

PASTOR TREMBA EXCHANGE WITH SCOTTISH MINISTER

With the approval of the Session and the Presbytery of Shenandoah, Pastor Tremba will do a pulpit/parish exchange with the Rev. Richard West, a Church of Scotland minister of two linked parishes in mid-Argyll, on the west coast of Scotland, approximately 30 miles south of the port of Oban. Randy will cover Sunday duties and some parish duties there July 15–29 and then visit Ireland for a week before returning home. Randy and Paula depart July 3 and return by August 7.

The Rev. West and his wife Angela will be in our parish July 17–August 5. They will spend much of their time traveling in WV and to DC. However, they may be able to accept a few dinner invitations. Call the office if you'd like to invite them.

Other guest preachers during Pastor Tremba's absence will be: Rev. Pat Donohoe (July 8), Rev. Jim Macdonell (July 15), and Rev. Donald Krickbaum (August 12). Debbie Romano will coordinate pastoral and deacon shepherd care with the assistance of Revs. Pat Donohoe, Em Lowe, and Jim Macdonell. Ethel Hornbeck will coordinate Sunday services. Kathy Reid will be available during regular office hours.

INTRODUCING OUR SCOTTISH EXCHANGE MINISTER.

I was born in 1947 in Swindon, Wiltshire, in the south west of England. I went to a teacher training college, where I trained for Primary School education. I was in the classroom four years before branching into work with children with special needs—more specifically, children with epilepsy.

Angela and I were married in 1980. I have two stepchildren, who are both married with families. Married life has seen us both busy with our careers, Angela in social work and me with young offenders and then with young people with learning disabilities. In 1990, I was accepted for training in the United Reformed Church and in 1994 was ordained and inducted to my first charge in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. I was there four years, then spent seven years in Stocksbridge. In 2005, the Church of Scotland appointed me to my current charge in Argyll.

My interests are quite varied and include: foreign languages and travel, listening to a wide variety of music, theatre, walking, canals and narrow boats.

Angela and I are very much looking forward to our visit to Shepherdstown. This will be a completely new experience for us and we feel very lucky to be able to come to such a beautiful part of America. We shall enjoy discovering all that West Virginia has to offer. Above all, we are looking forward to joining with you in worship and fellowship and learning more about the structure and workings of the Presbyterian Church in your area.

—Richard West

STORIED EVENINGS AT SPC Music, Story & Art

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., July 11, 18, 25

The art of Don Black displayed in Fellowship Hall.

Personal stories: "Who and what made me who and what I am."

July 11—Speaker: Ed Zahniser, poet, environmental activist

Music: VocalPoint. A women's quartet with Pam Keim, Connie Robeson, Barbara Rupert, and Georgiann Toole

July 18—Speaker: Betty Bowers Snyder, author of *Born But Not Buried*

Music: Shepherd Three Woodwind Trio. Anne Munro, Greg Shook, and Richard Polonchak

July 25—Speaker: To be announced

Music: Sean Cookus, Jazz saxophone

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

At its June meeting SPC Women's Circle awarded Sallye Price an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women with a life membership pin and framed certificate. An Honorary Life Membership is presented in recognition of the recipient's faithful service in some area of the church. The pin symbolizes the qualities of persons deserving this honor and recognition.

Sallye is an ordained elder and deacon and has also served as a Sunday school teacher. She became a circle member at SPC in the early 60's and has had numerous leadership roles since. She served as secretary for 33 years. She collected the "least coin" offering for years and headed the birthday offering mission project and various other mission projects. She helped maintain stability during times when Circle attendance was falling. After our long-time moderator Mary Louise Wright died a few years ago, Sallye agreed to co-moderate the circle to keep it going.

The Circle is grateful to Sallye for the major role she has played in sustaining and enriching Presbyterian Women over the years and helping us grow into the strong and vibrant group we are today.

—Barbara Kaplin/Lucy Gay, Co-Moderators

Yootz Corner...

SENIOR YOOTZ WEEK OF AGAPE

From the 7th to the 11th of June, eleven of us from the YOOTZ spent time at Rolling Ridge, on a river trip and in Washington D.C. learning about wilderness and the concept of "agape."

On this trip many things happened to bring our group together, in a truly spiritual way. Talking and expressing thoughts and emotions about what agape was gave all of us a true feeling of it. We went to the Congress and lobbied for saving a large area of wilderness and, in doing that, we all felt good. Helping to preserve wilderness for children in the future is a great cause and is very important. I believe that we had a large impact in the thinking of the Senators and Congresswoman.

