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Interim Pastor Search Committee

On behalf of the Session and its Personnel Ministry Unit, an Interim Pastor Search Committee has begun its work to find an interim pastor who will be able to lead our congregation following the departure of Rev. Lindsey. An interim pastor helps to guide a congregation through a period of transition. Already the search committee has received several resumes and will be interviewing candidates. Members of the committee are Jennifer Creighton, Richard Page, Brady Wasom, Amy Elliott, and Meg Meloy. We pray for the work of the committee as it seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important search process.

Retirement Blessings and Well Wishes

Over the past 14 years our Stay and Play Preschool has had church member, Laura Steager, at the helm as the Director. Since she became our director in 2008, our program has grown by leaps and bounds in ways too numerous to count over these years, bringing this program into a place in our community that is known for its good practices and excellent teaching staff. Laura brought much needed energy and creativity to our preschool, and expanded the offerings and connection to the community and Penn State.

Under Laura's leadership, an extra 4 year old classroom began and the extended afternoon care became very popular (including adding the Tumblebus)! Two summer camps have also been added over the past few years.

Supervising a staff, and maintaining a licensed, well-liked program has been hard work, and it proved to be even harder during Covid. Laura and her staff raised the bar on how they handled it all and successfully continued a preschool program during these difficult years.

While we wish Laura Steager our blessings on her retirement, we will miss her dearly. However, we hope to see her around during worship and our other programs as a participant/volunteer! Happy Retirement Laura!

Also, leaving at the same time is our Assistant Director, Aida Pistone. Aida has been the right hand of Laura for the past 12 years. Aida took her position and helped it grow and supported all the efforts of the Director and the teachers as well. Aida brought her love for children and passion for their care in everything that she did for Stay and Play. Always smiling, and always helpful, Aida will also be greatly missed. Aida will be taking another position in town, but we hope to see her around and we wish Aida blessings in this transition in her life!



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, June 5, 10:15 AM - Pentecost
FISH-led worship with Youth PopUp Choir
Reflections by Owen Perry and Lauren Moose
Romans 8:14-17, Acts 2:1-4, Joel 2: 38-43

Sunday, June 12, 10:15 AM Trinity
Paul the Babbler (Acts 17:16-31)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, June 19, 10:15 AM
A Final Blessing (Acts 20:1-12)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, June 26, 10:15 AM Communion
Genesis 32:24-30
Allison Maus, preaching

Worship

A Gift to Honor the Ministry of Rev. Lindsey

As Dean Lindsey departs from State College, one project he is undertaking is to help a new church on Tarawa Island in the Central Pacific to build its sanctuary. The Session has chosen to support this effort by soliciting financial support for this purpose to be given to the congregation there in honor of Rev. Lindsey.

Throughout the month of June, checks may be sent directly to Michelle Fortin, our financial administrator, and there is a link on our website for online giving, as well.



Summer Church Office Hours

Office hours are changing slightly for the summer. Generally, the office is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and 9:00 – noon on Fridays. This can vary according to vacation schedules, so it's best to call first to be sure someone is in before coming into the office. We'll try to keep you updated in the Weekly Update email.

The Secretary, Laura Green, will be in the office from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for the summer beginning June 6.

Krislund Tree Update

The helicopters arrived May 23 and began spraying for spongy moth at Krislund. All forested acreage, which is 862 acres, will be sprayed for a fee of \$24,900. Krislund raised \$13,750 and the balance was pledged by SCPC.



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

Shirley Berlind, May 11, 2022

Leslie R. Moyer, Jr., May 15, 2022

Peter Kiefer, May 20, 2022, in Newark, NY

Harry Falk, May 22, 2022, in Sarasota, FL

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Lily Neklason to Beth and Jeff Neklason on May 20, 2022. **Phil Spangler** and **Susan Sanders** are the happy grandparents and **Carrie Miller** is the proud aunt.

Barbara McKeehen is celebrating the birth of her first great-grandchild, **Liam**, born May 25, 2022 in Newport, RI

Margot Barrows Nguyen to Kelly and Rob Nguyen, May 24, 2022

Praying Together Wherever You Are!

