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Welcome Reed Dressler Director of Youth Ministry



Reed began working in this newly formed position in September 2022.

He was born in Trenton, NJ, and grew up in the Ozarks region of southwest Missouri. He received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Religion and then was awarded a Master's of Theological Studies from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Reed sees experiencing the love of God as a lifelong journey. and hopes to always live on that eternal path. In the nonprofit world Reed has worked as a Domestic Violence Shelter Victim Advocate, and as a Chapter Executive Director for a nonprofit. In church settings, he worked as Youth Director, a Children's Church Director, and assisted an AV team. Reed's goal as a Youth Director is to always create a safe, open, and loving environment that is inclusive and creative. Together with our youth, he hopes to find our True Selves and create a Beloved Community!

FISH, our mid-week ministry for high schoolers meets on Wednesdays again this year, and "the OASIS" will be on Sunday mornings. FISH will feel a little different but will continue to be a place of belonging, fun, and meaning-making for our Sr. High youth. Our new Director of Youth Ministry, Reed Dressler, will be overseeing the program.

Wednesdays - 6:00-8:00 pm, FISH on the lower level of the church (includes dinner)

Sundays - 10:15-11:00 am "the OASIS" Sunday morning program in the Fireside Room at SCPC

Contact Reed Dressler, Director of Youth Ministry for more info. youthministryscpc@gmail.com (814)238-2422



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, October 2 – 9:00 AM World Communion Sunday Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, October 9 - 9:00 AM
Shalom in Captivity
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 16 - 9:00 AM Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 23 - 9:00 AM Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 30 - 9:00 AM
Celebrating All Saints Sunday
Rev. John Porter, preaching

God's Bounty

All are invited to share in God's Bounty on Sunday, October 16, after the CROP Walk. The Deacons will be hosting a gathering on the front lawn with grilled hot dogs, walking tacos and more. Estimated gathering time is 3:30 pm. Come fellowship with us!



Church Texting Program

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The unique phone number you will receive text messages from is: 833-234-1326.

You can also text us Prayer Requests by texting "prayer" or "prayer request to 833-234-1326

If you haven't yet indicated you would like to participate in this 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!

Adam and Friends Concert

Adam Baldoni, a choir member and friend of SCPC, wants to share his music with us and is presenting a concert on Friday, October 7 at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary. Adam is a graduate student in Physics at Penn State. He is from the Newville, PA area. Three music groups that Adam is a part of will perform. A gospel quartet with Adam, his sisters Gina and Maria, and friend Thomas. Keep the Change barbershop quartet, and a bluegrass ensemble from the State College Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jam! Join us for a fun, free, and casual night of music and fellowship.



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ongratulations of the congregation on the weddings of:

Andy Colwell and Renée Charest were married on August 12, 2022, near Denver, CO. Andy is the son of Tammy and Craig Colwell

Nathan Campolongo and Jenny Azarian were married on August 26, 2022 in Easton, MD. Nathan's parents are Patt and Larry Campolongo

Heather Desorcie and Rob Frantz were married on September 3, 2022 here in State College. Heather's parents are Maureen and Jamie Desorcie

Charlie Page and Elyssa Johannesen were married on September 4, 2022 in Portland OR. Charlie is the son of Richard Page and Katherine Allen

Ongratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

Ryan Edward Gilmore was born on August 30 to Ryan and Stefanie Gillmore

Theater Outing

Jerry Sawyer will be performing in the State College Community Theater's production of "The Fantasticks." Shows will be at the Tussey Mountain Lodge on Thursday, October 13, through Saturday, October 15, at 7:00 PM, and on Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 PM. Come out for a fun night (or matinee) of theater with your SCPC friends. Tickets are available at scettickets.com. For further information contact Jerry (jvs3@psu.edu).

Stay and Play Teachers Needed

We are urgently 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)

Anyone interested in more information can contact Laura Seeley, Director, or call 814-237-1154.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Join in the fun and volunteer to be a Coffee Hour Helper! You may click here to sign up on the Signup Genius. Please consider such an activity a few times each year, or more if so inclined. Coffee Hour can't happen without the efforts of many, and its a great way to catch up with old friends and make new friends!

