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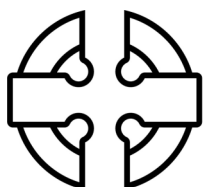
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Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues on our journey to find a new pastor. We're encountering a lot of zigs and zags mainly due to the implementation of the church's new CLC (Church Leadership Connection) database. As Jamie Bauman explained to the congregation two Sundays ago, this is like a dating website and we are looking for our perfect match!

Many of us are familiar with the trials and tribulations of working with a new information system and the CLC is going through many of those same types of challenges. We have started to receive Pastor Discernment Profiles (PDPs) as they work their way into the CLC and on to us. We are reviewing candidates and developing our own discernment process to vet the candidates interested in being our next pastor. We ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit and appreciate all of your prayers and support.

We will keep you updated through the PresbyPost and monthly updates during worship. Finally, I'm thankful for the diligent, open, and thoughtful work of our PNC members.

– Bob Igo

PNC Members

Jamie Bauman
Bob Igo
Rob Leicht
Laura Millard
Jerry Sawyer
Katie Stone
Steve Van Hook





**AT
10:00
AM**

Sunday, July 23 - 10:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, July 30 - 10:00 am ~ Communion
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, August 6 - 10:00 am
Guest Preacher, Rev. Mary Morrow

Sunday, August 13 - 10:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, August 20 - 10:00 am
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, August 27 - 10:00 am ~ Communion
Reed Dressler (Director of Youth Ministry),
preaching

We Resume our Program Year Schedule on
Sunday, September 10 with Worship
at 9:00 am

In our Next Issue ...

Watch for Details about our Program
Year Start up —

- Sunday Worship (moves to 9:00 am)
- LOGOS (grades 1-8)
- FISH (grades 9-12)
- ...and more!

if you are in the hospital
or know of someone in the
hospital who would
appreciate a visit, please let
the church office know -
814-238-2422.



In the Hospital

Welcoming the New PresbyPost Editor

The PresbyPost was for many years faithfully compiled and edited by Ned Wetherald, our Director of Music Ministry. Now that Ned has retired, we welcome Martha Trout, our Membership & Program Associate, to this role. Martha has been on staff since 2003, and is working from the church office Monday through Friday. Though not usually with us in person on Sunday mornings, in addition to her other duties she publishes our Weekly Update email, our website, and coordinates and oversees our church texting program which allows us to connect with those who join us for worship online. If you notice some differences in the look or arrangement of the PresbyPost in the coming months, you can be assured that Martha is working to add value to the informative newsletter that we have come to rely on.

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All in the Family

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

- ♦ Ben Ranney, son of Barbara and Ted Dreese—March 31, 2023
- ♦ Betsy Taylor—June 5, 2023
- ♦ Zack Maser's grandmother, Irene Martinovich—June 24
- ♦ Denny Shanafelt's brother, Jerry—June 28 in OR

Congratulations of the congregation to family and friends on:

- ♦ The marriage of Nick Moose and Annie Vasquez on June 24 in Asheville, NC

Congratulations of the congregation to family on:

- ♦ The Baptism of Hank Carl and Teagan Nelta Jodon, son and daughter of Christa (Tussey) Jodon—June 11, 2023

Follow Joel Blunk's health challenge progress at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/thehikewithjoelblunk>



FISH on a Mission!

The Sullivan County Food Pantry was very fortunate to have the State College Presbyterian Church Fellowship In Sr. High Youth Group come for two days in June to help pack Kid Boxes for both last week and next week, paint the interior of the shed, sort coats and boots for next winter, and pack our normal bags and boxes. The volunteers could not thank them enough for their amazing efforts and fun antics that allowed them all to have a great two days.



PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP INVITES YOU:

**FREE
ICE
CREAM**



All are welcome
**July 27th and Aug
31st, 6-8pm** to share
ice cream, welcome
students, and spread
joy downtown on the
front lawn.

**A TIME TO BE PRESENT WITH EACH OTHER
AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD!**

Summer Time PATHWAYS Continues! Books and Crafts

August 6, 13, 20

On the Sundays listed above, we plan on learning and having fun with several different leaders and fun books/crafts.

All children ages 4 – those who have completed 3rd grade are welcome to attend.

The Summer Time PATHWAYS class is held on the lower level of our building in Room 10 on the listed Sundays, and begins just following the Children's Message each Sunday.

On Sundays when there is not a class offered, we will have our **WORSHIP BAGS** available in the sanctuary – and the bags are filled with books/stickers/toys and crayons. Each Sunday they should be put back on the rack for someone to use the following Sunday.



