

# The PresbyPost



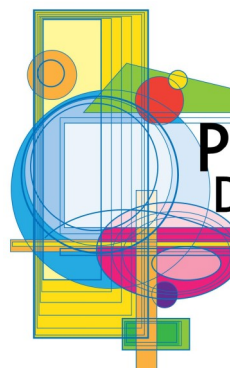
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**September PresbyPost**  
Friday, August 19, 2022

**PresbyPost**  
**Deadlines**

**October PresbyPost**  
Friday, September 16, 2022



Rev. John W. Porter

John Porter is the youngest of three children born in Pasadena, Texas to Bob and Carolyn Porter. His father's work involved several relocations for the family. Their involvement in church provided a consistent grounding experience throughout these transitions. John found a sense of belonging in churches of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian traditions in West Virginia, Delaware, and Texas.

John was baptized and confirmed in the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia at the age of thirteen. There, he developed an appreciation for music ministry, church architecture, and the collegiality among ordained and lay leadership that characterizes the Presbyterian tradition. Following high school, John studied architecture, physics, and mathematics, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1991 from Stephen F. Austin State University. John began to feel a call to ministry during his final years of undergraduate education, and accepted a part-time position in campus ministry at the University of Delaware. There, he met Heather, who was working on her Masters degree in history and doing youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church. Heather and John bonded over their shared interest in ministry with young people. They were married in the spring of 1994 during John's first year of study at Columbia Theological Seminary.

John received his Masters of Divinity degree in 1996, and was called to serve as the Associate Pastor of Hill United Presbyterian Church in July of that year. Heather took a teaching position at the Butler Area Junior High School and has been consistently ministering to students in her role as an educator for 26 years. Their sons, Kirk and Tim, were born and raised in Butler and continue to live in the Pittsburgh area. During John's 12 years of service in that position his experience working with a trained full-time Interim Senior Pastor ignited a passion for intentional transitional ministry. In 2008 he responded to God's call to transitional ministry. He has served 8 congregations as Interim Pastor since that time, facilitating the process of preparing and searching for a new installed pastor.



## Welcome to Laura Seeley

Laura Seeley was hired recently to be our new Stay and Play Director, due to the retirement of Laura Steager. She will be working closely with the Education Ministry Unit and Deannine Shipman, and also the Stay and Play Advisory Team.

Laura is originally from Toms River, NJ – born and raised there. She graduated from Rider University with a degree in Sociology and minors in Social Work and History.

She went on to work in the social work field, but quickly moved into working with various pre-schools as a lead teacher and as an Assistant Director in several locations, all in New Jersey. Following that she went on to be a Preschool Director, and helped the owner open a series of daycare centers from 2009 – 2016 - also in NJ.

In 2016 she moved to Happy Valley and married her husband, Bryant. Together they have three children: Kennedy, Kall, & Kordelia.

Bryant works for Penn State, and grew up on a dairy farm here in PA, which his parents still own and operate.

Laura likes to spend her time with her family, and if there is any extra time she does cross stitch, all kinds of crafting, using her Cricut, and is a Color Street consultant.

She enjoys the beach, Penn State football, the NY Giants, the dairy farm, and visiting Cape Cod. Not necessarily in that order.

Make sure you find a chance to welcome our newest staff member over the summer or for sure by Fall. The Stay and Play office is located on the lower level at the church, and the director's office is the old Room 12 at the bottom of the stairs.

Welcome Laura Seeley!



## Youth Ministry Director Update

The Youth Ministry Director Search Committee is thrilled to share that **Reed Dressler** has accepted the call to be SCPC's next Youth Ministry Director.

Reed currently works for a congregation in Salt Lake City, UT, and will be joining SCPC staff in early September.

The Youth Ministry Advisory Committee has begun the work of crafting youth ministry leadership teams and calendars for the upcoming program year and will be meeting with Reed virtually to put the pieces into place for goodness to grow for our youth ministries at SCPC.

We want to thank the congregation for all of the support and prayers this spring. We hope you will continue to hold us in prayer as we begin to plan and prepare for a new year in youth ministry at SCPC.

