



ONE SERVICE ONLY ON JULY 7 AT 11 A.M., when we celebrate *More Light Sunday*. This



year, we are remembering key moments in our “rainbow history” and sharing stories about how God’s infinite abundance has shown up in our ongoing journey of welcome to our LGBTQIA+ family. We hope to see everyone there! —*Ethel Hornbeck, Director, Spiritual Formation/Liturgist*

STRATEGIC VISIONING TEAM (SVT)

The Strategic Visioning Team (SVT) wraps up its first full year in its current, post-CAT form. Over that time, our three main products were all results of the information that was gained over the last three years of Congregational Assessment (CAT). One of the mandates from the congregation was to articulate more clearly SPC’s identity. So our team drafted the SPC Identity Statement, which was approved by Session. We then created new bookmarks displaying essential information about the church, so that visitors (and old-timers) have a church-at-a-glance resource.

The team also convened the first ever (we think) Committee Chair meeting, to begin exploring the potential of the committees as a collective body of lay leaders. We hope to continue convening this powerful and important group over time. Last, we convened the June 23rd between-services session, “Reflections on the Journey: An Open Conversation.” It was a community

reflection on the road we’ve been walking together and the road that lies ahead. People raised many important issues which will require continued engagement from the SVT, Session, and the SPC community.

In our initial year, the SVT made an explicit choice NOT to engage in any strategic direction-setting until a new pastor has been called and gotten settled in. Charting SPC’s future direction will be a massive undertaking, requiring significant planning and community engagement. So our focus thus far has been on addressing issues that were already identified in the CAT process from 2016 to 2018. There is so much wisdom in that feedback and much work yet to be done in response.

Feel free to direct any comments or questions to the Team chair, Leslie Williams, via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

SPC CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

The whole congregation together in one place at one time.
Sunday, September 8, 5:00 p.m., at Morgan’s Grove Park

Bring a dish to serve 12.

Assignments per last name A-H: vegetable or salad;
I-P: dessert; Q-Z: side dish

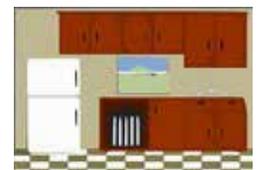


Chicken, beverages, plates, cups, and flatware are provided.

Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after.

Contact office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if you can help.

ATTENTION!! Construction on the kitchen has begun and will last until early August. There will be NO access to the kitchen during this time, including entering through the kitchen door. All handicap access will be via the portico ramp. If you need assistance, please let the office know in advance. Sunday mornings, ushers will be on hand to assist anyone with special needs (wheelchair or just a steadying hand) and for those who need to be dropped off at the access ramp on the corner of King and Washington Streets. Appliances and cabinets will be stored in one end of the Fellowship Hall, but it will continue to be available for meetings and gatherings.



PRAYER REQUESTS Send to Kathy Reid at kathy@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

In case you missed it, this statement was read to the congregation at both services on June 23:

The PNC would first like to thank the congregation for your patience and prayerful support during this process. We have felt your presence with us throughout and are truly grateful. We regret that we cannot be with you today, but the good news is that we have narrowed our search down to two excellent candidates and are meeting with the first of them this morning [June 23]. We're hopeful and enthusiastic about both of them and are anxious to get to know them personally. We will meet with the second person soon.

Once we've made a decision, we'll move forward to request Presbytery Committee on Pastoral Transition (CPT) approval, which needs to happen before a candidate can be presented to a congregation. A word of caution: as we have learned, sometimes things don't work out as we had hoped and so, we welcome your continued prayers for us and for the two candidates we'll be considering. We are confident that with your support, the Spirit is leading us to the right person for SPC.

SPC Monthly Activities...

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for Presbyterian Hunger Program. Place in bucket in the Narthex. **Next: July 7 & August 4.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Next: July 20 & August 17.**

CANTERBURY SERVICE Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. Contact: Debbie Romano via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. **Next: July 24 & August 21.**

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. **Next: July 27 & August 31.**

NOTE: The following activities will resume in the fall:

- Taizé Service
- Listening Groups
- Exploring Spiritual Practices
- Connections at Shepherd University
- Community Hymn Sing
- Presbyterian Women's Circle

SHARE YOUR GARDEN SURPLUS

with others who don't have gardens.

Place your surplus vegetables and fruit in boxes or bags and leave in the Fellowship Hall.



2019 SUNDAY STUDIO SUMMER LOUNGE!

Sunday Studio has turned into the Summer Lounge. Kids will spend time socializing, doing art projects, and playing games. Kids will meet in the nursery after first pew and then move on from there for activities.

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; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Questions? Contact Bert Wright via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.



