

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING & WORLD COMMUNION**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
*(See article in notices)*

**ImagineOneWorld**  
**PEACEFEST**  
A Community Gathering  
*In the spirit of St. Francis*  
Prayer for peace on earth  
In Song & Silence  
Rock • Folk • Jazz • Reggae  
Soundscape Meditation  
**Sunday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

**EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY**

Wednesday evenings • 7:30 p.m. • **October 17, 24, 31 & November 14**

Leader: Ethel Hornbeck, *Parish Assistant for Spiritual Formation*

*"To read the sacred in everyday life, we have to develop new qualities of mind and heart, qualities that open us to the presence of the spiritual within all aspects of existence. No moment, no thing is to be excluded. But like any other kind of reading, reading the sacred requires an alphabet."* So begins the "Spiritual Literacy Project," an innovative new DVD-based series that we will begin to explore this fall. We will take up the first four (of a total of 26) "spiritual qualities of mind and heart" offered in this series by watching short video segments on each topic (this series will include *Attention, Beauty, Compassion and Devotion*) and then explore together our own reactions, observations, and experiences. This is an opportunity to join together and seek to deepen the capacity to be more fully present in a world of wonders.

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS**

Sunday Mornings • 9:35 a.m. • **October 28–November 18**

Leader: David Scott, *Adult Education and Formation Committee*

These discussions will use short excerpts from the DVD "Living the Questions" to facilitate exploration of a broad range of topics. If you related to the kinds of theological discussion that Marcus Borg's books "The Heart of Christianity" and "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" stimulated, this class will take those discussions to the next level. Excerpts include background information presented by Marcus Borg, John Crossan, Bishop Spong and others from various divinity schools, and form the basis for provocative and open-ended discussion questions.

**FALL FORUM**

**Creation, Christ and the Cosmos: A Franciscan Perspective**

Saturday • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • **November 3**

Dr. Ilia Delio, OFM Chair and Professor of Spirituality Studies and Director of Franciscan Studies at the Washington Theological Union will engage us in an exploration of the deep wisdom of the Franciscan tradition and its insights on living in a sacramental world of God's goodness. Dr. Delio has written extensively and lectures nationally in the area of Franciscan theology and spirituality with emphasis on integrating Franciscan traditions and contemporary issues. She has a particular interest in the dialogue between religion and science, and is a recipient of the Templeton Course Award in Science and Religion (2000). A prolific author, her most recent book is *Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love*. She holds PhDs in both Historical Theology (Fordham University) and Pharmacology. *Please bring a bring a brown bag lunch.*

## Yootz Corner...

**MIDDLER'S WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM**  
6th-9th Graders, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper, movement, Bible study (bring your Good News Bible).

**GET REAL MONTH** October is a special month for Senior Yootz. They will meet **every Wednesday night** from 7:15-8:00 p.m. for a month of special small group gatherings put together by Brandon.

**Oct. 14:** Go carting, Seniors Yootz, after church

**Oct. 20:** Day of Service. All Yootz. (Details to follow.)

**Oct. 21:** Junior Yootz bowling/billiards party after church at Shepherd's Rams Den.

**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY** On **Sunday, November 11**, our Senior Yootz will use their time and talents to wisely shop for needy families as part of JCCM's Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. Please consider contributing financially toward these love-celebrating and much appreciated gifts. Place checks in Brandon Denison's box in the office or offering plate (made to SPC; memo line: Xmas families). Thanks for your support!

## Mark Your Calendars...

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DINNER** (9th-12th grade) with Dr. Suzanne Shipley, President of Shepherd University. **Sunday, October 14** at 5:00 p.m. at the Shepherd University Ballroom. Representatives from several other area colleges and Rumsey Vo-Tech will be there. Cost is \$10. Parents are welcome, too. Call SPC office ASAP to make reservations. You may pay at the door.

**COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** including dinner and discussion with Pastor Tremba. **Thursday, October 18** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**IMMIGRATION LAW AND YOUR VOICE** The U.S. is in the midst of a great wave of immigration. We are welcoming roughly one million new residents a year. More than one in ten U.S. residents is an immigrant. The influx is likely to fundamentally change America, but how do we feel about it? You have a voice in this debate. Renny Smith, who has an MSW from Catholic University with intensive work in refugee resettlement, will lead a round table discussion. Renny was a US Consul, adjudicating visas and preparing refugee cases for the Immigration Service. She was the State Department's Legislative Officer for the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Come to the Charles Town Library Meeting Room, **Monday, October 8** at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**HOW DOES IT FEEL TO LIVE IN POVERTY?** *Just Neighbors* is an interactive education program to raise awareness of the root causes of poverty and homelessness as the first step in finding a community-based action. Its goal is to educate the participants about poverty in the US and in their local communities, and to motivate them to work as advocates for their neighbors.

The **free** workshop sessions are at the Shepherdstown Train Station on six consecutive Thursdays, **October 11 to November 15**, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is appreciated, but drop-ins are OK. Facilitators are Sarah Soltow, Community Lutheran Partners and Dan VanBelleghem, Social Concerns Committee, St. Agnes Parish. Please contact Sarah Soltow, 304-582-4264 or Dan VanBelleghem, 304-876-9473.

**260TH ANNIVERSARY** of Christ Reformed Church, Shepherdstown on Homecoming **Sunday, October 21** with morning worship at 11:00 a.m., a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m. an organ/harp recital by a mother/daughter team—both fantastic musicians—followed by a reception.

**HELP LOCAL HISPANIC INDIVIDUALS** acquire Mexican passports and identification cards sponsored by the Mexican Consulate out of Washington D.C. Spanish speaking and non-Spanish speaking volunteers are needed to assist Mexican customers with completing applications, answering questions, conducting background checks or producing documents. To assist us you must attend a Hispanic Community Forum on **Friday, October 26**, 6-8 p.m. at the Martinsburg Holiday Inn, where you will be trained on the process.

Once trained, on **Saturday, October 27**, volunteers will help with completing forms, assisting with background checks and creating and providing the passports and IDs. If you can volunteer or have additional questions call Karen Hoff, 304-270-8619.

## Monthly Activities...

**TAIZE SERVICE** First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: October. 3.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE** First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Their new study is *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. Pick up a study guide in the church office. Every woman is invited to join us for study and refreshments. For more information, call Barbara Kaplin at 304-876-3310. **Next: October. 4.**

**FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY** Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM** ). **Next: October 7.**

**SUPPER GROUPS** Movable Feast, **Saturday, Oct. 6**, 6:30 p.m. at Heidi and Rob Glenn's, 304-876-3078; **TGIF, Friday, Oct. 19** at Chris & Pete Madeo's, 301-791-3634.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Third Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. discussion from 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: October 20.**

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00–7:30 p.m. **Next: October 21.**

**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: October 18.**

**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: October 6.**

## Notices...

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING.** **Sunday, October 7** is World Communion Sunday when we celebrate communion and community with our brothers and sisters around the world. It is also the day of our Peacemaking Offering, which supports the work of the Presbyterian Church in the world. SPC's Mission Committee will give our local portion to Community Alternatives to Violence, which encourages non-violent behavior in families. Peacemaking Offering envelopes are in the pews. Make checks to SPC; memo: peacemaking. Think carefully about peacemaking and give generously.

**SUNDAY STUDIO** new semester has begun with lessons to inspire learning, faith, and kinship. The coaches are teaching the children Bible stories through art, drama, science, games, and other fun-filled activities. *For all children:* every Sunday is a new adventure. *For all adults:* consider joining them in their journey once in a while and be a coach. *For all youth:* we need shepherds to help along the way too. Please contact me at 304-876-2585 or lkwaugh@comcast. —Karen Waugh  
*Sunday School Superintendent*

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

**COFFEE TEAM** needed to make coffee every second Sunday of each month after the 10:45 service. Contact

Melinda Schmitt, 304-876-6157.

**JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries)** Food pantry shelves are getting bare and there is a desperate need to replenish them. Current 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 with lids, and clean mid-size jars with lids. For babies: bath needs, clothes, and diapers. Gift cards from Martin's or Food Lion are appreciated. They are used by the food coordinator to replace supplies. Clean, lightly used children and baby clothes. Collection at SPC on first Sundays. **Next: Oct. 7.**

**1,000 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HARVEST VEGETABLES** at the Volunteer Farm near Woodstock, VA. Harvest tons of vegetables from 28 acres to help feed some 100,000 hungry Virginians served monthly by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in 25 counties and nine cities. Volunteers can sign-up at [www.VolunteerFarm.Org](http://www.VolunteerFarm.Org).

**RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** September 23. Betsy Donohoe, Verle Headings, and Bob Proudman were elected to a second term as Elders; Helen Burns was elected as Deacon; John Landolt and Rie Wilson were elected to a second Nominating Committee term.

**JOB CORPS NEEDS CLOTHING** We are in need of business attire for men and women for our students to wear on job interviews. Clothes can be dropped off any day of the week during business hours. Please contact Jennifer Gayle, Business Community Liaison, Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center, 304-724-3411.

**IRISH SUMMER INSTITUTE August 18–31, 2008.** The Presbyterian Committee for Northern Ireland (PCNI) of the PCUSA, together with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will sponsor the 12th Bi-Annual Irish Summer Institute travel/study seminar in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. SPC's Jim Macdonell, who Chairs the PCNI, will be the Director of the Institute. If you are interested in peacemaking then this is the travel/study trip for you! Please contact Jim Macdonell, 304-274-1390 or [jim.nancymac@verizon.net](mailto:jim.nancymac@verizon.net) for more information. Betty Egan attended the Institute in 2006, and would be happy to share her experience.

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**UNITED WAY'S DAY OF CARING** My daughter Cheri reconnected with her childhood friend Karen, who has MS. Karen was afraid of being trapped by a fire with only one side exit and a very steep ramp. She needed a new porch at the front entrance along with an access ramp.

Thanks to United Way; Bo Kimble, who planned the project; and Terry Lindsay, Chair of SPC's Mission Committee, which contributed funds, the porch and ramp were completed.

On the Day of Caring, Sept. 11, in addition to Dana Teaford and his T-N-T construction crew, SPC members Terry Lindsay, Ed Rakowski, John Burns, Suelen Myers, Gordon Gay, and Rie Wilson were there. Despite the rain, those folks made quick work of the porch with most of them returning on Saturday to complete the ramp. Karen told me she is thrilled and relieved to finally feel safe.

I am grateful to all the people who made this project possible. I am in awe of what a few earnest people, out of love and compassion, can accomplish.

—Rosemarie Coy

**A LITTLE HISTORY:** *The Jefferson Republican* June 12, 1952, "Five From Martinsburg In Upper Ten of Dean's List At Shepherd... And topping the entire list was a Martinsburg girl, Sallye Seibert [Price]. Miss Seibert, who was an outstanding student while attending Martinsburg High School was first on the list with a 4.00 mark. ...#9 James Price, Shepherdstown 3.69."

## Thank You...

Dear SPC members and friends, I wanted to let you know things are going well. We had to move into a

bigger house to accommodate all of the kids... all the kids are doing well. Thank you again for all the help you and your congregation gave me when I was sick. I never would have made it this far without your help. —Juli Woodliff

Dear Rev. Tremba & SPC congregation: I send this card filled with lots of love and thanks for your prayers and love. Our family has endured many obstacles these past few months. My daughter-in-law, Hope, has much to endure yet. A very long and painful path, but I/we believe in miracles and the power of God. May God bless you all and please continue your prayers for Hope and our family. Raygan will start school soon and she's very excited.

—In angels love, Reba Weller

## In Our Prayers...

Anderson and Jan Clark • Mike Younkin's & Mike Hasty (Jdeath of friend) • Janie Denchy's cousin • Karen Davison (recuperating) • Joan Keith's brother Jim (surgery Oct. 2).

## Financial Corner...

**General Fund** through September 30. Expected: \$192,000. Actual giving: \$169,996. **Building Fund** pledged for 2007: \$30,000. Submitted to date: \$14,988.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER: November 2007.** Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org> Copy deadline **October 24.**

**NOTE:** The time changes **Sunday, November 4.**