Coffee Hour has returned to it's 10:00 am time.

Sign-up for a slot today!

If you have any questions, please contact **Sharon Manno**.



Membership Opportunity October 9

CPC will hold a membership opportunity on Sunday, October 9 at 10:15 AM (following worship) in the Martin Room. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, we invite you to join us! Pastor John Porter and a few Elders from our Session will be on hand to meet and greet you, learn a little about you, and receive you into membership if you wish. It is also a chance to learn more about SCPC and our programs, about being Presbyterian, and how you can get involved.

If you have questions or to get more information, contact

Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate (marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422).

We'd love to have you join us!

Candlelight Choir Begins!?!

For the 95th year, singers of all ages will begin rehearsal for the Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, October 30 at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. We will be preparing Christmas music which will be performed with instrumental ensemble accompaniment at the Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 11, 2022. We want to emphasize two things. 1.) Everyone is invited to sing - young, old, in between, students, etc. 2.)You do not have to be part of the Chancel Choir. In fact, this is a great opportunity to be part of the Music Ministry with a more limited commitment. Come sing! Rehearsals will continue on Sunday evenings through December 4 plus one final rehearsal on Saturday, December 10. Contact Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry, for more information (238-2422 or nedscpc@gmail.com).



GREAT First Night Back for LOGOS!

OGOS is **IN THE HOUSE** on Tuesday afternoons and evenings!

If you have never been in the church building late on a Tuesday, you might be surprised that our LOGOS program uses EVERY FLOOR, and most of our rooms to carry out a huge midweek program for our children and youth. While our program staff is all present and very busy, our building is also filled with over 30 youth/adult volunteers with various roles. Our numbers of GECKO kids (1st - 5th graders) and Chrysalis (Middle School) are around 37 at the moment, which is fantastic!

We all rotate through activities, Bible, Worship Skills, and culminate with Family style dinner. GECKOS ends at 7pm and Chrysalis ends at 8pm.

We had a blast on our first night back with nearly 100% attendance. Thanks to our wonderful kitchen crews and staff we are well fed to end our evenings!

A HUGE shout out to the LOGOS Coordinators, to those who get our building ready and all of those who support this midweek ministry in many ways.

Parents: It's never too late for your child/youth to join LOGOS!!

Wandering Women in October

All women in the church are invited to the final Wandering Women hike for 2022 on October 8. It will be based at Linda Morrow's Arch Spring Farm (ASF) in Sinking Valley, about 25 miles SW of State College. There is an easy walk around a high field with a great view and we will follow that with a short but steep hike to the top of the natural stone bridge that is called "The Arch," for a total of about 2 miles. Dress for the weather, and consider sunscreen and/or insect repellent. As always, we will hike in light rain but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather on the SCPC Facebook page and by email. If you have questions, contact Linda at lmorrow@psu.edu or 814-880-4819.

We will gather at ASF at 9:15. To carpool, meet at the church at 8:30. To drive yourself via I-99, take I-99 and exit at Tyrone, turn left and drive about 3 miles east on PA 453 toward Water Street. Turn right onto Silver Barn Rd. to cross the Little Juniata River and continue about 2 miles to the intersection of Hileman Rd. Turn left and drive another mile to the point where Hileman becomes Kettle Rd. Turn right (if you continue straight you will see the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. Turn around in the church parking lot.) Arch Spring Farm is 1/4 mile from the end of Hileman Rd. The address is 6548 Kettle Rd. if you want to enter that in your GPS.

