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# Look what's happening in DECEMBER

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Available daily during Advent on our Advent theme - *LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS*. To subscribe, send your email address to Rev. Allison Maus (allisonscpc@gmail.com).

## ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Beginning Wednesday, December 1 at 12:15 PM, our Advent Recital Series returns with our own Ned Wetherald kicking off the series. The brief recitals will be followed by a simple soup lunch for fellowship. Escape the "busy-ness" of the season and enjoy some beautiful organ music.  
Dec. 8 - Heike Burghart Rice, University Baptist and Brethren Church;  
Dec. 15 - Claude Fabinyi, 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altoona.

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 PM

After going virtual last year, this holiday tradition is back! The Candlelight Choir has assembled and accompanied by piano, string quartet, and clarinet, will present a service of Christmas anthems plus traditional Christmas hymns and carols. Child care will be available.

## SERVICE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

December 23, 4:30 PM

A special service for families with small children with age-appropriate carols, message, and prayers.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:00 and 11:00 PM, Christmas Eve

The youth of the LOGOS program will lead the 7:00 PM service with music, chimes, and drums with candlelighting and message. The Chancel Choir will lead the 11:00 PM service which will include music, readings, carols, Communion, and candlelighting. Child care will be available for the 7:00 PM service.

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Ham dinner available for pick up or delivery for those who cannot pick up. Orders must be placed by Dec. 18. See article on page 3 for more information.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26 - One Service at 10:00 AM

## FIRST NIGHT ACTIVITIES

SCPC will be hosting events on Dec. 31 as part of State College's First Night festivities. See the First Night website for details.

# WORSHIP *with us*

**Sunday, December 5, 9:00 and 11:15 AM**  
Second Sunday of Advent  
"Blessed Be the Lord" (Luke 1:68-79)  
Rev. Dean Lindsey, preaching

**Sunday, December 12, 9:00 and 11:15 AM**  
Third Sunday of Advent  
"A Light to the People" (Isaiah 51:1-6)  
Rev. Dean Lindsey, preaching

**Sunday, December 19, 9:00 and 11:15 AM**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
"In Him Was Life" (John 1:1-5)  
Dean Lindsey, preaching

**Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 PM**  
Blue Christmas Service  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Thursday, December 23, 4:30 PM**  
Special Christmas Service for preschoolers and their families.

**Friday, December 24**  
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service led by LOGOS Youth  
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service led by Chancel Choir  
with communion and candlelighting.

**Sunday, December 26 - One service at 10:00 AM**  
First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 - One service at 10:00 AM**  
Second Sunday of Christmas



## Advent Organ Recital Series

We are delighted to present our Advent Organ Recital Series again this year. The idea is to provide an opportunity to get away from the "busy-ness" of the season and listen to some beautiful organ music and afterwards share a simple fellowship lunch with homemade soup. The recitals are about 30 minutes and present a variety of organ music by several area organists. They are scheduled for 12:15 PM on Wednesdays, to give our Stay and Play parents time to pick up and clear the parking lot.

Wednesdays, 12:15 PM

**December 1 - Ned Wetherald,**  
State College Presbyterian Church

**December 8 - Heike Burghart Rice,**  
University Baptist and Brethren Church;

**December 15 - Claude Fabinyi,**  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altoona.

## Blue Christmas Service

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 208 W. Foster Avenue, will be hosting the Blue Christmas service this year on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM. The Blue Christmas service honors grief and loss during the holiday season. COVID mitigation measures will be in place. There will be no reception this year.



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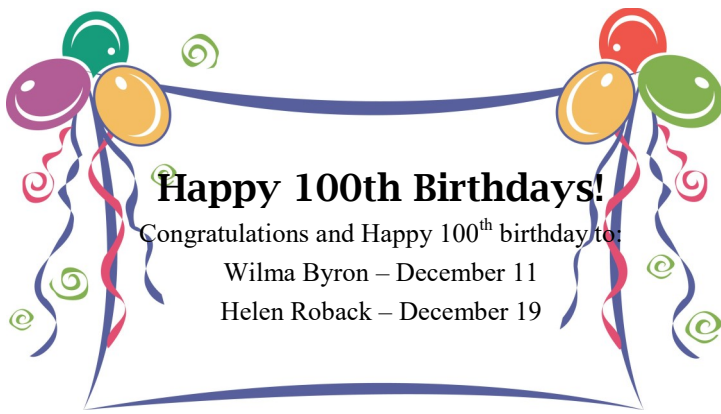
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## College-Age and Young Adult Christmas Eve Open House

We're so glad you're back! Join us on December 24th before the 11:00 PM service to say hello to friends old and new and enjoy some refreshments. We'll be in the Martin Room 10:15-10:45 PM.



