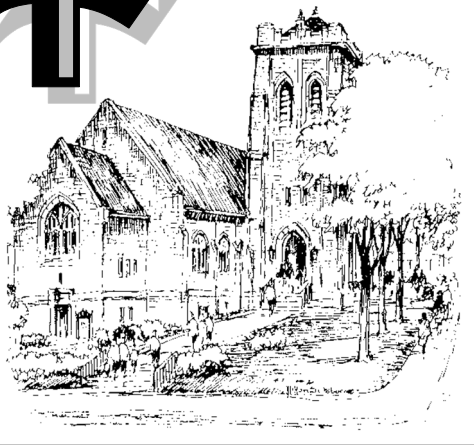


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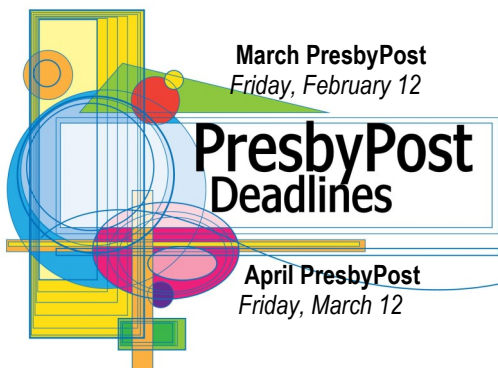
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March PresbyPost
Friday, February 12

**PresbyPost
Deadlines**

April PresbyPost
Friday, March 12

Coffee Hour is Coming!

(It will be virtual for now)

Would you like to have some nice conversations with other folks from the church? Then please join us on Sundays at 9:00 AM, beginning on February 7. Our moderators will come up with a few topics each week, and participants will be split up into table groups of five or six to share their thoughts before being called back to the larger group.

Here is the Zoom information you'll need:

Dean Lindsey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Coffee Hour, Sunday Morning

Time: Starting on Sunday, February 7, 9:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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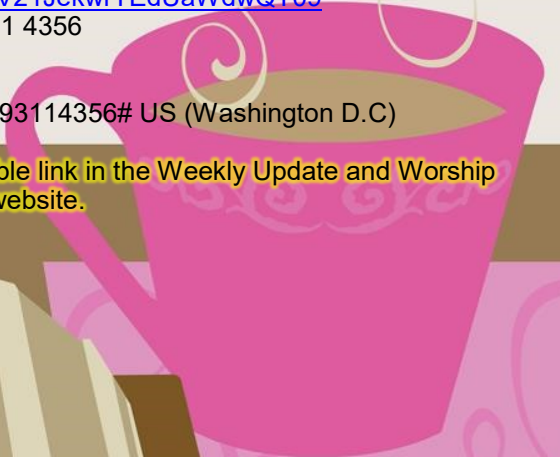
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You'll find the clickable link in the Weekly Update and Worship emails, and on our website.



Lent begins

Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021

Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021

Maundy Thursday
April 1

Good Friday
April 2

Easter
April 3

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Our theme for Lent this year is "A Faith That Asks Questions." Watch for details on special worship services. Read the article on page 2 to learn how to submit and receive Lenten Devotionals. See how you can participate in the Lenten Art Project in the article on page 3. See the article on page 2 to learn about Lenten Craft Kits. We wish everyone a blessed Lent and look forward to sharing the journey.



February Sermons and Services

Sunday, February 7

A Time for Healing (Mark 1:29-39)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, February 14 Transfiguration
Michael Ozaki, preaching

Sunday, February 21 First Sunday in Lent
Tempted (Mark 1:9-15)

Sunday, February 28 Second Sunday in Lent
Visit in the Night (John 3:1-10)

Stay & Play Open Enrollment 2021-2022

This year the program has continued to operate throughout the school year with adapted programming and fewer children. While we are extremely thankful for this year - that we've been able to share with the children and families who attended throughout this pandemic year - we are very much looking forward to getting our program back to its full complement of children in the new school year of 2021-2022.