Youth and the parents of youth: **watch for upcoming news about youth ministry opportunities at SCPC.** Good things are coming! If you have any questions or ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact

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Scott Cole ([burghfansc@gmail.com](mailto:burghfansc@gmail.com)) or

Diana Malcom ([dwmalcom@gmail.com](mailto:dwmalcom@gmail.com)).



## WORSHIP WITH US

**Sunday, August 7, 2022** - One service at 10:15 AM

**Sunday, August 14, 2022** - One service at 10:15 AM

**Sunday, August 21, 2022** - One service at 10:15 AM  
Rev. John W. Porter, preaching

**Sunday, August 28, 2022** - One service at 10:15 AM  
Communion

Worship

## State College Presbyterian Church Staff

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Rev. John W. Porter

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

**Mary Sweitzer**, June 25, 2022

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

**Carolyn Rhubart Rothenberger**, born to **Danielle Rhubart and Mike Rothenberger**, June 23, 2022

**Henry Cousins-Bachman** was born to **Patrick Bachman and Grace Cousins** on June 15th. Proud grandparents are **Wendy and Ken Bachman**.

**Sloane Viola Misko** born July 12th to **Michael and Sarah Sesler Misko** of Pittsburgh. Proud grandparents are **Scott and Mary Ann Sesler**.

## Interested in Joining our Church Family?

We have suspended our monthly membership opportunities for July and August. However, if you are feeling led to become a member of the congregation of State College Presbyterian Church we invite you to get in touch with Martha Trout, our Membership and Program Associate, and we would be happy to arrange a convenient time to meet and accept you into membership.

## Wandering Women

All women of the church are invited to join the Wandering Women hike on Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 -11:30. Kim Phillips will be leading our time together. We will be exploring the Whipple Dam trail, an easy, 2 mile loop. We will meet at the church at 8:30 for those who want to car pool, or meet at the parking area near the beach at 9:00 AM. Take Rt. 26 South over the mountain and about 1.5 miles from the bottom of the mountain turn left onto Whipple Dam Road. Follow the signs to the park for about a mile and turn left into the park. Take the first right to the parking area. 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 Kim Phillips ([kgphillips@comcast.net](mailto:kgphillips@comcast.net)).

## Sip and Dip

Please join church family and friends for an informal “Sip and Dip” gathering, including musical entertainment, at the Happy Valley Winery on Friday, July 29, 6:00-8:00 PM. Happy Valley Winery is located at 576 South Foxpointe Dr., State College. Deacons will provide the dips and chips, fruit, etc.

Wine and selected Otto’s beers may be purchased at the Winery and/or you may bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. The Winery prohibits patrons bringing in any other alcoholic beverages. Children accompanied by adults are welcome. Additionally, a yoga class is offered on-site at 4:30-5:30 for a fee of \$15.00. Though there’s no need to register to come to the gathering, those interested in the yoga class are asked to contact Marti Sawyer ([sawyerinc@comcast.net](mailto:sawyerinc@comcast.net)) for more details.

## Raising Cane with LOGOS

LOGOS Coordinators have been working over the summer on plans for the upcoming LOGOS year and we are excited to be bringing the program back this year closer to the pre-pandemic LOGOS we know and love. In alignment with that, we have planned a picnic for **August 30** at 6:00 PM at Spring Creek Park. Fun, fellowship and free chicken! The church will be providing chicken from Raising Cane’s, as well as a tasty dessert. Families can bring additional food and drink items of your choice to complete your family’s meal. Parent handbooks will be available at the picnic with our program calendar. We are excited to get together and see everyone again! Any questions, please contact our LOGOS director, Keri Rounsville ([rouns626@yahoo.com](mailto:rouns626@yahoo.com)/814-574-5156) or Deannine Shipman ([deanninescpc@gmail.com](mailto:deanninescpc@gmail.com)). Come, gather and be reminded how wonderful it is that we are all Children of God!

## Thank You Note

July 1, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peggy and I were overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness and grace from the congregation on our final Sunday with you. The remarks by Rick Bryant and Amy Elliott during the worship service reminded us of fun memories stretching back to our first encounters with the church. Some made us laugh out loud which was wonderful.

