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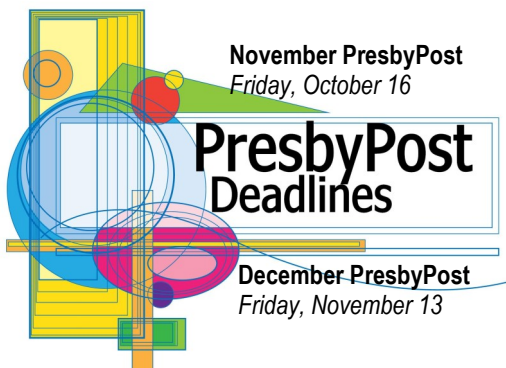
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Stewardship 2020 Still Here!

You'll be hearing more from the Stewardship Committee next month, and until then we wanted to share a sneak peek on the Stewardship Committee's initiative that we are actively developing. This year, we feel called to focus on Exodus 14:13-14 which says, in part, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you . . . The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." This verse spoke to the committee because it highlights our resilience as a church and community, standing firm during this challenging and unique time, but also looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us next. Here are some of the key messages we feel called to convey:

We are still here

- God is *still here* for us.
- We are *still here*; our church and our members are strong and resilient.
- The church is *still here* for those in the community who have needs
- The church is *still here*, offering programs and activities for all ages.
- The church still has needs to maintain its operations.
- We're *still here* and preparing for what comes next!

Stewardship materials will be sent out in October and Pledge Commitment Sunday will be November 8. Stay tuned!



Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship will continue (weather permitting)
but at a new time.

10:00 AM

Bring your lawn chair and mask and join us outside the Tower Entrance on Sunday mornings for a brief in person worship service.



This Month's Sermon Topics

Sunday, October 4 World Communion Sunday
 "Holy" What Does it Mean Anymore?
 1 Peter 1:13-16
 Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, October 11
 Surplus (Luke 12:16-21)
 Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, October 18
 Michael Ozaki, preaching

Sunday, October 25
 Choice (Joshua 24:15)
 Dean Lindsey, preaching

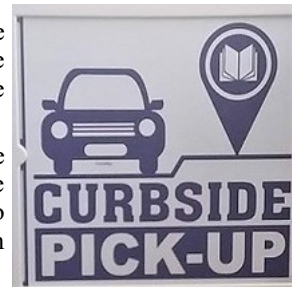
How can YOU support LOGOS this year?

LOGOS continues this Fall, but there will not be fees for our families. Many folks have adjusted incomes due to the pandemic, so we wanted to provide something meaningful and at no cost. We have some fun things planned to keep our community of families together, including some curbside meals!

For a donation of \$15, **anyone** can support a family of 5 getting one curbside meal.

We are planning on six curbside meals, and are families are in the process of signing up, as are the LOGOS leaders.

Donations of any \$ amount can be mailed, or you can use the online giving button on our website to DONATE, and choose LOGOS in the drop down.



Crop Walk October 11, 2020



Register on line at crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa

Virtual Walk Information:

Our Virtual Walk kicks off on October 11, and continues throughout the week! Let's fill the streets and trails of State College with CROP Hunger Walkers!

Location: Your favorite place to walk State College, PA

Walk Distance: 5K - or any distance you feel up to!

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

Paul Mortimore's brother, **Matthew**, August 20, 2020
Charlene Friedman's husband, **Edward**, August 22, 2020
Lynn Kipp's father, **Roan Confer**, August 27, 2020
Marilyn Morehouse, August 31, 2020
Chuck Wood, September 5, 2020
Bev Brown, September 12, 2020
Anthony Pistone, Aida Pistone's father, September 26, 2020 (Aida is Stay and Play's Assistant Director)
Eleanor Haney, September 27, 2020

Christmas Musical Plans

With the world around us changing as rapidly as it has been recently, maybe it is not wise to make plans, but I just can't imagine a Christmas Season without children leading worship! I'm making plans for a unique Christmas Musical. Detailed plans are still being forged, but here's what I'm thinking.

1. We want to involve ALL families with first through eighth grade children.
2. This will be a FAMILY commitment since there will be a little technology involved.
3. We will all learn a song, but record it at home and send the recording to me to mix and compile.
4. Each participating FAMILY will get assigned at least one "scene" and provided with a script and stage instructions. The family will practice and record their "scene" and send it to me to compile.

I'm trying to get an early start because this is all new to all of us! This could be great fun and I'm looking forward to working with you remotely.

