

AN EVENING WITH BETTY EGAN AND PHIL HILL Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Each sharing reflections: "Who and what made me who and what I am."

WOW! Sunday, May 17 at 10:45 service. Recognition and blessing of our high school graduates. Confirmation of five youth. Plus a special presentation of *WOW! A short tale of a long story*. Brad Toole's thrilling, 10 minute rendition of the 14.5 billion years of the universe, including the evolution of life on earth, in honor of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday anniversary premiered at Earthfest April 19. Not to be missed!

SALLYE'S SISTERS GO TO LOUISVILLE

Five women from SPC are attending the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY in July. Louisville is the home of the Presbyterian Church (USA) national offices. Barbara Kaplin, Lucy Gay, Elaine Hurd, Christine Librizzi, and Charlotte Baker-Shenk are calling themselves "Sallye's Sisters" in loving memory of their friend Sallye Price.

Their participation in the Gathering, which is held every three years, serves as a way to nurture their Christian faith; engages them in community with Presbyterian women from this country and across the world; offers them new resources to bring home; and further develops their skills as effective members and leaders of our church. This year's Churchwide Gathering celebrates Presbyterian Women's 20 years as part of the long tradition of women's organizations in the Presbyterian Church. It also celebrates our connections with clergywomen, as the National Association of

Presbyterian Clergywomen is meeting concurrently.

Workshops and forums will focus on Peace and Justice, Community, Adult and Youth Mission, Bible Study, Spirituality, and Theology. Sallye's Sisters will have the opportunity to explore new techniques in teaching in the church that are engaging and interactive. They can discover effective ways to advocate for justice and peace, and learn new avenues to deepen the ministry of the Presbyterian Women's Circle in our church.

Total cost for the group is approximately \$5,000. The Sallye Price Memorial Fund covers the registration fees. *Additional donations towards the cost are welcomed.* A member of the SPC Women's Circle will be in the Fellowship Hall after both services May 3 and 10 to receive contributions and to answer any questions you have about July's Churchwide Gathering. Make checks to SPC; memo: PW Churchwide Gathering.

PASTOR TREMBA will be on sabbatical from May 18 until August 15. Ethel Hornbeck, Parish Assistant for Spiritual Formation, will coordinate Sunday services and arrange for pastoral care as needed. Please contact Ethel, our office manager, Kathy Reid, or Mary Ellen Lloyd, Clerk of Session, with any concerns during that time.

Yootz Corner..

SENECA ROCKS CAMPING ADVENTURE This year's Monongahela National Forest camping trip will leave SPC **Friday, May 1**, at 4:30 p.m. and return on Sunday afternoon. Join your organizer Brandon Dennison and Bill Howard, SPC's own experienced fly fishing guide, in discovering God's rhythms through the art of fly fishing on one of America's "roadless" and pristine brook trout streams.

MINUTE FOR NATURE March 29. I think the world is awesome because of habitats. If an animal is put in his or her right habitat, it has everything it needs to live and be happy. Even if it's a giant squid a mile under the ocean or a polar bear living on a glacier below 0° Fahrenheit at the North Pole. Animals can be happy without anything artificial. —*Robbie Barrat*

Mark Your Calendars...

MOVIE NIGHT FOR ALL: *A River Runs Through It* **Thursday, April 30**, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for this timeless classic, with introduction by Bill Howard, and learn that "...there is no clear line between religion and fly fishing."

MAY 3 Baptism of Edward Cauvel (son of Beth and Howard Cauvel); Kaya and Zachary Seibert (children of Joshua and Victoria Reed Seibert).

MAY 10 Welcoming new members (a few at each service).

MAY 17 Blessing of Senior High graduates; plus confirmation of faith rite.

