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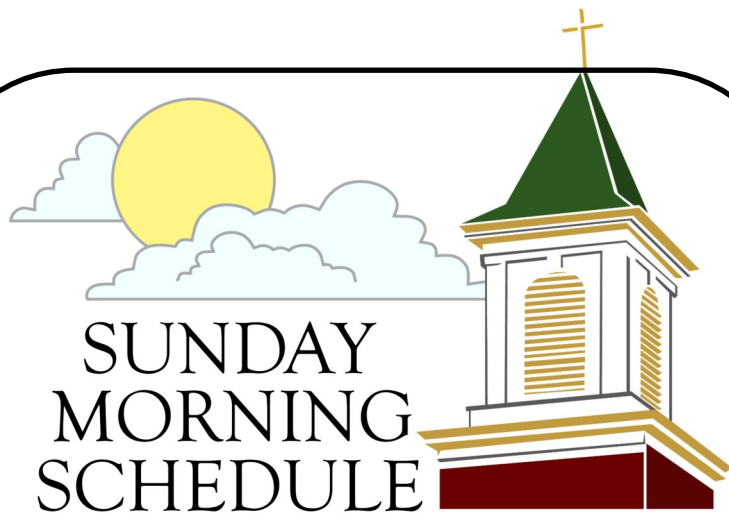
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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Service **9:00 AM**

followed by

EXPLORATION HOUR



PATHWAYS (Pre school and Elementary) will begin on September 11th, in separate age groups, and will begin around 10:00 AM.

3's, 4's, and K will meet in Room 103, main level
(We will provide a light snack to our pre schoolers)

1st- 5th Grade will meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

Our youth Sunday School classes will now be called **THE OASIS**. THE OASIS will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 AM each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!



10:15 AM



10:00 AM in the Social Hall



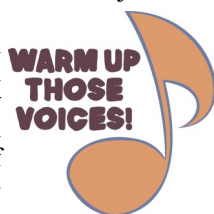
10:15 AM
See schedule on Page 4



I WAS GLAD WHEN
THEY SAID TO ME,
"LET US GO
TO THE HOUSE
OF THE LORD!"
PSALM 122:1

Sing! Sing! Sing!

Do you enjoy singing? We do too! The Chancel Choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, September 1, 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. We would like to invite all interested singers of high school age, college age, young adult and more to join us. We rehearse most Thursdays and lead worship most Sundays from September through May. We also love to laugh and enjoy each other's fellowship. Ned works us pretty hard, but he also likes to make rehearsals fun and fulfilling. Think about joining us and if you hear a good singer in the congregation - suggest that they may want to join the choir!



Handbell Choir

Our Handbell Choir has several openings this Fall. If you have a little bit of music reading ability (especially rhythms) please consider joining us. We rehearse Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. We ring in worship about once a month. If you would like more details, contact Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry (nedscpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422).



Stay and Play Preschool Teacher Needed UPDATE

We are currently seeking:

- Lead Teacher for the one and two-year-old class (T/TH 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM).
- Assistant teacher for two-year-old class (M-F 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM)

Our program runs from September thru May. Anyone interested in more information can contact Stay and Play Director, Laura Seeley (stayandplayspc@gmail.com or 814-237-1154).

[Click here to go to our Stay and Play page](http://scpresby.org/stayandplay)

(scpresby.org/stayandplay)



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

Jane Himes, July 15, 2022

Lynn Illingworth, long time pastor in the Presbytery,
July 23, 2022

Harold "Bud" Porter, August 5, 2022

JoAnn Carruthers, August 11, 2022

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:
Marion Renee Snyder, born to **Leslie and Tom Snyder**,
July 25, 2022

Safe Church Training

We have IN PERSON Safe Church sign ups ready to go for late September!

If you are working with children and youth in any capacity, we encourage you to sign up for one of these classes. Safe Church training SIGN UP links are on the church website.

In some cases, a few of our programs may offer the training just to their own folks, so check with your staff leader to see if this is the case. Sunday mornings/LOGOS folks/youth leaders should all sign up here for sure!

See you soon at the next training!

