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SPC Summer Picnic

The whole congregation together in one place at one time

Sunday, July 18, 5:00 p.m. at Morgan Grove Park

An opportunity to meet and greet old and new members

•Activities include: face painting, volleyball, recognition of Sunday School teachers & students,
•camp & folk songs, plus soccer re-match between youth and adults

•Supper at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to serve 12

•**Assignments per last name. A-G: dessert; H-P: vegetable or salad; Q-Z: main dish**

•Chicken, beverages, dishes and flatware are provided.

•Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after

•Contact Mary Ellen Lloyd, 304-876-0805 or melloyd@frontiernet.net, if you can help.
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STORIED EVENINGS AT SPC: MUSIC, ART & TALES

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., July 14, 21, 28

The art of Joanna Morrison displayed in Fellowship Hall

Exquisite Desserts

July 14—Jay Hurley, Owner of O’Hurley’s General Store

Music by Jay Hurley, Dulcimer

July 21—Pam & Ren Parziale, Potters, Sycamore Pottery

Music by Shepherd Three Woodwind Trio:

Anne Munro, Flute • Gregory Shook, Oboe • Richard Polonchak, Bassoon

July 28—Ray Smock,

Director, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University

Music by Joanna Moomaw, Soprano • Kari Edge, Piano

SUNDAY FORUMS WITH PASTOR TREMBA on issues addressed by PCUSA General Assembly.
Sundays at 9:25 a.m. Tentative topics (subject to change):

- **July 11:** The Trinity: God’s Love Overflowing (Study paper from 2006 GA).
- **July 18:** Belhar Confession adopted by the church of South Africa in 1986 and under consideration for inclusion in our Book of Confessions.
- **July 25:** Report of the Middle East Study Committee: “Breaking Down Walls.”

Relevant articles or papers will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Other GA issues and actions will be discussed at each forum as time allows.

REFLECTIONS

Excerpts from Sunday, June 20

Where is God?

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, 'Where is your God?' Psalms 42 and 43

This is the reoccurring theme throughout Psalms 42 and 43. The Psalms' refrain repeats itself, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?" The human condition really hasn't changed much since these Psalms were written nearly 3,000 years ago. Our souls are still disquieted. And we ask, "Where is God?"

But I've come to find that asking this question, "Where is God?" is a good thing. If I'm sincere and quiet, it causes us to ask the question, "Where am I?"

"Where is God?" God is in our hearts. We each hold a spark from the original soul, and this soul is wholly inherent in all souls.¹ We can neither increase nor diminish it. It exists infallibly, eternally, and independently of us.² It rests in the present—moment by moment. And we have access to it moment by moment, if only we dare.

—Terry Lindsay

¹ Rabbi Shmelke

² Simone Weil, *Waiting for God*, 1951, p. 217

Angels

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

What is it allows (or forces) us to go on in the face of fear and sadness and despair? I believe what really keeps us walking and breathing and hoping forward into the next day and the next is the bread and water. Hospitality. That is, the visitation of angels who bring us food and drink, who urge us to fortify ourselves for the next leg of the journey. Quietly, plainly saying, "Eat, drink, rest, take care of yourself."

Thank God, there are angels. Thank God you are angels. We get by in this world because of angels. God bless the angels, every one of you.

—Mary Ellen Lloyd

NOTE: Complete versions are at spcworks.org.

Mark Your Calendars...

PASTORS FOR PEACE VISIT The 21st Caravan to Cuba, which is traveling to about 130 US and Canadian cities to educate people about the US blockade of Cuba for the past 50 years, will be in Shepherdstown **July 10 and 11**. SPC's Mission Committee will host about 12 persons from the Caravan on **Saturday, July 10**, 7:00 p.m. for a free dinner in the Fellowship Hall and a talk by the group; and on **Sunday, July 11**, 9:30 a.m. for a Forum in the Fellowship Hall. If you wish to attend the dinner on Saturday, please RSVP Verle and Vivian Headings **by July 7**, Vvatrr@juno.com, or 304-725-2312.

The group's leader is The Rev. Luis Barrios, PhD. He is of Puerto Rican ancestry, Associate Professor of Psychology and Ethnic Studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, a weekly columnist in one of the oldest Spanish newspapers in the US, Associate Priest at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Harlem, serves on the Board of Directors of Pastors for Peace, and is a passionate exponent of challenging unjust laws and policies.

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for the week of **July 19–23** in Shepherdstown. While most of the classes will occur at the New Street Methodist and Trinity Episcopal Churches, many of the community churches including SPC are involved.

We need teachers, teenager teacher aides, storytellers and music help. Children three and up are welcome. This is a true community effort for our children. Please plan to be a part of it!! Contact Anne Barrat 304-876-6099 or barrat@live.com.

ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION **Sunday, September 12**, 9:45 a.m.

SPC Monthly Activities...

SUPPER GROUPS

Moveable Feast (not meeting in July) **Saturday, August 14**, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Becky Phipps, 304-876-0298.

TGIF, **Friday, July 16**, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Becky Phipps, 304-876-0298; **Friday, August 20**, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Karen Davison, 304-876-9191.

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: July 4**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., discussion at 8 a.m. **Next: July 17**.

NOTE: Presbyterian Women's Circle, Taize Service, Roundtable, and Contemplative and Centering Prayer will not meet during the July and August. They will resume in September.

Notices...

FIRST COMMUNION Would you like your child to be a communicant? A class for (rising) second graders will be offered soon. Older children who have yet to commune are welcome, too. Contact Pastor Tremba if interested.

