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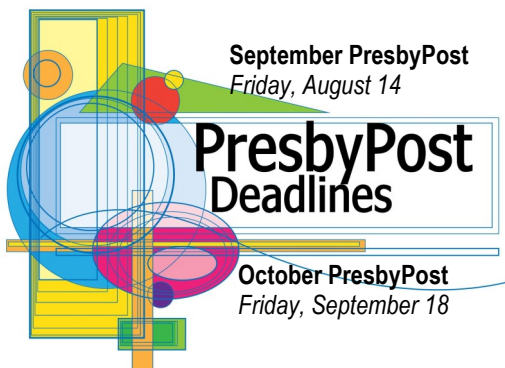
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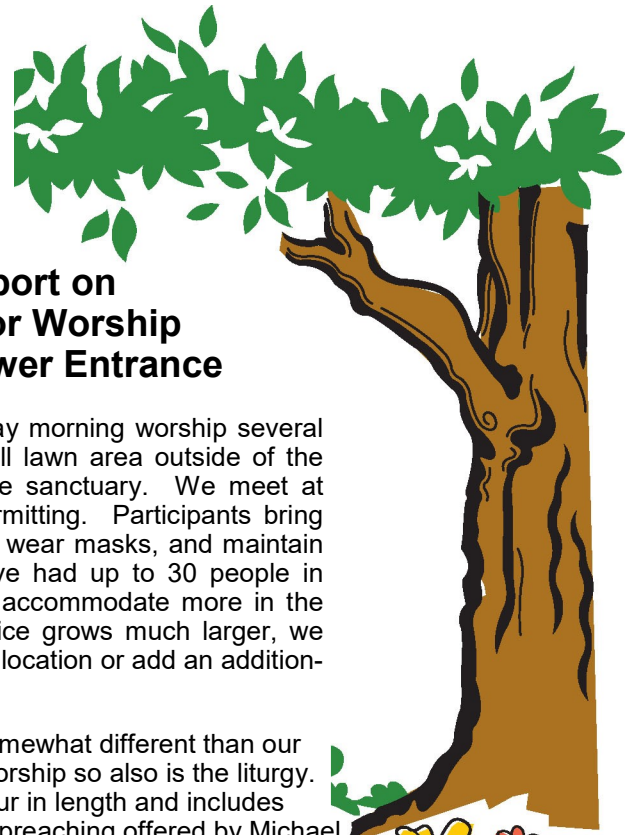


Report on Outdoor Worship at the Tower Entrance

We've held live Sunday morning worship several times now in the small lawn area outside of the Tower Entrance to the sanctuary. We meet at 9:00 AM, weather permitting. Participants bring their own lawn chairs, wear masks, and maintain social distance. We've had up to 30 people in attendance. We can accommodate more in the space, but if the service grows much larger, we will have to find a new location or add an additional service time.

Just as the setting is somewhat different than our traditional sanctuary worship so also is the liturgy. The service is a half hour in length and includes Scripture, prayers, and preaching offered by Michael Ozaki, Dean Lindsey, and Allison Maus. Ned Wetherald plays an electronic piano to provide music, and we do have hymns, though not sung hymns. Karen Neff lines out the words of the hymn and gives worshipers hand motions that go with the words. If you plan on coming on a Sunday morning, please take a minute or two to send a note to offices-cpc@gmail.com to let us know you will be attending.

We will, of course, continue to offer our on-line service on our State College Presbyterian Church Youtube channel. Whether we worship at home or outside the sanctuary, we lift our hearts to God, give thanks for his Son Jesus, and celebrate the gifts of the Spirit!



We Are AVAILABLE ONLINE



Online Resources

If you're having any trouble accessing our online resources, please call the church office and leave a message (814-238-2422).

Likewise, if you, or someone you know, are **not** receiving our emails with access to our worship services, and you/they **do** have an email address, please contact Martha Trout at marthascpc@gmail.com so you/they can be added to the email list. We'd love to have cell phone numbers as well for those shut-ins that may not have a landline number - so we can stay in touch!

A Prayer for These Days

by Pastor Dean Lindsey

Eternal God, Creator and Giver of Life, Your wonders are present in all that surrounds us, in its manifold beauty, and all that is within us in particularity and diversity. Yet, no matter who we are or where we are, we are all one in you because of our need for your sustaining presence in our lives. Some of us are more acutely aware of that need than others. Some of us know that there are changes that need to happen, a turning for our lives and our very broken world, but we think that tomorrow or the next day will be good enough. Others of us, at the point of despair, feel our need for you with utmost intensity. We want you to intervene right now. We cannot wait.

