

FALL BACK ONE HOUR. Daylight savings ends Sunday, November 2.

**MY TOP TEN LIST OF REASONS WHY I THINK SPC IS WORTH EVERY PENNY
OF MY SUPPORT AND YOURS**

10. The SPC men's monthly breakfast with its open sharing of life experience and thought-provoking ideas.
9. The SPC adult education program with its top-shelf, 5-star resources on relevant issues.
8. The SPC children's program that oozes with love and creativity and energy—it takes a congregation to raise a child these days.
7. Youth leaders with unusual rapport and a distinctive vision swimming up-stream with our youth in a culture of narcissism on steroids.
6. The talent and contributions of Ethel, Barbara, Kari, Georgiann, Kathy, Brandon, and dozens upon dozens of volunteers who make SPC so rich.
5. Randy's stimulating sermons and wise pastoral care as a servant leader.
4. The fact that SPC is a community of care and support.
3. Support for SPC is the right, responsible and decent thing to do.
2. SPC is ours. Our people, our program, our pastor, our building. And like all assets, it requires our investment—you have to put something in if you want to get something out.
1. Support for SPC is, properly understood, one of many expressions of gratitude for the grace you receive.

In order for our governing body, the Session, to make sound and prudent financial decisions, for the rest of this year and for next, it is very important that each of us submit a signed pledge form.

We are a community. We work together for good, in good times and bad. Some of us can give more than others; but each of us can do something to help our worship and witness thrive to the glory of God.

*Please vote with your wallet and return your pledge form by Sunday, November 9.
I'm Phil Baker-Shenk, a member of Session, and I approved this message.*

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING to act on pastor's 2009 "terms of call." **Sunday, November 16** at 9:45 a.m. All registered members should attend.

AN EVENING WITH HARRIET ARTHUR AND GEORGE MARSHALL **Wednesday, November 19**, 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Harriet and George will each tell an abridged story about the people and events that influenced their lives.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Agnes Catholic Church, **Sunday, November 23** at 4:00 p.m. Offering to benefit JCCM.
Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

Spiritual Formation...

In troubled and uncertain times, when it seems as though so many people, institutions and things have fundamentally betrayed our *trust*, it may be worth pausing and pondering what trust really is. Gerald May in his book, *Simply Sane: The Spirituality of Mental Health*, advises us to explore wise trust. Not a matter of logic or knowledge, not a product of books or teachers (or CNN!), wise trust is a “capacity of the heart” that affirms the essential goodness of life, *even in uncertainty and pain*. He writes: “the essential trustworthiness of life and self can neither be proven by words nor explained by concepts. It must be experienced, repeatedly. *And the trustworthiness can only be experienced by trusting it.*”

In simple, gentle little ways, we have to try to live as if it were true. Then the actual truth—which has been there all along—becomes increasingly apparent... I cannot prove (this) message... I can only encourage you to try it and test it... I ask you to pray for it. Pray for letting be. Pray for simply being. Pray for trust. Pray for what you need. Pray for what God wants, even if you have not the slightest idea what that might be, or who or what God is....”

—Ethel Hornbeck

Parish Assistant for Spiritual Formation

Mark Your Calendars...

BIBLE WORKBENCH continues on **Sundays, November 2 and 9** from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. with Esther Murphy facilitating. The Bible Workbench is a wonderful study of the Bible, bringing together modern and ancient literature, poetry, stories, and themes. It helps connect us to each other and contrast our sacred stories in the present to the sacred stories of the Bible. Call Pete and Chris Madeo, 301-791-3634 to get reading material. Hope you can join us.

APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department, **Saturday, November 1**. This is a major fund raising event and the fire department invites the community to join in an old tradition of making apple butter. Volunteers are needed to help prepare apples **Thursday, October 30** and **Saturday, November 1** starting at 5:00 a.m. to help fire the kettles and stir apples all day. Any help is greatly appreciated. It's lots of fun, not all work, so come and join us for a worthwhile community cause. For information, call 304-876-6038 (D. Pittinger), 304-876-6686 (D. Barron) or 304-876-2311 (Fire Station).