Open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year begins the first week of February. We will post the applications on our website which can be accessed through this link:

<https://www.scpresby.org/forms.html>

Applications may be completed and either sent digitally or printed and sent to the SCPC or Stay and Play office: attention Laura Steager. The application fee is required to secure the spot for your child. Our website offers much information, however we are unable to put everything online, so calling or emailing for more information is encouraged. We are unable to host our Open House this year so we are sharing information through our website, newsletters, etc. Please share this information with anyone you know who has a child that will be 1-4 years old as of Aug. 31, 2021. We would love to share information about our wonderful program with anyone interested in learning more about our part-time childcare/preschool. We are here to answer questions and provide information to help families learn what they need in order to make a decision about placement for their children. (814) 237-1154 or stayandplayscpc@gmail.com

Lenten Devotionals

Our theme for Lent this year is "A Faith That Asks Questions." Join us as we reflect and ask ALL the questions together through our Lenten devotionals. Why is it important to our faith to ask questions? How can someone be born again? Who is my neighbor? Which political party would Jesus join? What does it mean to forgive when I don't feel like it? How am I being called to bring more of my gifts? What becomes possible when I can't resort to my usual way of doing things? How can I learn from others so I might grow to see my faith differently? What makes my faith come alive? How do I remove the plank from my eye? What am I waiting for? We won't find all the answers, but we hope journeying with our questions will draw us closer to each other and our hope in Christ. Share a question, reflect on why that question informs or challenges your faith, and offer a prayer or piece of scripture. Submit your reflections to Mary Jane Kistler (mkistler1983@gmail.com) or Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com)

Lenten Craft Kits

Last year we handed out Lenten Worship bags for families who were interested in celebrating Lent at home. Little did we know that a part of Lent would actually be spent completely at home. So hopefully last year's bags were helpful.

This year we plan on something else to help you celebrate Lent at home. Plans are coming together for a craft kit/devotions for parents to pick up just inside one of the main doors of the church on specific days. As plans are solidified, we will update, email, and make sure everyone knows.

African-American History Month

In honor of African-American History Month, we will have a prelude composed or arranged by an African-American musician for worship services in February. In addition to hearing the music in the service, there will be a few notes about the composer and the music. We have also invited Tony Leach to be our guest organist for a week. African-American classical music began in the late 19th century and has been growing ever since. Unfortunately, much of the repertoire has been ignored until recently.

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

Nancy Knepp, Anne Johnstone's sister,
December 30, 2020

Betty Haffner, January 1, 2021

Don Waddington, January 1, 2021

Alex Black, January 8, 2021

Evelyn Schultz, January 8, 2021

Al Butler, January 12, 2021

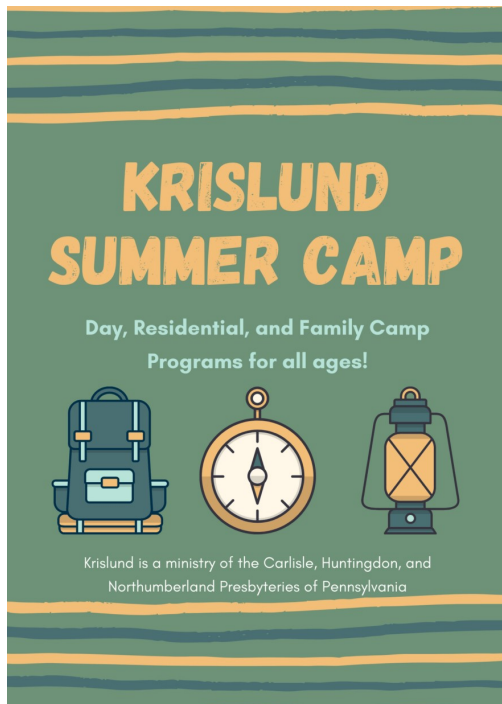
Paula Smith, Denise Fey's mother, January 18, 2021 in
Irwin, PA

Congregational Art Project

As we focus on asking questions together during the season of Lent, we hope to collect the questions and transform into something beautiful to fill our space! Write down your questions you have for God or about faith throughout Lent and share them with our community. Ask them as a comment below the YouTube church services, call the office and share them on Allison's voicemail, send them via email, or write them down and mail them to us. We'll be writing them on colorful paper and folding them into doves that will flock together, adding color and connection as we approach Easter. Keep an eye out for more information and ways that you can participate in this collective art project! Send your faith questions or project questions to Allison (allisonsepc@gmail.com).

Krislund Camp News!

