lecture speaker on March 22, 2020. This year's speaker is the Rev. Dr. Donald R. Frampton.

Don Frampton, a native of South Carolina and graduate of the University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary (D. Min), retired in 2019 after 24 years as Senior Pastor of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. In the fall he was named Pastor Emeritus by the Session.

During his years at St. Charles, the church made missions a priority, earmarking an average of 15% of each year's operations budget for benevolences. Through Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), a program begun in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and which still continues, St. Charles Church housed and supervised over 7,000 volunteers and helped build some 50 Habitat for Humanity homes. In 2009, the church received the PC(USA)'s highest award for community service.

His involvement with the greater church included a term as Moderator of the Presbytery of South Louisiana as well as two terms on the Board of Trustees of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Locally Don served on the Ethics Review Board for the City of New Orleans and was an active member of several post-Katrina "roundtables" of community leaders as the city began to rebuild. Colleen Harvin, Don's wife, is a Nurse Administrator at St. Thomas Community Health Center, a neighborhood clinic in the Irish Channel of New Orleans which sees over 300 patients daily. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.



## LOGOS News

LOGOS, our mid-week ministry for children and youth grades 1st-8th, returned in January with a Dance Party! Chrysalis youth helped to lead the younger grades through several fun dances to kick off the 2020 spring semester. January also brought celebrating the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rat, Sports Night and the Chrysalis Variety Show. Chrysalis youth displayed an array of talents to raise money for the charity of their choice. We will be excited to let you know the total donations raised in an upcoming weekly email. Thank you for your support!

February brings more concentration on the upcoming spring musical, as well as preparing for each grade group to lead worship. Kindergarten night will be held on February 25th from 4:15-7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for current kindergarten children to try LOGOS for an evening, accompanied by their parent, and experience the fun they will have when they register as a 1st grader. If you have a child currently in Kindergarten or any child interested in joining LOGOS for the 2020-2021 program year, please contact the church office to register for Kindergarten Night. Please contact Keri Rounsville, Deannine Shipman or Ned Wetherald with questions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>2</b> 10:15 Safe Church Training 12:30 Deacons	<b>3</b> 5:30 Stay & Play Open House 7:00 Theology unTapped (Federal Tap House)	<b>4</b> 12:30 Stay & Play Staff Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00 Finance	<b>7</b> 8:00 Scout Movie/ Game Night	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:15 Invitation to Join 7:00 Session	<b>10</b> 4:00 Sustainability Circle 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Scoutmasters	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 Social Justice & Mission Team 6:30 Scout PLC 7:00 Adult Education	<b>14</b> <b>PresbyPost Deadline</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:15 Centering Prayer 12:30 Young Adult Lunch	<b>17</b> 7:00 Scout Troop Committee 7:00 Spiritual Life Ministry Unit	<b>18</b> 8:00 Building and Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Scout Venture Patrol	<b>21</b> 11:30 GIFT 5:00 Young at Heart 6:30 Young Adult Game Night	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 1:00 FISH Senior Circle	<b>24</b> 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Education Ministry 7:00 Lenten Study	<b>25</b> 1:00 Lenten Study	<b>26</b> 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service (Communion)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 Stay & Play Dinner and Movie Night	<b>29</b> 

**Ongoing Weekly Events**

**Sunday**  
 9:00 Worship  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 10:00 Coffee Hour  
 10:15 Adult Education  
 11:15 Worship

**Monday**

**Tuesday**  
 4:15 LOGOS Geckos  
 5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis  
 7:30 Handbell Choir

**Wednesday**  
 10:00 Staff Meeting  
 12:15 Centering Prayer  
 12:30 Wednesday in the Word  
 6:00 FISH

**Thursday**  
 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship  
 7:00 Chancel Choir  
 7:00 Scouts

FISH = Fellowship in Senior High  
 POLO = Parents of Little Ones

  
**LEAP YEAR**



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**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 - *Rick Bryant*

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Rick Bryant	Jamie Bachman	Scott Banfield
Tammy Colwell	Sharon Manno	Jennifer Creighton
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