So we ask you to show us your way. Help us to hear the voices of prophets once more, a word of judgement to shake us from complacency and being too satisfied with incremental advance. We need to hear again the word of consolation so that we may have courage for what lies ahead. Save us from the thought that because the work of healing and justice is hard, or because we have known failure more than once, then it will never be accomplished.

We pray for all those in places of leadership that they may be wise and just. We pray for the Congress and our President that they may be devoted not to the well-being of some exclusive group, but that they may govern with a true spirit of service for the good of all. We pray for those who inform us of events large and small, on television, or radio, or on-line. May they be fair and honest in reporting and interpreting matters of great consequence. We pray for ourselves as we listen and learn. Keep us from reacting to the challenge of these days with panic or with cynicism.

Give us a resoluteness of purpose, individually and as a congregation, to respond with kindness and genuine care towards those who have been forgotten, disregarded, or have never been loved. We pray for the addict who has lost control. For the parent who has lost patience. For the child who is afraid. For the marcher who's grown weary. For the police officer who wants to see real change. We pray for them all, for their well-being and our own, that we might be united in that greater purpose of celebrating and sharing your grace.

We know you hear our prayers, and for that we are thankful. May we also hear you. Each day. To direct us, to guide us, to move us ever closer in love for one another and for You, and so we pray together as Christ taught . . .



August Sermons

Sunday, August 2 - Seek the Welfare of the City
Jeremiah 29:4-14

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, August 9 - Jump In

Matthew 14:22-33

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, August 16 - Bad Thoughts and Bad Words

Will Ruin You (Matthew 15:10-20)

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, August 23 - Who Is Jesus?

Matthew 16:13-20

Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, August 30 - Who Am I?

Matthew 16:21-28

Dean Lindsey, preaching

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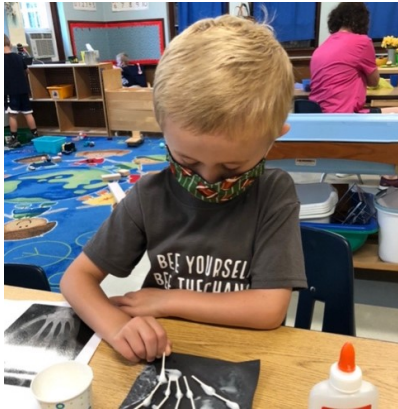
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Sympathy of the congregation to family and friends on the death of:

Cheryl Price's mother, **Nancy Price**, July 5, 2020 in Colorado

Heather Williams, former long-time SCPC secretary, July 15, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida



Stay and Play Summer Camp

Stay and Play hosted a summer camp for some of our three and four year olds June 20th-24th called "Humans vs. Robots". Did you know that humans have bones and skin while robots have gears and are made of metal or plastic? So much fun just being together again. We may have a smaller group than in the past, however the fun and excitement are as LARGE as ever, even in our masks! We will host "Water Wonders" camp August 3 - 7. We are looking forward to re-opening our doors to the families again this fall as well, doing a lot of preparation. The program may have a lot of new practices and procedures in place and there will likely be fewer children, but the joy and growth for everyone will be as wonderful as ever. We are looking at options to continue to reach out to families who feel it important to keep their children home as well - maybe some remote learning opportunities. Stay and Play hopes to continue to offer support and care to all our families as much as we are able.



OOTC in SERIOUS Need of Volunteers

Did you know that nearly 65% of the homeless individuals sheltered by Out Of The Cold work at least 25 hours a week or more? That is, until the quarantine hit and nearly all of them were laid off. In addition, OOTC has worked to house nearly 48 individuals in hotels or apartments over the last 4 months. Now, those able are staying overnight in the OOTC day shelter building (The Meeting House, 318 S. Atherton Street) and need your help, in an attempt to extend the OOTC season as long as we possibly can. We don't want to see these folks be unsheltered during this time of uncertainty!

In order to stay open, we need your help in July and August. Overnight volunteers are needed most from 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM. Our goal is to have at least 7 volunteers from SCPC take at least 1 overnight shift from 8:00 PM - 8:00 AM, as well as those bringing dinner.

Please consider helping out. You may sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-overnight1.

