

SPC SUMMER PICNIC

The whole congregation together in one place at one time
Sunday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. Morgan Grove Park

Volleyball • Recognition of Sunday School teachers & students • Camp and folk songs

Soccer match 4:30 p.m.
Children vs. Adults

Supper begins at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to serve 12. Food assignments per last name:

A-F Vegetable or Salad • G-L Main Dish • M-Z Dessert

Chicken, beverages, dishes and flatware are provided

Cut flowers from your garden to spare?

Please bring a small bouquet in vases (or jars) for the tables

Volunteers needed: Set-up crew at 4:30 p.m. Clean up crew afterwards.

Please contact Esther Murphy 304-876-8133; esther_murphy@comcast.net

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL July 14–18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Classes for age 3 through grade 8. All children from Jefferson County and their friends are welcome to attend. Children will learn Bible stories, enjoy a daily snack, sing great songs and make a Bible related craft. Volunteers are needed in lots of areas. If you can help for any amount of time, contact Suzanne Swartz, swartz@frontiernet.net, or Casey McDonald, SkyCowboy19@frontiernet.net.

STORIED EVENINGS AT SPC: MUSIC, STORY & ART

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., July 9, 16, 23

The art of Ellen Burgoyne displayed in Fellowship Hall.

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

July 9—*Speaker: Rick Lemen, conservationist, former director National Conservation Training Center*

Music: Stephen Czarkowski, cello

July 16—*Speaker: Dr. Suzanne Shipley, President of Shepherd University*

Music: Nancy Ellsworth, violin and Maggie Terry, piano

July 23—*Speaker: Clifford Branson, Shepherdstown's native son*

Music: Dr. Mark Andrew Cook, jazz piano; Ryan Ellis, bass; and Richard Hopkins, drums

IMMIGRATION FORUM

—Pete and Chris Madeo

On May 18 SPC's forum on immigration issues and the Hispanic community featured Rafael Asenjo, a minister at the New Hope Assembly of God. The discussion opened with a short presentation by John Gonano and Jeff Hornbeck that focused on the increase in raids and detention of undocumented workers. Immigrants, they emphasized, are drawn to the United States by economic incentives, with the tacit approval of federal and state governments and private employers. Despite claims they raise social costs to local communities, immigrants actually contribute significantly to the US economy as taxpayers and as a key source of labor for many critical sectors such as agriculture, food service, construction, and retail.

The plight of families left behind by deported workers is a special issue for local communities, including those in the Eastern Panhandle. Removing the primary wage earner from the family can often leave it financially destitute. In many cases, children are US citizens, yet live in a diminished, if not impoverished, state. The congregation was introduced to UNIDOS, the local organization that advocates for the Hispanic community, and focuses on addressing family issues in the wake of increasing raids. Those interested in learning more were encouraged to contact John or Jeff at any time.

Rafael Asenjo closed the meeting with a spirited discussion of the long and welcoming tradition the United States has had toward immigrants in general, citing his family's emigration from the Dominican Republic in 1965. He challenged the group to consider the need for providing undocumented workers with an earned path to legal residence. He also asked us to consider what a Christian response to immigrants should be on a daily basis. He emphasized that they, among many other groups in our society, are the "least of these," and should be accorded the respect and dignity commensurate with being children of God, as should we all.

Mark Your Calendars...

ROUNDTABLE WITH PASTOR TREMBA **Saturday, June 7**, 9:30–10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Any and all questions pertaining to faith, Bible, church. (Next Roundtable in September.)

NEW PARKING AREA DEDICATION will be **Sunday, June 8** at 9:45 a.m.

BIBLE WORKBENCH How relevant is the Bible to you in your everyday, busy life? Join "Between the Services" discussion group called the "Bible Workbench" and grow with the group as we share insights and thoughts. Final session is **June 8**.

A NEIGHBOR'S INDEPENDENCE DEPENDS ON YOU Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers offers volunteer orientation and training on **Wednesday, June 11** at 7 p.m., at the Parish House of Zion Episcopal Church, 221 E. Washington Street, Charles Town. Volunteers with Good Shepherd Caregivers provide non-medical, neighborly assistance to elderly, homebound, and disabled residents of Jefferson County. Our services include transportation to medical appointments, helping with errands, light housework, simple chores, visiting, and reassurance calls. The workshop lasts about two hours and is for new or potential, as well as current, volunteers. To learn more about Good Shepherd Caregivers or to sign up for the training workshop, please call us at 304-876-3325, 304-725-2262, or E-mail info@gsivc.org.

SPC Monthly Activities...

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE will meet for a salad luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on **Thursday, June 5** at Helen Burns home, 189 Hensel Dr., Shepherdstown. Call 304-876-9146 for directions. All women are invited to join us. The next meeting will be in September.

SUPPER GROUPS Moveable Feast, **Saturday, June 7**, 6:30 p.m. at Helen and John Burns', 304-876-9146; TGIF, **Friday, June 20**, 6:30 p.m. at Carol Wood's, 304-876-2758.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00–7:30 p.m. **Next: June 15.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; discussion 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: June 21.**

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

Notices...

SPC PARKING AREA (6 spots off alley) is open for church use. During the week the church staff will use the two "handicapped parking" spots. On Sundays and for scheduled programs during the week, those spots are for "handicapped parking" only.

