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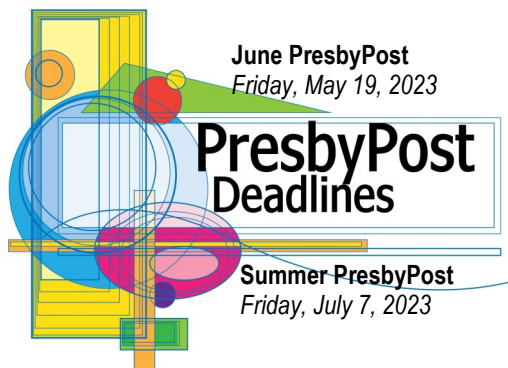
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## Senior Pastor Search

As we celebrate the resurrection through this season of Easter there are many things that reflect on God's work to renew and restore. We are also entering a dynamic phase of our movement from our former pastoral partnership with Dean Lindsey and the new pastoral relationship we are looking for in a new Senior Pastor. Late in March we receive a clear statement of direction for that search in the Pastor Visioning Team report and elected a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to conduct the active search. The members of the PNC, Jamie Bauman, Bob Igo, Rob Leicht, Laura Millard, Jerry Sawyer, Katie Stone, and Steve VanHook have begun meeting weekly. Two representatives of Huntingdon Presbytery, Ken Raney and Terry Musser, are advising them. They are preparing an official listing which describes the church and the position we are seeking to fill. After this Ministry Information Form (MIF) is posted on a national database, they will be reading and reviewing ministers' Personal Information Forms (PIF), contacting potential candidates, and conducting interviews. Since some potential candidates may currently be serving churches while exploring the possibility of a different call, the PNC will not be sharing information about specific candidates under consideration. They will be sharing updates with the congregation periodically in the PresbyPost and in worship. You can make a significant contribution to the process and offer meaningful support by paying attention to the information shared and praying for the PNC. If we all understand how the process provides and enhances the opportunity for finding a new Senior Pastor who will be a good "fit" for State College Presbyterian Church, then our fellowship will be strengthened and we can all contribute more meaningfully to the new future God is calling us into. Thank you in advance for your attention, engagement, and prayerful support.

Pastor Nominating Committee – **PNC**

Ministry Information Form – **MIF**

Personal Information Form – **PIF**

**Huntingdon Presbytery** – the regional fellowship of churches and pastors to which we belong.

**Candidate** – a minister selected by the PNC to present for election to the position of Senior Pastor.

# Worship WITH US

## Worship Services in May

**Sunday, May 7 - 9:00 AM**

Youth Led Worship

High School Graduate Recognition

**Sunday, May 14 - 9:00 AM**

Recognition of Education Volunteers

**Sunday, May 21 - 9:00 AM**

**Sunday, May 28 - 10:00 AM Pentecost Communion**

## Financial Affairs Report

Thanks to strong contributions through March 2023, we are thrilled to let everyone know that we are currently over 35% of our total pledge goal for the year! Our 2023 Giving stands at a total of \$294,543 versus our annual goal of \$775,000; this figure includes prepaid (in 2022) pledge contributions plus those received in January through March 2023. Sustained weekly giving at this level will keep us ahead of the curve. On the expense side, we are at 24% of our total spending budget which is tracking slightly under for the total year (\$241,113 spent of a total annual budget of \$1,004,200).

We are very appreciative of everyone's generosity; you all help SCPC to offer programming for all ages and maintain a church building that is open to all of our members. Although many continue to give traditionally, we do also offer several different methods for giving, including online and ACH options:

- By check mailed to the church
- By direct bank e-check/bill pay (contact your bank)
- Through our online giving option: QR code below with your smart phone or click the "give now" button on our website ([scpresby.com](http://scpresby.com))
- ACH/direct debit option: visit our website for instructions or email Michelle ([finadmscpc@gmail.com](mailto:finadmscpc@gmail.com))

Processing will occur on the 1st and 15th of each month; you may choose either (or both) days and one-time, monthly, or quarterly processing.

**ACH processing occurs at  
no fee to SCPC.**

Your Financial Affairs Committee,  
Jason Stimmel, Chair



## Youth Led Worship

May 7th is our Senior Recognition Youth Led Service. We hope everyone can join us to celebrate this joyous occasion! If you are a youth member, we hope you will be able to participate in the service. If you are a senior we want to be able to publicly recognize your achievement. We invite all of our seniors to reach out to our Youth Director, Reed Dressler, at [youthministryscpc@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryscpc@gmail.com) and let him know what you would like to highlight about your accomplishments and future plans.