The D.C. trip was great and I hope we can do it again.

—Chris Pritchard

SUPPORT MONONGAHELA FOREST

The SPC Yootz have been studying environmental stewardship for the past semester. They have put their faith into action by actively supporting and advocating for more wilderness areas in the Monongahela National Forest. They are asking for your help by writing to Congresswoman Capito, Senator Byrd, Senator Rockefeller as well as Governor Manchin. A sample letter from Brandon Dennison, SPC Assistant for Youth, is in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendars...

STORY RETREAT AT ROLLING RIDGE July 6-7.

Discovering and Writing Our Stories will be lead by Dr. Lana Portolano. Her story writing is first rate. Registration fee is \$50. The retreat is available to anyone with interest in creative writing, regardless of ability to pay. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Verle Headings 304-725-4172 or Vvatrr@juno.com.

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL for children age 3 through grade 8 (age 15) **August 6-10** from 9 a.m.-12 noon. We start at St. Agnes, move to New Street, and conclude at Trinity Episcopal. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Suzanne Swartz, 304-876-6723 or sswartz@frontiernet.net.

HEDGESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH celebrates its 75th anniversary **Sunday, August 26, 3:00 p.m.** Friends from all Eastern Panhandle churches are invited.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI Prophet of peace, cantor of creation and great lover of God (along with his most important spiritual companion Clare) is one of history's most interesting and influential figures. Tradition sets aside October 4 as a day to remember the Franciscan legacy. At SPC this coming October we will celebrate the life and witness of Francis (and Clare!) with several events. Among them:

PEACEFEST

A Community Gathering
Prayer in Song & Silence
ImagineOneWorld

Sunday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m.

FRANCISCAN FORUM Creation, Christ and the Cosmos, **Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** Dr. Ilia Delio, OSE, Chair and Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and Director of Franciscan Studies at the Washington Theological Union returns to SPC this fall to help us explore the deep wisdom of the Franciscan tradition and its insight on living in a sacramental world of God's goodness.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DINNER (9th-12th grade) with Dr. Suzanne Shipley, President of Shepherd University. **Sunday, October 14** at 5:00 p.m. at the Shepherd University Ballroom. Representatives from several other area colleges and Rumsey Vo-Tech will be there. Cost is \$10. Parents are welcome, too. Call SPC office to make reservations. You may pay at the door.

Monthly Activities...

MOVABLE FEAST SUPPER GROUP: **Saturday**, 6:30 p.m., **July 7**, at Helen & John Burn's, 304-876-9146; **August 4** at Rie Wilson's, 304-876-6591

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7–7:30 p.m. **Next: July 15** and **August 19**.

CANTERBURY SERVICE of song, prayer and scripture, third Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Please join us. Coordinator Debbie Romano, debbieromano@hughes.net. **Next: July 16** and **August 20**.

TGIF SUPPER GROUP: **Friday**, 6:30 p.m., **July 20**, Nancy & Jim Macdonell's, 304-274-1390; **August 17** at Suellen Myer's 304-876-6035.

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under JCCM Notes). **Next: August 5**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays, breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; discussion from 8–9 a.m. **Next: August 18**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend. **Next: September 6**.

PAPER RECYCLING BY 4-H GROUP at Christ Reformed Church, 8–9:15 a.m. Paper, cardboard, magazines, books in paper bags, boxes, or tie securely. **NO PLASTIC BAGS**. **Next: July 7** and **August 4**.

Notices...

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Chair, Ed Rakowski) You are invited to suggest active members of SPC for the office of Elder or Deacon. By **August 5, 2007**, please email suggestions to Ed Rakowski, erakowski@washco-md.net, or return the form included in this newsletter by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday, or mailing it to the church office. Questions? Contact Ed, 304-676-2485.

HELP NEEDED FOR BIBLE SCHOOL If you are 12 or older, we would be glad to accept your assistance. We need teachers, teacher assistants and people to assist with crafts. If you are able to help (even if for only an hour), please let Suzanne Swartz know as soon as possible, 304-876-6723 or sswartz@frontiernet.net.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS Applications are now being accepted through Presbytery for 2007–2008 College Scholarship Grants. Download forms and guidelines at <http://www.shenpres.org/ScholarshipGrants.html>.

JCCM PANTRY Children are home for the summer, so there is a need for peanut butter and jelly, and

canned meats (Spam, corned beef, small hams).

