

REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE WORLD

SCAT CAT RELAY FOR LIFE

The third Annual SCAT Cat Relay for Life Spring Brunch and Silent Auction is **Saturday, May 5**, 9-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at SPC. Cost is \$5.00 per person. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Please plan on coming out to support this worthy cause so that we can *Scare Cancer Away Today!!!!*

The Session of SPC has graciously agreed to support the SCAT Cat Relay For Life Team by setting a congregational goal of \$1,000. Beginning **Sunday, May 13**, members of the SCAT Cat Team will be at each exit door after both services to accept any and all donations the congregation would like to make on behalf of the American Cancer Society. Checks should be made payable to ACS. Your generous support is greatly appreciated by the entire SCAT Cat Team.

We are also sponsoring a youth talent show on **Sunday, May 27**. Place and time to be determined.

—Suzanne Swartz

CONGREGATION EARTH CARE DAY

Responding to wide spread environmental degradation, US Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin called for an Environmental Teach-in or Earth Day to be held on April 22, 1970. Over 20 million people participated, and now more than 500 million people and national governments in 175 countries observe it each year. But everyday should be Earth Day, and we shouldn't confine ourselves to just one day a year to do something good for God's Earth. SPC's Mission and Stewardship Committee has planned a Congregation Earth Care Day on **Saturday, May 12**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are meeting at Yankauer Nature Preserve, located on Whiting's Neck Road just north of Shepherdstown, to touch the Earth with our caring hands. We will help the Preserve staff with a maintenance project, getting down and dirty for the Earth. All in the congregation are encouraged to participate: young and old, singles and couples, or the whole family. Wear work clothes and bring a lunch to share. After our work is done, we'll end with a picnic lunch and a time of reflection together.

Please sign up on the list available in the Fellowship Hall so we can plan the day's work. Stay tuned for further details. *Together we can make a world of difference.* Questions? Contact Terry Lindsay, 304-582-0179, or Terry_Lindsay@nps.gov.

YOOTZ CAMPING AT DOLLY SODS May 11-13. Join us for camping and hiking in and around areas of forest currently being considered for federal protection. A representative from the West Virginia Wilderness Coalition will serve as our guide as well as answer questions about activism and stewardship. All Yootz (grades 6-12) are welcome. We will return home as soon as possible to celebrate Mother's Day. Questions? Contact Brandon Dennison, bmdherdfan@aol.com.

ROCK (Ride On For CASA Kids) third annual tri-county bike ride is **Saturday, June 2**, starting and ending on German & King Streets in Shepherdstown. Ride 10, 25, 50 and 100 mile routes of easy to more difficult circuits through beautiful, historic Civil War countryside! All rides will have rest stops with healthy snacks and beverages. New this year: *Tykes on Trikes* for kids ages 2-7, to ride a circle of hope on a 60-yard loop. CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc. (CASA-EP) is an independent, non-profit charity dedicated to supporting and advocating for abused and neglected children of our community. To register for the ride or find out more about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), call 304-263-5100 or go to www.casaride.com. Not interested in riding but would like to help the day of event, please see Kathy in the SPC office.

AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER is **May 5-6**. The Avon Foundation provides support and resources for women affected by this terrible disease. Any amount you can give to help me reach my fundraising goal is great; I appreciate your support. To contribute, contact me at 304-876-2324, or rocktree5@yahoo.com.

—Ashley Musselwhite

Spiritual Formation...

GRATEFULNESS is one of the most formative (and transformative) *practices* and *attitudes* that we humans can seek to engage. Cultivating gratefulness is surely one of the most powerful antidotes to the great diseases of our age: cynicism, boredom, alienation, despair. In fact, according to the contemporary Benedictine visionary Br. David Stendahl Rast, *learning to be grateful* is THE great spiritual work of our time, the primary path to “re-rooting us in life and aliveness.” It brings us, as the 13th century mystic poet Rumi put it: “to the place where the Beloved lives.”

Stehdahl Rast has taken a lifetime commitment to gratefulness and the wisdom of his research, spiritual life and many books and other writings into cyberspace, creating one of the richest spiritual websites I have discovered to date. Join with several thousand daily participants from 235 countries and check out the infinite possibilities and power of gratefulness at the interactive website: www.gratefulness.org.

—Ethel Hornbeck
Parish Assistant for Spiritual Formation

Yootz Corner...

