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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**October 3,
10:00 AM**

**followed by our final
“Come Together” celebra-
tion - Feasting Together.
Peace and Global Witness
Offering**



Beginning Sunday, October 10!

9:00 Worship

10:00 Coffee Social Hour

10:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:15 Adult Education

11:15 Worship



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October Services and Sermons

Sunday, October 3 - 10:00 AM
World Communion Sunday
The Maintenance of Divine Worship
1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Dean Lindsey

Sunday, October 10 - 9:00 and 11:15 AM
The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship
of the Children of God Acts 2:42-47
Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, October 17 - 9:00 and 11:15 AM
The Proclamation of the Gospel for the
Salvation of Humankind Mark 10:17-21
Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, October 24 - 9:00 and 11:15 AM
The Preservation of the Truth 1 Kings 22
Dean Lindsey, preaching

Sunday, October 31 - 9:00 and 11:15 AM
The Promotion of Social Righteousness
Luke 6:17-31 Dean Lindsey, preaching

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Presbyterian Church USA is collecting a special offering on Sunday, October 3rd, to coincide with World Communion Sunday.

With our world so full of hate and war, this is an opportunity to help bring peace at all times, in all ways. 25% of the offering will be used by our congregation, 25% will be used in our region and 50% will be used for peace and reconciliation efforts by Presbyterians across the globe. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Fliers and envelopes for this offering will be included in the Sunday bulletins. Or, go to the church website (scpresby.org) to give online. Here is a link for more information: [Peace & Global Witness Offering](#).

Nikole Hannah Jones coming to PSU!

Presbyterian Student Fellowship, alongside Wesley Foundation at Penn State and Lutheran Student Community are hosting Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist covering racial injustice and creator of the 1619 project. Join us for her keynote Tuesday, October 5th in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center at 7:00 PM. Event tickets are free and required for entry. Find ticket info on our website (scpresby.org) under college-age ministry. Contact Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) with questions.

Stewardship Emphasis

“Given Grace/Giving Grace” is the theme for our Stewardship Emphasis this Fall. You’ll be hearing from the Stewardship committee through the month of October as they will be speaking about the ways God has blessed and graced us as a congregation as we’ve moved through these very difficult times. We’ve been given grace, and that means we have this opportunity to give grace so that others may know the love of Christ. Stewardship materials will also be mailed out during the month, and we look forward to Dedication Sunday when church members will offer their pledges for the coming year on November 7.



Coming up on October 10th

Sunday School and Adult Education all at 10:15 - 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited to go to Coffee Hour before classes. Details will be in the midweek emails and mailed out.

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

Joanne Chuckran, August 23, 2021

Doug Wieboldt, **Melanie Wassom's** step-father, September 4, 2021 in Florida

Congratulations of the congregation on the wedding of:

Rebecca Geist and **Steven Latina**, September 4, 2021

Tyler McElhaney and **Megan Boldy**, September 19 in Charlotte, NC

Adult Ed Topics

The Adult Education Committee is looking for new topics! Please complete a quick 3-question survey on any ideas you have for future adult ed sessions. The anonymous link can be accessed at:

<https://forms.gle/kkBCfXnxoGeLYAby6>



Hekima Place Trip Meeting

Preliminary planning for a service trip to Hekima Place, Kiserian, Kenya, in July 2022 will continue on October 12 at 7:00 pm in the Martin Room. Anyone interested in learning more about the trip and Hekima Place's mission is welcome to attend. Although we need to start the planning process now, a final decision about the trip will be made in early 2022. That decision will depend on the status of the pandemic and the political climate in Kenya at the time.

Contact Mitch Kirsch (mitchkirsch57@gmail.com) or Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Anyone interested in joining our congregation is invited to join the church on the second Sunday of each month.

Come to the Martin Room (Room 104) on Sunday, October 10, 10:15 AM

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership and Program Associate, (marthascpc@gmail.com or 238-2422).

Wandering Women Hike

Tom Tudek Memorial Park at 400 Herman Dr. (off of Martin Street behind Giant) in State College is the destination for this month's hike. The group will meet at 9:00 AM on October 9 to explore the park and the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden. As always, we will walk in light rain but not if there is the chance of a thunderstorm. Bring/wear sunscreen, tick repellent, a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes. Questions? Contact Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com) or Diana Malcom (dwmalcom@gmail.com).

All women are invited to participate in these walks, scheduled for the second Saturday of the month through November. Leadership for the group's walks is shared; anyone who wants to lead a walk can sign up for a day (on your own or with another), choose the hike and lead the reflection/prayer time. Diana Malcom and Cheryl Price will be the point people/communicators this year. If you'd rather not lead a hike, you are welcome to just come and enjoy. Generally, we spend about 2 - 3 hours together. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness!



