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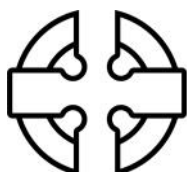
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YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS!

Annual Generosity Campaign

SCPC's Annual Generosity Campaign is Underway!

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 received in the mail (or pick one up in the back of the sanctuary) and return it 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..



[Click here to visit our webpage where you can find answers to frequently asked questions about the campaign.](https://www.scpresby.org/2024-pledge-form.html)

Our Generosity Campaign Dedication Sunday is November 12 so please plan to have your Estimate of Giving card with you or have submitted it online by that date.

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 5, 2023 — 9:00 am
Communion

Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, November 12, 2023 — 9:00 am
Generosity Campaign Dedication Sunday

Rev. John Porter, preaching

Sunday, November 19, 2023 — 9:00 am
Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

Rev. Allison Maus, preaching

Sunday, November 26, 2023 — 9:00 am
Christ the King Sunday

Reed Dressler, preaching

In our Next Issue ...

- Advent and Christmas 2023
- New Membership Directory
- Director of Music Ministry Update
- ... And More!



PNC Update

PNC continues to meet on a weekly basis.

As previously noted, the committee has developed a discernment and interview process to assess our candidates. We are working in a disciplined and thorough review of all candidates.

We received an influx of PDPs (Pastor Discernment Profiles) in August and more continue trickling in. We've reviewed over 50

PDPs. We've gone through a first round of interviews and started a second round. We will continue to evaluate PDPs as they come in and discern if we want to conduct interviews.

We will keep the congregation updated through these monthly reports and during worship (Jerry Sawyer on 10/29). 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, Chair

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

Candlelight Choir 2023

Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 29 for all interested singers. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room—join us!

The Candlelight Service will be December 10 at 4:00 pm.



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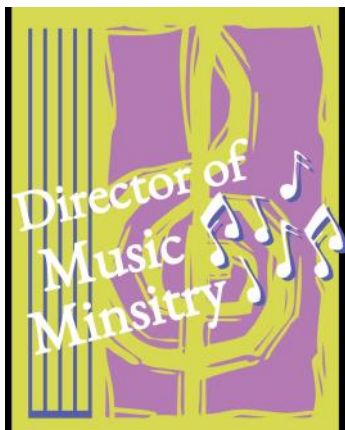
Follow Joel Blunk's health challenge progress at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/tehikewithjoelblunk>



Director of Music Ministry Search Update

The search committee has been working diligently to identify the right person to recommend as our next Director of Music Ministry. They have received and reviewed materials from 11 applicants, and identified 3 qualified candidates to interview for the position. Those interviews have been completed, and as this PresbyPost is being compiled the Committee is meeting to determine next steps.

The Committee appreciates the patience and prayers of the congregation as they continue this important process.



November 26th @6pm
Fireside Room
Enjoy a great movie with even better discussion!

November's movie

WATCH PARTY

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Thank you to all who participated in making *Christmas cards* for our incarcerated neighbors, all who gave to the Peace and Global Witness collection, and all who walked, prayed, and donated to the CROP walk in October! We will share results – and photos – on Thursdays and Sundays, as they come in.

Thank You!



Women's Ministry Opportunities

Please consider joining us for these two new opportunities for women of all ages to gather, connect, and grow. Questions can be directed to Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).

- **Women's Fellowship** meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 8:00-9:30 pm at the Federal Taphouse.
- **Women's Bible Study** gathers every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 8:00-9:30 pm in the Martin Room.

Be sure to check out the Bulletin each Sunday for reminders for these events.



Family Fellowship Lunch

Join us on **Sunday, November 12th** (and every second Sunday of the month) **from 11:15 am-12:15 pm** in the Social Hall. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join. The goal of these lunches is to create opportunities for families at all stages of life to gather, connect, and share a meal

together. Pizza and beverages will be provided. A jar will be available if you'd like to make a donation to help cover costs. (Feel free to contact us or bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions). If you have questions, please contact Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).