VISIT TO RESCUE MISSION Saturday, March 31. A small group of SPC youth and adults, went to the Union Rescue Mission, a men’s shelter in Martinsburg. We arrived just before lunch, and hung out as the fold-up tables were being set. It was a filling meal of hamburger, potatoes, and fruit. We mingled with victims of poverty, and realized that these men are little different from us. One man at our table, Lee, had done duty on three different military submarines. After the meal was over, we led a short chapel service. We lit a candle and explained that God was light, and light was the focus of our service.

AFTER the service, the head of the shelter, lead us on a tour of the facility. He explained the problems in the area before the shelter was built, which included crack houses and prostitution. After he told us the background, we walked to a thrift store also owned by the shelter. We then saw their recycling and reusing facility*, which was very impressive. Anyone can bring in metal and any type of paper or cardboard for recycling, which helps make money to run the shelter. The trip was over and we said our good-byes to the kind man who runs the shelter. —Stephen Pritchard

*The recycling center accepts items Monday–Saturday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m. The Mission is located at 602 W. King Street. They will really be happy to see you.

YOUTH & FAITH NIGHT Saturday, May 26, 6-8:30 p.m.; Yootz, 8th graders (incoming freshman) through senior are invited to stay overnight.

Mark Your Calendars...

MASTERWORKS CHORALE with full orchestra presents Verdi’s *Requiem* **Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m.**, Frank Arts Center at Shepherd University. \$15 general admission; \$10 students, staff, seniors; \$5 children under 18.

RITE OF PASSAGE for 5th and 9th graders, **Sunday, May 6** at the 10:45 service.

MEMORIAL BENCH Marian Buckner and daughters Suzanne and Julie are donating a memorial bench and tree in honor of Hank Buckner to Morgan’s Grove Park, Shepherdstown. Pastor Tremba will lead the brief service at the park on **Saturday, May 12**, at 11:00 am (rain or shine). All are welcome to attend.

HISTORICAL TOUR of the “Planting of Presbyterianism in the Northern Neck of Berkeley County,” **Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m.** hosted by William D. Moore, Pastor of Tabler Presbyterian Church. Meet in the parking lot of Little Falls Presbyterian Church

The tour of early churches will reference the 1720s, Revolutionary War, Civil War, and show the Quaker–Presbyterian link to the establishment of communities. The tour will highlight the churches of Falling Waters (original and present), Hedgesville, Tomahawk, and Tuscarora. Representatives will speak about the churches and their history.

Directions to Little Falls Presbyterian: from Martinsburg, go north on I-81 to Spring Mills Exit 20, go right to stoplight, then left on Route 11. Church is 1.2 miles on right.

WHEN YOUTH CREATE Awards Ceremony and Gala on **Tuesday, May 22, 7 p m** at FOCUS, 238 W. Washington Street in Charles Town, WV. Light refreshments will be served. Join us for an evening to showcase the hard work of students and express our appreciation for the teachers and volunteers who have helped make this year a success. Please RSVP or direct questions to Keith Lyndaker Schlabach, 304-735-3433 or keith@whenyouthcreate.com.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES Mission Trip, **May 22**, Lynchburg, VA. The Eastern Panhandle Mission Community (EPMC) invites you to spend the day enjoying God’s scenery and learning about Presbyterian Homes & Family Service’s ministry to children and adults with disabilities. It’s a full day trip departing from First Church, Martinsburg at 8 a.m. For reservations and/or to volunteer to provide transportation please contact Ramona Smith, 304-267-2587, or First Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, 304-263-5201, fpcomwv@comcast.net no later than **Monday, May 14**.

GULFPORT MISSION TRIP This fall, **September**

22-30, if we can get enough interest for an SPC team, we plan to partner with Charles Town Presbyterian Church to head down to Gulfport, MS to help Katrina victims. Information and sign up materials will be available shortly in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline for sign up is **June 15**. Contact Terry Lindsay 304-535-6048 or ntlindsay@netscape.net.

CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, June 10, Morgan Grove Park. Watch for more details.

Monthly Activities...

TAIZE SERVICE First Wednesdays (except June, July and August), 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prayer in song & silence. **Next: May 2.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend. The Horizons Bible Study for 2006-2007 is *Perspectives on Genesis*. **Next: May 3.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under JCCM Notes). **Next: May 6.**

SUPPER GROUPS Movable Feast, **Saturday, May 5**, 6:30 p.m. at Karen Davison's, 304-876-9191; **TGIF, Friday, May 18**, 6:30 p.m. (*note time change*) at Nancy & Bill Wilson's, 301-432-8118.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays, breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; discussion from 8-9 a.m. **Next: May 19.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays (except June, July and August), balcony, 7-7:30 p.m. **Next: May 20.**

CANTERBURY SERVICE of song, prayer and scripture, third Mondays, 10:30 a.m. Please join us in this joyful SPC ministry. Coordinator Debbie Romano, debbie romano@hughes.net. **Next: May 21.**

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION GROUPS Second Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. with Pastor Tremba. Any and all questions considered. **Next: May 10.** Fourth Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. with Ethel Hornbeck. Reflection and conversation around scripture and other texts. **Next: May 24.**

PAPER RECYCLING BY 4-H GROUP at Christ Reformed Church, 8-9:15 a.m. Paper, cardboard, magazines, books. Place in paper bags, boxes, or tie securely. **NO PLASTIC BAGS.** **Next: May 5.**

Notices...