Wandering Women in September

All women of the church are invited to join the Wandering Women hike on Saturday, September 17, at Bald Eagle State Park. Ann Wheeler will be leading the hike and will go directly to the park. For those of you who plan to carpool, Cheryl Price will be at the church parking lot at 8:30. (Please e-mail her at clprice73@gmail.com so she knows to expect you.) We will be walking the Butterfly Trail, an easy two mile walk, mostly flat and on mown grass. (If it turns out to be very warm and sunny, we can change the route a little to give us more shade.)



To get to the park, once you reach the intersection of I-80 and PA150, drive 8.3 miles north and make a right turn onto Main Park Road. Go 6/10 of a mile and make a right onto Schenck's Grove Road,

which you will follow for about 800 feet as it becomes Beach Road and ends at a parking lot by the lake. Park on the east end of the parking lot, which will be to your left as you enter. Meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool, or at 9:15 at Bald Eagle State Park if you are going directly to the park. Dress for the weather, and consider sunscreen and/or insect repellent.

We usually hike in light rain but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather on SCPC Facebook and by email. If you have any questions, please contact Ann (annbehlenwheeler@gmail.com).

Interested in Joining Our Church Family?

We will not hold a "Second Sunday" membership opportunity in September. 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 (marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422), and we would be happy to arrange a convenient time to meet and receive you into membership.

We plan to hold a membership opportunity on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at 10:15 AM in the Martin Room.

Food Bank

Do you remember the times when State College Presbyterian Church made food contributions to the State College Food Bank on a routine basis? Somehow, SCPC got out of the habit and donations trickled to a handful. It's time to reinvigorate our regular contributions. It's time to be more mindful of the needs of those who depend on the Food Bank to supplement the diets and household needs of families and others in our community. Currently, the items listed by the Food Bank include: canned fruit and canned tomatoes, canned chicken and tuna, cooking oil, powdered lemonade mix, and non-food items such as laundry detergent, liquid dish and hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes and more. You can find the current needs list at: [Great-estNeeds — State College Food Bank \(scfoodbank.org\)](http://Great-estNeeds-StateCollegeFoodBank(scfoodbank.org)). There are two collection locations in the church building; one is located in the benches at the Fraser Street entrance and the other is in the cabinets in the parking lot entrance. Deacons will transport the items to the Food Bank. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



We occasionally get notices from community agencies, or calls from community members in need. Recently, we were thrilled to learn that several Out of the Cold guests would be moving into apartments, and would need a few specific items as they got started in their new homes. Those needs have all been met, but we hope to see more of this in the future.

If your household uses the change of seasons as a time to gather and pass on items that you are not using frequently enough, please check in with Cricket or Laura Green in the church office to see if any of your items are on our Current Needs list. If they are, we will make arrangements to get them where they will be used and loved!

Current need: A community member has requested our help. He has recently gained some weight, and needs new clothing, which simply does not fit in his fixed budget. If you or someone who is ready to pass on *gently* used 4X shirts or 3X shorts or pants please put them in touch with us via the church office, or misionatcpc@gmail.com.

Social Justice and

Mission Update

Adult Opportunities in September

September	4	11	18	25
Connect			X	X
Meet the Interim Pastor, John Porter		X		
The State of Recycling			X	
Check Out My Profile				X

Connect

Starting Sept. 18, Room 10, 10:15 AM

Weekly small group discussion, led by Bizz and Zack Maser, and Jamie Bauman. Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions. This is meant to be a time to sit with questions without needing the answers, speak from the heart, pray, meditate, reflect, and be changed by the stories and sharing of others. Anyone with a desire to Connect more deeply, whether you are a believer or unsure what you believe, is invited to join us.

Come as you are to listen, share, grow, and be!

Meet the New Interim Pastor, John Porter

September 11, Westminster Hall, 10:15-11:00 AM

As John Porter wrote in his recent letter to the congregation, "Disruption can be both disorienting and exciting." Meet with Pastor Porter to discuss his role as our new interim pastor and his goals for our congregation in the coming year.

The State of Recycling and Climate Action in the Current Global Situation, September 18, Westminster Hall, 10:15AM

Given the recent drastic changes in global conditions, is local recycling still worthwhile? Where does our current recycling go and what happens to it? Lydia Vandenburg will present an update on recycling and discuss our local Climate Action Plan. She will also describe efforts by Penn State to promote sustainability activities for individuals, organizations, and on a wider scale. Lydia has been the Associate Director of Employee Engagement and Education at the Penn State Sustainability Institute since 2012.