PAPER RECYCLING 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: **July 3.**

LAST CHANCE SUNDAYS Any personal items (without names affixed) left in kitchen or not reclaimed from lost and found (FH table by light switches) by the last Sunday of each month will be discarded or given away.

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

HOSPICE Lily Hill and Jack Young are SPC's Hospice of the Panhandle Liaison Team. They are available to answer questions about many community support programs. Hospice offers more than 30 educational programs free of charge. Topics include: *Spiritual Needs of the Seriously Ill; Hospice—It's About Living!; Teens and Grief; Advance Directives for Anyone; Helping a Friend Who Is Dying; and Remember When.*

Watch for more reminders in future newsletters. For information, contact Hospice of the Panhandle at www.hospiceotp.org or 304-267-1870; Jack Young 304-876-2945; or Lily Hill 304-876-6227.

PRAYER GROUP *Come to me, all who...are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.* Matthew 11:28

Each Thursday at 7:30 a.m., the "prayer warriors," as Randy calls us, meet in the church library to pray for ourselves and others. We welcome anyone with prayer needs to come once or as often as needed.

—Eunsook Baihly and Melinda Landolt

YOOTZ BUYB (Build Up Your Butt!) bike rides every Sunday **NOW at 7:15 a.m.**, when it's cooler, to help get ready for the San Mar Canal Ride. Meet at Canal parking lot.

Events Elsewhere...

SHEPHERDSTOWN FOURTH OF JULY PARADE & PICNIC on **Sunday, July 4.** Children's parade at 3 p.m.; picnic in Rumsey Park; fun, food, games, and live bands. Contact: David Miljour, 304-876-2230, miljour@frontiernet.net.

WORKSHOP ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER Are you or someone you know dealing with too much stress that can interfere with daily

life? Want to learn how to help? Attend training at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Shepherdstown on **Saturday, July 10**, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. To register, contact Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish 304-876-6771.

ELMWOOD CEMETERY A new tour of the annual "Testimony of the Rocks" of Elmwood Cemetery will be given twice: **August 14** at 10:30 a.m. and **August 21** at 6:30 p.m. Two bona fide, published, area historians, Doug Perks and Steve French, will guide the groups through this hallowed ground. They will relate some interesting stories about some who peacefully rest there. Jim Price will add some colorful comments. A donation of \$10 per person will aid in the upkeep of this historic cemetery that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mission...

Place items for these three missions (no used clothing) in the containers at the bottom of stairs on the way to the nursery:

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) Current pantry needs: toothpaste, toothbrushes, canned meat, vegetable/tomato soup, jelly, dry cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, bar soap, crackers, peanut butter, instant oatmeal, canned fruit, pork and beans, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, boxed potatoes, and hamburger helper

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER Most urgent needs include: all kinds of cleaning supplies; NEW summer sleepwear for infants, children and women; and NEW bath towels and washcloths. (See list in Fellowship Hall.)

HISPANIC MISSION FOOD OUTREACH Most requested items include: rice; dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee.

SPC SUNDAY SCHOOL to assist Church World Service (CWS) Contributions needed. Make checks out to SPC, Memo: CWS kits. In response to an appeal from CWS (see below), SPC children will assemble 30 school kits and 5 cleanup buckets. Materials and shipping will cost about \$600, which reflects some bargain shopping by our own SS teachers!! CWS appeal: Multiple disasters during the first quarter of 2010 have caused the Church World Service (CWS) warehouses to become low on cleanup buckets. About 550 buckets have been sent to help with flooding in Kentucky and Tennessee. We are nearing the beginning of the hurricane season, so more buckets will be needed. CWS will also need at least 70,000 school kits for international responses. Schools in Haiti have recently opened and school kits may be needed to help in that response.

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Financial Corner...

MID-YEAR INTERIM PLEDGE AND GIFT REPORT

We intend to send each pledging household a mid-year interim report by mid-July. It will show amounts you contributed in relation to your pledge amounts for the first half of 2010. To save paper and postage, we will send them by email to those with email addresses unless you specifically ask Kathy for a hard copy in lieu of email. As always, we hold each household's gift and pledge information in strict confidence. Big thanks to each of you who have pledged. It allows the Finance Committee and Session to better plan and manage our budget.

— SPC Pledge-Treasurers,
Bonnie Casely and Phil Baker-Shenk.

GENERAL FUND through June 27, 2010. Expected to date: \$143,979. Actual giving: \$138,745. Building Fund pledged for 2010: \$44,803. Submitted to date: \$15,561.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS Pentecost offering \$1,464.81; 60% supports programs and projects of the PCUSA; 40% is designated SPC's portion and will support the San Mar Children's home.

Asequal, a non-profit that builds clean-water systems for poor rural villages in southern Honduras, has received \$6,430.00.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: September 2010. Announcements, articles, news, and pictures of our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or office@spcworks.org. Copy deadline: **August 25.**

PHOTOS Please send electronic pictures of SPC activities for inclusion in the newsletter to riew@frontiernet.net.

— Rie Wilson, Newsletter Editor



Women of the Church Luncheon, June 3

Dear SPC friends,

We are grateful for your love and support during our tragic time. The food, phone calls, cards, and visits were greatly appreciated. This shows what a fine church we have that is so sensitive to people's needs.

— Mary Sue, David, and Jonathan Eldridge

DESSERTS 'R'US

Storied Evenings need volunteers to make
Exquisite Desserts

Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall,
or contact the office at 304-876-6466,
or kathy@spcworks.org

July 14: Chocolate

July 21: Pies

July 28: Cookies

Please help show hospitality to the
community and other SPC members.
Desserts don't have to be exotic just yummy.

We also need volunteers to set up
and clean up after each evening.