

# THE MESSENGER

September 2024
Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church
Shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

# PASTOR'S NOTE: (RE-)DISCOVERING OUR SPC IDENTITY

Dear friends,

A long, long time ago (it seems), a beloved pastor retired from a lifetime of service to Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, leaving the congregation with the question: *Who are WE without HIM?* 

An enthusiastic team emerged to form words in response to that question. They conducted interviews and focus groups. They engaged in congregational conversation and spirited internal debate. Finally, with the word-smithing complete and the appropriate ecclesial authorities concurring, The SPC Identity Statement was launched, with weeping in the aisles and gratitude for the perfectly expressed summation of who we say we want to be:

An Inclusive Spiritual Community: We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith and practice are rooted in the Way of Jesus and are enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and in the world.

It is not hyperbole to say the world has shifted on its axis since this statement was adopted. Not just the seismic shift of new pastoral leadership, but the complete overhaul of the staff, with a new Administrative Assistant, a new Director of Children and Youth Formation, a new Choir Director, a new Musical Accompanist, and new Tech Support. A generational shift in the Session leadership. An entirely new approach to Deacon Shepherd ministry. Purge & Play. A slew of new people joining the church and stepping into leadership. Heartfelt and heartbreaking goodbyes to long-term pillars of the community. Oh, yeah, and that COVID thing as a cherry on top.

It has been natural to wonder *Who are we?* in the face of so much seismic change. We have no longer been *who we were*. We have not yet evolved into *who we will become*. Although I believe the term can be overused, we have been genuinely *journeying through liminal space*, subjected to a radical transformation beyond our control in many ways, where success is often defined more by how well we surrender to the Spirit than by how well we pretend to be making order out of chaos.

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The "core commitments" that guide us, and the underlying beliefs that support them are:

#### Radical Hospitality: We Choose Welcome

- Everyone and everything, and every part of ourselves, is included in the circle of God's love.
- Imperfections and suffering are integral to the spiritual path.

#### Holistic Spirituality: Everything Belongs

- The Way of Jesus is a path of transformation.
- Doubt and questions are essential to faith.
- We are connected in Love with all, including those who have gone before us, and all those yet to come.
- We value all sources of Wisdom.

#### Engaged Compassion: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God

- The Way of Jesus is a way of being in this world, loving, serving and making things whole.
- Loving God means loving all of creation.

#### **Church Staff**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist (she/her), Pastor
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce (she/her), Children and Youth Education Coordinator
Sheila Melendez, Choir Director
Sam Jannotta (he/him), Accompanist
Mark Nutwell (he/him), Tech Support (Contract)
Olivia Gill (she/her), Nursery Lead
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It has been, in a word, disorienting.

And yet, as we begin to take the view from the other side, it has also been invigorating! As we approach the five year mark of our ministry together (October 21), I am heartened that we can proclaim with assurance that The SPC Identity Statement still rings resoundingly true, even as we express it in new ways for a new day. It is aspirational, as much as it has been definitional. It is a north star guiding us ever onward, as much as it has been an anchor to secure us through so much unsettling sea change.

In the next three months, we will (re-) discover the SPC Identity Statement in our worship by focusing on a theme each week through September, October, and November. Those themes will be:

September: Community; Inclusivity; Spirituality; Welcome

October: Meaning, Hope, & Belonging; Faith & Practice; The Way of Jesus; Wisdom from All Sources November: Being & Becoming; Radical Compassion; Justice & Wholeness; Ourselves & The World

I invite the congregation to submit your own suggestions for poetry, prayers, quotes, *et cetera* to accompany these themes (to Lynn Dampman in the church office). Our new Choir Director, Sheila Melendez, is dreaming big in terms of musical options that will reinforce the theme for each week and the overall goal of Re-Discovering our Shared Identity. Our Director of Children and Youth Formation, Christa Mastrangelo Joyce, is dreaming big in terms of how our children and youth can be part of this re-discovery. When all is said and done at the end of the (re-) discovery, I suspect the Spirit will lead us to a joyful, heartfelt *Oh yeah*, *THAT*, *is who we are!* 

In the meantime, let us celebrate all that is good in our midst, welcoming Sheila enthusiastically, devoting ourselves to our vision ever more fully, and just plain having a good time in good community with a good God through it all.

