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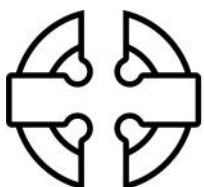
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**We Welcome
to the SCPC
Staff ~
Austin Norrid,
Aaron King,
and
Michael McGillian!**

**NEW TO THE
STAFF**

Austin Norrid serves as our **Interim Choir Director**, enabling us to continue our regular music programming without interruption.

Austin is working on his Ph.D. in Music Education at Penn State and anticipates graduating in May of 2025. He has been a Bass section leader at St. Andrews Episcopal Church and worked as a high-school music teacher in Louisville, Kentucky while earning his master's degree.



Aaron King joins us as **LOGOS Worship Skills Coordinator**. Aaron is a graduate student working on his Master's of Music Education at Penn State. He will graduate in the spring of 2024. He gained student teaching experience at the elementary and middle school levels while living in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He will be planning for and leading the LOGOS worship skill classes on Tuesday evenings and directing those groups several times in worship over the



fall semester and on Christmas eve for our early family service.

Michael McGillian joins us as **Technology Coordinator**. Michael is a senior majoring in Telecommunications at Penn State. He is currently working with Penn State Athletics as a part of their live broadcast of athletic events and has also worked as a part of the production team for Penn State Football post game shows. He will be with us each Sunday handling our live stream broadcast and projection system for worship and providing technical support to exploration hour programs.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1—9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 8 — 9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 15 — 9:00 am
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, October 22 — 9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, October 29 — 9:00 am
Rev. John Porter, preaching



October 1, 2023

PNC Update

PNC continues to meet on a weekly basis.

The committee has developed a discernment and interview process to assess our candidates.

We received an influx of PDPs (Pastor Discernment Profiles) in August and more are trickling in. We identified an initial list of first round meetings with candidates and we completed those interviews. We will evaluate those pastors to determine who we want to meet with a second time. We will continue to evaluate new PDPs as they enter our CLC portal and decide who we would like to talk with. We will keep the congregation updated through these monthly reports and during worship. We appreciate the support and prayers of Session and the congregation. Finally, I'm thankful for the diligent, open, and thoughtful work of our PNC members. — Bob Igo

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
the church office know -
814-238-2422.



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



Wandering Women October Hike and Overnight

All women in the church are invited to the final Wandering Women hike for 2023 on October 21. 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. 20-- 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.



CROP Walk—October 22, 2023



Every fall, the [CROP Walk](#) raises money for our local food bank, and for the food and hunger work of the Church World Service (the same folks who deliver the storm cleanup buckets we make to where they are needed, quickly). Watch for a signup and donation table at Coffee Hours this month, or you can [sign up](#) for SCPC's walking team or [donate online here](#). This year, the walk starts at Grace Lutheran Church (205 S. Garner St.). Check in and welcome is at 1:30, step-off is at 2:00. Traditionally the weather is excellent, and friendly canine members of our congregation are welcome to join the team!



Thinking ahead: as we approach November, watch your Weekly Update Emails for organizing meetings for Angel Tree and Christmas Dinner.



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

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ~ “Connect” ~ led by Zack Maser, 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!

October 1 ~ “How Many Times? Forgiveness as a Lifestyle: Part 2”, led by Paul Mortimore in Westminster Hall

In the conclusion of this two-part series, Paul Mortimore leads us to consider what it means to forgive. Too often we think about forgiveness as an act, an event. But forgiving as God forgives, leads us to a much deeper reality.

October 8 ~ “Suicide Prevention: What You Can Do”, with the Jana Marie Foundation, in Westminster Hall
Join Christine and Hannah from Jana Marie Foundation to learn more about the action steps we can all take to prevent suicide in our communities. We'll discuss suicide warning signs, statistics, resources, and how to have courageous, lifesaving conversations.

October 15 ~ “Hekima Place Update”, led by Kate Fletcher and Margaret Ngrigaca, in Westminster Hall
Hekima Place is a home that supports orphans and vulnerable girls in Kenya. Founder Kate Fletcher and Program Director Margaret Ngrigaca will bring us the latest news from Kenya about the home and Hekima Hills Learning Centre. Members of the team who participated in the July 2023 service trip will also be present to answer questions.

October 22 ~ “The Challenges of Incarceration: What's it REALLY like on the inside?”, led by Nancy Spooner in Westminster Hall

How do the 3,000+ men and women who are incarcerated in Centre County's three correctional facilities experience daily life, including a 6'x9' cell, questionable food quality, restricted medical care, solitary confinement, limited family involvement, violence, and human rights violations? What opportunities exist for us to make a difference? Nancy Spooner will share from her 5+ years of experience as an Official Visitor with the PA Prison Society, a group that advocates for the rights and well-being of the incarcerated.

October 29 ~ “For Love and Money: How SCPC Spends Money to Support its Mission”, in Westminster Hall

Members of our church's Financial Affairs Committee will discuss what our church spends money on, how it reflects our mission and priorities, and how you can help financially to support State College Presbyterian Church's work. They will also be available to answer your questions about the financial health of the church.