We are living through a time of great change. There are many concerns we have about our own personal health, our divided national community, economic uncertainty, global warming and a war that has brought us closer to a nuclear conflict than we have been in decades. Our list of prayer concerns is long and deep. For the month of June, The Spiritual Life Unit of the Session is inviting you to join us in prayer every Thursday at noon. Regardless of where you are, we are encouraging you to spend 5-10 minutes in prayer. As a starting point, we suggest using the prayer list in the church's weekly email blast. Knowing that others are praying at the same time, strengthens all of us. Please consider setting your own alarm for your personal call to prayer, every Thursday in June at noon.

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and God's ears are open to their prayers," (1 Peter 3:12)

"Cast all your anxiety on God because God cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

Summer Sunday School

2022 Summer Sunday School for ages 4 - Grade 3 will be held on the following Sundays during the 10:15 AM Worship Service, following the children's message.

June 12, 19
July 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14

We plan on learning and having fun this summer with several different topics. Each Sunday will bring us a new book and a new crafting adventure! Different folks in our congregation will help lead/teach our broadly graded Summer Sunday School class in our decorated Room 10.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a leader should talk to Deannine Shipman.



Out of the Cold @ SCPC

SCPC will host about 25 Out Of The Cold neighbors overnight from June 27 - July 10. Please consider how you might like to help.

We are seeking individuals and small groups to welcome guests, provide dinners and fellowship and a few breakfast items, and to assist with morning cleanup each day. On our opening and closing days, we will need help unloading and loading the truck, and setting up the Social Hall for their stay.

There is more information on our bulletin board, near the welcome desk and the church office. You can use this code to go right to the SignUp Genius, or email Cricket Hunter



(missionatscpc@gmail.com).

The Social Justice and Mission Team will host the first night as a committee, and Youth Sunday School is providing cards of welcome to be waiting on each guest's cot on the first night, as well as hand towels and facecloths for morning and evening ablutions.

How will you or your small group or committee assist?

Adult Education

Sunday, June 5, 11:15 AM
Learn about the New Church in Kiribati

As an Adult Education presentation following worship on Sunday, June 5, Dean Lindsey will tell the story of the Kiribati Protestant Church and the plans for a new sanctuary to be built by the Tree of Life Congregation in Betio on South Tarawa Island.

Betio is a dense and bustling urban area, and this new congregation is literally bursting at the seams. They currently worship in an open air pavilion, and they are very excited about having the opportunity to build a new church in which to worship and grow as a community of faith.

Dean will be explaining some of the challenges the people there face, but also the opportunity for faithful witnesses there to do great things with God's help, and ours!

Sunday, June 12, 11:15 AM
Reflections on the Psalms

The conclusion of Daniel Falk's three part series. The book of Psalms has been one of the most beloved parts of Scripture for Christians throughout history. Christians have found in these poems comfort in times of distress, a source of profound meditation on God, creation and the human condition, and even prophetic visions of Jesus. But the Psalms are disturbing and difficult as well as beautiful, and Christians have struggled to know what to do with the violent and ugly bits which are rarely read in the church. Daniel will reflect on C.S. Lewis's Reflections on the Psalms, bringing us closer to grappling with difficulties in the Psalms.



Spotlight On Thanks

From Spiritual Life Ministry Unit

As the head of the Spiritual Life Unit of Session, I wanted to say thank you to the members of my unit and all the volunteers that have helped us over the past year. Members of our committee are Allison Maus, Linda Edvar, Diana Malcom, Miguel Cruden, Dee Ann Wylie, Jane Butler, Mary Jane Kistler and Roger Garthwaite. Thanks, also to Jackie Naginy-Hook and Zack Mazer for their leadership of the Grieving support group; and to Mary Boutselis and Mary Jane Kistler for leading the Monday evening Centering pray group. Also a special thanks to Mary Jane and Allison for putting together the daily Lenten and Advent devotionals; and thanks to all of you who have submitted devotional messages.

Rob Huffard

A Letter of Appreciation:

I just want to tell you all THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

As I am preparing for my retirement, I am feeling embraced and loved by so many of you as I have throughout my time as the Director of Stay and Play. The recognition in church on Sunday May 15th and then again at the picnic with the amazing gifts...You are a congregation full of love and support that has given me encouragement, care, prayers and love. You are helping me make this transition with grace and for that you will always be appreciated. I will be thanking God for your kindness and love as I'm floating in the clouds on my hot air balloon ride. That gift is one that will literally lift me up! And I'm told it can be cold up there, so you even have me covered for that - the sweatshirt will do perfectly!

