



*Storied Evenings*  
**Stories, Music, & Art**

**Wednesdays in July at 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**  
**Community Art Show in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Delectable Desserts**

**July 11**—Speaker: **Jeff Feldman**, *Teacher, Teller-of-Tales, Tree-hugger*  
Music: **Bob Sykes, Scott Silbert, and John Previti**, *jazz trio*

**July 18**—Speaker: **Keith Snyder**, *Chief of Resource Education & Visitor Services, Antietam National Battlefield—Faith, Family and Nation*  
Music: **Jason Labrador**, *violin*; **Camilo Perez-Mejia**, *cello*; *classical and jazz duet*

**July 25**—Speaker: **Rachael Meads**, *Director of Student Activities & Leadership/Fraternity & Sorority Life, Shepherd University – Educator, Mother, Advocate for Appalachia*  
Music: **Eric Avey**, *guitar and vocals*; **Kate Avey**, *bass*;  
**Dave Asti**, *banjo*; **Jesse Shultzaberger**, *drums*

**PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC), ELECTED JUNE 10**



**Christa Joyce, Joshua Nolen, Elaine Hurd, Chris Morehouse, Catherine Irwin, Dave Smith**

Rev. Bill Sitterley convened the first meeting of your PNC on Thursday, June 21. Rev. Carl Howard, our liaison with Shenandoah Presbytery, was also present. Carl will be guiding the PNC throughout this process. Catherine Irwin was elected as chair of the committee. The group will be meeting weekly beginning July 5. We welcome your prayers for discernment.

“We have lived our lives by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption, that what is good for the world will be good for us. And that requires that we make the effort to know the world and learn what is good for it.”

—Wendell Berry from *The Long-Legged House*

[This was read by Pastor Sitterley at the end of the June 10 service.]

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION**  
**Sunday, September 9, 10 a.m.**

## Transition News...

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Send to Kathy Reid at [kathy@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:kathy@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org).

**TRANSITION QUESTIONS** Direct all questions and/or concerns to the Stated Clerk of Session, Suellen Myers via [transition-questions@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:transition-questions@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org) or Rev. Bill Sitterley, [bsitterley@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:bsitterley@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org).

**PNC (PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE) ELECTED**  
See first page of newsletter.

## Summer Sunday Seminars...

Join us in July as we explore four different, current and challenging topics using short articles and other resources as our guides. All are welcome! **July 8, 15, 22 and 29, 9:45 a.m.**, Fellowship Hall.

The seminars kick off July 8, with *Locked in a Box*, an award winning short documentary. It traces the lives of individuals who fled their homes in search of safety and freedom only to end up in US prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). There has been a massive expansion of the immigration detention system with up to 34,000 immigrants in detention on any day in approximately 200 different facilities, many of which are for-profit prisons.

*Locked in a Box* helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention. In partnership with Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) supports the development of visitation ministries, legal orientation programs, and community-based services to those who are released. This film is the result of the collaboration between PDA and LIRS with local partners in the hope of inspiring its viewers toward action.

SPC's Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee is exploring volunteer opportunities for a detainee letter writing project sponsored by a nonprofit serving LGBTQ immigrant detainees in the US. Join in the discussion of *Locked in a Box* and explore SPC's support of this project.

*[Editor's note: Chris Madeo, who chairs SPC's Immigration and Refugee Support Committee, completed a Comprehensive Overview of Immigration Law.]*

This was a six-week legal course (12 webinars, 12 quizzes, plus final exam, and approximately 20 hours of reading on immigrant law) offered by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., to accredit representatives to legally advocate for immigrants. An accredited representative must work or volunteer for a nonprofit that must prove to the Department of Justice that it mainly serves the indigent and poor.

The course was \$500, but there are many courses on the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., that are free, for example classes on Naturalization. I cannot tell you how much I learned from this course, although it was rather brutal returning to school and finishing in six weeks! It was well worth it, though.



—Chris Madeo

## SPC Monthly Activities...

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** First Sundays, 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the narthex. **Next: July 1** (No clinic in August).

**FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY** Coins for Presbyterian Hunger Program. Place in bucket in the narthex. **Next: July 1 and August 5.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: July 21 and August 18.**

**SUPPER GROUP, 6:30 p.m.**

• TGIF, **Friday, August 17**, hosted by Becky Phipps

**CANTERBURY SERVICE** Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. Contact: Debbie Romano via [office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org). **Next: July 25 and August 22.**

**SPC YARNS AND THREADS GROUP** Last Saturdays, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Bring your own project or join us making prayer shawls and baby blankets. Contact Melinda Landolt or Elaine Hurd via [office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org). **Next: July 28 and August 25.**

NOTE: The following activities will resume in the fall:

- Evening Prayer
- Listening Groups
- Connections at Shepherd University
- Community Hymn Sing (*resumes in August*)
- Presbyterian Women's Circle
- Moveable Feast

## Notices...



**CALLING ALL SPC MUSICIANS!** To those at SPC who are gifted in the area of music, here is your chance to share your talent during worship services. The choir is on vacation for the summer, and volunteers are invited to provide music during the offertory at the 11:00 services. Several, who have helped out in the past, have already signed up. New talent is always welcome. We still need volunteers for **July 8 and 15, and September 9**. Let Sharon Henderson know of your availability for any of those dates and she'll get back with you to work out the details, [wvmayo@comcast.net](mailto:wvmayo@comcast.net) or 304.262.9467.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

To inform and educate on key social justice issues in our church, community and the world leading to deeper engagement and expanded capacity to advocate for meaningful change, resulting in a world of increasing justice, wholeness and peace.

If you would like to receive PC(USA) Action Alerts or other social justice related information, email [socialjusticespc@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticespc@gmail.com) and your name will be added.

—Lynn Coddington

## Elsewhere...

**COMMUNITY DINNER** sponsored by the Jefferson County Homeless Coalition, first Sundays, **5:30 p.m.**, at Zion Episcopal Church, 301 East Congress St., Charles Town. We need: main dishes, veggies, salad, fresh fruit, bread, butter, and desserts. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to [PerfectPotluck.com](http://PerfectPotluck.com); coordinator Wright, password 5777. Questions? Contact Bert Wright via [office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org).



Drop off hot food from **4:15–4:45 p.m.** on Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). *Please use disposable containers, if possible.* **Next: July 1 and August 5.**

### ROLLING RIDGE STUDY RETREAT COMMUNITY

For details, check *Events* at [www.rollingridge.net](http://www.rollingridge.net).

“Just for Today: day lily. A Haiku invitation into the present moment of Nature,” **July 12–14**

“Sound & Silence: Embodying Prayer through the Sacred Rhythms of Drumming, Chant, Nature, and Silence,” **August 17–19**

“The Mystery of Mentoring: Helping a Lost Culture Find its Way,” **September 14–16**

**NOTE: THE GIFT OF THE SUN'S ENERGY.** Rolling Ridge is planning to install solar panels and is asking for donations. More information is available [here](#). Check the [GoFundMe](#) page.

**COALFIELD DEVELOPMENT**, a nonprofit organization that operates social enterprises designed to diversify the Appalachian economy, acquired SustainU, a sustainable clothing manufacturer. Brandon Dennison is Coalfield's Founder and CEO. To learn more about SustainU go to <https://sustainuclimbing.org/sustainu-clothing>.

### SPECIAL OFFERING, SUNDAY AUGUST 12 WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION OF WEST VIRGINIA

This supports the not-for-profit organization charged with supporting Presbyterian Campus Ministry at state colleges and universities throughout West Virginia, including Shepherd. Lonce Bailey and Catherine Irwin serve on the Board along with Ethel Hornbeck, who facilitates Connections, SPC's Shepherd University-based group for college students. Ethel attends all Foundation meetings and provides regular reports on Connections.

We have received financial and spiritual support for the Connections program from the Foundation for several years, and this is our opportunity to give back. Please consider supporting this vital organization. Make checks to: SPC, memo: Westminster. For more information, go to [www.westminsterwv.org](http://www.westminsterwv.org).

## Youth...

**SUMMER STUDIO** Help us give the regular teachers a summer break and consider signing up for a Sunday. Children from 3 years old through 5th grade are in need of studio leaders. Lessons are flexible and our theme this summer is School of Love. The agenda is your own or we can help you with ideas. Past topics included; travel, caring for the earth, and various craft projects. Help care for your SPC kids and give our parents a “pew” break. Contact Emily Gross [egross@shepherd.edu](mailto:egross@shepherd.edu) for more information or inquiries.



