

JUBILEE RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE! - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

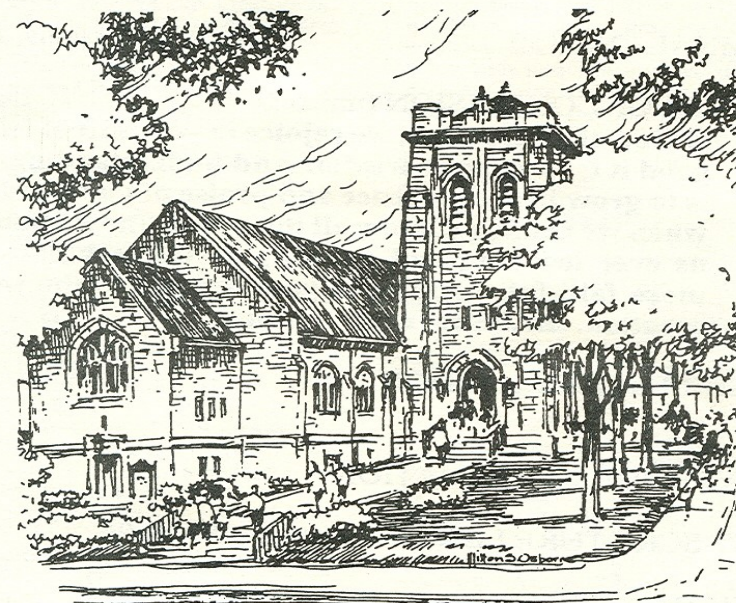
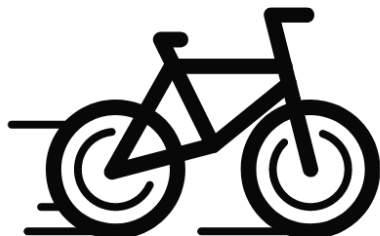
The season of Jubilee mentioned in Leviticus is about forgiveness of debts, rest of the earth, and freedom. As we study Jubilee this Fall in our preaching series, Spiritual Life wants to provide an experience of Jubilee of us to better understand how this idea applies to each of our lives individually and communally during this season. Join us for story sharing, conversation, walking prayers, art projects, dinner and more. Mark your calendars for this proposed October 4, 2:00-6:00 pm getaway to Krislund and stay tuned for more details. Contact Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) with any questions.

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RETREAT CENTER IN CENTRE
COUNTY, PA!

SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 15, 2020

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September 6, 2020

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE Arranged by Donald Busarow
"Processional on 'Lift High the Cross'"

CALL TO WORSHIP The Ozaki Family

HYMN No. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2) Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3) To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4) Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Michael Ozaki
Lord of all things, you know how easily we confuse what we want with what we actually need. We hang onto old habits even to the point of hurting ourselves. We selfishly pursue goals that destroy the bonds of community. We spend time in vain pursuits that rob us of the energy for the things that matter. Please forgive us, we pray. Help us to learn the joy that comes not from chasing after whatever we want, but in providing for others and ourselves the things that fill life with true peace and love. So may we follow the example of your gracious Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Meals on Wheels

Are you a person who is homebound and having difficulty preparing meals during the COVID crisis? Or do you have a parent or friend who could use assistance? State College Area Meals on Wheels is ready to help. Please call us at 814-237-8135 or visit www.scmow.org to find out more.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study small group will be wrapping up their current Bible Study this fall and will be looking to start a new one. The group is open to all men who wish to study the Bible...the word of God. September or October would be a good time to join in with us - we are always open for new men and we are open to new ideas for our next study. Currently we are meeting by Zoom but hope to get back together soon. We meet at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month. Questions or interested in joining? Contact Bob Igo or Allison Maus.

Centering Prayer—Via Zoom—Mondays at 7:00 pm

The regular weekly Centering Prayer group offering is meeting via Zoom. It will continue to be offered on Mondays from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to be added to the email invitation list and receive an access code, please contact Mary Boutselis or Mary Jane Kistler.

Weekly Congregational Prayer Meeting—Via Zoom Tuesdays at Noon

The Spiritual Life Team is continuing to offer weekly congregational prayer meetings via Zoom. This short gathering is a time for checking in, sharing congregational joys and concerns, as well as being in prayer together.

Wednesday in the Word—Via Zoom—Wednesdays at 12:30

Wednesday in the Word will continue the Kay Arthur study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times". We welcome newcomers. Folks are invited to bring a Bible and join us for this study and time of fellowship. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 for lunch then 12:45 to 1:45 pm for the study and 1:45 to 2:00 for sharing and prayer. Questions? Contact either Connie Curilla or Linda Edvar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship Service—
Tower Lawn

Monday, September 7

Labor Day—
Building Closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Zoom
12:00 pm Congregational
Prayer Meeting—
Zoom

Wednesday, September 9

12:30 pm Wednesday in the
Word—Zoom
6:30 pm FISH, Social Hall,
Westminster Hall

Thursday, September 10

9:00 am Staff Meeting—Zoom
6:00 pm Presbyterian Student
Fellowship—Tower
Lawn

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

Outdoor Worship Services

We are holding a weekly Sunday worship service at 9:00 am, outside the Tower Entrance to the church on the corner of Fraser and Beaver (weather permitting). As always, our focus will be on the goodness of God whom we seek to praise as we gather. We will continue to offer remote worship via YouTube, and the outdoor service will include similar elements to the pre-recorded service. Bring a lawn chair, social distance, and wear your mask.

Daily Scripture Readings on Peacemaking Themes:

“Building on a Solid Foundation”

Week of September 6—12:

Sunday—Matthew 7:24-27

Monday—Acts 10:34-43

Tuesday—Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Wednesday—Isaiah 55:1-5

Thursday—Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Friday—Joshua 1:7-9

Saturday—Isaiah 59:20-21

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

ANTHEM

Arranged by Ned Wetherald

“Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Choir: Adam Baldoni, Hayden Carpenter, Katrina Cole,
Emily-Margaret Ceres, Connie Curilla, Laura Essinger-
Hileman, Don Hartzell, Shelby Luther, Jack McKinley,
Karen Neff, Lynne Verity, Ned Wetherald, Ann Wheeler,
Jim Wheeler

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 16:21-26

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ ²³But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

SERMON "What Am I to Do? Dean Lindsey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Allison Maus

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 555 "O Lamb of God"
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your
peace.

BENEDICTION

PEACE
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE Arranged by Charles Callahan
"POSTLUDE ON 'St. Denio'"

**Adult Ed Offering for September 13—via Zoom
Offered by Dean Lindsey**

Humor is always a part of the human experience, and that is true of the people of the Bible. Did they clown around, play ricks on one another or tell stories to make each other laugh? Of Course! Unfortunately, jokes have a short shelf-life, and translating humor from one language to another is not easy to do. Still, there are many Bible stories that need to be told with a smile, not a frown, and then we can laugh with those who first heard and enjoyed them.

**Let us all be in prayer for our church, our
community, and our world, seeking out God's
healing and strength as we move through these
days, and please keep in touch with the church
and with your neighbors!**

**Please reach out if there is anything we can do for
you. We are checking voicemail (814-238-2422) and
emails (officescpc@gmail.com) daily. If you have
access to a computer, please check the website
(www.scpresby.org) and our Facebook page for spir-
itual offerings and for church information.**