LOGOS is Back!!!

On September 19th, our mid-week ministry LOGOS program started back up with approximately 35 children and youth and almost that many adults that help make this program go smoothly!



LOGOS meets on Tuesdays, and is for children in 1st-5th Grades, and Middle School youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.

We build multi-generational relationships and rotate between areas such as Worship Skills, Activity Time, Bible Study, and the all time favorite - Family Time (dinner).

All SCPC families with children and youth of program age are welcome to attend this program. There is more information on our church website (scpresby.org). Children and youth can join at any time during the year.

Questions? You can reach Deannine Shipman at deanninescpc@gmail.com, or our LOGOS Director, Keri Rounsville at rouns626@yahoo.com.

We are excited for our new 2023-2024 program year!

New Member in September

Annmarie Ward joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is originally from Media, PA, outside of Philadelphia, and lived in Idaho Falls, ID for 20 years. She was a teacher there and was very involved in a Presbyterian church in Idaho Falls where she directed the Children's Bell Choir, with our own Allison Maus as a ringer. She moved back to central PA to get her Ph.D. in Science Education and then went on to be the Director of the Center for Science and the Schools at Penn State, from which she is retired. She and her husband, Thomas, make their home in PA Furnace and have 2 adult children. Annmarie has a brother and a sister who live in town and is cousin to our member Paul Heine-mann.



Annmarie Ward
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Invitation to join the Church On the "Second Sunday"



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 **October 8** at 10:15 am

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate

marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422

Music Search Update

The Director of Music Ministry Search Committee has received information from over 10 applicants. They are currently conducting interviews with several promising candidates. We are grateful for the addition of Interim Choir Director Austin Norrid and Interim Worship Skills Coordinator Aaron King to our staff. Their support of our programs provides us the opportunity to thoughtfully and prayerfully search for the best possible candidate to lead us, strengthening and building upon the current ministry of music at State College Presbyterian Church.

WATCH PARTY

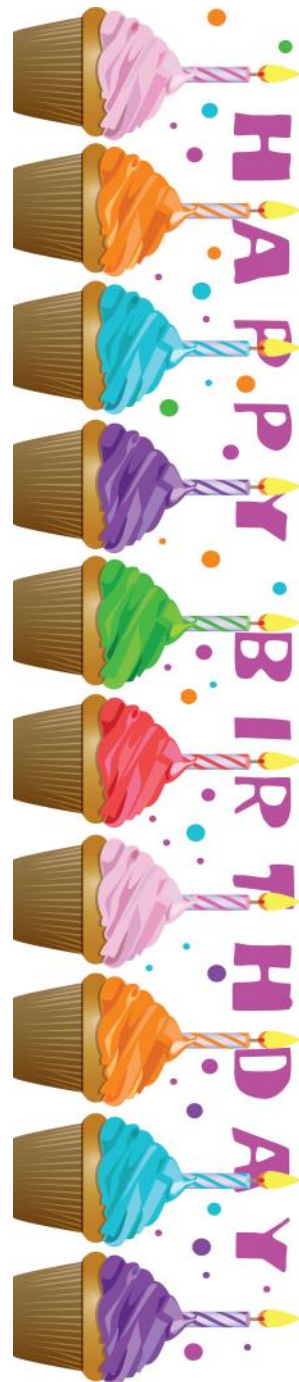
SPIRITED AWAY

October 22 @6pm
Fireside Room

Enjoy a great movie with even better discussion!

OCTOBER Birthdays

- October 1 Jim Erickson
Gail Kingsley
- October 2 Glenn Hunger
Sandy Macdonald
- October 4 Beth Heinemann
Minda Morath
Jackson Spurling
- October 6 Linda Giles
- October 7 Alexis Pino
- October 9 Wesley Astore
Barbara Erickson
Catherine Frank
Rob Huffard
Kate Woodruff
- October 10 Rob Leicht
Kerry Trout
- October 12 Lynn Kipp
Laura Millard
- October 13 Lilly Nichol
Dick Riddle
- October 14 Jennifer Creighton
Carolyn Tothero
- October 15 Suzanne Evans
Adrienne Lindquist
- October 15 John Robison
- October 16 Chad Shaffer
Melanie Wassom
- October 19 Michael Cline
- October 20 Bob Foster
Andrew Krebs
- October 22 Jody Barth
Tori Robinson
- October 24 Reed Miller
- October 29 Dale Cox
- October 30 Dan Ryan
Paul Ruby
- October 31 Leann Reisinger



Remember - if your birthday isn't listed, it's because we don't have it listed in our database - give us a call and let us know so we can wish YOU a Happy Birthday!



There are so many opportunities to step into mission this month! With opportunities to **pray**, to **donate**, and to **act**, there are ways for every one of us to contribute to this work.

God, give me the courage to be vulnerable with others, that I may nourish the seeds of peaceful and beloved community in my congregation, my communities, and your beautiful world.

If you haven't yet joined a Juniper Village Block Party, October is a great time to jump in! Every other month, we gather in the common room of building #1930 on the first Sunday of the month.

