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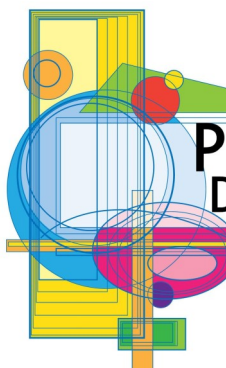
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## PresbyPost Deadlines

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## Calling a Senior Pastor: Next Steps

The Pastor Visioning Team is wrapping up its work in the coming month. The next steps in calling a new Senior Pastor may not be familiar to everyone, and so I would like to share a bit about the next steps and how the search for a new Senior Pastor should progress. The Pastor Visioning Team will present their report at a congregational meeting. The report will express what the team has learned about our congregation and its leadership needs moving forward. The congregation will be asked to review and endorse their report as the vision to guide the selection and call of a Senior Pastor. The Pastor Visioning Team will be dismissed with thanks and the responsibility for conducting the active search for the candidate will be entrusted to a Pastor Nominating Committee. Our Nominating Committee is already at work prayerfully discerning who God is calling to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. They will present a slate of seven members for election at the same congregational meeting.

The Pastor Nominating Committee will consist of a broad spectrum of actively engaged members and officers. Each member of the Pastor Nominating Committee will be called to participate as a representative of the whole congregation. The Pastor Nominating Committee is not intended to represent every particular group or demographic present in our congregation. They are advocates for the whole congregation not a particular group, and must be willing to attend to and consider the needs of all members and consider the needs of the congregation as a unified community of faith. The committee will conduct an active search, communicate regularly with the congregation during that search, and maintain confidentiality concerning the candidates they are considering, and coordinate with the session the call of a congregational meeting to consider the candidate they believe God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Many members are passionately interested in being directly involved in the active search. Not all will be called to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. But as people of faith we may trust that God is working through those who are called to reveal and identify our next Senior Pastor. Everyone who has participated in a Pastor Visioning listening session has already made a significant contribution to the process. As the committee is called and elected and as they pursue their work we will be asked to play another important role by surrounding them with prayer, respecting their commitment to confidentiality in the process, and guarding the space that they need to do their work from external anxiety and pressure. May God's hand strengthen our faith, renew our minds, and reassure our hearts as we actively work toward extending and confirming God's call of our next Senior Pastor.

-John Porter





Sunday, February 5 - 9:00 am - Communion  
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20  
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, February 12 - 9:00 am - Scout Sunday  
Honor and Humility  
Galatians 6:1-10; Matthew 24:36-43  
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, February 19 - 9:00 am - Transfiguration Sunday  
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9  
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Wednesday, February 22 - 7:30 pm - Ash Wednesday  
Communion and Imposition of Ashes  
Worship led by FISH

Sunday, February 26 - 9:00 am - First Sunday in Lent  
Restoration Realized  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11  
Rev. John Porter, preaching

## Hekima Place Trip Planning Meeting

It's time to start serious planning of our trip to Hekima Place from July 18 – 28, 2023. We'll meet on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. in the Martin Room. We will begin the volunteer registration process required by Hekima, talk about transportation, purchase of plane tickets, required vaccinations, etc. Right now there are five people committed to the trip, so there is plenty of room for more. Contact Cheryl Price at [clprice73@gmail.com](mailto:clprice73@gmail.com) for more information or to commit to

## Welcoming Prayer Retreat; 4/15/23

The Spiritual Life Committee will be hosting a half day retreat, Saturday morning April 15, 2023. Our speaker will be Mary Dwyer on the Welcoming Prayer. This prayer is a way to deepen our relationship with God during our busy day. It promises to be a way to enhance our Lenten practices. More information to come. Contact: Rob Huffard.

## Spiritual Disciplines - Lenten Study

There will be a 6 week study on Spiritual Disciplines on Mondays @ 11:00 during the season of Lent. The study will be offered in person and online through zoom. Each week will focus on a unique kind of spiritual discipline. Some of the disciplines that will be covered are simplicity, fasting, No preparation is required but a weekly resource will be provided for those who would like to spend time outside of the weekly gathering reflecting on and exploring each discipline.



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

**Jennifer Quick**, January 2, 2023

**Karl Stodefalte**, January 8, 2023

**Bob Zaph**, January 25, 2023

**Doris Carter**, January 28, 2023

Happy belated birthday to **Louise Tukey** who turned 96 on January 28!

## Adult Explorations for February

**All Sundays, Connect, Room 10, led by Bizz and Zack Maser, and Jamie Bauman**

**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!

**February 5, Westminster Hall. The Underground Railroad Museum, led by Candace Dannaker**

The Borough of Bellefonte played a major role in the Underground Railroad, which was a network of people who assisted enslaved African Americans escape slavery. The "railroad" was active in the 19th century and Bellefonte's location was strategic to helping people who were attempting journeys to the Northeast, the Midwest and to Canada. Join Candace Dannaker in an exploration of this history. Ms. Dannaker is the former mayor of Bellefonte and current resident of the Samuel Harris House, which was a stop on the Railroad.

**February 12, Westminster Hall. African tradition to African American Art, led by Heather Bruhn**

Join Heather Bruhn as she provides an overview of some of the traditions brought over by enslaved Africans and their transformation into African American art. We'll look at meaningful motifs and traditions as well as contemporary responses to the legacy of slavery, emancipation, and the fight for Civil Rights.

**February 19, Westminster Hall. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt, led by Jennifer Van Hook**

A passage in Leviticus reminds us that many of our ancestors were societal outsiders, akin to many immigrants today: "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens...for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Lev. 19:33-34). Many people in our community can trace their ancestry in the United States to immigrants who arrived several generations ago as poor laborers and subsequently experienced phenomenal success. In this session, we will explore how these immigrant success stories shape how we think about ourselves and our responses to immigrants today.

