



SPC SUMMER PICNIC

The whole congregation together in one place at one time.

Sunday, June 3, 5:00 p.m., at Morgan's Grove Park

Come one, come all to the annual SPC picnic.

Games • Face Painting • Live Music

And the now-legendary soccer match—kids vs. kids at heart.

This is truly a not-to-be-missed SPC fellowship event.

Bring a dish to serve 12

Assignments per last name A-H: side dish;

I-S: veggie or salad; T-Z: dessert

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



Volunteers needed to set up at 4:00 p.m. and clean up after.

Contact office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPROVES PNC SLATE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following candidates for SPC's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Elaine Hurd, Catherine Irwin, Christa Joyce, Chris Morehouse, Joshua Nolen and Dave Smith, all of whom have graciously accepted the call to serve SPC in this capacity. This slate of six candidates (per Session guidance) will be presented for election by the congregation at a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m.** Direct questions to Rev. Bill Sitterley, BSitterley@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org, or Nominating Committee Chair, Jeff Hornbeck, jhornbeck@frontiernet.net.

SUMMER STUDIO 2018 BEGINS JUNE 3RD

Please consider leading or being a second set of adult hands this summer. Benefits: give our regular teachers a break; form relations with our younger members; and let parents have time in the pew without their kids. Lessons are flexible and our theme this summer is School of Love. This could be love for our environment, each other, or ourselves. Perhaps a lesson on cultural awareness. Have you taken a trip lately and have pictures to share? Maybe writing thank you cards for our local fire fighters, or painting ShepherdstownRocks! Your idea is welcome!! Please contact Emily Gross for more information or to sign up, egross@shepherd.edu.



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 yrs. old to 5th 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 for more information.



Transition News...

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

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

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

SPC Monthly Activities...

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC First Sundays, 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the narthex. **Next: June 3.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for Presbyterian Hunger Program. Place in bucket in the narthex. **Next: June 3.**

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

SUPPER GROUPS, 6:30 p.m.

- Moveable Feast, **Saturday, June 9**, hosted by Helen & John Burns.
- TGIF, **Friday, June 15**, hosted by Cathy & Don Cross

CANTERBURY SERVICE Fourth Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m. Contact: Debbie Romano via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. **Next: June 27.**

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: June 30.**

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP Presbyterian Women's (PW) Circle celebrates the end of this season with our annual salad/dessert luncheon, **Thursday, June 7, 11 a.m.**, at the home of Helen Burns, 189 Hensel Drive, Shepherdstown. Contact HelenHibbardBurns@gmail.com or 304.876.9146 for directions. Bread, iced tea, plates, etc., will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

PW is an inclusive, caring community of women who study and pray together, and nurture and support each other. We work for justice and peace, and support the mission of the church worldwide with a particular emphasis on the needs of women and children. We invite all women of the church to join us.

NOTE: The following activities will resume in the fall:

- Evening Prayer
- Listening Groups
- Connections at Shepherd University
- Community Hymn Sing (August)
- Presbyterian Women's Circle (after Spring Luncheon)

Notices...

MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS

by **Sunday, June 10**

- Email office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org, or
- Pick up a form in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex, or
- Print the [form](#).

(Note: See church directory for those currently serving as elders and deacons.)

MORE LIGHT TEACH-IN Caring for LGBTQ refugees & asylum seekers. This series responds to congregational leaders who have active ministries to both LGBTQ people and refugees, and who want to be a better source of support to both populations but may be unsure how best to do so. All are welcome. Continues **Wednesday, May 30 and June 6, 3:00–4:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall.



Chris Morehouse is the new More Light Coordinator for SPC.

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 **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: June 3.**



ROLLING RIDGE STUDY RETREAT COMMUNITY

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

"Rising Rooted: Restorying the Heroine's Journey 2018," **June 1–3**

"Arts to the Ridge: A Creative Spirit Retreat for Girls, Ages 10–16," **June 17–June 22**

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

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](#).

BOB SYKES will be playing jazz at Big Cork Vineyards in Rohrersville, MD, **Saturday, June 23**, from 1–4 p.m.

Welcome New Members...



LOIS BUTCHER



LINDA MARSH



DIANA ELDRIDGE



SUZANNE WOMELDORF



ADAM WARE AND JB CRAWFORD

MORE LIGHT PRESBYTERIANS (MLP)

Acronyms describe lots we think we understand—IRS, NRA. What about MLP? **MLP Sunday is June 3 at SPC**, so let's revisit history for our new members and as a refresher for all. From the MLP website (mlp.org), we're reminded that at the 1974 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), the sign the Rev. David Sindt held up reading "Is anyone else out there gay?" launched a movement within the Presbyterian Church.

By 1978, Presbyterians ruled that openly LGBTQ people could join and participate in Presbyterian churches, *but* not serve officially as church leaders. Still certain Presbyterian churches took issue and declared themselves *More Light* because there was "yet more light to shine forth on the scriptures" on homosexuality.

It was not until 1992, however, that **More Light Presbyterians** emerged as a unified non-profit organization working for inclusion. And then in 2011, after 33 years of debate, PCUSA voted to approve the ordination of openly gay men and lesbians in same-sex relationships as ministers, elders, and deacons.

But the work hasn't stopped. SPC's Session recently approved three overtures MLP and Covenant Presbyterians will present to the PCUSA General Assembly next month:

#1 is a celebration of the gifts of LGBTQ+ people and their faithfulness through the years. "GA has never explicitly affirmed the gifts and lives of LGBTQ+ people."

