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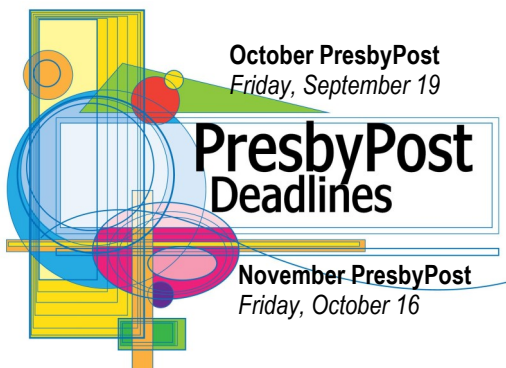
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Friday, September 19

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Deadlines**

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Friday, October 16

Jubilee Retreat

Save the Date!

Sunday, October 4, 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Inspired by Sabbath Away

The season of Jubilee mentioned in Leviticus is about forgiveness of debts, rest of the earth, and freedom. As we study Jubilee this Fall in our preaching series, Spiritual Life wants to provide an experience of Jubilee for us to better understand how this idea applies to each of our lives individually and communally during this season. Join us for story sharing, conversation, walking prayers, art projects, dinner and more. Mark your calendars for this proposed October 4, 2:00 - 6:00 PM getaway to Krislund and stay tuned for more details.

Safety is our utmost concern and this event will take all precautions into account including distancing, outdoor space, and masks required.

Contact Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) with any questions.



Sermons in September

Sunday, September 6 - Who Am I?

Matthew 16:21-28

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, September 13 - Is the Lord Among Us or Not?

Exodus 17:1-7

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, September 20 - Mike Ozaki, preaching

Sunday, September 27 - Welcome to the Jubilee

Leviticus 25

Dean Lindsey, preaching

Adult Education in September

Date of Class: **September 13, 2020**

Location: **Zoom**

Leader: **Dean Lindsey**

Description: Humor is always a part of the human experience, and that is true of the people of the Bible. Did they clown around, play tricks on one another or tell stories to make each other laugh? Of course! Unfortunately, jokes have a short shelf-life, and translating humor from one language to another is not easy to do. Still, there are many Bible stories that need to be told with a smile, not a frown, and then we can laugh with those who first heard and enjoyed them.

Date of Class: **September 20 and 27, 2020**

Location: **YouTube - State College Presbyterian Church**

Leader: **Allison Maus**

Description: What's in a name? Many Biblical characters aren't given names in our Bible's text. Yet their stories are included and their roles are important to how we might understand God, Scripture, and ourselves. Join Allison for a closer look at a couple of stories specifically of unnamed women to ask questions and seek to apply the text. Join us for this two-week series September 20th and 27th.

Hey Chrysalis Families (6-8 graders)

We want to know what you're think about how we do Chrysalis this fall (and maybe spring). Please [click on this link](#) and let us know what you need, hope for, are concerned about this semester. Chrysalis leaders are meeting next Saturday (August 29) to plan for the coming year. Your thoughts will be so helpful.



Middle School Ministry

The College Students Are Here!

And we're so excited to welcome them back. COVID19 is bringing new challenges to campus life, and as students begin classes this Fall they need the connection of faith communities more than ever. We will continue this year with weekly gatherings every **Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 PM** starting **August 27th**. We hope to have a combination of socially distanced in-person and virtual meetings this Fall. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook @Presbyspsu to get the latest updates about what's happening. If you have students attending PSU we would love to connect with them. Please contact Allison (allionscpc@gmail.com) to connect or refer a student.



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

Andrea Todd North, daughter of **Judy and Paul Todd**,
July 28, 2020

Loretta Langton, **Bill Langton's** mother, August 5, 2020

Greg Garthwaite, **Roger Garthwaite's** brother

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Aiden Barrows Nguyen to **Kelly and Rob Nguyen**, Sunday, August 16.

Make a Move for Krislund!



With the hope of raising \$10,000, Huntingdon, Carlisle, and Northumberland Presbyteries are sponsoring a virtual event called **Moving for Krislund**. Here are two basic ways that you can participate:

1. You can walk, run, or ride bikes. In doing so, you seek pledges for each unit of activity such as each mile walked, run, or biked.
2. You can help Krislund move forward by cheering on and financially supporting those who are walking, running, or biking. You can contact them in person or by phone or by email. Your contribution will be an important component of this event. If you don't know any movers, you may support a staff mover by filling out the form and putting Krislund Staff in place of the mover's name. You will be able to submit your financial support through an online portal or by sending a check to Krislund. Instructions for both methods can be found at krislund.org/movingforkrislund.



Where? Where ever you are!

When? This event will run virtually from September 1 through October 15.

Register: If you would like to participate as either a mover or a supporter, please register!

Donate: If you would like to donate to this event you may do so either online or by sending a check to Krislund.

Krislund.org/movingforkrislund

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Covid-19, Housing, and SCPC

The Social Justice and Mission Ministry Team (SJMT) has been exploring ways that SCPC can help families and individuals who are dealing with financial challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial support has been provided to several who are having difficulty meeting their rent and other financial obligations.

In addition, SJMT has met with representatives of the county Office of Adult Services and local social service agencies who provide support to those in need. We will report on those conversations in subsequent PresbyPost articles and bimonthly Minutes for Mission.

