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REGULAR

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES

Worship Service
9:00 AM

followed by

EXPLORATION HOUR



10:00 am

PATHWAYS (Pre school and Elementary) will begin on September 10th, 10:00 am

3's, 4's, and K & 1st- 5th grade will meet together upstairs in Room 210 (w/ a light snack)

Our youth Sunday offering is **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!



10:15 am



Coffee & Fellowship
at 10:15 am in the
Social Hall



10:15 am
See schedule on Page 5

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 3—10:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, September 10 — 9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, September 17 — 9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, September 24 — 9:00 am
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

August PNC Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues on our journey to find a new pastor. Last month we told you that we were having a lot of zigs and zags and I'm happy to report things are starting to straighten out!

We've developed an evaluation process with multiple interview steps. We've established our interview questions and how we intend to interview those candidates that have been matched through the CLC database along with our individual committee member discernment.

We are starting to receive more PDPs (Pastor Discernment Profiles) and we've determined that we would like to talk with some these candidates. This is a very confidential time for the committee so we won't be sharing much more information than that.

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 chair

PNC members: Jamie Bauman, Bob Igo, Rob Leicht, Laura Millard, Jerry Sawyer, Katie Stone, and Steve Van Hook.



if you are in the hospital
or know of someone in the
hospital who would
appreciate a visit, please let
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PSF. You'll find fun, friends, and
a free meal every Thursday.

Find us here at the church on
the lower level.



All in the Family

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

- Elizabeth "Betty" Majeske, July 15, 2023
- Chuck Krueger, Beth Gugino's father, July 17, 2023
- JoAnn Miller, August 16, 2023
- John Koch's mother, August 18, 2023
- Jay Van Hook, Steve Van Hook's father, August 20, 2023
- Leslee Zimmerman, Phil Zimmernan's daughter, August 21, 2023

Congratulations of the congregation to family and friends on the Baptism of:

- Campbell and Hunter Dankmyer, twin sons of Natalie (Little) and David Dankmyer, July 23, 2023; proud grandparents are Jane and Jim Steff
- Leonidas James McElhaney, son of Tyler and Megan McElhaney, August 13, 2023; proud grandparents are Tom and Shelley McElhaney

Congratulations of the congregation to family and friends on the marriage of:

- Mackenzie Kirsch and Rajiv Venkatadri on August 19 in Lancaster, PA—Mackenzie is Rod and Mitch Kirsch's daughter

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



A New Online Pictorial Directory is Coming!



Watch for Information About How YOU can be Included in the Directory!

We have openings for FALL working with our programs on Tuesdays and Sundays!

Application forms are easy to fill out and anyone interested should get in touch with Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program.

LOGOS Fall

Klondike Kick-Off

SCPC's LOGOS program is a mid-week ministry for children and youth in 1st-8th grade.

LOGOS Geckos is our program for 1st-5th grade and LOGOS Chrysalis is our 6th-8th grade ministry. Each Tuesday from September-April, we build multi-generational relationships between participants and church volunteers as we prepare to lead worship together, study God's Word, play together and share a meal. All SCPC families with children of program age are encouraged to be part of this wonderful ministry. Join us for our annual **Klondike Kick-Off on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm** in the Social Hall. We will have a short parent meeting, a game for the children and youth and of course, Klondike bars! If you have questions prior to this kick-off, please feel free to reach out to our program director, Keri Rounsville (rouns626@yahoo.com/814-574-5156) or Deannine Shipman (deanninescpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422 ext. 213).

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:30 pm—Klondike Kick-Off in the SCPC Social Hall
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023—First Regular Program Night
- September 29th-October 1st—Chrysalis Fall Retreat



Fellowship In Senior High

Our church's high school youth group, FISH, started back up for the school year

with its kick-off on **August 30th**. We're excited to welcome back our returning members and meet all the new ones! We'll be meeting every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 8 pm. We'll have games, food, discussions, and more.

FISH also has an exciting Fall Retreat on **September 15th-17th** at Krislund. It will include a ropes course, zipline, walks, games, centering prayer, and community creation of all kinds.

For more information, please get in touch with our Director of Youth Ministry, Reed Dressler, at youthministryscpc@gmail.com or visit our FISH page on our website for information and registration forms: <https://www.scpresby.org/fish-grades-9-12.html>.

Leaders-In-Training for FALL

Our LOGOS and Sunday Morning PATHWAYS classes are always looking for youth to work with younger children as Leaders-In-Training.

We pair youth with adults and they get to help serve the church and learn about working with children and leadership experience.