Seeking Youth Ministry Leaders

Do you enjoy spending time with tweens or teens? Do you like to have fun? Would you like to be a part of meaning making, encourage our youth to play, enjoy God's creation, and participate in healthy community? If these questions made you smile or feel a little



heart flutter, then please get in touch with Reed Dressler (youthministriescpc@gmail.com) or Laura Essinger-Hileman (scpcchrysalis@gmail.com) to learn about the important and flexible ways of being on the youth ministry leadership teams.





Director of Music Ministry Update

The Personnel Committee was charged with the important task of recruiting and hiring a new Director of Music Ministry this spring. Our first task was assuring coverage of the summer worship music including arranging for an organist(s) and special ensembles. This work was done in conjunction with the worship committee and currently we have covered all the services through Labor Day. Special thanks to Anne Layng and Dick Bundy for orchestrating this big job.

In April, the Personnel Committee, led again by Dick Bundy, solicited and accepted members to form a visioning team for the leadership needed for our music ministry. This team represented a wide range of ages and a variety of involvement in the musical life of SCPC.

Through their diligent efforts, they crafted a description that forms the basis of the search parameters as we go about filling this vital position.

Three primary observations became clear during these sessions: the enrichment each participant received from the many musical opportunities available to the congregation, the essential role that music ministry plays in the overall mission of the church, and the extensive range of responsibilities and talents Ned shared with us in his long and meaningful tenure.

The visioning team shared their description for an ideal candidate with the Personnel Committee and completed its work. Our thanks to this team led by Dick and consisting of Paul Mortimore, Donna Korzick, Jennifer Totho, Carol Graham, Tori Robinson, and Luca Snyder.

The Personnel Committee has met several times this summer to not only finalize the job description and prepare the advertisement, but also to research various organizations such as choir colleges, organist guilds, and choral programs where we can target the ad. Currently we hope to have the job posted by the end of August.

As with the pastor search, the Music Ministry Director search committee is separate from the visioning team. Formation of this committee is in its final stages, and we hope to have our first meeting before the end of July to acquaint the committee with the description and procedures for interviewing candidates.

In the meantime, we must assume that the new director will not be in place when our fall program schedule starts. Last week we made the decision to move forward with searching for an interim LOGOS worship coordinator and an interim choir director to cover these two critical aspects of the church's music ministry. We have several leads in these areas and will have more information soon.

If you would like further information about the process, please feel free to contact the church office via email and they will put you in touch with a personnel committee member or ask us directly. We welcome the feedback! The committee is Barbara Cox (chair), Dick Bundy, Scott Sesler, and Laura Robinson. Please keep us and the search committee in your prayers as we look to find the leadership we need to sustain meaningful ministry through music at State College Presbyterian Church.



Presbyterian Student Fellowship is Back!

Thursdays 6-8pm in the Fireside Room. College-aged folks are invited to join us for a moment of peace and a free meal. Throughout the year we will play games, get creative, discuss scripture and other topics of interest. And most importantly we will be friends that create space for each other. We hope that you'll join us when you can. If

you aren't a college student and would like to support PSF we would love to find out how you might fit with our program through providing meals or making other meaningful connections. Reach out to [Allison](mailto:allisonscpc@gmail.com) with any questions. (allisonscpc@gmail.com).



New Member in June

Key One (Kiwon) Jung joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Kiwon is from Seoul, South Korea, and is a graduate student at Penn State in International Affairs. She came to SCPC because of a Google search for a Presbyterian Church in State College. What she liked most when she first attended was all the children gathering for the Children's Message during the worship service. She has an 18-month-old nephew



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back home whom she misses very much. She loves talking with her friends over good food, and journaling.

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 on **Sunday, August 13** at 11:15 am

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate

marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422

Wandering Women August Evening Walk

All women of the church are invited to join the Wandering Women walk on Friday, August 18th from 5:30 to 7 pm. We will be trying something new – a short evening walk with the option of chatting over a drink afterwards. We will explore the nature trails of the Boal Estate in Boalsburg, home of the Boal Mansion and the Boal Barn Playhouse. The estate is a remarkable oasis of trees, streams, and birds in the middle of a town setting, although we can expect some noise from the nearby roads. Our walk will be a loop of less than 2 miles, mostly over flat ground with mulched paths.

We will meet on Friday, August 18th at 5:30 pm at Blue Spring Park in Boalsburg. There is parking beside the park along Wagner Road, at the intersection with West Pine Street. After our walk, there is the option of staying on the Boal estate for a drink together at Boal City Brewing (235 Old Boalsburg Road, opposite the Boal Mansion gate). The brewery features beer brewed on the premises as well as some local wines and non-alcoholic drinks, which can be enjoyed at the picnic tables overlooking the estate and the historic cemetery.

Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle, and consider insect repellent and sunscreen. We usually walk in light rain but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information on SCPC Facebook and via e-mail. Any questions, contact Liane Roe (lianeroe125@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 814-933-9015.



Juniper Village Block Party

Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing in the common room of bldg #1930.

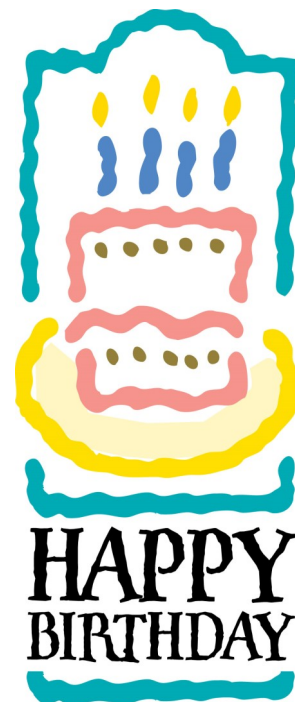
Sunday August 6, 1:30-4 and first Sundays of every even month. Signups open now!



AUGUST

Birthdays

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| August 1 | Brian Dixon | August 25 | Dawn Sanzotti |
| August 2 | Emory Brown | August 26 | Carolyn Bryant Phil Roberts |
| August 4 | Ruth Blume Ben Nasal | August 27 | Brian Ladrado Chris Pike |
| August 5 | Ryan Fenchak Abby Jones Julius Ludena | August 28 | Zack Maser |
| August 6 | Gordon DeJong | August 30 | Ben Dreschel Sarah Elder MJ Kitt Tracy Massaglia Kathy Moir |
| August 7 | Kristen Laskowski Juli Mortimore | August 31 | Max Lucas Steve Van Hook |
| August 8 | Chelsea Igo Jim Vomero Brady Wassom | | |
| August 9 | Susan Hanson Kristen Nasal Martha Trout | | |
| August 10 | Anita Thies | | |
| August 12 | Michael Cullin Kyle McPherson | | |
| August 14 | Marv Bevan | | |
| August 15 | John Robison | | |
| August 16 | Michael Baron Carly Erickson | | |
| August 17 | Aiden Nguyen Nancy Sunday | | |
| August 19 | Jamie Bachman | | |
| August 20 | Amanda Clark | | |
| August 22 | Mike Gordon Jo Prosser | | |



Juniper Village Block Party—Sign up now to [attend or help out](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48aba72ca6f49-juniper#/).
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Out of the Cold – Successes, Challenges, and Learning More

During the two weeks when this congregation hosted the overnight shelter for Out of the Cold (8:00 pm to 7:30 am), 64 volunteers and donors provided 280 dinners, 140 breakfasts, 308 coffees, and so many greetings and conversations. That doesn't begin to count all who were offering prayers.

Several different guests, independently and on different days, let me know that they felt particularly welcomed here. Space to sleep and good food are incredibly important. Real warmth, welcome, and companionship, even for a short time, are food for the spirit. **Thank you for all you did to welcome our neighbors.**



You organized.
You prayed.
You cooked.
You shopped.
You cleaned.



You lugged.
You donated.
You encouraged.
You welcomed.
You listened.

As we prepared and hosted, Cricket Hunter (SCPC Mission Associate) fielded lots of good questions about the program and its evolution.

How many guests are there? The overnight program is capped at 25-28 due to code restrictions and staff limitations. The day shelter is open to anyone who does not have a solid address. Drop-in guests can receive mail (one needs an address to apply for aid and for jobs), get a shower, do a bit of laundry, and eat lunch, as well as receive support from staff.

Wait, there is a waitlist for the overnight shelter?! Since we hosted in the summer of last year, the waitlist has varied from just under 20 people to nearly 60 (when the pandemic eviction restrictions were lifted). It generally hovers around 40. People are often surprised by these numbers, since they don't notice homeless neighbors in the ways that we might when we visit cities large enough to have subways or big bus depots. Many Out of the Cold guests are busy during the day with short-term or low-paying jobs, and with trying to manage mental and physical health issues that are a challenge to manage even for patients with predictable housing and a stable income.

Over the course of a year, 90% or more of the overnight guests are from or tied to Centre County, and every month a few guests are able to move out and into more stable housing. This kind of success is possible because Out of the Cold works closely with partnering agencies, including Centre Helps, Interfaith Human Services, Centre Safe, and Housing Transitions.