Pre-Avent Soup Supper Returns

Take a break from cooking before Thanksgiving and join the SCPC Deacons for the return of the Pre-Advent Soup Supper on **Tuesday, November 21st** in the Social Hall. The Deacons will be serving a variety of soups for you to sample - visit each station and try as many as you would like. A salad and bread bar, along with "kid food" and dessert will also be provided. The soup tasting will be open-house style from 5:30-6:30 pm. Then stay for a Christmas Carol sing-along and possibly even Christmas Carol Karaoke.

Invite a friend and join the fun and Pre-Advent fellowship!



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 **Sunday, November 12** at 1015 am

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate

marthascpc@gmail.com or 814-238-2422

Our "New" Steinway Piano

What do you do with an antique that still has life in it? You give it a second life!

When the Bellefonte Presbyterian Church closed its doors almost 2 years ago SPCPC came into possession of a Steinway piano that had been destined for disposal. In late June 2022 our church was gifted \$50,000 from the children of long-time members, Jo and Jim Keiser. Half of this generous gift was designated for the music program, the other half for Session discretion. With Session's support, the entire sum was directed to the restoration of this piano.

The well-known piano company, Cunningham in Philadelphia, came for the piano in August of 2022 and returned it totally refurbished last month. It now graces our sanctuary.

A bit about our Steinway – it is a Model M built circa 1922 and made of mahogany. The "bones" of it were in good shape which made restoration worthwhile. The price of restoration was \$44,000, and it is now valued at \$72,000. Today this piano would retail over \$118,000. We have been told that although our piano is 101 years old, she should be good to go for another 100 years! We will be dedicating the Steinway during worship November 26. The Keiser family plans to be here to celebrate.



November BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Suzie Linn Sharon Manno Mary Beth Rosson
November 2	Connie Curilla
November 4	Madison Alesi Michael Kipp
November 5	Priscilla Meserole
November 9	Jesse Reichard
November 11	Linda Erickson Will Kenyon
November 13	Karen Christman Sue Powers Stephanie Velegol
November 14	James Hook Linda Morrow
November 15	Patt Campolongo Jen Crispell Jakob Stafford Heather Steel
November 16	Brenda Loftus Lauren Sonsteby
November 17	Susan Shaffer
November 18	Nancy Harlow Cathy Greenham
November 25	Erin May Allison Maus
November 26	Katie O'Hara-Krebs
November 27	Carol Graham Ken Manno
November 28	Bob Shute
November 29	Chuck Curley Katie Elder
November 30	Mark Morath Suzanne Shoffner



2nd Grade Bibles Given on November 5

Each year at this time it's such a blessing to be able to share God's Word with our young children in 2nd Grade.

Those on the list to receive their Bibles on November 5th during our worship service are:

Renee Andrews, Lincoln Bauman, Corbin Behrer, Grace Gilmore, Walter Jones, Annawynn Richardson, Thomas Yarwood, and Greyson Zabik.

Those who are present that Sunday will receive their Bible during the Children's Message from Rev. John Porter and Deannine Shipman.



With opportunities to **pray**, to **donate**, and to **act**, there are ways for every one of us to contribute to the work of responding to needs in our community and our world.

*God, in a month when the noise of the world grows ever more focused on wanting us to think buying is the answer to everything,
Help me hear your still, small voice more clearly
Help me see the hungers and joys of each of your children, and
Help me rise to meet them.*

As you might guess, many of November's mission opportunities are connected with our community outreach during Advent and at Christmas.

Juniper Village Block Party

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

Join us!
Dec. 3rd, 1:45-4:00
 and first Sundays of every other month.

Sign up here: 



The end of November gets busy, so mark your calendar now for the **Juniper Village Block Party** on the afternoon of **December 3rd**. As always, join at 1:45 pm for a viewing of the worship service with residents, or at **2:45 pm for socializing and activities**. December is our chance to sing carols and eat cookies together! [Sign up here](#) to help out or to help us plan, and [let us know](#) if we need to add more spots for people who plan to attend. Please [let Cricket know](#) if you would like to come, but need a lift to get there.