Sunday Morning Programs for Children—Begin September 10

Creative Movement & Music AND Children & Worship COMBINING THIS FALL!

Beginning this September 10th, children who are already age 3 and up through 2nd Graders are welcome to come to the program entitled, **Children, Worship & Song**. This program is a combination of our past Creative Movement & Music and Children & Worship programs. The leaders are combining and sharing the leadership for what should be a wonderful learning experience for all ages.

There will be stories using the Godly Play method, with biblical figures, and even a desert box and interactive storytelling AND on alternate Sundays there will be more focus on movement, games and music. This program is held during the 9:00 am worship service - beginning just after the children's message. Your child is also welcome to stay in worship with you.



Passing On The Faith Stories



This special program will be held in Room 11, which is on the lower level. Around 10:00am, the Sunday morning PATHWAYS teachers will come get the children for Exploration Hour in the PATHWAYS class upstairs in Room 210.

While some parents may choose to escort their children all the way to the doors of Room 11, you do not have to do that if your child is willing to go with Ms. Deannine down the stairs after the children's message. The children will be met at the door of Room 11 by their leaders. Our

Sunday morning leaders are: Jenny Van Hook, Wesley Astaire, Wendy Huffard, Kate Woodruff, and Ellen Rom. (substitutes: Alanna Leicht and Elizabeth Richardson).

PATHWAYS

Beginning on September 10th, following the worship service, the Sunday morning PATHWAYS program for children will start back up with a team of leadership!

The class we are offering will be in Room 210 (top level), and will be multi-age to start off the year, but can be split into 2 classes if we sense the need to do so. This multi-age class will be for Ages 3-K and for Grades 1–5. Every effort will be made to teach and accommodate all needs/ages. We use the PCUSA curriculum, Growing in Grace & Gratitude, Multi-age version.

The 2023-2024 leadership team includes: Abigail Jones, Becky Thomas, Melissa Pike, Janet Schaufler, Tony Schaufler, Stefanie & Ryan Gilmore, Julius Frank, and Heather McQueary. Patt Campolongo is our Superintendent, and Mary D'Ambrosia is our number one helper and Education Ministry Unit Chairperson. Deannine Shipman is our Director of Education and Program.



Staying in Worship

Third graders and up are encouraged to stay in worship through the Sunday morning services, but are ALSO very welcomed at the children's message still. In fact, the older children are very helpful being up front since they know how to sit/interact and show the littles how to do it! There are children's bulletins for all ages to use, and the upper elementary floor has two metal racks of books in the hallway that can be borrowed by any child who would like to read in worship.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Service at 9:00 am

EXPLORATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES

10:00 am ~ PATHWAYS for Children
ages 3, 4, K and 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





Adult Explorations for September Meet at 10:15 am Following Worship

September 10, 17 & 24 ~ “Connect” ~ led by Zack Ma-ser, Jamie Bauman, and Laura Millard in Room 10

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!

September 10 ~ “Planting for Pollinators” led by Pam and Doug Ford in Westminster Hall

Discover the benefits and joys of gardening for pollina-tors! In addition to its natural beauty, your garden can be transformed into a paradise for bees, butterflies, hum-mingbirds and other pollinators. Learn what you can do to attract and support pollinator populations by creating a richly layered, diverse habitat able to provide food, water and places to nest and shelter in every season. Pam and Doug Ford are Penn State Master Gardeners of Centre County. They manage the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden, a 3 acre habitat in Tudek Park, State College.

September 17 ~ “How Many Times? Forgiveness as a Lifestyle” led by Paul Mortimore in Westminster Hall

Too often we think about forgiveness as an act, an event. But forgiving as God forgives, leads us to a much deeper reality.

September 24 ~ “The God of Ecology” led by Reed Dressler in Westminster Hall

In this discussion we will ask how Christians can under-stand God in the face of ecological disruptions and spe-cies extinctions. Furthermore, it will tackle how Christians may be able to address and mitigate these hardships.

Hekima Place Service Trip Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and friends in the community, the team took four suitcases and duf-fel bags filled with dental care products, children’s pain relievers and vitamins, school supplies, sidewalk chalk, bubble solutions and beach balls to the girls at Hekima Place and the students at Hekima Hills Learning Centre.

The trip was a huge success. Many relationships were formed with children and adults as we worked and played. Plans are al-ready in the works to return in 2025.

For more information about the trip, please talk to a member of the 2023 team: Anne Ard, Bill Lukens, Olivia Mortimore, Katie Nurmi, Cheryl Price, Tony Schaufler, Lea Wassom, and Melanie Wassom.