As the Journey Continues,

Pastor Gusti

#### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP AT SPC

Worship throughout Autumn at SPC will focus on various components of The SPC Identity Statement:

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working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and in the world.

The congregation is invited to contribute readings, prayers, poetry, quotes, *et cetera* on these themes.

Please send your contributions to Lynn Dampman at the church office.

#### Sunday, September 1

**How Can I Keep From Singing?** 

Psalm 96:1

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Communion

A Sermon in Song from the Men's Quartet

O sing a new song to the LORD, sing to the LORD, sing all the earth.

#### Sunday, September 8

**Not Good Human Only It** 

Genesis 2:18

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Kickoff Sunday On Community

God said, "It is not good that the human should be alone."

#### Sunday, September 15

The Citizen Among You

Leviticus 19:34

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Antietam Remembrance Sunday On Inclusivity

The foreigner who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you.

#### Sunday, September 22

If You're Breathing, You're Spiritual

Genesis 2:7

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

On Spirituality

God formed a human from the humus, and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life.

#### Sunday, September 29

**Let Them Come** 

Matthew 19:14

Reformation Sunday Church Picnic On Welcome

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kin-dom of heaven belongs."

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE

#### **Christa Mastrangelo Joyce**

#### **Children and Youth Education Coordinator**

Philippians 4: 4-9 has been on my mind a good bit this summer. "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice...do not be anxious about anything...whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, worthy of praise, think about these things."

I've wondered about that message a lot since teaching yoga for Massanetta Springs Middle School camp in June, where our theme was "Keep Calm and Rejoice." While this feels true and important in the quietest, most receptive place within me, the noise in my mind still questions: how could this be?

As I contemplated this message and how it informs my ministry with the youth and children of SPC, I began to ask myself, what if the answer is more nuanced than I imagined? I began to consider how to say yes to this and hold the tension between knowing and not knowing, faith and deep questioning, anxiety and delight.

In a passage from Mark, the disciples are tossed and fearful on a boat in a stormy sea and I, too, could feel the sensation of fear, of being overwhelmed. Then, I heard Jesus' words: "Peace. Be still." This time I sensed these words were not only for the wind and the sea, but for me and all of us on the boat together. This is what we can do for each other—remember how to stand within the storm. Yes, stormy. And calm.

As the summer comes to an end, I am thinking about how we've had a chance to revel in delight with the children. Through the experience of Chris Morehouse, Barbara Hartman, Amanda Groff, and other parents who have shared their talents and knowledge, snacks and art abilities, we've spent the summer enjoying the laughter and chaos of our youngest members. And, we have received so much delight with the youth group—at movies, on white water river trips provided generously by Tasha Bailey and John Gonano with River and Trail, on picnics and pool parties.

I am reminded and comforted that we need practices to help us remember how to be steady. Our Bible is a book of people wrestling with the complexity of life, failing in that complexity, experiencing and resting in God's love for a time, witnessing and imagining the possibility for more of the beautiful, the essential, the pure, the pleasing, the excellent and commendable. We get to reflect on this larger history and our own individual histories, as adults with as much or more past than future, to be the ones who can pause and, in that pausing, choose to remember how many beautiful things have come *alongside* terrible pain, and how many beautiful things are happening around us right now. And together, I imagine, we can offer THIS understanding to our youth and children.

\*Parts of this message are excerpted from my longer sermon reflection on July 21, which can be accessed on the SPC website under Worship.