ANTIETAM WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE spring concert "Tell Me a Story" at SPC on **Saturday, May 9** at 8 p.m. The performance includes texts by Langston Hughes and e.e. cummings and choral music by composers influenced by jazz, folk songs, and world music. The choir is joined by flutist Ann Munro and pianist Diane Holliman. A portion of proceeds will benefit a book drive for students in Ghana, Africa, organized by Dr. Rasheeda Ayanru of Shepherd University. \$10 donation (all amounts appreciated), and you may also donate gently used books and learning materials. *Children will enjoy both the concert and reception.*

WEST LIBERTY COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR **Friday, May 15**, 8:00 p.m. Here's your chance to hear one of the best college choirs in the country! The 36-member group will present a wide variety of exciting choral music, here at SPC, as part of their spring tour. Housing and food contributions are needed. If you can provide a dish or two for the singers' pre-concert dinner, and/or if you can house 2, 3, 4, or more of them for Friday night (they leave for Baltimore early Saturday morning), please contact Georgiann Toole at georgiann1@aol.com or 301-432-6964.

JOIN SPC'S BIKE TEAM FOR ROCK (Ride On For CASA Kids) annual tri-county bike ride **Saturday, May 30**. Only \$10 as member of SPC team (instead of \$35 individual fee). Make check to SPC; Memo: CASA. Sign-up next Sunday, May 3 in Fellowship Hall. The ride starts and ends on West King Street in Shepherdstown. Rides are 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles plus Tykes on Trikes for kids ages 2-7. To register for the ride or find out more about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), call 304-263-5100 or www.casaride.com. If you can help the day of event (registration table, rest stop support, etc.) contact Kathy Reid in the SPC office, 304-876-6466 or email her at kathy@spcworks.org.

CHURCH PICNIC **Sunday, June 21** at Chestnut Grove Park Washington Co., MD. (New location from earlier announcement. Maps and food assignments to be provided in June.) Join us in saying our farewell to Brandon Dennison.

"THIS RACE IS FOR THE BIRDS" *Friends of Mark Benedict* is one of the sponsors of the 5K run/walk, **Saturday, May 2**, which benefits the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) environmental education programs. Remember your friendship with Mark and his passion for getting kids and families outside in the Eastern Panhandle. Please consider a tax-deductible donation of any size. Send your check to PVAS, c/o Carolyn Thomas, 4894 Scrabble Road, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Come out and join us for the race at the National Conservation Training Center. Download a registration form at www.potomacaudubon.org/2009racebrochure.pdf.

RETREAT AT ROLLING RIDGE *Healing Our Earth, Healing Our Souls: The Wisdom of Wilderness* **Wednesday, June 10**, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; **Friday-Sunday, June 26-28**.

Regardless of how, where, or when you experience it, Wilderness changes you. You come out of it a deeper, wilder (more natural) you. —Gerald May

God gave us wilderness as our first teacher. We have largely forgotten what Moses, Jesus, and saints through the ages knew. Wilderness teaches us awe, reverence, and humility in a way that nothing else can. We cannot be fully who God created us to be without wilderness.

SPC Monthly Activities...

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: May 3**.

TAIZE SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: May 6**.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome. **Next: May 7.**

SUPPER GROUPS

Moveable Feast, **Saturday, May 2**, 6:00 p.m. (note earlier time) hosted by Helen & John Burns, 304-876-9146.

TGIF, **Friday, May 22** (note 4th, not 3rd Friday), 6:30 p.m. hosted by Carol Wood, 304-876-2758.

CANTERBURY SERVICES, second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. **Next: May 14.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00 p.m. **Next: May 17.**

ROUNDTABLE WITH ETHEL HORNBECK Conversation and reflection with and around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Third Thursdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the balcony. **Next: May 21.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: May 16.**

Notices...

MISSION OF MERCY (MOM) Christ taught us to love each other. On **June 26 and 27** at Hedgesville High School we can demonstrate that love by helping those who cannot afford dental care. Last year MOM provided dental services to over 1000 individuals. MOM needs volunteers to do registration, escort patients, serve food, set up and take down, and direct traffic flow. We also need translators to help the Hispanic community.

In 2008, over 20 folks from SPC volunteered and it would be wonderful to see that number increase. Please register **NOW** at www.heathysmileswv.org.

For more information, contact David Scott, dbcpscott@frontiernet.net, or 304-876-2263. Encourage your dental professionals to contact Dr. Tom Leslie at 304-258-2291, or tleslie@earthlink.net.