The luncheon after church was perfect in every way. Great conversation over fried chicken and cookies by Nikki Blake—who could ask for anything more? We are so thankful for the little memory cards and the picture book prepared for us.

With pride, we wore the garlands that Anne Layng had ordered for us, a great reminder of our time in Kiribati. We are grateful for all that she did to make arrangements for the day. We know that Tracy Massaglia had a big role, too, and Allison came up with many of the fine touches that made the day so complete. Thank you all, along with the many others who pitched in and participated.

We are still reading cards sent by various folks, and those fill us with joy. Finally, contributions for the new sanctuary for the Kiribati Protestant Church in Betio, South Tarawa, are still coming in. Such a generous response to my appeal. I know it will be a big blessing for the people there.

Bless you all, and may God’s grace be upon you in a new chapter of the church’s life.

In deepest gratitude,  
Dean and Peggy







# Spotlight On Thanks

## From the Worship Ministry Unit

**T**hank you, thank you from Worship Ministry Unit (Linda Giles, Jamey Perry, Tracy Massaglia, Joan Hartman, Bill Lukens, John Robison, Elliott McLaughlin, Ned Wetherald, and Allison Maus) – we have much for which to be grateful! As chair I also want thank the members of the unit for their time and discernment.

Every Sunday we have a liturgist who leads us in prayer and thanks and imparts God's word to us through scripture readings. High school students preach and tell us of their journeys through life and finding a place with FISH. The youth Sunday in June was awesome with uplifting song and words from our kids. You could not help leaving with a smile and feeling happy!

And wow how about the joyful noise from our talented musicians - some are members, others are student interns or folks from our community – not quite a brass band but drums, guitars, trumpets certainly add spark to our worship services. Special celebrations turn out even more talent with the addition of strings.

And we cannot forget our various choirs that give of their time and talent all year long – the bell choir, LOGOS and Chrysalis choirs and last, but not least, the Chancel Choir. Oops, and don't forget that anyone can join us for Pop Up choir during the summer. We are so appreciative of the efforts of these groups adding meaning to our worship services.

Anne Layng  
Chair, Worship Ministry Unit

## From the Membership Ministry Unit

**W**hen SCPC resumed indoor services in mid-2021, the Membership Ministry Unit recognized the need for greeters at the two main doors to welcome back those who decided to return for in-person worship. I want to thank Mary Hartzell and Nikki Blake from our committee for organizing and assigning greeters for all indoor services and the following members and friends who continue to greet, given the need for masks and limited physical contact.

John Graham  
Membership Ministry Unit Chair

### SCPC Greeters (Aug. 2021-June 2022)

Karen & Dan Christman	Lynne Verity
Carol & John Graham	Jill & Jim Smeltzer
The Frank Family	Jane & Jack McKinley
Katherine Allen & Richard Page	Liane Roe
Jean Pierre Theron	Maggie & Bob Foster
Jane Butler	Judy Killam
Kimberly Dawn Falk	Wendy & Rob Huffard
Linda Morrow	Ken Manno
Joe Kockelmans & Smith Lyday	Brady & Melanie Wassom
Connie & John DiNunzio	Rick Bryant
Linda Edvar	Becky Thomas
Mary Ann & Scott Sesler	Susan Sanders
The Mortimore Family	Margaret VanFossan
Connie Curilla	The Bauman Family
Amy Elliott	Donna & Mac Heebner
Dave Bepler & Helen Roback	Linda & Greg Giles
Marti Sawyer	John Marsden
Tom Wheeler	Anne Layng
Nikki Blake	Mary Hartzell

We also wish to thank all the members of the Membership Ministry Unit: Joh Graham, chair, Karen Christman, John DiNunzio, John Marsden, Mary Hartzell, Nikki Blake, Juli Mortimore, Becky Thomas, Linda Finley, and Martha Trout (staff).



## Thank you.

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



You problem-solved.  
You donated.  
You encouraged.  
You welcomed.  
You listened.