## Christmas Day Dinner 2021

We are excited to share the news that plans are being made for the 2021 Christmas Day Dinner. As we continue to follow pandemic safety regulations, our Ham Dinner with SCPC stuffing **and homemade cranberry sauce** will be available for pickup on Christmas Day with delivery for those unable to pick up.

Pickup times will be between 1:00 - 3:45 PM on Christmas Day with delivery times at either 1:00 or 3:00 PM. The deadline to sign up is December 18th! You can either [click here](#) to sign up or sign up using the QR Code below. The deadline for meal sign-up is December 18. We will not be able to accept any orders after that date. Watch for more details, available soon.



## Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up on the bridge and there are plenty of gift requests for everyone! Please take a moment to choose a gift to give to an individual or agency. Bring the wrapped gifts back to church by Monday, December 13. Take them to the church office. Especially gift cards - there will be a special box to put gift card gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## SafeChurch Training 2021

Anyone who volunteers with children and youth needs to attend a SafeChurch Training session. Due to the pandemic, we have not offered this training in quite awhile.

We are now offering TWO training sessions to be done on ZOOM.

If you sign up, you will need to get a training booklet from the church office, or ask that one be mailed to you. We can do electronic copies, but you would have to print it before the training.

The dates for the trainings are:

**December 2nd, 7:00 PM and December 6, 7:00 PM,**

leadership will be Laura Steager and Deannine Shipman.

Here is the link to the Sign Up Genius, and the zoom link is provided there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a5af29aa8-safechurch5>

This link will also be on our website to make it easier for you!

## Spring Mission Trip

A long tradition for the young people of our church has been the annual Spring Mission Trip which was suspended last year because of the pandemic. This is such an important experience for our church members, and we hope to restart it the week of March 7, 2022, during SCASD Spring break.

We have made initial contact with the Appalachian Service project in far Southwest Virginia, an area of high poverty. We hope to bring our FISH group there for a week of service. Would you like to get dirty, help someone in need, and be transformed? We are looking for young people who want to be with us and a few faithful and hard-working adults, too. Please let Katie Nurmi or Dean Lindsey know of your interest so that we can reserve you a spot.



## Thank You Youth Visioning Team

At the November Session meeting, the Youth Visioning Team submitted their report and recommendation to the Session. They have been working for months - listening and discerning - what the path forward for our Youth Ministry might be. We thank them for their careful listening and thoughtful consideration.

Mary D'Ambrosia, chair

Jamie Bauman

Andrew Krebs

Diana Malcom

Rhett McLaren

Elijah Snyder (youth)

Mariele Wassom (youth)

Deannine Shipman (staff)





## November Session Meeting Update

The November 14, meeting of session covered many topics:

- Received Report of the Youth Visioning Team on its survey of the congregation's vision of youth ministry (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) and staffing. Referred to Personnel Committee for its consideration.
- LOGOS is back in-person and will lead worship on November 21.
- Out of the Cold: Our week to provide shelter for clients is December 20-26. Session voted to follow the process of last year to fund hotel rooms for up to ten clients for the week, to provide safe shelter and protect the church and clients from COVID exposure.
- Authorized Personnel to draft an interim part-time job description and hire very temporary, very part-time staff to fill the gap in Social Justice & Mission Team coordination, created by the departure of Mike Ozaki, to provide connection between church and staff and church and community.
- Both CAYAM and Membership Ministry Units reported new in-person visitors.
- Advent and Christmas Eve programs and services were announced.
- Income and expenses are in-line and cash flow is positive.
- Approved updated financial policies to guide handling of cash receipts and disbursements and to guide our handling of investments, including designated and endowment funds. Authorized hiring a consultant to analyze and advise on our need for masonry repairs on the exterior of the building.
- Directed Building & Property to study and advise on safety upgrades in parking lot next to church.