Via PA 45--Leave State College on West College Ave. and turn right onto Whitehall Rd. (at Harner Farm) and follow Whitehall until it ends on PA 45. Turn right on 45 toward Spruce Creek. After you cross the Little Juniata River at Spruce Creek, PA 45 takes a left to go under a railroad overpass; leave 45 at that point and continue straight along the river. (You will go under the stone RR overpass shortly after you leave PA 45.) The road by the river is about a mile and ends on Shovel Works Rd. Turn left and go 1/4 mile to PA 453, also called Birmingham Pike. Turn right and go about 1/4 mile to the intersection at the bottom of the hill. Turn left; the green sign has an arrow to the left and says "Arch Springs 2." You will pass Windy Hill Furniture and the road makes a number of turns. Just after you pass the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, turn left on Kettle Rd. ASF is 1/4 mile ahead at 6548 Kettle Rd.

For a Wandering Women overnight on Friday, Oct. 7-Because ASF is used as a Guest House/B&B, Linda is offering an option to go out Friday evening and spend the night. There are 8 beds plus space for sleeping bags, 4.5 bathrooms and a dining table to seat 12. Let Linda know if you are interested (Lmorrow@psu.edu or 814-880-4819) so we can make plans.





College Age and Young Adult Ministry (CAYAM) is at the heart of State College Presbyterian's mission and we couldn't welcome these folks without the help of so many! We are grateful that our congregation is a place that so many young people feel safe and included because of your kindness.

We extend a special thanks to our PSF meal providers: Becky Thomas, Sharon Manno, Margaret VanFossan, Diana Malcom, Sherrill Sonsteby, Liane Roe, Kate Mount, Laura Steager, The Stafford Family, Michelle Yarwood, Jamie Bauman, Marti and Jerry Sawyer, Betty Macdonald, and more! Thank you to the Presbyterian Fellowship officers: Lauren Spadt and Anders Sonsteby.

Thank you to our ice cream scoopers and greeters for this summer's ice cream socials: Scott Sessler, Bill Lukens, Dale Cox, Barbara Cox, Ken Manno, Sharon Manno, Tracy Massaglia, Anne Layng, Laura Essinger-Hileman. Thanks to Todd Hockenberry for all our setup and cleanup needs! Our Young Professionals are grateful for Jean-Pierre Theron's leadership in coordinating our group activities and service projects. Thank you to the families that have hosted us in their lovely homes: Kimberly Dawn and Daniel Falk and Diana and Blair Malcom.

The CAYAM committee deserves a lot of thanks as well for all their support and attention to ensuring this group of people is cared for! Thank you Barbara Cox, Sharon Manno, Nancy Dreschel, Laura Essinger-Hileman, and Tracy Massaglia. We couldn't serve the College Age and Young Adult community without the help of these and so many others. Thank you!





October1	Jim Erickson
	Gail Kingsley
October 2	Glenn Hunter
	Sandy Macdonald
October 4	Beth Heinemann
	Minda Morath
	Jackson Spurling
October 6	Linda Giles
October 7	Alexis Pino
October 9	Rob Huffard
	Barbara Erickson
	Catherine Frank
	Kate Woodruff
	Wesley Astare
October 10	Rob Leicht
	Kerry Trout
October 12	Laura Millard
	Lynn Kipp
October 13	Lilly Nichol
	Dick Riddle
October 14	Carolyn Tothero
	Jennifer Creighton
October 15	Adrienne Lindquis
	Susanne Evans
October 15	Chad Shaffer
	Melanie Wassom
October 19	Michael Cline
October 20	Bob Foster
	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



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Healthy Vulnerability in Leadership	Х				
Hymn Sing with the Baldonis		Х			
The Pastor Search Process			х		
Finding Our Way to Response				х	
Singing with the Saints					х

All Sundays: Connect, Room 10, 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!

October 2: Healthy Vulnerability in Leadership, led by John Porter, Westminster Hall

What makes a good leader? John Porter reflects on how people perceive weakness and how our faith tradition turns the concept of weakness on its head, calling us to exercise power and authority through selective and intentional yielding of power guided by a set of values.