URGENT NEED The Shenandoah Women's Center for abused women and children had a water heater explode. They experienced extensive damage, so the Center is temporarily closed. What they need most is money to help repair and re-open as soon as possible. Checks can be sent to: Shenandoah Women's Center, 236 W. Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The first ever West Virginia Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic is **June 27–28** at Hedgesville High School. This two-day event, beginning each day at 6 a.m., will provide FREE dental services to approximately 1000 adults. If you would like to be a client the United Way suggests coming early and be prepared to wait. Also bring a list of any medicines you take. If you can volunteer or have any questions, please call United Way of Jefferson County at 304-596-5529. You may also register in Fellowship Hall, **Sunday, June 8** or at www.healthysmiles.wv.org/.

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) has a low inventory of the following items and with increased needs anticipated for the summer when the kids are out of school, this is a call to action!

- Canned meats (Spam, beef stew, potted meat, small hams, chicken)
- Canned tuna and salmon
- Canned pasta (Spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.)
- Canned carrots, pork & beans, greens, beets
- Potatoes (fresh, dried)
- Canned fruits—especially peaches, pears, apple-sauce, mixed fruit
- Small bottles of vegetable oil
- Pre-sweetened Kool-aid
- Granulated sugar
- Regular coffee (perked)
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Bath soap (Dial, Ivory, Zest, etc.)
- Shampoo
- Baby food jars/tubs with lids
- Mid-sized jars with lids

CHINA AND BURMA (MYANMAR) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing support to survivors of the severe earthquake in China and Cyclone Nargis in Burma. For information and to support the efforts:

- China, www.pcusa.org/pda/response/asia/china-index.htm
- Burma, www.pcusa.org/give/online/project?DR000145.

Please continue to pray for the disaster survivors and those offering assistance in these major disasters.

HELP FOR GUATEMALAN SCHOOLS You can make a difference. PEG Partners works with Guatemalan communities to improve schools and libraries, and you can help. Go to David LaMotte's website www.pegpartners.org for more information.

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: June 7.**

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS The Funds Administration Committee of Presbytery announces they are accepting applications for the 2008-2009 College Scholarship Grants. Although the available funds are very small, they may be able to help students with some of their college expenses. The Guidelines and Application is available online: <http://www.shenpres.org/ScholarshipGrants.html>. Applications must be postmarked by **August 19** to be considered.

FRIENDS IN ACTION Teresa Warnick, new director of the Friends in Action of the Eastern Panhandle, met with SPC's Mission Committee to present the work of this organization. A sobering set of statistics from the US Census Bureau for Jefferson and Berkeley Counties classifies 11% of families with children under 18 years at poverty level. This is doubled for female-headed households with children under 18, and is approximately quadrupled with children under 5.

The mission of Friends in Action is to help low-income families set and achieve self-sufficiency goals and create a better life for themselves and their children. It links struggling families with a mentor team made up of 5–8 trained community volunteers for a one-year period. The headquarters of the organization is in Shepherdstown, and among Eastern Panhandle businesses, our near neighbor, Jefferson Security Bank is one of the two first businesses to form a support team of employees for a family.

If you want more information or to explore how you or a team within SPC might serve as mentor for a family for a year, please call me at 304-725-4172, or the program director, Teresa Warnick, at 304-876-8500.

— Verle Headings

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life
and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives
with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light.
For a time I rest in the grace of the world,
and am free.

— Wendell Berry

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PARTY HEARTY TO (AND WITH) THE OLDIES!

Oldies Chris D. and Ed Z. invite all SPCers to help us celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary with potluck refreshments at War Memorial Building on Saturday, July 26 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Keeping up with Members...

Jonathan C. Eldridge and April Erickson were married April 25 in NYC. Jonathan is the son of David and Mary Sue Eldridge. He was born and grew up in Shepherdstown and was baptized in the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church. Jonathan and April will be living in Brooklyn, NY. They both have jobs in high tech fields.

Our Graduates...

Sarah Hammond graduated from Jefferson High School on May 31. She is interested in medicine and the sciences. Sarah will attend Shepherd University as a Biology major and has been accepted into the MedSTEP program. Fond memories of SPC are being a sheep in the Christmas pageant and Brandon's lacking directional skills. Music brings her joy.

Katie Proudman graduated May 18 from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology. Her passions grew outside the classroom with on-campus leadership that involved large-scale event planning and show production. Katie's fondest church memories are those wonderful familiar faces around Shepherdstown. She always knew she was part of a community. Her joy comes from laughing and spending time with people she cares about. She also loves to explore the Vermont landscape (hiking, cliff jumping, etc). Katie plans to move to New York City in September and pursue event planning or entertainment management.

Eric Zahniser graduated December 2007 from Shepherd University with a degree in Economics. His fond Memory of SPC is being baptized as an adult. His relationships with people in the community bring him joy. Eric's plans as far as he can see are not entirely in his hands, but he hopes to succeed.

Luke Hartman graduated from Jefferson High School on May 31. He plans to attend WVU in the fall and study mechanical and aeronautical engineering. A fond memory of SPC is Randy's sermons. Luke finds joy in flight lessons; he flew solo for the first time on May 14 this year! He plans to get his pilot's license late this summer.

Brandon Dennison graduated from Shepherd University on May 17.

Nick Bayer graduated on May 12 from the College of Wooster with a B.A. in Business Economics. (See May 2008 newsletter for more about Nick.)

Will Sutherland studied electronic media, television, and radio at Marshall University and graduated in May. (See March 2008 newsletter for more about Will.)

Financial Corner...

General Fund through June 1. Expected: \$116,346. Actual giving: \$107,782. Building Fund pledged for 2008: \$27,000. Submitted to date: \$12,393.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: July/August 2008. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org>. Copy deadline **June 25**. Let us know if you would like to get the newsletter on line. It will save us paper and postage.