Tell people, who cannot afford dental care, about MOM and to be there when the doors open at 5:30 a.m. Care will be given on a first come first served basis.

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: May 2.**

HELEN TURNS 80! Helen and John Burns to invite you to share in the celebration of Helen's 80th birthday, **Saturday, May 23**, 1:00–5:00 p.m. Open house, light buffet, 189 Hensel Drive, Shepherdstown. Please RSVP by **May 13** to JohnBurns211@frontiernet.net, or 304-876-9146. We are assembling a memory album for Helen. Email your favorite memory or photo to John or mail to P.O. Box 3358, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

NEED SOME HELP? Charlie Glenn is 17, extremely reliable and very strong. He can move heavy things, stack wood, mow, rake, weed, walk dogs, feed cats, get your mail, etc. Call 304-876-3078 or email wvheidi@yahoo.com.

AN INVITATION TO A NEW FOOD SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. —Isaiah 58

The Committee on Mission and Stewardship is working to make it possible for each person in the SPC community to practice a regular habit of food (or other items) hospitality. The process begins with expanding one's weekly grocery shopping list to include items for either or all of the three missions listed below. A member of SPC periodically delivers the items to these programs. In our household we have found this weekly habit of food hospitality to be a joy-filled experience. —Verle Headings

Place items for the three missions below in the baskets at the bottom of stairs on the way to the nursery:

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) Current pantry needs: diapers, baby wipes, baby food (stage 1, 2, & 3), coffee (reg., decaf., instant and drip), laundry soap, dish soap, crackers, salt, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, Jello, chili, gravy, evaporated and dry milk, canned meat (Spam, Treet and ham). SPC contact: Sally Fitzgerald, 304-725-3795.

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER Office supplies (i.e., pens, paper), pre-paid long distance phone cards, Martins/Wal-Mart/Food Lion/Sheetz gift cards, used cell phones (with or without chargers), laundry detergent (powder), shower gel, ACT fluoride rinse, waxed dental floss, and pain relievers for adults and children. **Please do NOT donate clothing!** SPC contact: Rie Wilson, 304-876-6591.

HISPANIC MISSION FOOD OUTREACH Most requested items include: rice; dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. SPC contact: Jeff Hornbeck, 304-876-0566.

SURPLUS FURNITURE The Property Committee wants to get rid of some wooden furniture that is cluttering up the church. Shortly we will have on display several office chairs, tot-sized chairs, and a bookcase. These will be available for members to take on a first-come first-served basis. Make a contribution as you are able. There will be suggested amounts on each piece of furniture. Make your check to SPC; memo: furniture.

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Keeping up with Members and Friends...

CONGRATULATIONS to Diane and Paul Kradel on birth of grandson Liam, April 14, and to Kathy and Chip Reid on birth of twin grandchildren Emma and Jack, April 21.

Thank You...

Dear SPC,

I just wanted to send a note of thanks to the SPC family for all of their cards, emails, calls and prayers. A strong sense of community is such a comfort to one going through difficult times and I am grateful for SPC.

—Karen Kinney

Dear Members of SPC,

Special thanks for your generous donations to my Relay for Life campaign. This program was very important to me since I lost a family member to cancer. With your help, I was able to raise over \$600 for this very important cause! Thank you again for your continued kindness and generosity.

—Sincerely, Kari Edge

Financial Corner...

GENERAL FUND through April 26. Expected to date: \$92,683. Actual giving: \$88,126. Building Fund pledged for 2009: \$34,400. Submitted to date: \$10,701.

EASTER OFFERING \$2,316.79 (including \$629.79 in the fish boxes!) to support many and diverse humanitarian ministries of the Presbyterian Church.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew.

EARN INTEREST AND HELP SPC AND OTHER CHURCHES

Six months to 60 months notes available at competitive rates, plus a special 13 month CD offer. This is not a donation. It's an investment. Help Presbyterian churches with low-cost construction or re-construction loans? Due to high investment by our own members, SPC receives a rebate each year on our mortgage. Contact Paul Pritchard, pritchardp@aol.com or Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP) directly www.pcusa.org/pilp.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: June 2009. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org>. Copy deadline **May 27**.

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