- **At 1:45**, join residents as they gather for their weekly viewing of the SCPC service.
- **At 2:45**, we transition to a time with snacks, music, and socializing, with a craft corner for children and anyone else who wants to. **Come for the whole afternoon, or make your entrance or exit at intermission.** Please do wear a mask if you have been around folks with nasty colds – there are a few things we don't want to share!

This project was conceived as a way for young families to be of service together, and they are particularly welcome, but Juniper residents are always glad to see all who attend – many of the regulars fall in different demographics, and we all have fun. [Bring yourself, or sign up to help out with a snack, a craft, or music.](#) This being October, we will have a trick or treat party. Bring a costume (or borrow one when you get there!), or a bag of candy, and trick or treat right there at Juniper. Want to join in, but don't have transportation? Please [let Cricket know!](#)

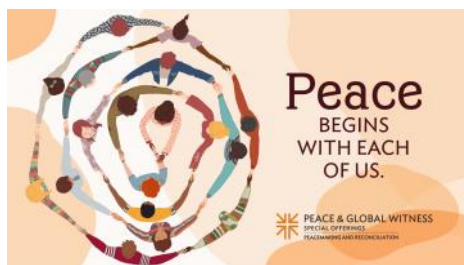
Juniper Village Block Party

Multigenerational afternoon gathering for viewing worship, snacking, visiting, and singing.

Join us!
October 1, 1:45–4:00
 and first Sundays of every other month.

Sign up here: 





Through the [Peace & Global Witness Offering](#) (active at State College Presbyterian Church **now through October 30**) congregations are invited to address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. Donate by cash or check using the specific pew offering envelopes, or choose a [one-time gift to Peace and Global Witness on our online giving portal.](#)

Half of the funds we raise will support work being done by Presbyterians around the globe, and half will stay in our region, to support groups or projects addressing peacemaking nearby.

Last year, the **Social Justice and Mission Team (SJMT)** directed the local portion of the 2021 and 2022 funds to the [Jana Marie Foundation](#), in honor of the work they do to increase our community resilience. Much of their work is focused mental health and suicide prevention for youth in our county. They will be presenting to a joint session of Oasis and Adult Education on **October 8th: Suicide Prevention: What You Can Do.** Two staff members from the foundation will share action steps we can all take to prevent suicide in our communities, including how to have courageous, lifesaving conversations.



Christmas before Halloween

- All-ages mission opportunity!
- Cards due October 29
- Blank cards available in the office today
- Card corner at Coffee Hour on Oct. 22
- **New ideas in Thursday emails in October!**

Do you remember making Christmas Cards for our incarcerated neighbors last year? We're doing it again, and people of all ages can participate! Too many of our incarcerated neighbors feel entirely forgotten. For many, these cards are the only mail they get the entire year and they have a huge impact. We need as many as you can make.

The best cards are **colorful, kind, and imperfect**, so they look like they come from a real human person who cares. We **sign with first names (or name and age) only**. Cards have to be scanned and printed inside the prison system for distribution to each institution, so they are **due at the end of October**. Mark your calendar to turn yours in on Sunday, 10/29... and consider making or writing one each week.

We have blank cards ready for decorating and writing in the Church office, and you'll easily spot the Christmas-wrapped boxes for finished cards at both our Fraser St. Entrance and our parking lot entrance. Watch for a fresh idea in each weekly update email this month, and join Oasis at coffee hour on October 22 for a making party. Reed Dressler is going to keep the card corner open, so folks who attend Adult Ed can make one more before they leave for the day. [More info here.](#)

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Chrysalis Retreat Returns World Communion Sunday 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 11:00 am Deacons—MR 1:45 pm Juniper Block Party	2	6:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z	3	10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer-Z 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis 7:15 pm Safe Church Training -Rm 10	4	12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10	5	6:00 pm PSF-FR 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	6	Men's Retreat-Krislund	7	Men's Retreat-Krislund
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Annual Generosity Campaign

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS!

This month SCPC embarks on our Annual Generosity Campaign. We are so grateful to the congregation for your generous financial support over the past year as we continue to find innovative new ways to celebrate, nurture, and serve together!

As we consider generosity, we remember that it started with God. God gave! We respond to the generosity God has modeled since the beginning by offering our time, talent and resources at personally meaningful levels. **Your annual financial commitments (your Estimate of Giving) account for around 80-85% of our church's annual revenue. The Session uses this estimate to set next year's church budget.**

We hope you'll join our Elders and Deacons in making a financial commitment to SCPC for 2024. **You can make your commitment in one of two ways:**

- Complete the **Estimate of Giving Card** you receive in the mail (or pick one up in the back of the sanctuary) and return to the Church Office.
- Simply use this **QR code** or go to <https://www.scpresby.org/2024-pledge-form.html> to fill out the secure virtual estimate of giving form.

Thank you again to all our members who have generously supported SCPC this year - we hope you will continue to generously support your church in 2024.



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December PresbyPost
Wednesday, November 15,
2023