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# **GUNS TO GARDENS**A Gun Safe Surrender Event

#### Unwanted Firearms Are Made into Garden Tools

Please Bring Unwanted Firearms to Shepherdstown Fire Department 8052 Martinsburg Pike, Shepherdstown, WV Saturday, October 12, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



#### Guns must be:

- · Unloaded · Stored in car trunk or back end of vehicle · In working order
  - You will receive thank you gift cards to local grocery stores:
  - \$50 per handgun \$100 per rifle/shotgun \$200 per semiautomatic



For Further Information: (571) 577-9211 guns2gardens@sherdstownpresbyterian.org

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#### LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

Sheila Melendez (pronounced Shay-la) has accepted the position of Choir Director and began her ministry with us on August 19. Choir practice will resume in early September. Sheila grew up in Maryland and completed her undergraduate studies in Vocal Performance and Music Education at Towson University. She then completed a Master's in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting at the University of Denver. She brings experience conducting and performing a variety of musical styles, and has led church choirs, children's choirs as well as community choirs. She has a special passion for church choirs as a way to build meaningful connections, elevate the soul, and prepare us for messages from scripture and the sermon. We are thrilled she will be joining us!

#### CONFRONTING THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR CHURCH AND SLAVERY

### **Lynn Coddington, Chair, Social Justice**

In March of this year more than 50 participants from SPC and the community explored the church's history through the lens of SPC minutes. With help from experts at Shepherd University, the Presbyterian Historical Society and local historians, our initial discoveries reveal the work yet to be done.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a morally complicated history with slavery, dating from the earliest colonial days. Although hard to accept, condoning slavery was an historical fact at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church. Why revisit that history today if it is uncomfortable and divisive?

The PC(USA) has explicitly asked churches to research their past and share their findings. Exploring our history, including what's in the records and what's missing "...enriches our understanding of historical events and helps us to interrogate the present in similar ways," Presbyterian Historical Society Executive Director Nancy Taylor notes.

Several years ago, SPC's social justice committee began reviewing our various histories with an eye towards updating them. Efforts accelerated after the committee acquired five handwritten books dating from 1814 through the early 1900s containing session minutes and lists of members.

Minutes were retrieved from the Richmond's Union Presbytery archives, and taken to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia for digitization. After a slow process of transcribing the hand-written text, an SPC workgroup shared what they'd learned during an educational series titled *Exploring our Roots*.

Shepherd University history professor Benjamin Bankhurst, PHS' Nancy Taylor, and research historians Jane Ailes and Marie Tyler-McGraw participated in the series to help us understand and provide context to the historical records.

From 1824 to 1844, SPC membership included 18 people listed by first name only with descriptions such as "servant of" or "a colored woman, servant of" or a "colored man, servant of." Historians generally agree that referring to a person by their first name only suggests that they were enslaved. The list confirms that enslavers were among church leaders and that the enslaved were admitted as members. Surprisingly, SPC church minutes throughout the 1800s, pre- and post-Civil War, reveal virtually no mention of slavery except for a vote by session about an earlier anti-slavery resolution passed in 1818 by the national church approving a statement claiming slavery was "inconsistent with the law of God."

In 1838, SPC again tiptoed into the debate when it ordered "our delegates to the presbytery to be directed to move said body to instruct its commissioners to the next General Assembly to move that body to repeal the anti-Slavery Resolution passed in the Assembly of 1818." SPC in the 1800s was not anti-slavery.

Nancy Taylor said that slavery was considered so threatening to Presbyterian national church unity that its leaders gamely tried to walk a middle ground between those favoring slavery and abolitionists within the church. Many synods, presbyteries and local churches followed the lead of the national church.

Although the records avoided the morality of slavery, we found frequent reference to the elders' judgment of members' drunkenness and promiscuity, not atypical of church leaders at the time. Church leaders felt more equipped to address the morality of the individual congregants than to debate the social morality of slavery, explained Taylor. Policing the morality of the congregation, interviewing new members and securing church funds and overseeing building maintenance were frequently the main functions of session leaders, Bankhurst noted.

#### We've not completed our work because many questions remain:

Was the side entrance built specifically for enslaved persons to enter?

Did the presbytery ever take up SPC's 1838 request about rescinding the 1818 anti-slavery resolution?

Are we able to bring alive the story of Mary, owned by member William McMurran, who was freed to go to Liberia and what became of her?