**Together, you made hosting very, very successful.**  
*Well done. friends!*



## New Members!

**Bernie and MJ Kitt** join by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**B**ernie is originally from Altoona, PA. A tax accountant, he is retired from his business, Kitt Accounting and Tax Service in Bellefonte. MJ, originally from Meadville, PA, retired as a teacher in the State College Area School District, and then from Penn State University. When they moved to the Centre Region they settled in Bellefonte where they were active at the Valley View Methodist Church and they wore many hats - Bernie served as church treasurer and head usher and MJ served as flower coordinator and liturgist coordinator. After moving to State College they began to look for churches closer to their new home. They found the music ministry and the size of the children's programs to be major reasons for choosing to worship at SCPC. They have been attending and participating for about 8 years; helping with Coffee Hour, Bernie playing clarinet in numerous orchestras for special church services, MJ singing in the Hekima fundraising choir, and helping with painting, etc. at the homeless shelter. Their favorite activities include musical endeavors such as the Bellefonte and State College Community Bands (Bernie on the clarinet and saxophone, MJ on percussion), the Nittany Valley Symphony (MJ on violin), camping, biking, and fishing. MJ also enjoys cooking, canning, and sewing.

Bernie and MJ look forward to becoming more actively involved now as members at SCPC.

Bernie and MJ Kitt  
1244 Westerly Parkway, #16



July 2	Glen Blume	August 1	Brian Dixon
	Karen Davis	August 2	Emory Brown
July 3	Bill Lukens	August 4	Ruth Blume
July 4	Meg Moose		Ben Nasal
	Mary Jane Kistler	August 5	Ryan Fenchak
	Jack Brenizer		Abby Jones
	Royce Billings	August 6	Gordon DeJong
	Dan Christman	August 7	Juli Mortimore
July 5	Sharon Gifford		Kristen Laskowski
	Lynn Federinko		Bailey Spangler
	Greg Giles	August 8	Chelsea Ishler
July 6	Curt Dell		Brady Wassom
July 8	Jen Tothero		James Vomero
	Megan Morath	August 9	Susan Hanson
	Nathan Dreschel		Kristen Nasal
July 10	Larry Campolongo		Martha Trout
	Jessica Druzba	August 10	Anita Thies
July 11	Becky Wagner	August 12	Michael Cullin
	Kerry Tolton		Kyle McPherson
July 12	Lynne Verity	August 14	Marv Bevan
July 13	Maureen Desorcie		Geoff Harford
	Andrea Wildy		Grayson Zabik
	Joe Kockelmans	August 15	John Robison
July 14	Kathy Jackson	August 16	Michael Baron
	Jillian Rounsville		Carly Erickson
July 15	Brittany Shipman	August 17	Jane Himes
	Nathan Geist		Nancy Sunday
July 17	Rhett McLaren	August 19	Jamie Bachman
July 18	Rachel Wylie	August 20	Amanda Clark
	Matt Druzba		Kendall Kleinman
July 19	Glenn Carter		Jim Powers
July 20	Collin DeBoef	August 22	Mike Gordon
	Casey Behrer		Jo Prosser
	Andy Reisinger	August 25	Dawn Sanzotti
July 21	Karen Johnson	August 26	Carolyn Bryant
July 22	Vickie Clauer		Phil Roberts
	Barb Guthrie	August 27	Brian Ladrado
July 24	Carol Pepper		Chris Pike
July 25	Hope Coder	August 28	Zack Maser
July 26	Logan Glaze	August 30	Ben Dreschel
	Martin Wildy		Sarah Elder
July 28	David Wheeler		MJ Kitt
July 30	Leona Baumbach		Tracy Massaglia
	Nicole VonBlohn		Kathy Moir
	Sierra Mortimore	August 31	Max Lucas
July 31	Katherine Allen		Steve Van Hook
	Joshua Shipman		



## Request for Nominations

The SCPC Nominating Committee requests your help in identifying those who may be called to become an officer of the church. The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates to serve as Elders, Deacons, Visitation Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee. (See a description of these positions and desired qualifications below.) A list of candidates will be presented to the congregation in November for election.