**February 26, - To be Announced**

## Wandering Women Organizational Meeting

All women of the church are invited to participate in the planning of the Wandering Women walks for 2023. The group will meet in the Fireside Room on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. Walks are held monthly from April through October, led by one or two group members who choose the hike and lead a short devotion. Join us for fun, fellowship, and some exercise!

## FISH Winter Retreat

Our SCPC FISH (Fellowship in Senior High) is having a retreat on February 17-19th at Krislund. We plan to create an atmosphere of joy as we explore ways to experience the transformative power of awe together. Through games, prayer, and exploration of nature we hope to discover the many ways God has enchanted creation to reflect the Divine's glorious image. If you have any High Schoolers who would like to join us we will have physical permission forms in the church office. If you would like an electronic copy please email our Director of Youth Ministry Reed Dressler ([youthministryscpc@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryscpc@gmail.com)).



## January Session Highlights

- Session met at its new time of Sunday at 11:30 a.m.
- Expressed its appreciation for the service of outgoing members.
- Discussed and adopted an updated Personnel Policy.
- Reflected on the 2023 budget and appointed a committee to study both expenses and income and make recommendations that will make for a balanced budget in the future.
- Made plans for the Congregational Meeting on January 29th Reviewed plans for hosting Presbytery on January 28th.
- Re-elected Ginny Rainey as Clerk of Session for 2023.

## Icon Workshop

Come learn about and paint a religious icon of St. John the Baptist with accomplished iconographer Mary Kay Laplante, at Grace Lutheran Church, State College, PA, **March 5-10, 2023**. Mary Kay will share her love of icons and the spirit-filled process in which they are created. The week will be saturated in contemplation and prayer as well as practical step-by-step instructions and demonstrations.

Tuition: \$625, Deposit: \$200

Meeting Times: Sun 2-5 p.m., Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Registration: Call the Grace Lutheran Office @ 814-238-2478

Space is limited to 10

Contact Mary Kay at [mklaplante11@gmail.com](mailto:mklaplante11@gmail.com) with any questions.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2	Philip Asante
	Beth Hunter
	Gino Tambourine
February 6	Ethan Jodon
February 9	Erielle Clark
February 10	Jeff Prosser
February 11	Inga Book
	Ned Wetherald
February 12	Andrew Wheeler
February 14	Katherine Groves
	Julie Palmer
	Hannah Stewart
February 15	Jamie Horner
February 17	Lori Smith
February 18	John Porter
	Keri Rounsville
	Pat Strong
February 19	Warren Haffner
	Diana Stimmel
February 20	Steve Mitchell
February 21	Barbara Davis
February 23	Todd Scholton
February 24	JoAnn Miller
February 25	Laura Steager
February 27	Kelly Kleinman
	Doug Schaufler
February 28	Mary Boutselis
	Jill Smeltzer
February 29	Kim Phillips



## Welcome Our New Member

**N**oah Jeremias joins us by Confession of Faith. He is from Barnegat, NJ, where he grew up as the only son in a family of 5. He is a 1st-year student at Penn State in the Naval ROTC program studying mechanical engineering. Giving back, being helpful, and serving are important to him. Before moving to State College, he served as a volunteer fireman in his home community, and is now a volunteer fireman here in State College.

He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church as an infant, but has never been an active church member. As a young adult, he felt drawn to having a closer connection to and with a church community. He started attending our services in the fall and felt welcomed and comfortable. After hearing several times about the invitation to join SCPC, he welcomed the opportunity to join and continue his faith journey.

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Welcome  
Our New  
Member





## Saint Valentine

St. Valentine, (died 3rd century, Rome; feast day February 14), name of one or two legendary Christian martyrs whose lives seem to be historically based. Although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St. Valentine as a saint of the church, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

*From Encyclopedia Britannica*

Ongoing Weekly Events	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Pathways 10:15 The Oasis 10:15 Adult Opportunities 10:30 YoPro Bible Study					<b>1</b> 2:00 Pastor Visioning Team Listening @ The Village	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Monday</b> 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	<b>5 Communion</b> 11:00 Deacons	<b>6</b> 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit 7:00 Theology unTapped (McClanahans)	<b>7</b> 6:00 Stay & Play Staff Meeting (Z)	<b>8</b> 7:00 Racial Reconciliation (Z)	<b>9</b> 7:00 Adult Education Comm (Z) 7:00 Finance (Z) 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>10</b> 11:30 GIFT Book Club	<b>11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting 4:00 LOGOS Geckos 5:00 LOGOS Chrysalis 7:30 Handbell Choir	<b>12 Scout Sunday</b> 10:15 Invitation to Join 11:30 Session 1:30 Youth Ministry Advisory Com.	<b>13</b> 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team (Z)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 Spiritual Life (Z)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> FISH Retreat Krislund PresbyPost Deadline	<b>18</b> FISH Retreat Krislund 6:00 YoPro Game Night
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 11:15 Hekima Meeting FISH Retreat	<b>20</b> 5:30 Worship Ministry	<b>21</b> 8:00 Building & Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	<b>22</b> 7:00 Racial Reconciliation (Z)	<b>23</b> 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 6:00 Watch Party	<b>27</b> 11:00 Lenten Study 7:00 Education Ministry (Z) 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>28</b>	(Z) = Zoom			
							



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Deacons are elected officers who serve three year terms.  
Their responsibilities are divided into three ministry units: Service, Caregiving, Mission  
*Moderator - Sharon Manno*

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
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Reed Miller	Tracy Massaglia	Rhett McLaren
Heather Steel	Linda McClimans	Juli Mortimore
Marcus Wheeler	Marti Sawyer	Katie Nurmi
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