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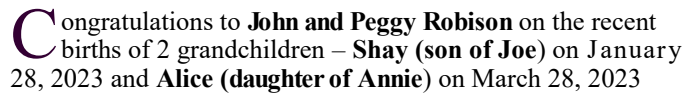
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**Beverly McLarren, Amy Gordon's mother, April 14, 2023 in Helena, MT**

**A**re there small projects around your house that you might not be able to handle by yourself? The SCPC Deacons are here to help. The first "Deacons Day of Service" will be on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Deacons will be spreading out around town to serve the congregation. If you could use a hand with small projects in your home or yard, please reach out by emailing Melanie Wassom ([melanierae@yahoo.com](mailto:melanierae@yahoo.com)) or calling the church office (814-238-2422) to have your project scheduled.

Mark your calendars for the SCPC Church Picnic on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at Tudek Park from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, sponsored by the SCPC Deacons. Enjoy good food and fellowship, along with games for children and adults. Full details to follow but please reserve the date and plan to join the fun.

**A**re you sad that Chrysalis is done for the year? Don't worry, we meet during the summer, too! We gather about once a month during the summer to reconnect and have some fun together. All youth just finishing grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on June 27th and July 18th. High School youth are also invited to the June and July gatherings. We welcome the upcoming 6th graders (just finishing 5th grade) to join us for a pool party on August 1st. For each gathering, we will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. We hope you'll join us!

**P**lanning for the service trip to Hekima Place from July 18 – 29 is well underway. Plane tickets have been purchased, applications completed and the required personal interview with each team member has been scheduled. We are working with staff in Kenya to identify specific needs that the team and you as a congregation can fulfill. Right now, the most immediate need is for drivers willing to transport the team from State College to JFK airport on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (1:45 pm departure) and back on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (2:25 pm arrival). The eight team members are Anne Ard, Bill Lukens, Olivia Mortimore, Katie Nurmi, Cheryl Price, Tony Schaufler, Lea Wassom, and Melanie Wassom. If you can help with transportation, please contact Cheryl Price at 814-769-6624 or [clprice73@gmail.com](mailto:clprice73@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Phillips ([kgphillips@comcast.net](mailto:kgphillips@comcast.net)).

Can't wait to have SUMMER PATHWAYS FUN!





# MAY Birthdays

May 2	Joan Hartman Susan Sanders Tom Vincent
May 3	Jack Erickson Judy Ray
May 4	John McQueary, Sr.
May 5	Dick Wolf Amy Gordon Heather Bruhn
May 6	Ryan Gilmore Liz Holtzinger Stephen Wheeler
May 8	Kelly Clark Fred Cullin Grace Tothoro
May 9	Sharon Ambrose Ned Book Clay Gordon HJ Matsueda
May 10	Jonathan Falk Don Hartzell
May 11	Katie Nurmi
May 12	Linda Finley Amy Warner
May 14	Kimberly Desorcie
May 16	Meggan McGuire Abby Shipman Tonya Smeal Ted Taylor
May 17	Allison D'Ambrosia
May 18	Becky Thomas Mary Hartzell Julia Lucas Jamey Perry Samantha Shoffner
May 19	Melissa Burns Bitsey Robertson Margaret VanFossan
May 21	Clay Kleinman Lydia Malcom
May 23	Henrietta Baylor
May 24	Wanda Duncan Tom Kistler Ian McLaren Margot Nguyen
May 25	John Cheslock Jarret Cicero Roger Christman Linda McClimans
May 26	Martie Musso
May 27	Howie Smith
May 28	Barbara Haring Kristen Miller Margie Miller
May 29	Barbara Gross Ashley Clauer
May 30	Jamie Bauman
May 31	Tammy Colwell Brad Fey Ben Simonson



## Welcome Our Newest Member

Joan Plant joins us by Letter of Transfer from Graceway Presbyterian Church in Leesburg, FL. Joan is a retired nurse, grew up in Clearfield, PA, and was active in the Presbyterian Church. She is a sports fan and fondly remembers attending Penn State football games when they took place in a pasture with a few bleachers. Joan and her late husband lived in Valley Forge, PA, and Maryland before retiring to Leesburg FL for 14 years. Joan is the mother of 6, grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother of 16. Her children and grandchildren are scattered between PA, MD, SC, GA, and Spain. Joan is happy to return to the State College area where her daughter Dani Luge and family are members of SCPC.