Afghan Family

We look forward to welcoming soon an Afghan refugee family which will be living in a house on the farm property of church members Kristen Frank and Brian Dixon. We are thankful for other members who have been helping with items the family will need upon arrival. Peggy Lindsey is coordinating our church's response, and she will send out notices as other needs arise.

Muhammed worked with the US military in Kabul and was evacuated along with his wife and small child as their city fell to the Taliban. He will be starting a graduate program at Penn State. Their arrival date is still uncertain, but they may have already arrived by the time our PresbyPost goes out. We pray that they will be able to find comfort, healing, and refuge here in Happy Valley.

Better Together:
A Faithful Walk through Trying Times
Mini Retreat October 24
3:00-6:00 PM @ Millbrook Marsh

Think back to March 2020, who were you? Where were you? What was at the top of your priority list? Now, so much is different. We've experienced loss and isolation, but also transformation and joy. Join the Spiritual Life team for an afternoon of reflection and fellowship as we explore the role faith plays in trying times, seek the hope scripture offers, and spend time caring for each other.

This mini retreat will be held mostly in the barn, with open doors and following of mask mandates and whatever precautions the end of October need to hold.

Find more information and a registration form on our website (www.scpresby.org).

Registration deadline is Oct 18th.



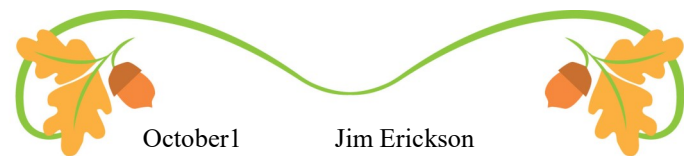
Stay & Play Preschool Happenings

We are really having a wonderful year already! We are ALL so excited to be here together and have been enjoying our play together so much. If you have been around the building and stepped into the Maneval Garden lately, you probably noticed the massive tomato plants hanging over the wall into the courtyard. One of the classes planted them last school year in May 2021 so we have been picking tomatoes this school year for snacks, science and sensory projects (And Miss Laura has used some to make amazing salsa at home - Yummy!) Some of the children actually said "this is delicious" when they tasted a tomato from the plant. Kids do like vegetables (well it is actually a fruit - a child told me - so is a green bean, look it up). When you get them involved in the process, it is amazing what can happen.

Stay and Play participated in the "Weis4School" program over the past school year. We were just awarded a \$400 check for the earnings from the program, thanks to the parents and friends of Stay and Play who used their WEIS shopping Card and designated Stay and Play/SCPC as the recipient of donations through this program. Thank you to all who participated and if you aren't participating, please do. We will be starting a new school year with the program launching Oct. 1, 2021. We will share information in SCPC weekly emails soon about how you can participate. We also offer Gift Cards you may "purchase" from Stay and Play at both Weis and Giant - you give us \$100 and we give you \$100 in gift cards (or amount you choose.) - Stay and Play earns 5% on ALL gift cards "sold". They work for you just like cash at the grocery store. Just contact Laura Steager (stayandplayscp@gmail.com) to get your cards.

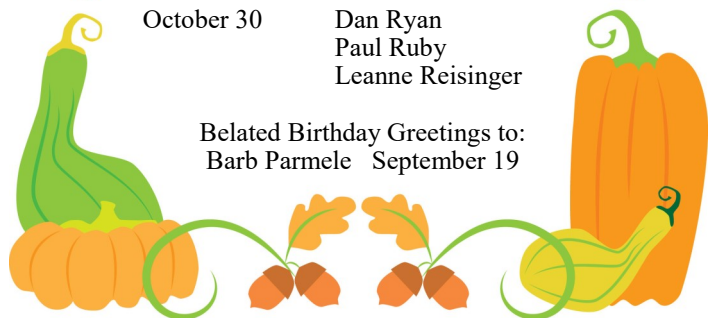
Thank you all for your continued support, prayers and love for this program.





October 1	Jim Erickson
October 2	Glenn Hunter
	Sandy Macdonald
October 4	Beth Heinemann
	Minda Morath
	Jackson Spurling
October 5	Ethan Maitland
October 6	Linda Giles
October 7	Alexis Pino
October 9	Rob Huffard
	Barbara Erickson
	Catherine Frank
	Kate Woodruff
	Wesley Astaré
October 10	Rob Leicht
	Kerry Trout
October 12	Laura Millard
	Lynn Kipp
October 13	Dick Riddle
October 14	Carolyn Tothero
	Jennifer Creighton
October 15	Adrienne Lindquist
	Susanne Evans
October 15	Chad Shaffer
	Melanie Wassom
October 19	Michael Cline
October 20	Andrew Krebs
October 21	Charlie Page
October 22	Jody Barth
	Tori Robinson
October 23	Dale Nicklow
October 24	Kevin Patterson
	Reed Miller
October 29	Dale Cox
October 30	Dan Ryan
	Paul Ruby
	Leanne Reisinger

Belated Birthday Greetings to:
Barb Parmele September 19



From the Financial Affairs Committee

Through August 2021, we are so appreciative that our giving levels are right on target for our annual budget; thank you to everyone who has continued to give so generously. September marks the final month of the third quarter and we will send out the quarterly contribution statements in early October. As always, if you have any questions regarding your statement, please reach out to Michelle (finadmcp@gmail.com) or Anne (annescpc@gmail.com) or call the office (814-238-2242 x207).