SENIOR PIANO RECITAL by Kari Edge, our first service pianist, **Sunday, November 9**, 3:00 p.m. Frank Center for the Arts, Room M21.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE November 14–16 Harpers Ferry (Qual-

ity Hotel—formerly Cliffside). Highlights include: keynote speaker Mohamed Yahya, a refugee from Darfur; celebrating 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; tour and history of Storer; and Axis of Evil comedy group. For more information and to register: <http://www.amnesty-usa.org/regional-conferences/mid-atlantic/page.do?id=1091660>.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BANQUET For all Presbyterian 9th–12th graders and their parents. Keynote address by WVU Campus Minister, Shelly Parsons, plus Presbyterian students from various colleges to “talk up” their college. **Sunday, November 23**, 5–7 p.m. Shepherd University Ballroom. \$10 in advance. \$12 at the door. Call SPC office by **November 15** for reservation.

WAITING IN DARKNESS *Carrying the Light: Transition, Loss, Grief and Healing*. An Advent Spirituality Retreat at Rolling Ridge with Janelle Rhorer and Jackie Sabath, **Friday, December 5–Sunday, December 8**. Truly it is in darkness that one finds the Light. So when we are in sorrow, then the Light is nearest to all of us.

Cost is \$100 with scholarships available. Send \$25 deposit to Rolling Ridge Study Retreat Community (RRSRC) c/o Jackie Sabath, 129 Jubilee Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. For more information contact Jackie Sabath at 304-261-2653, or jsabath@rollingridge.net.

SPC Monthly Activities...

ADULT CHOIR Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. New voices are always welcome. See or contact Georgiann Toole 301-432-6964, or Georgiann1@aol.com.

TAIZE SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: November 5**.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. The Horizons Bible Study for 2008-09 is *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. Study books are in the church office. **Next: November 6**.

COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP including dinner and discussion with Pastor Tremba. First and Third **Thursday's** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Next: November 6 & 20**.

SUPPER GROUPS

- Moveable Feast, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. **November 1**, at John & Helen Burns', (304-876-9146).
- TGIF, Friday, 6:30 p.m. **November 21**, at Chris Duewel & Ed Zahniser's, 304-876-2442.

CHURCH 101 *The Heart of Christianity* with Pastor Tremba. First Saturdays, 9–10:30 a.m. Fellowship

Hall. Two parts each time. Topical discussion and any and all questions. **Next: November 1.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: November 2.**

CHURCH 201 with Pastor Tremba & Ethel Hornbeck. Discussion of *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth Johnson. Books (\$25). Pay what you can. Second **Wednesdays** at 7:30 p.m. **November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8.**

CANTERBURY SERVICES, second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. **Next: November 13.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Next: November 15.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00 p.m. **Next: November 16.**

Notices...

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) current pantry needs: canned soups, canned meats and fish, canned pasta, pancake mix and syrup, potatoes (fresh, dry, casserole), rice, milk (dry or evaporated), granulated sugar, jelly, all-purpose flour, cereal (hot and cold), vegetable oil, toothbrushes and toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, coffee (instant and perked), fruit (canned, fresh, or juice), baby food jars or tubs *with lids*, mid-sized jars *with lids*.

HISPANIC FORUM: *Accessing and Building Community Together* SPC is co-sponsoring the forum at Shepherd University, **Saturday, November 1**, which will look at various topics unique to the Hispanic community. The SPC Mission Team is asking the congregation to host about six visitors for one or two nights, **October 31** and **November 1**. They will have their own transportation. Please contact John Gonano jgonano@hotmail.com or the church office office@spcworks.org if you are interested in hosting.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE (CIH) SPC is participating again this year along with 14 other Presbyterian churches in the Eastern Panhandle. Many activities are scheduled for the students **December 20 to January 3**. Could you host one or two students, for one or two weeks, or volunteer as a driver? Please consider opening your home or giving your time to students who will be without their own family this Christmas. **November 1 is the deadline to volunteer to host.** Call or e-mail Bill Wagner, wagners@citlink.net, 304-876-7099 for more information.