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## Social Justice and Mission News

By the time you read this, the **Watershed Cleanup** crew will have cleaned up many bags of trash from land that drains into a local waterway. We will have celebrated Creation Care Sunday together, and we will have **packed “buckets of hope”** and delivered them to a pickup point to head to a warehouse in Maryland where they stand at the ready for shipping out for post-disaster cleanup in the United States and beyond. But... all those things happened right at the end of April,, so **we will share those photos and stories via your Thursday Weekly Updates**, and we will share the One Great Hour of Sharing total there, too. Watch for them!

### Upcoming opportunities:

A graphic for the Juniper Village Block Party. It features a circular inset photo of people gathered around a table in a common room. The text reads: "Juniper Village Block Party", "Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing.", "Sunday, June 4 . and every other month. Signups open now!". There is a QR code on the right side of the graphic.

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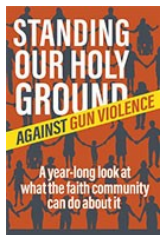
1:45-2:45 viewing the church service, 2:45-4:00 block party, both in the common room at Juniper Village, Building #1930. Children are especially welcome, and can split their time between greeting residents, singing together, and sitting with other children to do crafts to leave with residents. Please do sign up so we know that we can expect you!

A graphic for the "OUT OF THE COLD" campaign. It features the logo for "OUT OF THE COLD CENTRE COUNTY" on the left. The text reads: "Save the dates!", "June 12-June 26", "There are many days, ways, and times to help!".

**OUT OF THE COLD**  
CENTRE COUNTY

Save the dates!  
**June 12-June 26**  
There are many days, ways, and times to help!

Mark your calendars now, and start talking with your committee, small group, or a group of friends about hosting a dinner together, or serving as one of the many other volunteers we will need: folks to welcome, set up, handle move-in and move-out, do quick morning touchups, and a major final cleanup to make sure hosting spaces will be fully safe for Stay and Play when they return in the fall. **Do you already know you want to be involved?** Please [contact Cricket](#), or any member of the Social Justice and Mission Team.



May is the month of Mothers' Day, a holiday which began with an 1870 [proclamation from Julia Ward Howe that is a prayer and a cry for peace](#). That makes it a good time to share that an **interfaith group is exploring how local congregations might work to reduce gun violence**. The group's first meeting was in mid-April. If you'd like to be kept in the loop, or if you have ideas about how you'd like to see SCPC join in or help shape this effort, please be in touch with [Cricket Hunter](#) or Katherine Allen; the conversations are in their earliest stages. If you would like to spend some time with the [PCUSA resources on gun violence](#) – including a webcast series, [Standing Our Holy Ground](#) – they are available to anyone.

A graphic for the "Angel Tree" project. It features a stylized blue Christmas tree on the left. The text reads: "Angel Tree", "2023".

**Angel Tree**  
2023



Angel Tree is a huge project, and we are creating more opportunities for people to be involved. Would you click through or use the QR code to take a [quick survey](#)? **Your input will really help!**



## Stay & Play

The Spring has brought more fun and play the past few months to Stay & Play! We recently were able to purchase a beautiful new four-seater stroller for our Deer and Turtle classes to take walks outside. This was all made possible by some very generous donations. April was filled with beautiful weather which ended up being perfect for park days, some music observation fun with our families, and an awesome art show our children proudly worked on to display for their loved ones.

May is here, our final month of the school year. Time does fly! We have had so many great memories to look back and reflect on this year. As one last fundraiser to close out our school year, Stay and Play is participating for the first time in Centre Gives on May 10th and 11th. You can visit our profile page here!

<https://centregives.org/organizations/270-stay-play-preschool-at-the-state-college-presbyterian-church>

If you find yourself giving during Centre Gives, please keep Stay & Play in mind. We are so appreciative of any and all contributions we receive, and thank you all for helping Stay and Play serve our families with your donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Laura Seeley, Director via email at [stayandplayspc@gmail.com](mailto:stayandplayspc@gmail.com).

## Watch Party

We are watching "Everything Everywhere All at Once" on May 28th for Watch Party! This movie is rated R. It is a high-octane movie equal parts thought provoking, laugh invoking, and life giving! Together, let's explore the multiverse and see the importance of each human being nestled inside a vast universe.