Summarized by Ginny Rainey, Clerk of Session

## Coffee hour volunteer request

As our church in-person attendance expands and more of our community is comfortable participating in the coffee hour, either in the social hall or in adult education classes, there's a need for more volunteers to support the serving of drinks and snacks. Yes, there's some early preparation and cleanup afterwards. However, there is also a sense of offering hospitality and getting to know and enjoy the company of others while actively supporting our church. In fact, it's fun!! The host is experienced and will direct and instruct the assistants. If you're interested in being one of these volunteers, you may sign up on the Signup Genius on the church website or use the link below. Please consider such an activity a few times each year, or more if so inclined. It can't happen without the efforts of many. And, know that the responsibilities are limited in the time involved and the benefits are both for the community and for the individual volunteer.

Signup here or on the website,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0448a5af29aa8-summer3>

Thank you, The Deacons



## Adult Education in December

**Title: Images of the Annunciation and Christ's Incarnation**

**Date: December 5, 2021**

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: Continuing in our Advent series, Heather Bruhn will lead us through a discussion of a very common motif in the Medieval and Renaissance eras: the Annunciation and Incarnation. How were these events depicted? Why were they so emphasized? Learn more in this session.

**Title: How Your Giving Impacts the Community**

**Date: December 12, 2021**

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: On December 12, join the Social Justice and Mission Team for an overview of how our church congregation has been giving to organizations throughout 2021. Committee members will share how our financial gifts have been distributed, and you can learn, discuss and personally reflect on opportunities for service at the church and in Centre County.

**Title: Advent Stories and Imagery with Allison**

**Date: December 19, 2021**

Location: Westminster Hall

Description: In this discussion-based Adult Ed session, we will take a look at the Bible passages around the story of Christ's birth and discuss how art helps us interpret the miracle and personhood of God with us. We will ask why we always picture certain parts of the story in particular ways and use our imaginations to add nuance and depth to our current understanding.

## Holiday Open House

Join **Out of the Cold: Centre County** for a holiday open house event at their new permanent shelter located at 318 South Atherton. OOTC will be hosting two open houses: December 2, 5:30-7:30 PM and December 5, 12:00 - 3:00 PM. Take a tour of the building, see the renovation plans, and enjoy delicious holiday treats and refreshments. This is an opportunity for you to see how your support has expanded and improved services for community members that are experiencing homelessness. Come celebrate this new home for Out of the Cold!

## LOGOS Fall/Early Winter Update

LOGOS, our mid-week program for children and youth in grades 1-8, has been very thankful to be back in the building for program meetings. We have been up to nothing but sharing God's love and joy with exciting themes such as crazy neckties, backwards night, movie trivia and Halloween. Mix those with our program areas of Bible Time, Activity Time, Family Time and Worship Skills and there is a lot of fun packed into 2 1/2hrs! Speaking of Worship Skills, wasn't it wonderful to see the children and youth of the congregation back to leading worship? Thank you for your warm support of their efforts! If you missed out in November or can't wait to see the LOGOS choir again, be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, December 12 and the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve service when they will help to spread the good news of Jesus' birth.

If you are interested in having your family join LOGOS or would like to gain additional information, please contact Keri Rounselle ([rouns626@yahoo.com](mailto:rouns626@yahoo.com)) or Deannine Shipman ([deanninescpc@gmail.com](mailto:deanninescpc@gmail.com)).

## HOME(less) for CHRISTMAS

Celebrating Christmas at home with family is a key holiday tradition for many in our country and around the world. In the days before Christmas, airports and highways are full of travelers who share "home" as a destination. For others however - even here in Centre County - Christmas at home is not an option.

This year SCPC will be hosting up to 20 homeless Out Of The Cold guests by providing hotel rooms for them from Dec 20 - Dec 26. A hotel room for the week provides 24/7 shelter from the elements, lets guests sleep in real beds (not army cots) and enjoy a hot shower - not to mention sleeping in a little later and TV. OOTC leadership will be organizing the hotel rooms. SCPC will cover hotel costs and provide meals during the week (as done last year). The SCPC Christmas dinner will be shared with these guests as well.