Current pantry needs: Hamburger Helper/Tuna Helper, saltine crackers, rice, regular coffee, instant coffee, teabags (regular flavor), toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper.

Ongoing needs: pancake mix and syrup, cereal, soups, mac & cheese, canned pasta, bar soap, baby food jars with lids.

SCHOOL BOOKBAGS AND SUPPLIES Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM) has asked SPC to provide 30 backpacks for high school students. To participate, purchase a bookbag and provide the supplies listed below. Bring it to the church no later than **Sunday, July 22**.

You will never know the child who will carry *your* bookbag proudly to school, but you *will* know that, because you cared, one child has been given a helping hand that could make a huge difference in that child's life.

- Age-appropriate bookbag
- 6 #2 pencils
- 12 colored pencils
- 6 black-ink pens
- 100 3x5 lined index cards
- 1 - 2" 3-ring binder
- 2 packs college-rule notebook paper
- 3 one-subject college-rule notebooks

Important: Do not include extras, such as notes or cards. (This ensures each child gets the same supplies.) Put all supplies in a plastic (grocery) bag attached to the bookbag and remove bar-code tags. Supply lists are in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact me at jaktries@aol.com. —Joan Kenney

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER Entertainment items are good for summertime: videos (for children or family); arts & crafts supplies (coloring books, crayons and activity books); Barbie dolls and clothes; toy cars and machinery; board games.

Ongoing needs: pre-paid long distance cards; laundry detergent (powder); shower gel, ACT fluoride rinse; waxed dental floss; diapers & baby wipes; lamps; and Martin's and Wal-mart gift cards.

Place items in the red basket by the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to make coffee every second Sunday of each month after the 10:45 service. Contact Melinda Schmitt, 304-876-6157.

PAID CHILD CARE POSITION Seeking live-in babysitter from September 10–23 to get seven year old child on and off school bus and to stay at night. Please contact Christine Librizzi, 304-728-0440.

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SHARE YOUR GARDEN SURPLUS with others who don't have a garden this year. Leave your surplus vegetables and fruit in the Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations...

SCAT CAT TEAM (*Scare Cancer Away Today*) raised \$6,840 including the Sunday SPC collections of \$1,169. Jefferson County raised \$134,481. Thanks to everyone for making this such a great team!

— *Suzanne Swartz*

RECENT BIRTHS: Elisabeth Judith to Kathy & Mike Gottlieb • Zoe Wren to Kathryn & Matthew Bellacosa • Isabella Suzanne, granddaughter of office manager Kathy Reid • Jordyn Louise, granddaughter of Carole & Dave Scott • Campbell Elizabeth Coleman, granddaughter of Jim & Sue Barney.

Thank You...

Dear SPC: We have enjoyed so much our 11-year association with the church. Randy, you have, through your kindness and inspirational and thought-provoking words, consistently raised our spirits and nurtured and calmed our souls. The members of the church have also supported us in every aspect of our lives and have been good and true friends. We have indeed been grateful. So, it makes it difficult to leave the warm comfort of SPC. Your blessing and gifts of the family bible and cross are more reasons to be thankful. We shall read the bible to our grandchildren so that they will learn the stories and also to honor the memory of your mother. The cross will hang in our bedroom as a remembrance of SPC. We have truly been blessed by all of you. Thank you.

— *Cathy and Dave Dunlop*

Dear SPC: I don't know how my children and I can ever thank you for all that you and your church did to keep us from becoming homeless these past few months. The kids are very grateful that they got to stay in the same school with all their friends...and they all made honor roll! I was able to recover my health, and now the world seems like a completely different place. Once again, we could never thank you enough. — *Signed by mother and her 3 children*

To SPC: Your prayers and concerns through my last surgery were truly appreciated. Along with the prayers, the cards I received as well as the phone calls surely show that God's love is present here. Yours in Christ. — *Wanni Martin*

Financial Corner...

General Fund through July 1. Expected: \$128,000. Actual giving: \$117,487. **Building Fund** pledged for 2007: \$30,000. Submitted to date: \$11,580.

In Our Prayers...

Wanni Martin (surgery) • Anderson Clark • Jenny Murdock (surgery) • Karen Davison (surgery)

NEXT NEWSLETTER: September 2007. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or office@spcworks.org. Copy deadline **August 22.**

Let us know if you would like to get the newsletter on line. It will save us paper and postage.