Making Masks for SCASD

With the support of the State College Area school board and the district, Terrill Salter is organizing community members to sew masks for students who might not be able to afford them or who might (inevitably) forget them. We are also planning to sew some specialty masks for speech teachers and those who work with hard-of-hearing kids. The SCASD foundation has been able to provide materials, but you may also use your own as well as long as they conform to CDC guidelines. Alternatively, if you purchased masks for your family that did not work for you or your kids, we welcome donations.

If you are interested in being part of this effort (or in donating masks), please Facebook message Terrill Salter with your name and email address. More information will be sent to interested volunteers in the next few days. <https://www.facebook.com/terril.salter>

Young at Heart Hopes to Meet in 2021

Young at Heart is a potluck supper and program fellowship group for those SCPC folk who are "young at heart" although not so young in years. In previous years the group met one Friday evening a month from September to June. During this time of Covid crisis it is unwise for us to gather indoors to share food and possibly virus. As of now we don't know when it might be safe to make plans; for that reason, Young at Heart will be suspended at least for the fall and maybe for the whole year. If the pandemic situation dramatically improves so we feel we can safely meet for a meal, program and fellowship we will make an announcement.

Please take care of yourselves and we hope to gather as soon as it's safe to do so.



Summer Christian Education

During the summer, the Education Ministry Unit will be trying to figure out exactly what Fall will look like for our programs.

The committees and staff will be meeting, talking with others, even ZOOM meeting with other church leaders in other states about what their plans will be. So we ask for your prayers, and ideas are welcome, too!

In the meantime, since summer is a time when our programs are scaled back considerably, we are taking this time to think and plan. There is a new children's curriculum that might adapt well to being "in the homes," and Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program, is looking into using that.

We are also pleased to have SUMMER READERS who videotape themselves reading a book, and we are sending the link to the video and activity ideas to the homes of pre-school and elementary children/families this summer. It should be about once a week, we hope.

Special thanks to those who have read books and taped themselves for our summer program so far:

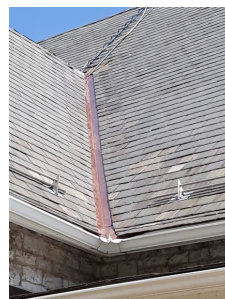
Elizabeth Richardson
Melissa Pike
Wendy Huffard
Peggy Lindsey
Katie Stone

The Education Ministry hopes everyone is doing as well as can be expected during these stressful times!



Building and Property Update

After four months of fighting the rain and the heat, the repair of our slate roof and other roof projects is completed. Durable Slate Co. of Baltimore, MD did an excellent job of addressing 13 tasks on our roof. Besides replacing numerous broken and missing slates, they completely replaced six valleys, to include a major valley between the two education buildings and another major valley between the bell tower and the Sanctuary slate roof, with new copper flashing. They also rebuilt the top of a brick parapet wall that used to be the front of the education building before the 1994 education building addition. Finally, they repaired the slate roof over the Fraser St. porch. As the result of Durable Slate's work, we know the new valleys will last about 50 years and we hope the slate roof will last another 100 years!



Finance News

In July we issued our first-ever contribution statements via email. Thank you to all who have chosen this method, allowing us to save not only trees but also postage costs. If you would like to be added to the "YES! Please email my statement!" list, please send an email to Anne at annespc@gmail.com or Michelle at finadmspc@gmail.com.

Continued thanks to all who have been able to give during these difficult times. As a reminder, we have set up multiple methods to make it easier to contribute financially to the church. For those who are able, you can now make your offering in any of the following ways:

- By check mailed to the church
- By direct bank e-check/bill pay (you set this up through your own bank)
- Through our online giving option: QR code below with your smart phone or on our website at scpresby.com (click the GIVE NOW button)
- Through our ACH/direct debit option: again, visit our website for instructions or contact Michelle at finadmspc@gmail.com for the form and more information.

Processing occurs 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.