OOTC personnel will deliver meals to the hotel but are looking to volunteers from the SCPC congregation to provide the food. Donations for breakfast, lunch, or dinner should be dropped off at the Meeting House at 318 S. Atherton St. by 10AM each day; then individual meals will be prepared and brought to the hotel by 11:30AM.

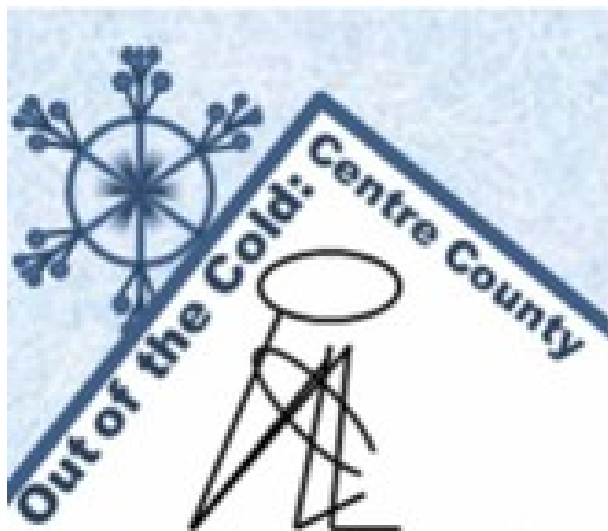
In addition to food, help is needed each day at the Meeting House to divide "family style" food into individual meal portions: 40 per day for lunch and dinner alone!

Gift cards can also be donated. These will enable OOTC guests to buy food from local businesses during the Christmas week-end and relieve OOTC staff of meal delivery duties over the holiday.

A Sign Up Genius sheet for organizing volunteers can be found using the link below. The home page for the sign up provides additional details including suggestions about food and buying gift cards from businesses local to the hotel.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-outofthe33>

Please consider how you might make Christmas better for someone less fortunate either by donating food, gift cards or by helping with meal prep at the Meeting House 318 S. Atherton St. during the week of Dec 20-26.



## From the Financial Affairs Committee

As we head into the final month of 2021, we want to take a moment and thank everyone for their continued generosity. Thanks to all of our wonderful members, friends and visitors, SCPC is on track to meet, and maybe even exceed, our budgeted contribution numbers. This allows us to run all of our fabulous programs and support our members and staff in all that they do. So, again, thank you.

Quarterly contribution statements were sent out in October; either by mail or email. As always, if you have any questions regarding your statement or would like an updated one as year-end approaches, please reach out to Michelle ([finadmscpc@gmail.com](mailto:finadmscpc@gmail.com)) or Anne ([annespc@gmail.com](mailto:annespc@gmail.com)) or call the office (814-238-2242 x207). Final, year-end statements will be sent out in January 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a 2022 operating pledge card, either using the postcard or the online system. If you haven't sent yours in yet, it's not too late! Everyone should have received the Stewardship mailing with a card to return; if you didn't, you can pick one up in the sanctuary during services, stop by the main office anytime, or call and we'll gladly mail you one. You may also use our [online pledging system](#) to submit your pledge directly to Michelle Fortin, our Financial Administrator.

If you are set up with a giving through ACH, Michelle will be reaching out to you in December to confirm if you want to continue using ACH in 2022, need to make any changes, etc. If you are interested in setting up ACH, please reach out to Michelle (814-238-2422, x207) for info or visit our [SCPC Online and ACH Giving](#) options page.

If you use online giving, we want to remind you that you may need to update your recurring giving (if you are changing your pledge for 2022). Using our online giving system allows you to login and see your historical information at any time; our financial administrator does not have any access to your account information. You will also receive an end-of-the-year statement (via email) from the Presbyterian Foundation showing your giving for the year as well as a contribution statement from SCPC which will list your online giving plus any non-online giving you may have done.

Again, thank you all for your generous giving and Happy Holidays!