Can you believe it is time to start planning for summer camp? Krislund has updated their website and registration for Summer 2021 is open. You can read the brochure here: [FINAL-2021-BROCHURE.pdf \(krislund.org\)](#)



You Are a Very Generous Congregation

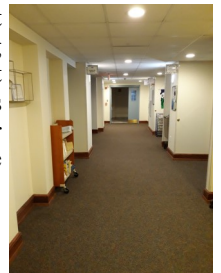
In consideration of the many challenges faced during 2020, we are filled with joy and gratitude after a successful Angel Tree gift distribution this past Christmas. Thank you to the many people, congregation and friends, who made the Angel Tree program a success. *Every gift request was filled.* At SCPC, we adapted to the changes needed due to Covid restrictions, and provided more than 300 gifts valued at over \$9,000 to social service agencies in our region. Additional donations, both financial and food prepared for the homeless, amounted to over \$7,000 in support of the Out of the Cold program. We want to express our appreciation to Rev. Dean Lindsey, Rev. Michael Ozaki, Janet Heasley, Martha Trout, Todd Hockenberry, and, in particular, to Michelle Fortin, SCPC Financial Administrator, for helping to keep finances straight and devoting many hours to the purchase of gift cards. Thanks also to the Social Justice and Mission Team for their support, as well as Angel Tree project Co-chairs Carrie Miller and Sharon Manno. Thank you, one and all.

Christmas Day Dinner Thank You

It is with grateful hearts that we thank these folks for their gifts of service so that many could enjoy our Christmas dinner in this pandemic year: Cheryl Price, Bill Lukens, Roger Garthwaite, Sharon Ambrose, Clark Moose, Diana Malcom, John Marsden, Casey Marsden, Matt Marsden, Jonathan Marsden, Randy Marsden, Allison Maus, Matthew Lukens, Brian Ladrido and others who met and worked so that this tradition continued in a new and different way. Thank you so much!

Building and Property Update

In December, we had a contractor repaint the elevator/bridge stairwells, painting them the same light colors as the parking lot entrance stairwell. And, over the Christmas holiday, Don Hartzell painted the first floor hallway in the new education building in the same light, bright colors.



Invitation to Sing!

The Chancel Choir has persevered through the Covid pandemic using technology to keep the Word set to song alive in our worship services. The director is getting better at supplying anthems, the choir is getting better at recording their parts, and the director is getting better at mixing those parts. We would love to have more singers join us. The program we use allows the director to provide the printed music and an audio track of the choir parts on line. The singers must learn their parts on their own, but can rehearse at their own speed and on their own schedule. When they are satisfied, the singers make their recording (audio and sometimes video) and send it to the director. The director collects the various tracks and combines them. The singers need a computer or tablet and headphones of some sort. If you are interested in trying this system, send an email to Ned Wetherald (nedsepc@gmail.com) and he will reply with an invitation to join the program. With Lent, Holy Week, and Easter on the horizon, we have big plans and would love to have you share your talents with us.

Adult Education in February

Title: Songs of Justice - Popular Music and the Civil Rights Movement

Date of Class: February 7, 2021

Location: YouTube

Description: Through the popular music of the 1950's and 60's, Karen Neff will help us look at ways the cause of the Civil Rights Movement advanced to the forefront of the American psyche.

Title: Does, Peacocks, Whales and Sheep: Early Christian Art's Vivarium

Date of Class: February 14, 2021

Location: Zoom

Description: Christian art has connected communities of believers through thousands of years of worship. Dr. Sarah Rich, Professor of Art History at Penn State and proud member of SCPC, will take us through some of the earliest art in Christianity's History. Join the class here: <https://psu.zoom.us/j/4728463774>

Title: Ardor and Order - The Beginning of American Presbyterianism I

Date of Class: February 21, 2021

Location: YouTube

Description: Pastor Chuck Curley is visiting us again for a few weeks, and he's talking history! How did Presbyterianism come to North America? Where did it take hold and why? What did these first generations of Presbyterians experience? Come to YouTube and see!

Title: Ardor and Order - The Beginning of American Presbyterianism II

Date of Class: February 28, 2021

Location: YouTube

Description: Join Pastor Curley as he continues to discuss the Scottish highlander origins of American Presbyterianism.

New Exterior Signs Installed

The new, weatherproof signs were installed on January 21st. These signs are part of the effort from our Restoring God's House campaign to renovate and restore the exterior of SCPC. Thanks to the Sign Committee, headed by Rick Bryant, for their design work, and to the Building and Property Committee, particularly Don Hartzell and Dale Cox, for securing a contractor and overseeing the work to get the signs constructed and installed.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Hank Gerhold
February 2	Gino Tambourine Beth Hunter
February 10	Jeff Prosser
February 11	Ned Wetherald Inga Book
February 12	Garrett Rabian Andrew Wheeler
February 14	Julie Palmer Hannah Stewart
February 15	Jamie Horner
February 18	Pat Strong
February 19	Diana Stimmel
February 20	Steve Mitchell
February 21	Barbara Davis John Pater
February 23	Todd Scholton
February 24	JoAnn Miller
February 25	Lam Hood Laura Steager
February 26	Peggy Lindsey
February 27	Kelly Kleinman
February 28	Mary Boutselis Jill Smeltzer
February 29	Kim Phillips