Does SPC owe an apology to these persons who were likely enslaved, their voices unheard?

We'd like to explore historic Shepherdstown records and courthouse records for deeds and wills that might include more information about local families and who resided in their household, including enslaved persons.

And as a step towards our own discovery and apology, we also would like to create an internal display of SPC historical documents, especially for those mostly unheard voices. We must not forget the 18 members we know were once part of our congregation.

For the complete transcript of SPC findings sent to the Shenandoah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Historical Society, see the SPC website under Ministries/Social Justice.



#### **AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Approved a staff position for Director of Children and Youth Formation, continuing to prioritize youth education.
- Received an update on the Guns to Gardens event scheduled for October
   12, approving a special offering during September to support the event.
- Received an update on the Matthew 25 focus on the Community Cup, clean water, and food security including a visit by Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, on November 16-17 to preach and teach on food and hunger.
- Received reports from Social Justice, Mission, Communications committees and from the moderator and deacons.
- Discussed several completed, ongoing, and anticipated facility maintenance projects.
- Approved John Gonano as Chair of the Stewardship Committee and Wanda Stewart as Vice-chair of the Nominating Committee.

The SPC Session meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Meetings are open to any member of the congregation who wishes to attend. Contact Dave Smith, Clerk of Session, to learn more.

#### **DEACON TEAM UPDATE**

# Jen Jones Deacon Moderator

### Meet your Deacon Team!

Each member of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church is assigned a Deacon Shepherd. The Deacon Shepherd's purpose is to support the SPC congregation through prayer, connection to needed resources, and concerns or joys that arise. Even though members are assigned a Deacon, *any member or friend of SPC may call on any Deacon Team member for support. Please see your SPC Directory for contact information:* Jen Jones, Deacon Moderator, Donna Dettling, Moderator/Partner, Paul Denchy, Derek Smith, Mica Martin, Susan Lovell, Patti McCarthy, Chris Morehouse, Sherry Sykes, Diana Wesley.

#### **July/August Meeting Agenda Topics**

The Deacon Team met in July for fellowship and a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. During the August and September meetings, Pastor Gusti will lead the Deacons in Prayer Training and Development. Praying with Flock members is an important role for Deacons, and we look forward to learning more about being in spirit with God as we minister. Also in August, we will work to publish a pew insert further encouraging the congregation to reach out to Deacons for support.

#### **PrayerNet**

Please send your prayer requests to prayernet@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org. You may also call the church office at 304-876-6466 during office hours (Monday - Friday, 8am - 2pm). A couple of practical reminders as you make your requests:

- 1. Please make sure the person for whom you are requesting prayer has given you permission. Due to privacy considerations, we are unable to share requests without that permission.
- 2. Please indicate whether or not you would like this request to be shared in worship on Sunday morning.
- 3. You may also indicate that you prefer to keep this request confidential among the PrayerNet Team (currently Pastor Gusti, Lynn Dampman, Jen Jones, and Mica Martin.)

If you are having a pastoral emergency (death of a spouse or child, life-threatening medical emergency, etc), please contact Pastor Gusti directly at 681-283-5314.

If you would like to participate in our larger PrayerNet community (as one of the 90+ who have agreed to pray), contact Lynn at the church office: lynn@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

#### **Deacon Shepherd for Animals**

Carol Wood has been commissioned to remind us of the holiness they add to our lives. This includes those who have lost a dear companion, bringing a new animal into their home and support when an animal's time has come for that last journey to the vet. Contact Carol at cwood453@aol.com.

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### BUDGET AT A GLANCE THROUGH JULY 30, 2024

#### Actual (6 months)

\$192,614 Total Income (Pledges, Additional Giving, Special Offerings)

\$212,166 Total Expenses (Pastor, Personnel, Property, Mission, Administration,

Worship, Social Justice, Education, Special Offerings)

-\$19,552 NET INCOME\*

#### Budgeted (annual)

\$329,032 Total Income

\$367,106 Total Expenses

-\$38,073 NET INCOME\*

Unrestricted Reserves \$215,552

#### **BUDGET NOTES**

\*With an increase in pledges for 2024 and the stability of SPC reserves, the Session voted to maintain current strategic investments in mission and advocacy, ministry and children and youth, and online worship capacity.