October 9: Hymn Sing with the Baldonis, Westminster Hall

Join Adam, Gina, and Maria Baldoni, along with their friend Thomas to sing a bunch of your favorite hymns. In addition, please join us at the church on Friday, Oct 7th at 7:00 PM for a night of music. Performers will feature the Baldoni gospel quartet, Keep the Change barbershop quartet, and a bluegrass ensemble from the State College Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jam!

October 16: The Pastor Search Process, led by Ginny Rainey and Ken Raney, Westminster Hall

Our church will soon be embarking on a search for a new senior pastor. What is the Presbyterian process for doing this? Join Ginny Rainey and Ken Raney as they provide an overview of this multi-step journey -- from self-study to the formation of a pastor nominating committee to calling a new pastor. We encourage you to bring your questions about how you can have input and be involved in this critical transition for our congregation.

October 23: Finding our way to response, with listening and moral imagination, led by Cricket Hunter, Westminster Hall

The world moves at a tremendous pace, and in that context, when we (inevitably) encounter personal hurt, community need, or large-scale, knotty problems, it's easy to freeze, or become frustrated, or just shut it all out.

As part of a community, we can support other ways of being. Come hear a few examples of innovative community responses to challenges, and try out a practice that may help you connect with others and create spaces for our moral imaginations to take root.

October 30: Singing with the Saints, led by Ned Wetherald

A singing look at hymns for All Saints Day (November 1), hymns written by saints, and hymns named for saints. Lots of participation and maybe some time for your favorites (after all, we are all part of one continuing, living communion of saints). Join us for a saintly singing sensation!



Crop Hunger Walk 2022

Lace up your walking shoes and join your friends for the State College CROP Walk on Sunday, October 16! The walk starts around the corner at UBBC, 411 S. Burrowes St., with check in at 1:30, step-off at 2pm. We'd love to see you at the information table during coffee hour to sign up as a walker, to donate, or both! Or you can do it all online. The Deacons have challenged the Session to see which team can get the most donations. The funds raised go to support our local Food Bank plus Church World Service's anti-hunger and food security work around the world.





Hurricane Fiona impacted Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with torrential rain resulting in flooding and powerful winds leading to widespread power outages.

PDA is in touch with Presbyterian leadership in the presbyteries and synod of Puerto Rico, in addition to our international partners in the Dominican Republic. While assessments are underway, solidarity and initial assistance grants are being disbursed. As always, PDA will work alongside our partners for the long-haul.

WAYS TO GIVE

Go to <u>Presbyterian Mission Agency | Donate Now (pcusa.org)</u> to give online. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

WAYS TO ACT

Like us on Facebook and share updates with your congregation.

WAYS TO PRAY

Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

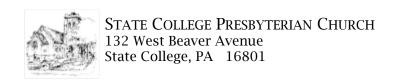


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stays us with our congregation and in our region for local peacemaking and reconciliation

SCPC's Peace and Global Witness Giving link will be open through World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022

Ongoing Weekly Events	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
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10:30 YoPro Bible Study 10:30 YoPro Bible Study 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer	2 11:30 Deacons 3:00 Spiritual Life Retreat	3 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit 7:00 Theology unTapped	4	2	9	7 7:00 Adam Baldoni And Friends Concert	8 9:00 Women Wandering Hike
Tuesday 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting 4:00 LOGOS Geckos 5:00 LOGOS Chrysalis	9 10:15 Invitation to Join 7:00 Session	1.0 5:30 Personnel Ministry Unit 7:00 Men's Bible Study	11 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team Z	1.2 7:00 Racial Recon- Ciliation Z	1.3 7:00 Adult Education Committee Z 7:00 Men's Covenant Group	14 11:30 GIFT Book Club PresbyPost Deadline	15
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Their responsibilities are divided into three ministry units: Service, Caregiving, Mission *Moderator - Sharon Manno*

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Mike Gordon	Reed Miller	Tracy Massaglia
Lauren Moose (youth)	Heather Steel	Linda McClimans
Juli Mortimore	Marcus Wheeler	Marti Sawyer
Vivian Noll		Katie Stone
Owen Perry (youth)		
Jillian Rounsville (youth)		