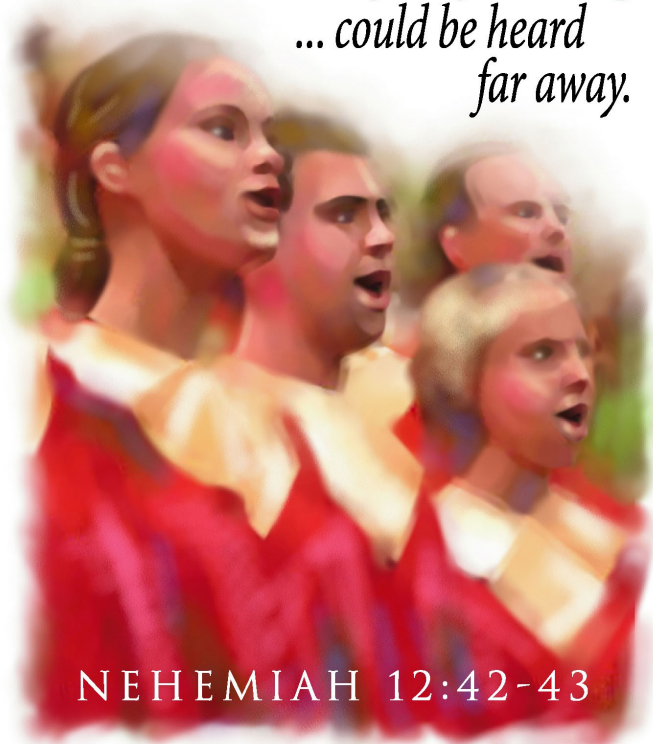
Music during the Pandemic

We hope that you have noticed that we have been having choir anthems in our recorded worship services even though our choir is unable to meet and rehearse in person. We have been using a new program called “My Choral Coach” to work on the music individually in the safety of our homes. Here’s how it works. Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry, invites individuals to sign up for MCC via email. The individual singers reply and Ned makes an “assignment” for them to practice. Each individual singer can practice their part with the computer playing just their part or all the parts and accompaniment. After singers attempt a recording, the computer algorithm critiques their work. Most singers will tell you that the algorithm is much, much tougher than Ned! When the individual singers feel comfortable, they record their part using their computer and submit their offering to Ned. Ned listens to the recording and makes suggestions and asks for another recording. When everything lines up, Ned accepts the submission and combines it with all the other submissions to create the final product.

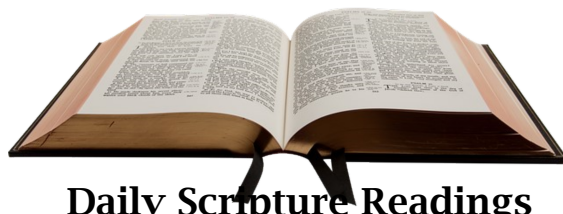
We must admit that there have been as many technology problems as singing problems! We would also admit that this process can be frustrating at times. Finally, we know that this is not as satisfying as being together where we can work together, socialize a bit, and laugh a lot. It is still our worthy offering to the worship of our congregation. Would you like to try it out? Email Ned (nedscpc@gmail.com) and he will send you an invitation to the program. Give it a try!

The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah.

*...The sound of rejoicing
... could be heard
far away.*



NEHEMIAH 12:42-43



Daily Scripture Readings On Peacemaking Themes

Peacemaking with the Stranger (Week of July 26-August 1)

Sunday – Genesis 23
Monday – Numbers 35:9-15
Tuesday – Jeremiah 7:1-15
Wednesday – Psalm 55
Thursday – Matthew 25:31-40
Friday – Ephesians 2:13-22
Saturday – 3 John 1-8

Peacemaking With God’s Creation (Week of August 2 – 8)

Sunday – Leviticus 19:23-25
Monday – 1 Chronicles 16:28-36
Tuesday – Joel 2:18-27
Wednesday – Psalm 29
Thursday – Mark 14:12-21
Friday – 1 Corinthians 15:35-44
Saturday – Revelation 4:6b-11

Peacemaking With One’s Self (Week of August 9 – 15)

Sunday – Psalm 37:1-7
Monday – John 14:1-3
Tuesday – Proverbs 3:1-8
Wednesday – Psalm 42
Thursday – Joshua 22:1-6
Friday – 1 Kings 8:56-61
Saturday – 1 John 4:7-13

Conflict Resolution (Week of August 16 – 22)

Sunday – Acts 15:1-35
Monday – Matthew 5:21-24
Tuesday – Proverbs 24:28-29
Wednesday – Luke 6:29-30
Thursday – Proverbs 19:11
Friday – Galatians 6:1-5
Saturday – Luke 6:27-28

Peacemaking at Home and Church (Week of August 23 – 29)

Sunday – Mark 10:13-16
Monday – 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Tuesday – Genesis 45:1-15
Wednesday – Luke 10:38-42
Thursday – Ruth 1:1-18
Friday – 1 Corinthians 13
Saturday – Galatians 5:22-26



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