Members of the Nominating Committee welcome your suggestions as we prepare our list of candidates. Please identify individuals you believe would make a valuable contribution to any of the Boards or Committees. Self-nominations are welcome.

Send nominations to Anne Layng, Chair, Nominating Committee (anlayng@gmail.com), or contact the church office (814-238-2422). Please provide names of nominees, the office for which they are being recommended and, if you wish, any comments in support of the nominee. We look forward to hearing from you!

**2022 Nominating Committee Members:** Anne Layng, chair, Jenny Van Hook, Sharon Manno, Katherine Allen, Sharon Ambrose, Jamie Bauman, Brian Ladrado, Blair Malcom.

### Job Descriptions

**Elders** working together as a Session form the ruling body of a Presbyterian church. They are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

The ministry of **Deacons** is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, or anyone in distress. Visitation Deacons are charged with visiting shut-ins and those who are in Skilled Care facilities.



## Sunday, August 28

Show up @ 9:15 AM rehearsal  
Sing out @ 10:15 AM worship service  
Do good music and have fun!



### A Prayer to End Gun Violence

*Gracious Lord who loves us so perfectly, help us to better love you and each other. We weep for the gun violence that kills children and so many others, where guns replaced prayers and homes without you bred frustration. May hearts be changed through your Holy Spirit that justice, mercy, money and, yes, even guns might be used rightly under Heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

### A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and Russia


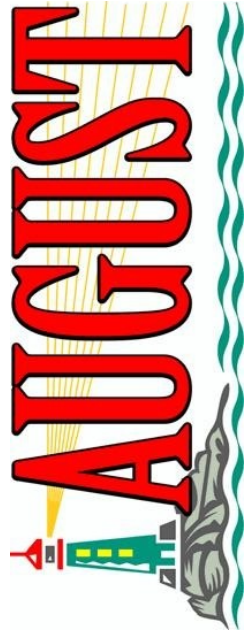
Dear Lord, we come to you with a heavy heart as the situation in Ukraine and Russia continues to deteriorate.

We pray for peace in both countries and for an end to all the violence.

We pray for your wisdom and guidance for all those involved, including the leaders of both countries.

We pray that you will open the hearts and minds of all those involved to see your love and compassion.

Lord, we know that you are a God of peace and that you desire nothing more than for us all to live in peace. We ask you to intervene in this situation and to bring peace to Ukraine and Russia. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Ongoing Weekly Events							Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b> 10:15 Worship 10:30 Summer Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 YoPro Bible Study								<b>1</b> 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 CAYAM Ice Cream Scooping - Front Lawn	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Monday</b> 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer							<b>7</b> 7:00 Deacon Meeting	<b>8</b> 3:00 Jean Frederickson Memorial 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team Meeting 7:30 Youth Ministry Advisory Com.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 Adult Education 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 Wandering Women Hike
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting							Stay and Play Summer Camp 9:00 AM - Noon						
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study							<b>14</b> 7:00 Session	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 Building and Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> PresbyPost Deadline	<b>20</b> 9:00 Youth Ministry Training Retreat
							<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 Education Ministry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30 Stay & Play in service 6:00 Summer FISH Central Parklet	<b>25</b> 8:30 Stay & Play in service 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
							<b>28</b> Communion 9:15 PopUp Choir 11:15 Deacon's Tailgate Party	<b>29</b> Stay & Play Meet The Teacher Day	<b>30</b> 6:00 Raising Cane with LOGOS (Spring Creek Park)	<b>31</b>			



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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 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Scott Banfield	Kimberly-Dawn Falk	Curt Dell
Jennifer Creighton	Betty Macdonald	Joe Kockelmans
Miguel Cruden	Carrie Miller	Sharon Manno
Mike Gordon	Reed Miller	Tracy Massaglia
Lauren Moose (youth)	Heather Steel	Linda McClimans
Juli Mortimore	Marcus Wheeler	Marti Sawyer
Vivian Noll		Katie Stone
Owen Perry (youth)		
Jillian Rounsville (youth)		