#### GIVING

The congregation has been asked to increase pledged giving for the next five years by 5%. There are many ways to satisfy your pledges, special offerings and individual contributions for a project or program dear to you:

- By check: Made out to SPC, PO Box 268, Shepherdstown, WV 25443
- Online: <u>www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org</u>, use the GIVE icon on the home page. You may use PayPal or a credit card
- In Church: In the offering plate on Sundays

#### **SUNDAY SEMINARS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22**

The Adult Education study this fall is entitled, "Understanding Poverty: Myths, Misunderstandings, and Facing Our Moral Imperative." Meetings will be Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. We will focus on poverty in America – what do we know about it, what did Jesus really say about the poor, and what are the misunderstandings we commonly share? Why does the richest country on earth have more poverty than any other advanced democracy? And, what is required of us at this moment? We will be using several books and online resources, however there is no book purchase required of participants. All are welcomed into this fellowship and important discussion! Watch the weekly E-News for more information.

# Oh, the places we've been!

We asked where you went or what you did this summer and here are the responses we received.

#### From Eva Barnett:



The highlight of our summer was a family trip to Rehoboth Beach, DE. It was Abigail and Atlas's first trip to the beach but you'd never know it! We had great weather and ate lots of ice cream and fries on the boardwalk.



#### From Carol Wood:





July found me at Natural Habitat's Bear Camp where a bush plane carried seven of us to this "off the grid" Alaska site. We spent four days viewing these magnificent brown bears, bald eagles and so many amazing critters.

## From Brad and Georgiann Toole:





MONDAY: Oswald, king, martyr, 642

8.00 a.m. MORNING LITURGY

5.15 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG † (The Piedmont Singers, The Plains, Virginia, USA)
Georgiann H. Toole Preces and Responses Proper Psalm | 10
Georgiann H. Toole Evening Service Hymn 215
Georgiann H. Toole Evensong

We spent two weeks in England, including a weeklong choral residency with the Piedmont Singers at Wells Cathedral. The group sang services each day in this glorious space, including a number of Georgiann's compositions!

#### From Paul and Diane Kradel:



Our adventure for the summer has been a lot of hard work! We moved from our home on Deep Woods Trail to Hensel Drive, both in Shepherdstown. Our new house was previously the home of Helen and John Burns. Thank you so much to the church members who helped.

# From Larry and Joyce Neumark:



We organized a baseball game trip to Meritus Park in August and had almost 40 people go with us. It was truly an intergenerational event with ages ranging from 3 years old to 80 years old. We might make this an annual tradition!

# From Sarah Wagner:





I went to Northern Quebec on a group kayaking trip in the Mingan Archipelago. We all had so much fun seeing whales, porpoises, and gray seals!



#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **Donna Dettling, Co-Moderator**

Presbyterian Women of SPC had an informal meet up on August 1 at Community Cup Coffee and More in Martinsburg, a community-based ministry sponsored by our Presbytery and supported by SPC. It was a successful (nine attendees) and a fun opportunity to support the coffee shop and enjoy conversation in a different setting. We encourage everyone to check out this wonderful area resource and we look forward to gathering there again as a group.

Presbyterian Women (PW) kicks off their 2024-2025 year on Thursday, September 5 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall (and also via Zoom.) The group meets monthly on the first Thursday, from September through May, followed by a June picnic. If you haven't participated in the Presbyterian Women previously, or have not attended a meeting for a while, we warmly invite you to check it out! And for those who have been part of the group recently, we are excited to get together with you again.

We will be reading and discussing the book *Always with Us? – What Jesus Really Said about the Poor,* by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, who is a Presbyterian minister and the National Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign. Jesus's words "the poor you will always have with you" (Matthew 26:11) are regularly used to suggest that ending poverty is impossible. In this book, Theoharis critically examines both the biblical text and the lived reality of the poor, to show how this passage is taken out of context and distorted. We look forward to some lively discussion each month, around a topic that impacts so many in our state and around the world. The book is available on Amazon and online through other bookstores. Unfortunately, Four Seasons Books does not carry it and is not able to order it.