Spiritual Life Offers Two Retreats This Fall

Tending the Soil of Our Hearts: A Spiritual Life Mini Retreat

At the end of the growing season, farmers and garden-ers take time to test their soil before the freeze sets in. This helps them know what might grow there next sea-son. In sharing the Parable of the Sower, Jesus tells us that God’s grace is abundant, yet sometimes the soil is unprepared to receive it. As we enter into the Fall sea-son, we too are invited to tend to the soil of our hearts to best receive the love God desires to plant there.

Join us for an afternoon as we reflect and share on the Parable of the Sower. There will be time for solitude, small group discussion, and a shared community meal provided by RE Farm Café.

- **When:** Sunday, September 24: 3-6:30 pm
- **Where:** RE Farm Café at Windswept Farm (1000 Fillmore Rd., State College, PA 16803)
- **Suggested Donation:** \$20-40/person (to help cover meal and program costs)
- **Register:** Call the SCPC office or register online at <https://www.scpresby.org/spiritual-life-retreats.html> (with link to pay online)
- **Deadline to Register—September 15, 2023**

Fall Men’s Retreat: The Return of the Prodigal Son

Throughout history the parable of the Prodigal son has remained one of Jesus’s central teachings. It speaks not only to God’s abundant love but also to our difficulty fully embracing and accepting this love. It challenges our understanding of justice, fairness and condition-al love.

Please consider joining us for an in-depth mediation of this parable, and how it speaks to us today. There will be a service project, group discussions, as well as times of silent reflection and journaling. Any questions; See Reed Dressler or Rob Huffard.

- **When:** Friday, October 6—Sunday, October 8, 2023
- **Where:** Krislund Camp and Conference Center
- **Cost:** \$100.00 (+ service fees if paying online (*scholarships are available*))
- **Register:** The SCPC church office is taking regis-trations and payment, or register online at: <https://www.scpresby.org/spiritual-life-retreats.html> (with link to pay online)
- **Deadline to Register—September 24, 2023**

Hosted by the Men’s Group and the Spiritual Life Unit of SCPC

All men are welcome

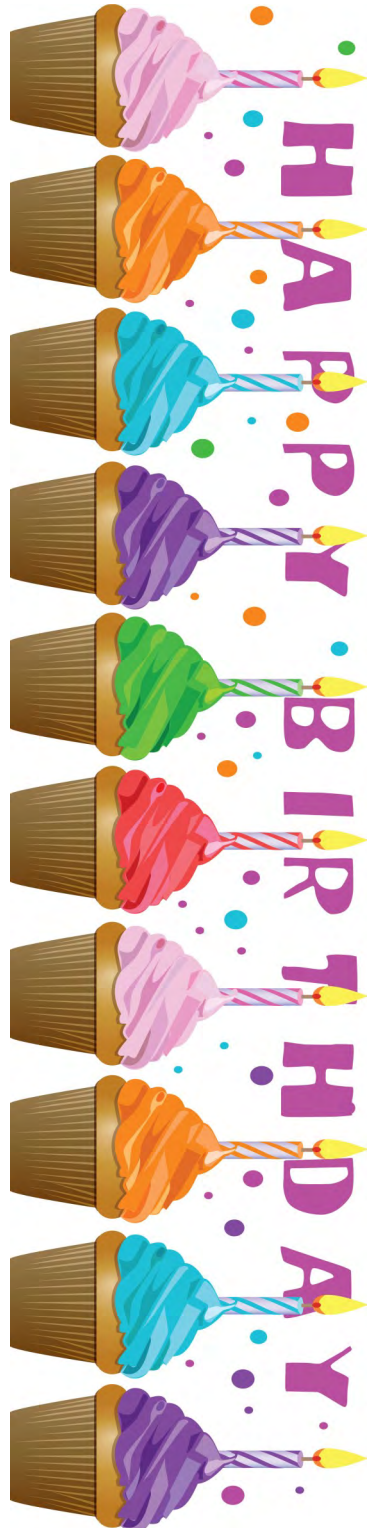
*Do you have questions? Contact Allison
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SCPC office (officescpc@gmail.com)
(814-238-2422)*