Online Giving

We continue to see a large number of members using our online giving link and we hope people find this an easy way to give and easy system to use. Here is a listing of options on the giving link and when they should be used:

Operating: pledged or "general" giving

Deacons: contributions for the Deacons

Other Gifts: for special collections (unless otherwise directed or a special line is set up). When using this option, please use the Memo line to indicate what program, etc. you are supporting.

Stay & Play Donations: contributions for the Stay & Play program. This link cannot be used if you are a S&P family paying tuition. This is for tax-deductible contributions only.

Peace and Global Witness 2021: *NEW*: this option is for our upcoming Peace and Global Witness collection (see the Mission article for more info) and will not be active once this collection time as passed.

LOGOS Program Fees: *NEW*: this link is for LOGOS program fees only and is not tax deductible.

FISH Program Fees: *NEW*: this link is for FISH program fees only and is not tax deductible.

When using the Online Giving system, you are always welcome to click the button to increase your gift by 2% and offset the processing fees we incur.

ACH

Interested in automating your giving but don't want to use our Online Giving system? We also offer an ACH Direct Debit option. You provide us with your banking account information and we will initiate a withdrawal on the dates and for the amounts you specify.

If you would like more information or the links to either of these options, please click here: [SCPC Online and ACH Giving Options](#)





Adult Education in October

Title: **LGBTQIA+ Experiences and Faith**

Date: October 10, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: In honor of National Coming Out Day, our church community will devote some much-needed space to discussing LGBTQIA+ experiences with faith. This session will be led by Collin Wildridge, Program Coordinator for Penn State's Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development, who has dedicated their professional life to community building, community healing, and LGBTQIA+ spirituality and meaning.

Title: **The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible - Findings and Forgeries**

Date: October 17, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s and 50s gives us unprecedented insight into the development of scripture. Our very own Daniel Falk, who is Head of the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies at Penn State, will discuss some more recent findings from these scrolls, including biblical fragments in the Cave of Horrors and forgeries purchased by the Museum of the Bible.

Title: **TBA**

Date: October 24, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Jason Dauer will discuss his new ministry. More info TBA.

Title: **Creation Care - Now More Than Ever**

Date: October 31, 2021

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: After decades of warning signs, the consequences of climate change are clearer than ever, and the importance of combating it is more critical than ever. Please come and learn more about practical things we can all do to care for God's creation and address climate change. This session will be led by Greg Williams of PA Interfaith Power and Light, who is known for organizing tree planting and promoting biodiversity.

Title: **A Space for Hekima Place**

Date: October 31, 2021

Location: Room 10

Description: Hekima Place is a home that supports orphans and vulnerable girls in Kenya. Back in July of 2019, 19 of our own SCPC members traveled to Kenya to serve there, and up to 14 will return next summer. Kate Fletcher, who founded Hekima Place in 2005 and has worked tirelessly to maintain the home, will be right here at State College Presbyterian to tell us about this wonderful endeavor.

DAILY PRAYER

monday:

Pray for one another. What's happening this week? Any sickness? Problems? If you're able, share with one another some area in your life where God wants you to grow. Confess sins to one another.

tuesday:

Pray for your relatives and friends.

wednesday:

Pray for those in authority: our President, government officials, local leaders, teachers at school.

thursday:

Pray for people you know who don't know Jesus.



friday:

Pray for the Church around the world, for missionaries, for the extending of God's Kingdom.

saturday:

Pray for SCPC, for the pastors and elders, for the deacons and staff members. Pray for those who are sick and in need of care. Pray for the worship which is going to take place on Sunday morning.



Ongoing Weekly Events							Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday (beginning Oct 10) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Education 11:15 Worship 12:00 YoPro Bible Study Monday 6:00/7:00 Boy Scouts Tuesday 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting 4:30 LOGOS Geckos 5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis 7:30 Handbell Choir Wednesday 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 4:00 FISH Homework Time 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study Thursday 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Chancel Choir													
													
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							17	18	19 8:00 Building & Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	20	21	22 Chrysalis Retreat	23 Chrysalis Retreat Game Day Parking (Hekima) Illinois@PSU
							24 Chrysalis Retreat 3:00 Congregational Retreat Millbrook Marsh	25 7:00 Education Ministry 7:00 Men's Bible Study	26	27	28 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	29	30 PSU@OhioState
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Scott Sesler

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Ryan Gilmore, chair
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Jenny Van Hook, chair

Worship

Beth Farmer
Susan Sanders, chair

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John Graham, chair
John Marsden

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Beth Farmer
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