Drop off hot food from **3:45-4:15 p.m.** on Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). *Please use disposable containers.* **Next: July 7 & August 4.**

ROLLING RIDGE STUDY RETREAT COMMUNITY

For details, check *Events* at www.rollingridge.net.

"Children of the Earth: Overnight for ages 6-10 and their parent, grandparent, or other adult mentor," **July 6-7**

"Sound & Silence: Embodying prayer through the sacred rhythms of drumming, chant, nature, and silence," **August 16-18**

"Nature & Soul Retreat," **September 13-15**

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Call to Action at the Border

RISE District is a nonprofit coalition of resistance, campaign, and advocacy groups located in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. This organization has just published an extensive list of different ways to help refugees and asylum seekers at the border. The list includes links for: calls to lawmakers, letter writing, donations, legal defense funds, shelters and more. The choices available to help are myriad. This list is posted on RISE's Facebook page right now, https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=850532131995281&id=348667508848415. If you do not have access to Facebook, please email SOCIALJUSTICESPC@GMAIL.COM to get an email copy of the actions you can take.

HAPPY RETIREMENT FOR REV. BILL SITTERLEY
Sunday, June 16, 2019



Bill says goodbye in a prayer circle with children after his final First Pew..



**UNDERWEAR PROJECT REPORT:
ASYLUM SEEKERS AT THE SOUTHERN US BORDER**

The incredibly generous SPC congregation donated 64 pounds of socks, underwear, shampoo, deodorant, and shoelaces for the detention center in Laredo, TX. In addition we collected \$1425 in cash and checks. If we were giving a prize, it would go to Sidney Lewis who donated 72 DOZEN SHOELACES! Thank you!



—Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee

Members and Friends...



MARY ANNE HITT received \$500 million from Michael Bloomberg toward the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign. Watch her interview on MSNBC: <https://www.msnbc.com/stephanie-ruhle/watch/bloomberg-pledges-500-million-to-help-eliminate-coal-61491781645>.



The choir celebrated the end of the season at a party hosted by **GEORGIANN and BRAD TOOLE**.

JULIA SPRINGER'S art was on display June 1, at a new shop in town, Evolve.



RYAN WALKER played the offertory on June 23.

Presbyterian Women enjoy spring luncheon hosted by **HELEN BURNS**.



PERRY AND STEPHANIE JAMIESON sailed on the Queen Mary II in late May from New York to England.

Stephanie sang with the Encore Chorale on the ship, and in Bath and London.



WILL SUTHERLAND'S book, *Skoolie!: How to Convert a School Bus or Van into a Tiny Home or Recreational Vehicle* offers a complete, step-by-step guide to the conversion process, from seat removal to planning layout and installing insulation, flooring, and furnishings.



Pentecost Sunday banner made by **BETH RULE**

RIE WILSON, BECKY PHIPPS, SUELLEN MYERS AND ELAINE HURD after climbing a stone stile in Cornwall, UK.



RIE WILSON'S new contact info: 304-433-0224; P.O. Box 14, 61 Sage Place, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

PRIDE CELEBRATION

Service of blessing, June 29



Representatives from eight faith communities



SPC booth at Pride Fest

YOUR FAITHFULNESS and generosity to the church have been outstanding again this year. Remember that expenses continue through the summer months. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated.



— SPC Finance Committee

YOU CAN DONATE STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS to the church. If you itemize deductions and are selling appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the stock without paying tax on the capital gains. You may use such a donation to pay your pledge. If you would like additional information, please contact me.

— John Burns, Stewardship Committee Chair

Financial Corner...

GENERAL FUND through June 30. Expected to date: \$145,000. Received to date: **\$145,529**. Building Fund pledged for 2019: \$28,570. Received to date: **\$10,481**.

PENTECOST OFFERING: \$1755

NEXT NEWSLETTER September 2019. Send announcements, articles, member news, and your favorite travel pictures to office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. Deadline: **August 21**.

VISIT www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org for the latest news, podcasts, and calendar of events.

Thank you...

Hello to all,

It is hard for me to put into words the gratitude our family has for all that SPC's congregation and staff did to help with the memorial service for [our dad] Emory Lowe. Ethel, for supporting our planning, the session for allowing Paul to lead the service, Cari for organizing the reception, Kathy for the bulletins, Pete & Lois Spreen for helping and reading, the organist Alan, and other individuals who brought food, sent cards, and so much more. Your congregation was like family to our dad. Thank you!

This check is one way we can show our thanks. Use as needed to help support all of the ways your church makes a difference, for our dad, for our family and for so many others.

— Shodie & Paul Alcorn, Barb Lowe

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