September Birthdays



September 1	Mary Ann Sesler	September 28	Craig Colwell Sarah Wylie
September 2	Betty Macdonald		
September 3	Marcia Bruce Paul Meister George Wheeler	September 30	Tim Graham Clara Wheeler
September 5	Loren Crispell Kathy Harford		
September 8	Chris Bundy Anders Sonstebj		
September 9	George Johnstone Phil Spangler Thom Stallings		
September 10	Jerry Sawyer Chad Stafford		
September 11	Amber Smeal		
September 12	John DiNunzio		
September 13	Barbara McKeehen		
September 14	Allen Behrer Ron Coder Roger Garthwaite Judi Glaze Alanna Leicht Tami Schuster		
September 15	Mary Eagleton Jane Linsky		
September 18	Kimberly-Dawn Falk Bernie Steager		
September 19	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 Anne McQueary Louise Page		
September 24	Jendy Cicero		
September 25	Maya Ikenberry Steven Snyder		
September 26	Liam Scholton Skylar Gordon Sally Jacobus		
September 27	Bizz Maser		



Invitation

to join Church
on



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, September 10 at 10:15am**

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate

marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422

Wandering Women September Hike

Get your walking shoes ready to join Wandering Women on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00 -11:30. Marti Sawyer will be leading our time together. We will be walking the bike trail that goes from Gigi's (by route 26) to Orchard Park and back. We will meet at the church at 8:40 for those who want to car pool; for those driving themselves, parking is available next door to Gigi's at the Nittany Budget Motel. Turn off Route 26 at Cato Ave., and the motel is on the right. Please park in the slots closest to the street. 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 the SCPC Facebook page and via email.

If you have any questions please contact Marti at sawyerinc@comcast.net, or at 814-880-1701.




Stay & Play Preschool is Hiring!

Want a fun job where playing is the top priority? Now is your chance!

We are currently seeking:

- Lead Teacher for our four year old class
- (M-F 8:30 am-12:30 pm)
- Relative degree and experience in child-care is a must.

Our program runs September thru May. Anyone interested in more information or wishing to apply, please contact Laura Seeley, Director via email at stayandplay-spc@gmail.com.

Ongoing Weekly Events	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday (beginning Sept. 10 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Pathways 10:15 am The Oasis 10:15 am Adult Opportunities 11:30 am YoPro Bible Study							
Monday (beginning Sept. 11) 7:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer-Z	3 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour Labor Day Weekend	4 Building Closed for Labor Day Holiday—Stay and Play CLOSED	5	6 6:00 pm FISH 6:00 pm PNC-Rm 10	7	8	9 11:30 am GIFT
Tuesday 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting-Z Beginning Sept 12 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis	10 10:15 am Invitation to Join-MR 11:00 am Deacons	11 5:30 pm SJMT 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study-FR	12 4:30 pm Membership—MR 6:00 pm LOGOS Klondike Kickoff-SH 7:00 pm Personnel-MR	13 6:00 pm PNC-Rm 10	14 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR 7:00 pm Adult Ed-Z 7:00 pm Finance-Z	15 FISH Fall Retreat PresbyPost Deadline	16 FISH Fall Retreat 9:00 am Wandering Women Hike 9:30 am CLP Event-Rm 10
Wednesday 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word-FR/Z 6:00 pm FISH 8:00 pm POLO Women's Bible Study-Z	17 FISH Fall Retreat 12:30 pm Session-MR	18 6:00 pm Stay & Play Advisory Meeting-Z	19 8:00 Building and Property-SH 9:00 am SMART Day 6:30 LOGOS Parent Meeting-Rm 10	20 6:00 pm PNC-Rm 10	21	22	23
Thursday 6:00 pm Presbyterian Student Fellowship							
Start up of Chancel Choir TBD	24 3:00 pm Spiritual Life Retreat-ReFarm	25 7:00 EMU-Z 7:00 Men's Bible Study-FR	26	27 6:00 pm PNC-Rm 10	28 1:00 pm Presbytery Visioning Team-FR 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR	29 Chrysalis Retreat	30 Chrysalis Retreat 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting-Krislund

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Time to Update Your Mailing Preferences?

Each month we receive PresbyPosts and other bulk mailings returned to us for an address change (the Post Office does not forward bulk mail and returns it to us with postage due). If your mailing address has changed, please let us know. And if you've moved out of the area we want to know so we can change your membership status to "out of town".

We also send out the PresbyPost via email, so if you are currently receiving the newsletter by postal mail (paper copy), won't you consider giving us a current email address so we can send it to you by email? This gets the newsletter to you days sooner so you'll be updated on all of the news and will save us printing and postage costs. We are happy to keep sending a copy in the mail if that is your preference.

Also, if you regularly spend blocks of time out of town, we can temporarily change your address so you receive your bulk mailings from us and we don't get charged return postage. Just let Martha know (marthascpc@gmail.com) the alternate address and dates you will be away.