The September book study will be led by Suellen Myers. We will cover the Forward, Preface, and Introduction sections of the book at the first meeting, to get familiar with the work of Rev. Theoharis and gain insight into what the book contains. We encourage you to make note of any phrases or paragraphs that interest or resonate with you as you read through, so we can have a discussion that is meaningful to all of us. And if you haven't had a chance to read the material, that's fine, too!

Leadership for the coming year will be provided by new co-moderators Donna Dettling and Diana Eldridge, with Lynne Wiseman and Cheryl Pullen continuing as Treasurer and Secretary. A rotation of volunteers leads the lesson and prayers, provides food, and assists in a variety of ways.

Please consider joining the group in September! We look forward to having you as part of PW. Drop-in participation is welcome, too. You will always find coffee, snacks, thought-provoking conversation, connection with other women of the church, time for prayer, and a little group business at each meeting. We hope to see you there!



## Join us for the SPC picnic!

Sunday, September 29 3-6 PM Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion



Fried chicken, drinks, and tableware provided.

#### Please bring the following:

A-I: Side dish J-R Veggie or Fruit S-Z Dessert

Bouquets of garden flowers for the tables are appreciated.

#### The talent show returns! Our fabulous youth will be hosting this fun event....

Sing a song, juggle some oranges. Tell us about your hobby, recite some poetry, stand on your head. Paint a picture, crack some jokes, blow your horn. Whatever your talent, we want to see it!

Talent show sign up— Christa Joyce: jalayoga.christa@gmail.com

To help with picnic— Mary Ellen Lloyd: mewlloyd@gmail.com



The Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson Co. is once again hosting its Howl-O-Ween Paws & Claws Dinner & Auction in the Skyline Ballroom, Hollywood Casino in Charles Town, October 19. Beginning at 5:30 pm, a cash bar and silent auction items will be available to bid on. A delicious buffet dinner will be served! Tickets are \$70 per person. Deacon for the Animals, Carol Wood, will have tickets available for purchase. Please make checks out to Animal Welfare Society or AWS. It is a fun filled evening for all and a great way to support our local shelter.

# from the Church Office ...



#### Address changes:

John and Helen Burns
3200 Baker Circle, Apt I-002
Adamstown, MD 21710
(Phone number and email remain the same)

Paul and Diane Kradel 189 Hensel Drive Shepherdstown, WV 25443 (Phone number and email remain the same)

#### Additions to Directory:

Nancy (Nan) Pantle 396 Buena Vista Drive Martinsburg, WV 25405 304-620-2365 nanpantle@gmail.com

Please notify the church office with updates by email <a href="mailto:lynn@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org">lynn@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org</a> or calling 304-876-6466, Monday –Friday from 9 am – 1 pm.

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Sep 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

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11 am Sunday Studio (K-5th Grade) Classroom 2 3 pm Annual Church Picnic at Morgan's Grove Pavilion	8:30 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday Seminar - FH/Hybrid 11 am Worship Service (Hybrid)	29	12:30 p.m. Reception for Sheila Melendez	11 am Sunday Studio (K-5th Grade) Classroom 2	Seminar - FH/Hybrid  11 am Worship Service (Hybrid)	8:30 am Early Worship Service	22	Lower Level	11 am Sunday Studio (K-5th Grade) Classroom 2	11 am Worship Service (Hybrid)	8:30 am Early Worship Service	15	12:30 pm Youth Group - Lower Level	11 am Sunday Studio (K-5th Grade) Classroom 2	11 am Worship Service (Hybrid)	8:30 am Early Worship Service	8	12:30 pm Youth gather with Pastor Gusti - Lower Level 5 pm Community Meal Mission in Charles Town, WV	11 am Sunday Studio	8:30 am Early Worship Service with Communion 11 am Worship Service (Hybrid)		Sun
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