**SHEPHERDSTOWN COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL**  
New Location, New Time! **July 9–13, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, Asbury United Methodist Church. Register children



3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth-adults needed to assist with activities. Great volunteer opportunity for the entire family or simply drop off the kids and have a quiet dinner at home for the week. Registration forms located in the SPC classrooms and Fellowship Hall.

Contact Emily Gross, [egross@shepherd.edu](mailto:egross@shepherd.edu) for more information.

**TEEN WEEK! July 16–20.** A week of adventure and service. Youth, grades 6–12, will learn about the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere and how we can care for God's creation. They will serve by helping with trail and river cleanup, and planting a monarch butterfly garden. And they will have fun tubing, hiking, camping and enjoying the great outdoors! \$50 per person. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association. Contact the Shepherdstown Lutheran Parish to register: 304.876.6771.

## Members and Friends...(more on next page)

Dear SPC family, thank you so much for your cards and kind wishes since the passing of my Dad on May 9. Bob, the kids and I have been deeply touched by your caring support of our family while we grieve. Thank you, too, to the ladies who knitted my prayer shawl that Debbie Romano recently presented to me. SPC's love has been deeply felt and we are grateful for our church family.

—Love, Sherry, Bob, Donald and Emily Sykes



The pins on **MARY BELL's** hat chronicle the history of the LGBTQ movement over the last 30 years. She wore this on More Light Sunday, June 3.

End-of-season choir party at **BRAD & GEORGIANN TOOLE's**. Their dog Mick was directing.



## Mission...

**SUNDAYS, AUGUST 5, 12, and 19**

**HISPANIC MISSION FOOD OUTREACH** Hispanic migrant workers begin arriving in July. The most requested items are: rice, dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. *(Place items in the bushel baskets in narthex or office foyer.)*

**NOTE:** SPC will once again be collecting backpacks and school supplies in August. Look for more detailed announcements in upcoming bulletins and e-notices. Contact Mary Ellen Lloyd via [office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org).

## Nurse's Notes...

### SUMMER TIPS

About 16,000 people go to an ER each year because of an accident tied to grilling. About half of these injuries are thermal burns caused by fire or contact with something ultra-hot. About a third of these injuries are to small children under the age of 5 who have bumped, touched or fallen on some part of a hot grill. Yearly there are about 10,000 fires related to grilling.

With gas grills, which account for 80% of the fires, it is usually a leak or a break. Grills that are not cleaned often trigger fires because of a buildup of grease and fat from previous cookings. When cleaning a gas grill, though, be careful of wire bristle brushes; a wire left on the grill from the brush can stick to a piece of food and be swallowed. Of course, grills are to be used away from deck railings, overhanging tree branches and house walls.

Just a quick reminder that a garden hose left in the sun for a period of time can release water hot enough to scald a child or an animal.

It is important to wear sunglasses at all times! Cataracts, other growths and some cancers are related to UV exposure. There's UV light on cloudy days as well as sunny ones. Damage from sunlight and UV exposure accumulates. There is no need to buy expensive sunglasses, but look for shades that are labeled full UV protection or protects against UVA and UVB.

Having said all of this, I do wish for all of you a very relaxing, fun-filled and healthy summer!

BP clinic will take place July 1, but is cancelled for August. *—Merry Morgan, RN, Parish Nurse*

## Members and Friends...



SPC folks demonstrate in front of Federal building in Martinsburg on June 1, against separating parents and children at the border.

LARRY & JOYCE NEUMARK on Glacier Express train ride from Zermatt to St. Moritz, Switzerland



SPC was well represented during the Pride Festival, June 16



My time as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) came to a bittersweet end last week with final good-byes and a service at La Mesa Presbyterian Church to commemorate my time there. The experiences, relationships, and perspectives from this past year are invaluable and I cherish every moment spent with these communities.

Currently, I am training with *Teach For America* to become an elementary school teacher on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This new journey would not have come to fruition without the growth I experienced during my YAV year. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to transform my life and I look forward to being home at the end of July! *—Bethany Przybocki*

**BARBARA HENRY**, longtime attendee at SPC's second service, celebrated her 99th birthday in June.

## Financial Corner...

**GENERAL FUND** through June 24. Pledged for 2018: **\$285,000**. Expected to date: **\$137,019**. Actual giving: **\$142,298**. Building Fund pledged for 2018: **\$28,910**. Received to date: **\$11,895**.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER September 2018**. Send announcements, articles, member news, and your favorite travel pictures to [office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org). Deadline: **August 22**.

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