The CARES Act Rent Relief Program, administered by Adult Services, provides a maximum of \$750 per month (or \$4500 total) to renters who have lost their jobs or have had significant income reduction. Details are available at <http://www.statecollege.com/news/local-news/program-provides-rent-relief-to-centre-county-residents-impacted-by-covid19-pandemic.1483730/>

Adult Services also provides support for emergency homeless shelter services and homeless prevention programs.

From our conversations with Housing Transitions, Centre Safe, Centre Helps, Interfaith Human Services, other churches, and the Office of Adult Services, it is clear that a safety network exists in the county that is collaboratively responding to those with housing issues. However, as is commonly the situation, needs exceed resources. How can SCPC help?



Christian Education this Fall

I think most people would say that I am the type of person who is prepared ... prepared for events and programs, and in advance. I can even over prepare. I know where everything is in my office, usually, and I keep a calendar and rarely miss a meeting or a deadline. I enjoy looking ahead and coming up with fun ideas.

That said, the Fall of 2020 is about to get here, and there is not much that is set in stone. So for someone who likes to be very prepared, it's quite difficult to wrap my head around why it's August and I don't feel ready for Fall.

The Education Ministry Unit is meeting though, and we are talking about what we CAN do, more than what we cannot do. The LOGOS team has been meeting virtually, and I will be meeting with our Sunday Morning Leaders in mid-late August to get more ideas for faith formation.

And the best news is that we have 20, twenty, children who will be 2nd Graders that are eligible to get their new Bibles in September. We are already working on plans to make that happen and the Bibles are ordered.

Many of you have offered to volunteer to create educational videos, and physically volunteer in safe ways to make Christian Education happen in some form. I thank you for that. As ideas become real plans, I will let everyone know.

So stay tuned in - for emails, the PresbyPost, our weekly updates, and find us on Facebook.

Deannine Shipman

FISH in the Time of Corona

After a whole summer's worth of prayer and discernment, FISH leaders felt God's invitation to focus on "the core" of what FISH is called to be: "A space for high school youth to experience the unconditional love of God through radically inclusive fellowship with each other, caring adults and an authentic community of faith...". With this in mind, three plans were created (A, B & C) with "plan A" being the core that can happen no matter what. Plan "B" and "C" are what FISH will look like as distancing restrictions lessen and in person options increase. Why? Because just as Romans 8 tells us *"neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God"* it is also true of God's calling for us. Plan A will always happen, B and C just add bonus possibilities along the way.

Snap shot of each plan:

Plan A: Focusing on "the core", FISH will be exclusively online if schools cancel all in person instruction due to virus concerns.

When: 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesdays.

Where: Online through Zoom

What: We Begin with games and music before digitally moving to the small groups we know and love and ending the night by digitally gathering again for "closing circle" where love and prayers are shared.

Plan B: If SCASD has in person instruction but social distancing restrictions remain, FISH will have both in person and digital options.

When: 6:30 – 8:30pm on Wednesdays.

Where: At SCPC in assigned S.G. rooms OR online through zoom.

What: Skipping dinner and other large group gatherings, FISH members will meet in person by going directly to their small group room where masks, tables, snacks and a screen with Zoom connected will be waiting. This allows those unable to attend in person to participate digitally as well as connect small groups to each other for virtual large group activities to start and end the night.

Plan C: When a vaccine becomes widely available and distancing precautions are lifted, this option returns us to the eating, singing, hugging, sharing, praying, playing FISH we remember.

Dates to Remember:

September 2, 6:30-8:00 PM: FISH Ice Cream & Registration Kickoff

September 9, 6:30-8:30pm: First FISH Wednesday!

September 19-20: Fall Retreat



Stay & Play Opens

Stay and Play Preschool is so excited to be opening for for the 2020-2021 school year on Monday Aug. 31, 2020. We have put a lot of time and effort in to putting new practices and procedures in place to protect the children, families and staff to the best of our ability. Now we look forward to getting to the important part of PLAY! We have scaled back the number of children we can serve to best allow for space for social distancing and we will be wearing masks. We have created three smaller groups of children in classrooms this year to develop a safe place to learn in which the children will only be exposed to the children in their classroom and their teachers.

We have the:

Terrific Tiny Turtles

- 1 and 2 year olds combined for either a MWF class or a T/Th class
- 2 separate groups of children

Rainbow Raccoons



- 3 and 4 year olds combined for MWF
- 3 days a week

Fabulous Foxes

- 3 and 4 year olds combined for M-F
- 5 days a week

Even though we may have fewer children in attendance this year and our classrooms may be organized a bit differently, we still have all the exciting and fun-filled learning opportunities lined up to share with them to help them learn and grow. And we may be wearing masks and not able to see each others smiles on our lips, but I believe we'll see the smiles in each others' eyes and actions as we explore and experience the classrooms together. We always appreciate your support and prayers!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 Staff Meeting Z 9:00 Stay & Play Parent Tea 12:00 Spiritual Life Prayer Meeting Z	2 9:00 Stay & Play Tea 12:30 Wednesday in the Word Z 7:00 Racial Reconciliation Team Z 6:30 FISH Kickoff/Ice Cream Social	3 9:00 Staff Meeting Z 9:00 Stay & Play Parent Tea	4 9:00 Stay & Play Parent Tea	5
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