#2 is a reaffirmation / restatement of the PCUSA's position on religious freedom (adopted in 2002) in order to combat renewed efforts in U.S. courts and legislatures to misuse "religious liberty" in order to allow discrimination against people based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

#3 is an affirmation and celebration of the full dignity and humanity of people of all gender identities. The church has never actually made any formal statement on transgender inclusion.

MLP's logo incorporates the communion elements of bread and wine, as well as rainbow colors evocative of stained glass windows. These elements express the hospitality of Christ, and of the welcoming church movement, and the theology and practice of the open table. We are called together as many grains that form one bread; and we share one cup.



—Lynn Coddington

BE INFORMED: US IMMIGRATION LAW AND POLICY

Part of the mission of the SPC Immigration and Refugee Support Committee is to educate ourselves and the congregation on immigration policy and law in the US. Here is a short summary from a course on Immigration Law from Catholic Legal Immigration services. We will add to this article periodically. Immigration Law regulates the following:

- which non-US citizens may enter the US, for how long, and for what purposes
- which non-citizens may work in the US
- which non-citizens may become US citizens, and the requirements
- which non-citizens must leave the US

When considering different types of immigration statuses, the first and broadest distinction to draw is between US citizens (USCs) and non-citizens. The technical term for non-citizens under immigration law is *aliens* (which applies equally to those

here in lawful status and those without lawful status), but because of the negative connotations of this term, *non-citizen* is often used in lay discussions.

One category of non-citizens is Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs)—often referred to as *green card holders*. LPRs have the right to live and work indefinitely in the US. They may sponsor certain close family members—spouses and unmarried sons and daughters—for lawful permanent residence. LPRs may generally travel into and out of the US without advance permission and, in many circumstances, are not subject to immigration-related scrutiny when returning to the US from abroad. LPRs may also apply for US citizenship in a process called *naturalization* after spending a prescribed period of time in the US as LPRs.

Future articles: more on LPRs and other categories of non-citizens.

—Chris Madeo

Nurse's Notes...

HEATSTROKE

Heatstroke is a condition caused by your body overheating and can rise to a temperature of 104°. It requires emergency treatment. Untreated heatstroke can damage your brain, kidneys, heart, and muscles. Symptoms are high body temperature (obtained with a rectal thermometer), altered mental state, alteration in sweating (skin will feel hot and dry to touch), nausea and vomiting, flushed skin, rapid breathing, racing heart rate, and headache.

If you think a person may be experiencing heatstroke, call 911 and take immediate action. Get the person into the shade or indoors, remove excess clothing and cool the person with whatever means is available, such as placing in a cool tub of water or cool shower, spraying with a garden hose, sponging with cool water, using wet towels or ice packs.

Heat strokes can be caused by exposure to a hot environment, or from strenuous activity in warm weather. Risk is increased in the very young and in adults over 65. Also, there is increased risk during sudden exposure to hot weather, lack of air conditioning, and the use of certain medications and in certain health conditions. You should wear light loose-fitting clothing in hot weather, protect against sunburn, drink plenty of fluids, never leave anyone (or pet) in a parked car, take it easy during the hottest part of the day, get acclimated, and be cautious if you are at increased risk.

Now that I have cautioned you about overdoing, I do wish for you a safe and fun-filled summer! I will be at my blood pressure clinic every first Sunday this summer 9:30-10:30 a.m. —Merry Morgan, RN, Parish Nurse

Members and Friends...



FRANCES MARSHALL was promoted to Reference and Special Collections Librarian at Shepherd University.

JACKSON EVERETT MURDOCK was born on April 19, to Aaron & Sarah Murdock. Grandparents Jenny & Mike Murdock say he's just adorable!
Address: Aaron, Sarah & Jack Murdock
2023 Shangrila Circle
Ridgecrest, CA 93555



RIE WILSON, SUELLEN MYERS, ELAINE HURD, and SHARON HENDERSON overlooking Toledo, Spain. They traveled to Portugal and Spain with Shepherd University Music Department.

FOUNDING MEMBERS of SAIL (Shepherdstown Area Independent Living). SPC members are: Row 1, 2nd from L, **VICKY THOMAS**; Row 2, from L, **JACK YOUNG, JUDY MOORE, MELINDA LANDOLT**.



SANDY JENKINS and MARY BELL were married on May 3 by Rev. Sitterley.

Congratulations Graduates



High School:

- **JUEL SELBY** from Boonsboro HS; attending Davis & Elkins
- **ETHAN GOTTLIEB** from Jefferson HS; attending US Naval Academy
- **BEA BARRAT** from Jefferson HS; attending West Virginia University
- **KATE CAUVEL** from Jefferson HS; attending Oxford University, then University of Granada

College:

- **JAMIE MERCER** from Towson State University with a degree in Accounting
- **JESSICA SCHMITT** from University of Mary Washington with a degree in Historic Preservation and minor in Museum Studies
- **KATYA QUINN** from Shepherd University with a degree in Nursing

Financial Corner...

GENERAL FUND through March 25. Pledged for 2018: **\$285,000**. Expected to date: **\$115,096**. Actual giving: **\$120,381**. Building Fund pledged for 2018: **\$29,000**. Received to date: **\$10,380**.

PENTECOST OFFERING: \$2041

NEXT NEWSLETTER July-August 2018. Send announcements, articles, member news, and your favorite travel pictures to office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. Deadline: **June 20**.

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