## FREE ICE CREAM!

This summer Presbyterian Student Fellowship is welcoming students and others into our community to join us in fellowship for free Creamery ice cream. We had so much fun inviting students, parents, and other passersby to enjoy a scoop and connection last summer and can't wait to meet new folks this year. While this is about outreach to students, we also want to invite our congregation to be present to offer a welcoming presence. All are invited for free ice cream May 25, June 29, July 27, and August 31 from 6:00-8:00 PM on the front lawn of the church. You are a part of making this congregation welcoming and we would love for you to spend these summer evenings with us! If you would like to help scoop ice cream for this event please reach out to Allison [[allisonscpc@gmail.com](mailto:allisonscpc@gmail.com)].

## Education Volunteer Recognition

On Sunday, May 14, we will be recognizing all those who have in some way been a part of our education program for children, youth, and adults during the past "school year" of 2022-2023.

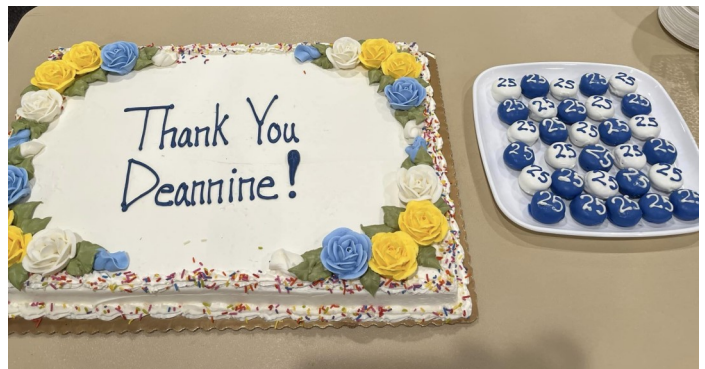
We plan on doing a small recognition during the worship hour and hope everyone who has been volunteering on Sundays and in our mid-week programs will be in attendance.

Many blessings and thanks to all who share their love of Christ, and knowledge with others!



## Congratulations!

On Sunday, April 16, we celebrated Deannine Shipman as our Director of Education and Program for 25 years! Deannine was recognized in worship during the Children's Time with a special delivery letter from her good friend Trudy. We all feel like we know Trudy because Deannine shares stories about Trudy regularly. There was also a reception during Coffee Hour with cake and special cookies. We all share in celebrating Deannine's 25th anniversary here at SCPC and wish her the best for many years to come.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 Theology unTapped (McClanahans) 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	<b>2</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer (Z) 12:15 Deacon Moderator Planning Meeting	<b>3</b> 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 6:00 PNC 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 12:00 Stay & Play Staff Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Chrysalis 8th Grade Mission Trip
<b>Study Space in the Fireside Room</b>						
<b>7</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Exploration Hour 10:15 Adult Opportunities 10:30 YoPro Bible Study 11:00 Deacons 1:45 Juniper Block Party	<b>8</b> 5:30 Social Justice & Mission Team (Z) 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer (Z) 6:00 Personnel Ministry Unit	<b>10</b> 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 6:00 PNC 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:00 Adult Education 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>12</b> 11:30 GIFT Book Club	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Exploration Hour 10:15 Adult Opportunities 10:30 YoPro Bible Study	<b>15</b> 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team (Z) 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	<b>16</b> 8:00 Building & Property 9:00 SMART Work Day 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer (Z)	<b>17</b> 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 6:00 PNC 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 Wandering Women Hike
			<b>Support Stay &amp; Play during Center Gives</b>			
<b>21</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Exploration Hour 10:15 Adult Opportunities 10:15 Invitation to Join 10:30 YoPro Bible Study 11:30 Session	<b>22</b> 7:00 Education Ministry 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer (Z)	<b>24</b> 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 5:00 Stay & Play Picnic 6:00 FISH 6:00 PNC 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:00 CAYAM Free Ice Cream 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Communion 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 Watch Party	<b>29</b> 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	<b>30</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer (Z)	<b>31</b> 12:00 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 6:00 PNC 8:15 POLO Women's Bible Study			





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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 - Heather Steel*

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Kimberly-Dawn Falk	Curt Dell	Sharon Ambrose
Betty Macdonald	Joe Kockelmans	Scott Banfield
Carrie Miller	Sharon Manno	Miguel Cruden
Reed Miller	Tracy Massaglia	Rhett McLaren
Heather Steel	Linda McClimans	Juli Mortimore
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