The decision to retire was not an easy one mainly because of the relationships I have with the families, the staff and of course many of you. These relationships have been the most rewarding part of this job and I have been concerned that I will miss that. It brings me comfort knowing I'm a member of SCPC and you all will still be a big part of my life. You were before I took the job and you will be once I take off my Director "hat". As Christians we are all one big family doing the work of the Lord. The Lord is simply calling me to serve in new ways. Ways I'm not even sure of yet, however I know you all will be there to support me as I continue on this life journey. Many blessings to all of you and thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon me.

Sincerely,
Laura Steager

Session Highlights May 2022

Much of what Session did in May was brainstorming on particular issues:

- Heard positive report of today's church picnic, organized by the Deacons. Discussed ideas for making a monthly gathering of the church around shared food, with different groups doing the work.
- Sunday School: Discussed ways of bolstering fall enrollment.
- Stay & Play: Laura Steager's last day as the director is June 10. Personnel announced the hiring of Laura Seeley as her successor.
- Local missions: Heard that SJMT sent checks for \$1,000 each to eleven local agencies piggybacking on Centre Gives days.
- Out of the Cold: Church will host OOTC from June 27 to July 10. Session brainstormed ways of offering more church folks the opportunity to participate in the hosting tasks.
- Two new members were received at the May Second Sunday joining.
- Worship timing: Session offered ideas on the timing of services and Coffee Hour for the summer and beyond.
- To reduce the problem of vehicles going through the parking lot in the wrong direction, Session approved the installation of delineator posts in the parking lot and increased signage.
- Congregational Meeting set for June 12. A congregational meeting was called to ask the congregation to join with Rev. Dean Lindsey in requesting that Presbytery dissolve the call, effective August 3, 2022. Because of accumulated vacation, Dean's last day with us will be June 19.
- Dean and Peggy have asked for any gifts to be given in their honor to the Kiribati Protestant Church.

Help Welcome OOTC!

The 5th-12th grade Sunday School class is encouraging you to clean out your linen closet!

Please consider donating new or gently used, clean washcloths and hand towels for our OOTC guests to use during their stay at our church later this summer. You can leave your towels in the marked bins at the Parking Lot and Fraser Street church entrances before June 10th. Contact Amy Frank (amy.c.frank@gmail.com) with any questions.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 1 Jackie Naginey Hook | June 16 Judy Roberts |
| George Polycranos | June 17 Mike Rothenberger |
| Bob Zaph | Megan Walter |
| June 2 Richard Marboe | June 18 Sarah Tothoro |
| June 4 Lauren Moose | Tim Williamson |
| Elizabeth Ceres | June 19 Dick Bundy |
| Maddie Snyder | Chris Alesi |
| June 5 Vivian Noll | Andrew Geist |
| Eric Lindquist | June 20 Linda Edvar |
| June 6 Eric Pepper | Michelle Yarwood |
| Joe Nasal | June 21 Liane Roe |
| Leard Huggins | June 22 Jeremy Frank |
| Margaret Gray | Meredith Weber |
| June 7 Mimi St. Clair | June 23 Lindsay Miller |
| Jim DeWolfe | Emma Mortimore |
| Melissa Pike | June 24 Janice Johnson |
| Ann Johnstone | June 25 Libby Snyder |
| June 8 Megan Bell | June 26 Taylor Nodell |
| Briar Page | MacKinlay Himes |
| Taylor Rupp | June 27 Allyson Huggins |
| Leslie Snyder | Erin McCall |
| June 9 Matthew Lukens | Olivia Mortimore |
| Al Wilson | Nancy Willis |
| June 10 Rod Kirsch | June 28 Erin Blumsack |
| June 11 Chris Igo | Rachel Scholton |
| Ethan Steager | Brian Stone |
| Joan Vincent | June 29 Scott Kretchmar |
| June 12 Bob Johnson | Bryan McPherson |
| June 13 Phyllis Smith | Rick Bryant |
| Trevor Walter | June 30 Emily DeWolfe |
| Henry Smith | Paul Cho |
| June 14 Eva Caracillo | |
| Jodi Cook | |
| Mitch Kirsch | |
| Jeff Rouns ville | |

Welcome New Members!

Denny and Jan Shanafelt join by Letter of Transfer from Curwensville Presbyterian Church in Curwensville, PA.