If your FAMILY is interested in participating, please just drop me an email with the names and ages (for those under 15) of your family members. Watch for more details soon!

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you!

Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry

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Prayers for the Nation

As the election draws near, our church staff will be offering a brief evening prayer and devotional via live stream, beginning on October 27. We will pray for our nation, its leaders and its people as we enter into this important and contested moment in our national life.

On election day, November 3, we will hold a vigil in the sanctuary while polls are open from 7.00 AM until 8.00 PM. Allison Maus and the Spiritual Life Ministry Unit will be arranging one hour shifts for those who will keep the vigil. This also will be live streamed for others to take part from home.

Further details will be available later in October.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Give

Share your financial blessings to help disaster survivors throughout the world.

Act

Get involved with disaster recovery ministry.

Pray

Our best response is prayer.

Seek God's presence on behalf of disaster survivors.

Give online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

By mail

Presbyterian Church (USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

By telephone

Call (800) 872-3283
to give by credit card.

Text to give

Text "PDA" to 20222
to give \$25 to our General Relief account

Second Grade Bibles

The following 2nd Graders are eligible to receive a Bible from the church this Fall.

We are so pleased to be able to carry on this tradition in a couple of different ways. They will either be receiving them on September 27, following the outdoor worship service, or they will be delivered. Congratulations!

Channing Behrer	Lucas Bittner
Ezra Blumsack	Ella Cicero
Nathan Crispell	Hannah Dixon
Ryan Harvatin	Elliana Horner
Campbell Jones	Ellena Krebs
Kirby Ladrado	Miles Laskowski
Alexander Maitland	Vivian Petrich
Cooper Pike	Adeline Richardson
Henry Stallings	Dalton Walter
Anna Woodruff	Lucy Woodruff





Supporting SCPC

Thank you to everyone who has been able to continue contributing to our church during this challenging time; SCPC is blessed and fortunate to have such a caring and supportive church family. We have recently added several options to our online giving menu; in addition to "Operating", which should be used for your pledged or regular giving, you may select:

- **Deacons Offerings:** many members gave regularly to the Deacons through envelopes in the pews; of course, you may still send in a contribution with "Deacons" in the memo but if you are giving online and would like to give to the Deacons, you now can.
- **LOGOS Donations:** this fall the LOGOS program will not be charging a fee to participants but will be accepting donations to help defray the cost of providing to-go meals during some weeks each month. If you'd like to help, please select this option.
- **Other Gifts:** do you have a special program within the church that you would like to support? This is the option for you; please specify in the "Notes" section what program, etc. your donation is supporting and we will get it to them.

Please keep in mind that the online giving system is for donations only; it may not be used to pay any program or event (such as a retreat, etc.) fees.

As a reminder you may make your offering in any of the following ways:

- By check mailed to the church
- By direct bank e-check/bill pay (contact your bank)
- Through our online giving option: QR code below with your smart phone, or click the "give now" button on our website (scpresby.com)
- ACH/direct debit option: visit our website for instructions or email Michelle (finadmspc@gmail.com)

Processing will occur 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.

*We are the Church together ~
thank you for your continued support!*



Adult Education in October

Title: **"Finding a Third Way" - A Dialogue on Justice**

Date of Class: October 4, 2020

Location: Zoom

Description: In the current era, a variety of injustices are present in the public consciousness. How does our faith compel us to actively engage these systems of injustice in our world? Join former Penn State campus minister, Rev. Ben Wideman, for an important discussion.

Title: **A Visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice**

Date of Class: October 11, 2020

Location: Zoom

Description: The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama is a testament to over 4,000 men, women, and children who were lynched in the U.S. since the end of the Civil War. Rick Bryant will take us through the memorial's design and what makes a visit there such a powerful experience.

Title: **Why We Care About Race**

Date of Class: October 18, 2020

Location: Zoom

Description: The Racial Reconciliation team has maintained an ongoing dialogue on issues of racial justice. Come and listen to the team as they share their stories from their personal perspectives and experience. You are also welcome to share your own story as you feel comfortable.

Title: **Monuments and Destruction: The Historical Context of Toppling Statues and Black Lives Matter**

Date of Class: October 25, 2020

Location: Zoom

Description: One arm of the current fight for racial justice is the toppling of confederate monuments. How far is too far? What happened to other "monuments to hate?" Heather Bruhn will take us through what the deliberate destruction of particular images in history means, and how it shapes our present situation.