The **Angel Tree** is a longstanding tradition at State College Presbyterian Church and **will be up on November 1!** You will find tags organized by agency in bins **on the bridge all month long**. Browse for a recipient or a gift that speaks to you, pull it from the bin – You'll find all the directions right there on the bridge by the bins. Gifts are due back into the church, wrapped, with the identifying tag firmly attached, by Sunday, December 10th.

Many thanks to FISH for tying and snipping to prepare every single tag!

Our **Angel Tree** is up now!

Head to the bridge to choose your recipients!

Wrapped gifts are due December 10th



The tags you see are the result of the Angel Tree Team of 7 Agency Captains and Carrie Miller, our Overall Chair checking in with the 8 agencies (including 9 YSB programs, and 2 Centre Safe programs), starting at the end of September! Those staff then work with their clients to develop the wishlists that become our angel tags. Each year we hear from staff how much it means to their clients, and to staff, to be able to count on the joyful moments of sharing the gifts with their recipients. **Watch your inbox on Thursdays in November** – we will feature short introductions to agencies in each Weekly Update!

Want to do more, or make it feel more celebratory? Host an Angel Tree outing with a few friends from SCPC or beyond – you can come in when the building is open for office hours or activities, choose angels, head out to shop, then wrap and drink hot chocolate together when you're done! **FISH** and **Chrysalis** enjoy their shopping and wrapping outings each year.

Do you want to be part of the giving, but you just can't get out as much as you'd like? Our Angel Tree gift to Out of the Cold is a few nights of hotel housing, providing guests with a change of pace, showers-without-lines, and a full sized bed, and staff with a few days of respite at Christmas, so that they can keep doing their extraordinary work all year long. While we do make tags to help support that gift, we actually need to collect more than is on the tags, so you won't mess up a single thing if you write a check or make a donation on the SCPC website (memo: OOTC)...and you can still hang an angel on a Sunday when you are able to come to church.



Christmas Dinner 2023
 First planning meeting
 November 6th at 7:00 pm
 in the Martin Room
 We need to decide on our menu and figure out who will head up the various areas.

To pull off SCPC's extraordinary **Christmas Dinner** event, that team has their first planning meeting for this year's dinner in the Martin Room on **Monday, November 6th** at 7:00 pm. A major agenda item will be deciding the menu. Anyone interested in helping this year is encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Clark Moose (cam168@psu.edu) or Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com).

The Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety is a new group that started up in the spring of this year, and has already hosted a [movie and discussion](#), has started conversations with our Pennsylvania Senator, Sen. Cris Dush, to share concerns and listen to his perspectives, and has had a presence at welcoming town/gown gatherings. There are plans for a panel discussion in the works, and a member of the congregation is planning a related event later this month. Watch the Weekly Update and the [SCPC](#) and [CCI4GS](#) Facebook pages.



MONTHLY ORGANIZING MEETINGS:
2nd Mondays 2:00pm in the café at Wegmans



COMMUNITY EVENTS

watch the Weekly Update, and share in your networks!



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

November 5, 12 & 19 ~ “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!

November 5 & 12 ~ “Prayers around the Ancient World”, led by Daniel Falk, in Westminster Hall
In these sessions, we will look at a variety of prayers from around the ancient world—not only Christian but also Jewish, Greek, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian. What can we learn from these prayers, both about the concerns and piety of people from different cultures as well as diverse practices of Christian prayer?

November 19 ~ “The Seven Woes of Matthew 23: A Hard Look in the Mirror” led by John Porter in Westminster Hall
Following the Congregational meeting in the sanctuary, John Porter will lead a Bible study on “The Seven Woes of Matthew 23: A Hard Look in the Mirror.”

November 26 ~ No Adult Ed—Thanksgiving Weekend

Poinsettia Orders for Christmas

We will once again be decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Each poinsettia plant will be \$10.00 and you may designate who it will be in honor or memory of. [Order forms](#) will be available on the back tables in the Sanctuary beginning November 5 and will be **due on November 19**. Any questions, please contact the [church office](#) (814-238-2422).