Jan is originally from Beaver County, North of Pittsburgh. She and Denny met at Clarion University while attending college. They moved to Curwensville when Jan was offered a job there and Denny was teaching in Clearfield. Denny, an army veteran, worked for Central Intermediate Unit #10 (CIU #10), a state educational support agency serving Clearfield, Centre, and Clinton counties. He served as a special education teacher and was assigned to many positions across the three counties - retiring from there as the assistant executive director. Jan spent 33 years as a second-grade teacher and enjoys arts and crafts projects and singing. They were both very active at the Curwensville Presbyterian Church for many years, serving in different capacities: Jan as an ordained Deacon and Denny as a long-time Elder, both were very active in the Boy Scouting program. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

Denny and Jan are lifelong church workers and are looking forward to getting involved here.

Denny and Jan Shanafelt
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SCAHS Underclass Awards

SCPC youth were well represented at the recent State High Underclass Awards ceremony.

Sam Ikenberry

DECA States, Financial Services Team Decision Making, 1st place
DECA International Career & Development Conference, Financial Services Team Decision Making, 2nd place (in the world!)
FBLA States, Business Management, 1st place
National Ocean Sciences Bowl
Top 10% Junior GPA
Principal's Award recipient for straight A's throughout high school career

Elijah Snyder

Pennsylvania Music Educators All-State Award
Top 10% Junior GPA

Luca Snyder

9th grade Judge Sharp Award winner
Top 10% Freshman GPA
Principal's Award recipient for straight A's throughout high school career

Allison Cole

Top 10% Freshman GPA
Principal's Award recipient for straight A's throughout high school career

Lily Stone

Top 10% Freshman GPA
Principal's Award recipient for straight A's throughout high school career

Lily Frank

Top 10% Sophomore GPA

Wandering Women in June

Get your walking shoes ready to join Wandering Women Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 -11:30. Marti Sawyer will be leading our time together. We will be walking the bike trail that goes from Gigi's (by route 26) to the High School and back. We will meet at the church at 8:30 for those who wish to car pool; for those who wish to drive themselves parking is available next door to Gigi's at the Nittany Budget Hotel. Turn off Route 26 at Cato Ave., and the motel is on the right. Please park in the slots closest to the street. Dress for the weather, bring water, and consider sunscreen and/or bug/tick spray.

We usually walk in light rain, but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather conditions on SCPC Facebook and via email.

If you have any questions please contact Marti Sawyer (sawyerinc@comcast.net, or 814-880-1701).



Stay & Play Wraps Up Another Year

We have overcome a lot of challenges this year including the big ones of weather closures, COVID and needs for quarantine. We never allowed any of it to prevent the joy, growth and learning that we all love to do. The PLAY continued!! Stay and Play had a full year with 62 families and 70 children. The staff who kept it all open, operational and flourishing: Sarah Cooper, Elizabeth Richardson, Valerie Anderson, Chris Hunsberger, Zsuzsanna Reimherr, Allison Woods, Katie Tanner, Chrissy Fritton, Rebecca Clayton, Tricia Swisher, Candi Parsons, Bianca Dellanno, Eushema Wilson, Aida Pistone and Laura Steager with Alanna Leicht continuing as our music consultant. We have been very busy growing and learning. From sensory, science, math, art and writing to running, jumping, climbing, interacting, dancing, puppet shows, bubbles and MORE! We could talk about the program for hours, however I think you all would rather see some of the fun for yourselves. Please know that everyone at Stay and Play is very thankful for the support and the opportunity to continue to serve through this program.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	2 6:30 CAYAM	3	4
5 10:15 Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Adult Education 11:30 Deacons 11:30 YoPro Bible Study	6 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer Z	7 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z	8 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 7:00 Racial Reconciliation 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	9 7:00 Adult Education Z 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	10	11 9:00 Wandering Women Hike
12 10:15 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Invitation to Join 11:15 Adult Education 11:30 YoPro Bible Study 7:00 Session	13 6:00 Stay and Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer Z	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z	15 11:45 Lunch with the Pastor 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9:15 PopUp Choir 10:15 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 YoPro Bible Study	20 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer Z	21 8:00 Building & Property 9:00 SMART Workday 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z	22 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 7:00 Racial Reconciliation 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	23 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	24	25
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