World Communion Sunday October 4, 2020





LOGOS Returns Virtually with Family Ministry

We are in uncertain times, so now more than ever we need to be reminded of the connection we have to each other through God and through the church. LOGOS is usually a ministry with and for the children and youth of our community, but this year LOGOS will more resemble family ministry as we connect groups of primarily GECKO families to share time with one another throughout the fall semester. While Chrysalis youth will continue to meet with their leaders (online), the GECKOS will meet within family groups. Here are some important dates for ALL to remember:

SEPTEMBER 29 - We had a *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** drop-in event to get our Fall schedules and some goodies. If you missed this event, please contact Keri Rounsville, LOGOS Director, (rouns626@yahoo.com), and she'll catch you up.

**Mary Poppins uses this word when she was 'at a loss for words' - which pretty much sums up 2020!*

OCTOBER 4 - This is the date for your RSVP for the first CURBSIDE meal! The RSVP form is on our website under MidWeek Ministries for children and youth. The meal is for: all family members of children and youth, and any leader who is interested. Curbside meals are available every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, for those who have RSVP'd.

OCTOBER 6 - Pick up curbside meal in the parking lot between 5:30pm and 6pm. You will not have to get out of your car.

OCTOBER 18 - This is the date for your RSVP for the second CURBSIDE meal! The RSVP form is on our website under MidWeek Ministries for children and youth. The meal is for: all family members of children and youth, and any leader who is interested. Curbside meals are available every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, for those who have RSVP'd.

OCTOBER 20 - Pick up curbside meal in the parking lot between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. You will not have to get out of your car.

SJMT Meets Centre Helps

As reported in last month's PresbyPost, SCPC's Social Justice and Mission Team met with various local social service agencies. Centre Helps, the subject of this article, was one of those agencies.

Centre Helps (CH), is located at 410 S. Fraser St. in State College; online find it at: centrehelps.org. Started in 1972 and now in existence almost 50 years, CH operated under several names; most recently as Community Help Centre (2001) and with the name Centre Helps adopted in 2017. CH is operated by staff and volunteers with oversight by a board of directors.

CH addresses emergency, short-term, and long-term individual and family needs through:

- Crisis counseling via a 24/7/365 telephone hot-line [(800)-494-2500 or (814)-237-5855]
- Financial assistance for food, shelter, or heat.
- Case management providing advocacy, education, financial packaging, budget counseling, and resource identification.

CHs' hot line answered over 10,000 calls in one year and is also part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In addition, CH acts as a resource center for information about local and federal human services programs. Given the wide range of CH activities, training is essential to the effectiveness of CH and is a priority. Hotline volunteers, for example, receive over 100 hours of training.

The far reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic affirm the essential nature of contributions made by an agency like Centre Helps. While increasing the need for CH's services, the pandemic has affected the volunteer pool and financial resources. For information about how you might help, see the Centre Helps home page at centrehelps.org.



54 Years of Teaching Experience

Former member, Jim Harbison, was in town recently and got together with some of his former teaching associates, Linda Morrow and Vivian Noll. Jim and family were in town for the inurnment of his wife, Martha Harbison, in the SCPC columbarium. Marty passed away in January.



SCPC Music Ministry

Our State College Presbyterian Church musicians recently began gathering for in person rehearsals. The Chancel Choir has been working remotely through most of the pandemic, but recently began in person rehearsals - only 8 singers at a time, 12 feet apart, with masks, with ventilation, and only a 30 minute rehearsal. The Handbell Choir also resumed rehearsals with each ringer having their own table six feet apart with masks, and gloves. Each ringer rings only their own bells and there is lots of wiping of handles and folders after the rehearsal. Besides music making, there is a lot of joy at these rehearsals - the joy of being together with like minded friends. We are continually thankful for the gift of music that brings us closer to each other and closer to God.



Outdoor Worship Continues



Presbyterian Student Fellowship

PSF students enjoy an al fresco supper at their Thursday night gathering.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						Activities followed by a Z, happen via Zoom.		1 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship (Front Lawn) 7:00 Chancel Choir (By reservation)		2		3	
4 10:00 Outdoor Worship 12:30 Deacons Z 2:00 Jubilee Retreat (Krislund)		5 7:00 Centering Prayer Z 8:00 POLO Bible Study Z		6 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z 12:30 Stay & Play Staff 5:30 LOGOS Curb-Side Meal "Nature Night" 7:30 Handbell Choir		7 12:30 Wednesday in The Word Z 6:30 FISH		8 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship (Front Lawn) 7:00 Chancel Choir (By reservation)		9		10	
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