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: November 1.**

PROPERTY PLEA FOR PARTICIPATION We are trying to share the job of Volunteer Property Manager to make it more manageable. Below are a couple of requests for volunteers to handle small, manageable tasks.

Custodian Liaison: Work bi-weekly with the custodian to coordinate with church event schedule, order supplies, and iron out other wrinkles. You'll have a lot of support from Kathy Reid. Scheduling is usually up to you.

Grounds Coordinator: Oversee the paid mowers; snow shovelers and gutter cleaners; and coordinate volunteers to maintain gardens. This does *not* include exterior building maintenance, but *does* include making recommendations for exterior repairs. Scheduling is usually up to you.

Can you help? Contact John Burns, 304-876-9146 or JohnBurns211@frontiernet.net.

Keeping Up With Members...

Welcome these new members. Excerpts from their introductions in church are below:

Bill Ashforth, born in Fort Meade, MD; works for the US Fish and Wildlife; at SPC he enjoys the beautiful music, Randy's sermons, and the kids-to-elders inclusiveness; favorite hymn, *Here I Am, Lord*.

Michelle (Marshall) Baluch, born in Washington, DC; retired teacher and part time librarian; appreciates openness, practical teachings, and inspiration from personal experience of others at SPC.

Steve Baluch, born in Washington, DC; retired engineer, working part time; likes best at SPC that all are welcome, none are judged.

Rosemarie Coy, born in Gordon, NE; retired teacher who still substitutes; grandson Adam brings her great joy; favorite hymn, *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*.

Nan Pantle, born in Harrisburg, PA; works as a medical transcriptionist; enjoys poetry, hand-building pottery, the herons and deer at her home; SPC nurtures compassion, ministers to the brokenness of oneself and the world.

Mark Paris, born in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; elementary school teacher; enjoys time with his wife Wendy and son Eli, and hunting and fishing in the out-of-doors; loves the active youth program at the church.

Wendy Paris, born in Boston, MA; elementary school teacher; enjoys gardening and photography; one of her favorite hymns is *Lift Every Voice*.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Joy Gift Potluck Dinner
Sunday, December 14, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Shepherdstown Fire Hall.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
5:00 p.m. (Especially for children)
8:00 p.m. (Choirs and homily)
11:00 p.m. (Carol sing and communion)

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 28

One Service Only (10:45 a.m.)
December 28 and January 4

Snippets of Old Shepherdstown...

That which is forgotten returns to the circling wind.

~ Navajo Wind Chant

Ray's Addition is a rectangular land area bordered by High Street (north), top of River Road hill (east), Valley Court and Christ Reformed Cemetery (south), and N.S. Railroad (west). In 1775, Peter Angelo purchased Lot # 92, the easternmost town lot on the north side of High Street (about a half-block past the RR track on East High). Several years ago, Blacksmith Dan Tokar bought this original Mecklenburg house and moved it to West High Street. Mr. Angelo also owned acreage in the area of the present Day Care Center and the development where Rie Wilson and the Demers live. Between 1730s and 1770s, a small number of squat-

ters—who built primitive huts—lived in this area, which was dense forest. After the Civil War, a number of black citizens homesteaded in this area. Earlier on, this land owned by Peter Angelo was referred to as "Angelo's Hill." After the Civil War, it was shortened to "Angel Hill." In the 1970s, folks started referring to it as the "East End" and "Angel Hill" was dropped from the local vocabulary.

—Jim Price

Financial Corner...

GENERAL FUND through October 26. Expected: \$227,404. Actual giving: \$213,363. Building Fund pledged for 2008: \$27,000. Submitted to date: \$28,455.

PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT & LOAN PROGRAM (PILP). You get a good return on your investment while helping SPC (rebate on our mortgage) plus other Presbyterian churches. Visit: www.pcusa.org/pilp/.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: December 2008. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or office@spcworks.org. Copy deadline **November 26**.

WHEELCHAIR MISSING If you know what became of the wheel chair that had been in the Narthex, please let the office know.

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