Updating our Membership Directory

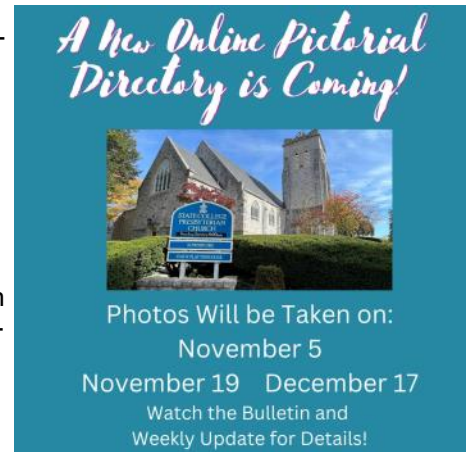
We are beginning work on an update to our Membership Directory. This directory, like previous church directories, will provide updated photos and contact information. Yet it will be different from previous church directories in two ways. This directory will be available online and we will not be working with a professional photo directory studio to produce it.

The photos and information will be entered into our church database which has the ability to provide an online directory of select contact information and photos that is updated in real-time. Access will be password protected to keep the information and photographs secure. It will be updated in real-time eliminating the need for a major update every couple of years. We will provide opportunities for people to update information and photos several times a year. In this way the most current information will be available to you. Those who would like to have a hard copy of the church directory will be able to request one from the office.



Volunteer photography teams will take the place of a professional studio. You will not be asked to purchase any photo packages and you will be given a copy of the digital photo for your personal use. These photos do not need to be formal and do not require making an appointment. Instead you may simply visit one of the photo stations after worship on one of the Photo Opportunity dates in the coming weeks.

Photo stations will be open following worship (from 10:00 am—noon) to provide opportunities for those who are participating in Exploration Hour to stop in after those programs end.

Upcoming Photo Opportunity Sundays include; **November 5th and 19th and December 17th**. Additional dates will be scheduled and advertised in the PresbyPost and Weekly update.



Smile for the Camera!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
5 Communion 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Directory Photos 10:00 am Exploration Hour 10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR 11:00 am Deacons-MR 7:00 pm Candlelight Choir	6 6:00 pm Scouts-WH 7:00 pm Christmas Dinner Planning-MR 7:00 pm Scouts Den-10&11 7:00 pm Theology un-Tapped-McLanahans 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z	7 9:00 am School Photos-MR 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos 5:00 pm Worship-MR 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	8 9:00 am School Photos-MR 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse	9 6:00 pm PSF-FR 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Adult Ed-Z	10 11:30 am-GIFT Book Club-FR	11 Game Day Parking-Benefits Stay and Play
12 Generosity Dedication 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Exploration Hour 10:15 Invitation to Join-MR 10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR 11:15 am Family Fellowship Lunch—SH 4:00 pm Youth Advisory-Z 5:00 pm CLSN Thanksgiving Dinner—SH 7:00 pm Candlelight Choir	13 7:00 pm Men's Bible-FR 7:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Scouts Den-10&11 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z	14 9:30 am Presbytery-Philipsburg 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos 4:30 pm Membership-MR 5:15 pm LOGOS Chrysalis 7:00 pm Personnel-MR 7:30 pm Handbell Choir	15 PresbyPost Deadline 12:30 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH 6:00 pm PNC Rm 10 6:00 pm College Student Bake-Off—Abba Java 8:00 pm Women's Fellowship—Federal Taphouse	16 6:00 pm PSF-FR 7:00pm Men's Covenant Group-MR 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Finance-Z	17	18 Game Day Parking-Benefits Stay and Play
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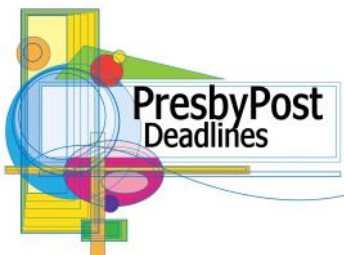
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Our New Portico is Complete!

The new portico over the parking lot entrance to the building will provide additional shelter and will not need to be replaced or repaired as frequently as the awning that it replaced. We are grateful for the hours of careful thought and effort that our Building and Property Committee devoted to this project.

Funds from the Restoring God's House capital campaign allowed us to complete this project without using any money from our 2023 operating budget.