Check Out My Profile: Portraiture, Social Media, and Self-Representation September 25, Westminster Hall, 10:15 AM

Heather Bruhn will explore the ways in which the patrons of painted portraits controlled the images that were made to represent them, and the ways in which people today curate their own profiles on social media. How can we bring our faith to bear on this? We'll end with a discussion of how the church can best present itself today using both traditional and online methods.

Spotlight On Thanks

The Finance Ministry Unit, (Jason Stimmel – Treasurer/Chair, Bob Igo, Carolyn Bryant, and Scott Banfield) would like to personally thank you, thank everyone, that has been able to contribute financially to our church during the challenging past few months and years. And thankful we are! As chair, I want to start by thanking the committee members, our financial administrator (Michelle Fortin) and assistant financial administrator (Anne Thomas) for their time, discernment, and efforts spent to keep our church functioning.

We certainly have encountered many changes over the last 10-years; changes in leadership with arrivals and departures of senior and associate pastors, changes to staff, and we have battled through the challenges brought about by the global COVID pandemic. Through it all, as a church family we have endured, and we want to express our gratitude; for we all are blessed and fortunate to have such a caring and supportive congregation. Your continued generosity and giving has made it possible to support our wonderful staff; they support us all, bring us together for prayer and worship, keep us connected, and comfort us in times of need.

Your giving has ensured the needs of our church family are met, and we have been able to maintain the mission of our church in our community. We are extraordinarily blessed to have healthy endowments and designated funds that have enabled us to continue to maintain our college-age ministry, our music ministry, to support our youth, and more. In gratitude, I offer this prayer of thanksgiving to God and for you all:

Give us grace, O Lord, to be truly thankful for your many mercies and our many blessings. Through you we are enabled to do all that we do, and through all who graciously give we in turn provide to those in need, nurturing in faith and grace to all. We thank you for giving us your blessings that enable us to direct our faith, spread your good word and kindness through stewardship, and your trust in love. We are thankful to all that give, humbled in gratitude, determined in generosity, and dedicated to service in your name. Thank you, God, for your many blessings to our church and family that have made so much possible!

Jason Stimmel
Chair, Financial Affairs Committee





September 1	Betsy Taylor
September 2	Mary Ann Sesler
September 3	Betty Macdonald
	Paul Meister
	Marcia Bruce
	George Wheeler
September 5	Kathy Harford
	Loren Crispell
September 8	Christine Bundy
	Anders Sonstebly
September 9	Phil Spangler
	Thom Stallings
	George Johnstone
September 10	Jerry Sawyer
	Chad Stafford
September 11	Amber Smeal
September 12	John DiNunzio
September 13	Barbara McKeehen
September 14	Ron Coder
	Roger Garthwaite
	Judi Glaze
	Alanna Leicht
	Allen Behrer
	Tami Schuster
September 15	Mary Eagleton
	Jane Linsky
September 18	Bernie Steager
	Kimberly-Dawn Falk
September 19	Barb Parmele
	Ted Amick
September 20	Miguel Cruden
	Bernie Kitt
	Jim Wheeler
September 21	Grayson Evans
September 22	Kristen Frank-Dixon
	David Guthrie
	Stephanie Shoffner
September 23	Troy Alesi
	Louise Page
	Anne McQueary
September 24	Jendy Cicero
September 25	Maya Ikenberry
	Steve Snyder
September 26	Skylar Gordon
	Sally Jacobus
	Liam Scholton
September 27	Bizz Maser
September 28	Craig Colwell
	Sarah Wylie
September 30	Clara Wheeler
	Timothy Graham

FISH Ice Cream Social

Plan to Join us for the FISH (Fellowship In Sr. High)
Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM

We are excited to let you know about the beginning of FISH at SCPC this year. Get these dates on your radar so you can learn all about the exciting plans for this year. Even if your youth is involved in Band or something else that you think might interfere with participating on Wednesday nights, we hope you and your youth will join us at the Ice Cream Social (with singing and games) to learn more, see friends, and become aware of all the fun ways to participate this year. Registration forms and ice cream will be available! Online registration will also be available by visiting our website: <https://www.sepresby.org/children-youth-group-forms.html>.