The overflow is still a huge concern. The program started in 2011 as a volunteer-only, cold months only program after an unhoused man who had been living in his tent in Bellefonte froze to death.

Why did it feel calmer and easier this time? Near the end of last summer, Out of the Cold hired its very first Executive Director. Previously, there had been a Program Director, and last summer, the Board President was serving dual duty as the Interim Director (along with her regular job at Calvary!). The Executive Director, Jordan Taylor, has worked hard on staff stability, and structures that make it easier for staff to work together, such as always having two staff people on duty, and staggering the shift changes, for more communication. Many of the staff people who were serving during our hosting had been with the program for more than a year. Guests are now invited to take part in morning chores to keep spaces clean (our morning volunteers can tell you that that made a huge difference!) Each month, the Executive Director provides a set of quick facts to the Board of Directors to serve as a snapshot of the month, which is incredibly helpful for board members tracking overall needs.

Why isn't Out of the Cold in the building they purchased in 2021?

Last year when we hosted, the only delay for renovating the Out of the Cold building at 318 S. Atherton was waiting for code approvals. As it turned out, that delay was good, since they learned that they would need a bigger sewer line (not surprising, given the change in building use!). By delaying renovation until this spring/summer, they were able to time their sewer enlargement to the DOT and Borough work on South Atherton, saving more than \$10,000. They will be able to move back into the building as soon as renovations are complete. The date is a construction timeline, but we can be sure it will be sometime late summer to mid fall.

What is next for the program?

Individuals and congregations will continue to support the program with lunches, dinners, volunteers, and visitors, as well as financial donations that help support utilities, staff salaries, and other costs, with grants helping to pay loans. We are not yet sure what shape the congregations' meal-and-visiting support will take but we are exploring, and will let you know. Those who have been able to volunteer and have conversations with guests in the last couple of years can tell you: every guest has a story, and most are a mix of misfortune and strength.

Watch for what we hope will be a short series of Adult Ed programs on housing and homelessness in our region in the year to come.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Congregational Prayer-Zoom 6:30pm Summer Chrysalis Gathering | 2 12:00pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 8:15pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10:00am Worship 10:15am Pathways 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:15am Oasis-FR 1:45 pm Juniper Block Party-Juniper Village | 7 7:00pm Virtual Centering Prayer-Zoom | 8 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Congregational Prayer-Zoom 2:00pm Personnel Ministry-MR | 9 12:00pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 8:15pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom | 10 7:00pm Adult Ed-Zoom 7:00pm Men's Covenant Group-MR | 11 | 12 |
| 13 10:00am Worship 10:15am Pathways 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:15am Creative Fellowship-SH 11:15 am Invitation to Join-MR | 14 5:30pm SJMT-Zoom 7:00pm Men's Bible Study-FR 7:00pm Virtual Centering Prayer-Zoom | 15 8:15am Building & Property-SH 9:00am SMART Work Day 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Congregational Prayer-Zoom | 16 12:00pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 8:15pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom | 17 7:00pm Finance-Zoom | 18 PresbyPost Deadline 5:30pm Wandering Women Hike | 19 |
| 20 10:00am Worship 10:15am Pathways 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:30 am Session-MR | 21 6:00pm Stay & Play Advisory Meeting-Zoom 7:00pm Virtual Centering Prayer-Zoom | 22 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Congregational Prayer-Zoom | 23 9:00am Stay & Play CPR-SH 12:00pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 8:15pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom | 24 7:00pm Men's Covenant Group-MR | 25 5:00pm New Member Event | 26 |
| 27 Communion Sunday 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:15 am YoPro Bible Study-FR | 28 7:00pm EMU-Zoom 7:00pm Men's Bible Study-FR 7:00pm Virtual Centering Prayer-Zoom | 29 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Congregational Prayer-Zoom | 30 12:00pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00pm PNC Rm 10 6:00pm-FISH 8:15pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Zoom | 31 6:00pm CAYAM Free Ice Cream-Front Lawn | FR=Fireside Room MR=Martin Room SH=Social Hall | |

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**Krislund Camp 60th Anniversary
Celebration ~ August 19, 2023
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Join Krislund Camp in celebrating their 60th Anniversary! Saturday, August 19, will include open activities for the community, a silent auction, time for fellowship, and, of course, delicious food and fantastic music. Krislund's 60th Anniversary Celebration is open to the public until 3:00 pm. Activities after 3:00 pm are intended specifically for alumni, volunteers, and donors.

Register at: <https://krislund.campbrainregistration.com>.