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

CALLING ALL SPC CHILD SITTERS! The Nursery Committee is creating a guild of baby sitters to assist during special SPC events. Any young person (or not so young SPCer) who is interested in occasional, paid baby sitting, contact Kathy Gottlieb at 304-876-8132 or gottlieb@frontiernet.net.

JCCM NOTES Please see the thank you memo from Jefferson County Community Ministries on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. During 2006, Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church contributed: \$2,235; 1443 pounds of food; hundreds of pounds of clothing; 35 backpacks filled with school supplies; and adopted several families for Christmas.

No urgent need for clothing right now. However, blankets are in very short supply as winter hangs on. There is an urgent need for macaroni and cheese and canned fruit, but they still have lots of green beans, peas and corn. Gift cards from Martin's or Food Lion are appreciated. They are used by the food coordinator to replace supplies when needed.

Current pantry needs: dry cereal, spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned meats, vegetable oil, casserole mixes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothpaste/toothbrushes, clean plastic garbage bags, clean baby food jars w/lids, and clean midsize jars with lids. For babies: bath needs, clothes, and diapers.

JCCM has extended its hours and will now accept clothing & food on the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-noon. *This is for donations only. No client services are available.* Collection at SPC on first Sundays. **Next: May 6.**

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER needs office supplies (paper, pens, etc.); non-perishable food products; children's toys (for outdoors); baby food; spill proof cups; baby bibs, bottles and spoons.

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.

PROPERTY REPORT On April 30, we are starting to paint the windows and shutters on the east side of the church. Mike Henderson's crew will be doing the work. (Mike did the fine plaster repair in our sanctuary.) This will entail significant repairs to the ailing shutters, as well as repairing and caulking the window trim. Colors will remain the same. We'll provide a more complete report as work progresses.

— John Burns

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Thank You...

We would like to thank you for all of your support through the birth of our triplets and the months following. Your prayers, meals, and time have helped us survive through this scary time. All three babies are now home from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and are growing quickly. And, big sister, Elle, is surprisingly doing well too! —*Laura and Dave Colbert*

Congratulations...

ESSAY AWARDS given by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The theme was "Jamestown Colony is Settled" in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. SPC students received awards: Jessica Schmitt, Ethan Carter, and Eric Smith.

ANDY HAMMOND is receiving his Eagle Scout Rank on May 5. His service project entailed building a trail and small bridge at a Methodist church camp in Maryland. Andy supervised the year-long project, which involved planning, organizing, obtaining materials, recruiting volunteers, and completing the actual work.

TEDDY'S TOUR Dena Hill and her co-worker wrote and created a video called Teddy's Tour. It's a tool for children—who are having surgery—and their parents to watch. The movie is nine minutes long and tells exactly what will happen from beginning to end when a child comes in for surgery. This child happened to be having a tonsillectomy. This little film ended up being a pretty big success. For every child who viewed it, the results were unbelievably successful!

The video got a big award from Valley Health Sys-

tem and just won first place in the Tele Awards out of 13,000 entries! Teddy's Tour is in the SPC office and is available for anyone's viewing—particularly for kids with upcoming surgeries. *Feel free to take it home to view.* Congratulations, Dena!

Financial Corner...

General Fund through April 29. Expected: \$83,692. Actual giving: \$78,198. **Building Fund** pledged for 2007: \$30,000. Submitted to date: \$7,247.

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering Total to date: \$3,736.60. Thanks to one and all very much for your care and generosity.

In Our Prayers...

Barkley Sutherland • Ada Hatchet • Jesse Shenk • Vivian Snyder's friend Pam • Jenny Murdock • Mary Ann Kave's son Eric • Em Lowe's friend David • Sue Barney (post surgery) • Nan Johnson (death of mother) • Roy and Pat Dick's friend Marshall

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to be part of a telephone prayer chain to be contacted to pray for others, please call Dodi Bradley, 304-263-6652.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: June 2007. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org> Copy deadline **May 23.**

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