FISH will meet on Wednesday nights and "the Oasis" will be on Sunday mornings. FISH may be a little different, but will continue to be a place of belonging, fun, and meaning-making for our Sr. High youth. Reed Dressler, our new Director of Youth Ministry will be leading FISH with some cool leaders while Amy and Jeremy Frank, Katie Stone, and Brady Wassom will be leading Sunday morning "Oasis".

1. September 7 – Ice Cream Social at SCPC Social Hall, 6:30-8:00 pm
2. Wednesdays beginning September 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, in the lower level of the church (includes dinner)
3. Sundays beginning September 11, 10:15 -11:00 AM in the Fireside Room at SCPC

October 1-2 – FISH Fall Retreat at Krislund Camp

Please feel free to contact any member of our Youth Advisory Committee: Jamie Bauman, Scott Cole, Carly Erickson, Amy Frank, Roger Garthwaite, Katie O'Hara Krebs, Diana Malcom, Keri Rounsaville, or Luca Snyder



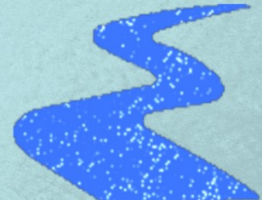
833-234-1326

If you haven't yet indicated you would like to participate in our program, text "sign up" to 833-234-1326 or let us know and we'll add you to the list so you don't miss out! Send prayer requests or check in if you're watching worship virtually. Receive important church updates!

Sunday Morning Schedule ~ Beginning September 11, 2022

Worship Service at 9:00 am

EXPLORATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES



10:00 am ~ PATHWAYS for Children **PATHWAYS**

ages 3, 4, K in Room 103 ~ grades 1-5 in Room 210



10:15 am ~ The OASIS for Youth

grades 6-12 in the Fireside Room

**10:15 am ~ Adult Opportunities in Room 10
and Westminster Hall**

Coffee Hour in the Social Hall Following Worship



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

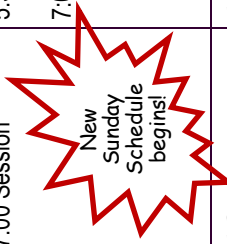
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in partnership with recovery work around the world and around the corner. If you want to donate to a specific effort – Fire, Flood, War, Refugees, Hurricane, Tornado, etc. please visit the PDA website at pda.pcusa.org where you can peruse the various designations available. Including these opportunities and many others:

July Flooding in Kentucky, Missouri, and Virginia

Ukraine

Typhoon Rai in the Phillipines

Ongoing Weekly Events	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday (beginning Sept. 11) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Pathways 10:15 The Oasis 10:15 Adult Opportunities 11:30 YoPro Bible Study	4 10:15 Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour	5	6	7 6:00 FISH Ice Cream Social	1 5:30 Youth Ministry Advisory Comm	2	3
Monday (beginning Sept. 12) 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	4 10:15 Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour	5	6	7 6:00 FISH Ice Cream Social	8 7:00 Adult Education Committee Z 7:00 CAYAM Ice Cream Scooping 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	9 11:30 GIFT Book Club	10
Tuesday 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Beginning Sept 20 4:00 LOGOS Geckos 5:00 LOGOS Chrysalis 7:30 Handbell Choir	11 7:00 Session	12 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit 7:00 Men's Bible Study	13 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Z 7:00 Nominating Committee	14 7:00 Racial Reconciliation Z	15	16 7:00 YoPro Game Night PresbyPost Deadline	17 9:00 Wandering Women Hike
Wednesday 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study	18	19 9:00 SMART Work Day	20 8:00 Building and Property 6:30 LOGOS Parent Meeting	21	22 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	23	24
Thursday 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Chancel Choir	25	26 7:00 Education Ministry 7:00 Men's Bible Study	27 7:15 Safe Church Training	28 7:00 Racial Reconciliation Z 7:00 Safe Church Training	29	30 FISH Retreat (Krislund)	Z = Zoom Meeting





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