Black History Month

Excerpts from “Family matters to the people of God” By Anita Coleman | Presbyterians Today. To read the complete article go to: [Presbyterian Mission Agency Celebrating Black History Month | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

How Black History Month began

Black History Month began in 1926 when Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. Woodson had a master’s degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, both in history. As a historian and school principal, he lived experiences that demonstrated to him that Black people were underrepresented in the books and scholarly communication that had shaped American history. The few Black people that were included in such publications were barely mentioned by teachers.

To study Black history in a disciplined way and promote the achievements of African Americans, Woodson, along with Jesse E. Moreland, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), established the “Journal of Negro History” and founded Negro History Week so students could learn about the history and accomplishments of African Americans.

From the beginning, it was decided that there would be a theme each year to focus public attention and study. The 1938 theme, for example, focused on “Special Achievements of the Race: Oratory, Drama, Music, Painting, Sculpture, Science and Inventions.” In 1939, it was “Special Achievements of the Race: Religion, Education, Business, Architecture, Engineering, Innovation and Pioneering.”

Despite these well-planned efforts, it became clear during the civil rights years that the most popular American middle school textbook still mentioned only two African Americans. More education was necessary, and in 1976, the week became extended. President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month to be a national observance. It was the bicentennial of America and Negro History Week’s 50th anniversary. Since then, America’s presidents have decreed the annual themes established by ASALH. Each year’s theme is at the heart of Black History Month. For a list of all the themes, visit asalh.org/black-history-themes.

How to celebrate this year

Explore beyond well-known Black families. Don’t simply focus on African American celebrities and popular, well-known figures like former President Barack Obama. Highlight nontraditional families and stories — even poems. Maya Angelou’s “The Black Family Pledge” is a good resource (see sidebar of page 41).

Don’t whitewash history or Bible stories. Do present historical people in their cultural context as truthfully as possible. For example, use the month of February to study Jesus’ race as a Middle Eastern Jew.

Hold off on the soul food. Don’t make Black History Month an African American “mash-up” of soul food, blues music and other cultural activities without deep learning and self-reflection. Black culture in America is multicultural, and the Black family is a microcosm of humanity.

It’s a good time for a pulpit exchange. If your church is predominantly homogenous, do team up with a Black church or a multicultural congregation and plan a pulpit exchange either in

person, if COVID-19 safety precautions are followed, or online.

Highlight interesting historical facts. For example, did you know the Mexican American celebration of Cinco de Mayo may have actually prevented a Confederate victory during the American Civil War? Explore how other communities have played a role in Black history.

Study more than antiracism. When you preach or have a book study during Black History Month, don’t choose a racism study or preach on antiracism. Rather, highlight the stories of how Black love and community sustain our world.

Delve into the definition of family. Encourage congregants to consider their ethnicity, ancestry and family experiences. As noted earlier, family structure is changing across all groups. Don’t think that because you’re “white” you cannot speak of racialization or racialized peoples.

Anita Coleman is associate professor of bibliography and research and the director of library services for the Ernst Miller White Library at Louisville Seminary in Kentucky

The Black Family Pledge

By Maya Angelou

BECAUSE we have forgotten our ancestors,
our children no longer give us honor.

BECAUSE we have lost the path our ancestors cleared
kneeling in perilous undergrowth,
our children cannot find their way.

BECAUSE we have banished the God of our ancestors,
our children cannot pray.

BECAUSE the long wails of our ancestors
have faded beyond our hearing,
our children cannot hear us crying.

BECAUSE we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and
fathering,
our befuddled children give birth to children
they neither want nor understand.

BECAUSE we have forgotten how to love,
the adversary is within our gates
and holds us up to the mirror of the world shouting,
“Regard the loveless.”

Therefore we pledge
to bind ourselves again to one another,
to embrace our lowliest,
to keep company with our loneliest,
to educate our illiterate,
to feed our starving,
to clothe our ragged,
to do all good things,
knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and
sisters.

We ARE our Brothers and Sisters.

IN HONOR of those who toiled and implored God with golden
tongues,
and in gratitude to the same God who brought us out of hope-
less desolation,
we make this pledge.

Dr. Maya Angelou wrote “The Black Family Pledge” for the Black Family Reunion Celebration held by the National Council of Negro Women on May 14, 1986.

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