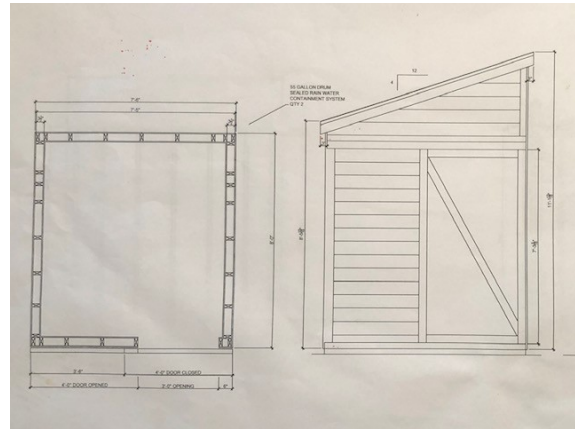


# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

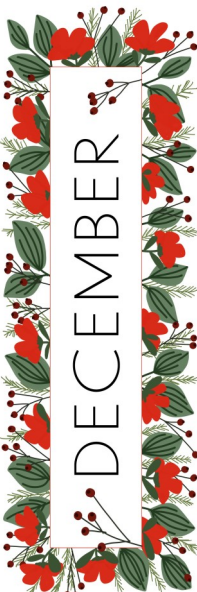


December 1	Kevin Astare Dean Lindsey Audrey Stover
December 2	Lizzie Biver
December 3	Jack Thompson
December 4	Lois Krauser
December 5	Bob Bruce
December 6	Barbara Cox
December 7	Carrie Koch Janet Kretchmar Ann Wheeler
December 8	Amy Frank Denise Fey
December 9	Laura Essinger-Hileman
December 10	Nikki Blake Andrea Krohe George Pedlow Erika Smith
December 11	John Ikenberry David Witmer Wilma Byron
December 13	Melissa Graham
December 14	Karen Crabtree
December 15	Rod Burnham
December 16	Elizabeth Baron
December 19	Helen Roback
December 20	Natalie DePalma
December 21	Cassie Massaker
December 22	Andrew Elder Stephanie Gilmore Marti Sawyer
December 25	Paul Mortimore
December 26	Lauren Elliott Marcus Wheeler
December 27	Mary D'Ambrosia
December 29	Jessica Hook Suzanne Kerlin
December 30	Denise Wheeler Phillip Clauer
December 31	Todd Hockenberry

## Storage Shed Eagle Project

Hello church members: My name is Paul Freije and I am working on my Eagle Scout project for Troop 367. My project is to build a small storage unit for our church to store the church lawnmower and other equipment that must be moved away from the church building for fire safety. The storage shed will be located near the church parking lot by the dumpster. I'm working with Clark Moose and John Ikenberry and the Building and Property Committee on the project, as well as my troop leaders and scouts. Here are a couple pictures of a work day in my garage. I hope you enjoy watching the construction over the next month.





Ongoing Weekly Events								
<b>Sunday</b> (Except Dec. 26) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Education 11:15 Worship 12:00 YoPro Bible Study								
<b>Monday</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts								
<b>Tuesday</b> (Except Dec. 21&28) 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting 4:30 LOGOS Geckos 5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis 7:30 Handbell Choir								
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 Wednesday in the Word 4:00 FISH Homework Time 6:00 FISH 8:00 POLO Women's Bible Study								
<b>Thursday</b> 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Chancel Choir								
Ongoing events may be interrupted over the holidays. Please check our website <a href="http://scpresby.org">scpresby.org</a> for the latest information.  Z = Zoom								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			<b>1</b> 12:15 Advent Organ Recital 12:30 Stay & Play Staff Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 7:00 Candlelight Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 5:30 Personnel Ministry	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:15 Advent Organ Recital	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 4:00 Christmas Candlelight Services 7:00 Session	<b>13</b> 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:15 Advent Organ Recital 7:00 Racial Rec - onciliation - Z	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>		
College Student Study Space - Fireside Room								
<b>19</b> 4th Sunday of Advent	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:30 LOGOS Christmas Eve Rehearsal 7:00 Blue Christmas @ St. Andrews Episcopal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:30 Special Christmas Service for Preschoolers	<b>24</b> 7:00 Christmas Eve Service 11:00 Christmas Eve Service Communion	<b>25</b> 		
<b>26</b> 1st Sunday of Christmas 10:00 Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 Racial Reconciliation Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> First Night Activities			



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