Happy Birthday to the Church and to You!
Birthday Cake Celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, in the Parish Hall immediately following worship

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we mark the birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. In honor of this important day in the Christian year, we will celebrate all birthdays at a gathering in the Parish Hall following worship. Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship as you discover others who share your birth month — perhaps even your birthday! (Did we mention there will be cake, too?)

This is the time for all the wonderfully talented bakers in the congregation to shine! We need a minimum of two dozen cakes. Bake your favorite recipe or try a new one — a variety of cakes makes for a great event. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or call the church office to let us know what kind of cake you will bring and which month of the year you would prefer to honor. Thank you!

Above: Adam Loucks and Beatrice Jones serve strawberry shortcake with ice cream at last year’s festival. Photograph taken by Nick Conti, Imagebox Productions.

A “Berry” Good Time for a Good Cause
Twenty-sixth Annual Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 7, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The 26th annual Shadyside Presbyterian Church Strawberry Festival will be held on Friday, June 7, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. SPC will host a traditional evening of fun, games, and delicious food to celebrate the impending arrival of summer and support one of our mission partners, Sojourner House.

Menu items will include fresh strawberries, ice cream, strawberry shortcake, grilled hot dogs, chips, tossed salad, and beverages. Baked goods also will be available for purchase. Activities will include games on the McClintock Lawn with prizes for everyone, children’s crafts, balloons, and face painting. (In the event of rain, the festivities will move indoors.)

There is no charge for admission; crafts and the cakewalk are free. Tickets for refreshments and other activities will be available for purchase. Baked goods may be purchased with cash. All proceeds will benefit Sojourner House.

Above: A descending dove depicts the Holy Spirit in a detail of an art glass window visible from the west front of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. The image of a dove is often used to symbolize the Holy Spirit in Christian art based on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ baptism. Photograph taken by Ellen L. Allston.
Christ with Us All Summer Through

As I listen to your summertime plans, I know that many of you are anticipating a change of pace and perhaps some exciting travel ahead.

This may be the year you see and do some of those things on your bucket list. This may be the year you go to that reunion you have looked forward to for a long time. This may be the year you go back to the old home place and see it through new eyes. This may be the year you see something you never knew you would see. This may be the year you retreat to that beloved mountain hideaway or beachside cottage. This may be the year you go to that conference or retreat. This may be the year you have a “staycation” and thoroughly enjoy being at home sweet home. This may be the year you visit those Western Pennsylvania sights that you have been meaning to see, but haven’t until now.

All of these, any of these, will enrich your life this June and July. As you do these things, keep in mind that, near or far, you are in Christ’s company all summer through. I like the way St. Patrick said it so many years ago. And I invite you to take his prayer with you throughout the summer months:

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

God bless you throughout June and July, as you recall Christ’s love with you, and through you, without fail.

Oh yes, and whenever you are not away or on the road:

“See you in church!”

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles  
Interim Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

PARISH LIFE

Culinary Classes with Chef Steven Bright: Summer Nights on the Grill  
Easy Grilling and Marinating: Tuesday, June 11, or Thursday, June 13

Tie on an apron and join Chef Steven Bright in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church kitchen for one of two cooking classes on Tuesday, June 11, or Thursday, June 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Chef Bright will share his secrets for sizzling and sensational “Summer Nights on the Grill” in this hands-on workshop focusing on easy marinating and grilling.

Classes will be limited to groups of six in teams of two. Cost for the class is $15 per person. Please wear comfortable closed-toe shoes and tie back long hair. Bring your favorite apron, and let’s get cooking! Please register by signing up in the Sharp Atrium or contacting the church office.
New Officers Presented for Election

At the annual meetings of the corporation and congregation in May, the following individuals were nominated for election as officers of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

- **Elders:** Jayne Adair Cox, James M. Gockley, Carey A. Harris, Mark A. Krofchik, Gary S. Lasser, Robert B. Luthultz, Mary L. Murken, Terrence H. Murphy, and Sharon A. Taylor.

- **Deacons:** Nathan N. Boyle, Erin O. Davies, Rebecca H. Dick, Sherri P. Krofchik, Bonnie S. Leake, Adam D. Loucks, Sharon L. Luthultz, Susan M. Moreland, and Audrey L. H. Werling.

- **Trustees:** Mark G. Allston, Eliza S. Brown, Boyd S. Murray, and W. Keith Smith.

- **2020 Representative Nominating Committee At-Large Members:** Timothy C. Engleman, Richard H. Potter, Janet B. Rohrer, Rachael W. Viehman, and Janet W. Wood.

- **Pastor Nominating Committee:** Susan W. Balaan, Sara G. Brooke, Donald P. Coffelt Jr., Percy M. Jackson, Adam D. Loucks, Ann E. Pauley, and Janet B. Rohrer.

Please support these leaders through prayer and encouragement. Profiles of first-term officers appear on the following pages: Elders, page 4; Deacons, pages 6 and 7; Trustees, page 3 (below).

We also recognize those officers who are retiring from their positions: Elders Sang C. Park, Fallaw B. Sowell, Richard J. Wood, and Rebecca L. Young; Deacons Margaret A. Biddle, Sheila M. Blumer, Benjamin R. Cowley, Kathy Lash, Ian A. McGough, William T. Reutzel, Diana H. Rodgers, and Laura B. Vondas Vizzuto; and Trustees Linda C. Fisher and Edward B. Wood. Thank you all for your years of faithful service.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**New Trustees**

**Mark Allston** and his wife, Ellen, have been members of Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) since 1987. Previously, both were members of Hebron Church in Penn Hills, where they met each other in youth group. Mark and Ellen live in Plum Borough and have two adult children, Patrick and Laura. Since his graduation from Westminster College in 1984, Mark has had a career in the insurance industry; presently, he is a partner with Pinnacle Group Insurance. Currently the usher co-chairperson at SPC, Mark served as an elder from 1996 to 2002 and as a trustee from 2011 to 2017. Previously, he also taught Christian education classes and served on a Pastor Nominating Committee. He accepted the call to continue serving God and our church in the role of trustee with humble gratitude. Mark believes his life has been and continues to be shaped by his faith and by the many God-loving people he has encountered.

In addition, Mark is a sports enthusiast who is always up for a round of golf.

**Eliza Smith Brown**'s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Templeton Smith, were members of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. So when she married and moved to Squirrel Hill in 1983, Eliza transferred her membership from Southminster Presbyterian Church. In the 1990s, she served on Shadyside’s Session, and she served on the Board of Trustees from 2006 to 2012. When her children were young, she also taught Christian education classes for several years. Eliza has worked full-time as director of communications and external relations at the Association of Theological Schools for eleven years. Most of her career, however, has been spent in architecture and cultural resource management, and she has published several books on local history. Currently, she is working on a book about two family members who were active in the women’s suffrage movement and the fight for integrity in local government in Pittsburgh. As she transitions from her job at the end of May, she is looking forward to reinvigorating her church involvement. Eliza also serves on the board of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
New Elders

The Chief Executive Officer of Literacy Pittsburgh, Carey Harris has an extensive background in education, policy, and community development and in leading at the local, regional, and state level. Carey joined Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1992 and later married her husband, John Werling, here; together, they have baptized and raised their three children in the church. In addition to supporting John’s involvement as a deacon and their children’s participation in music ministry and in youth group, she has taught Christian education classes and has served on the Nursery School Board. Their whole family also has participated in the Mars Hill mission experience for five years. “I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the church that has been such an integral part of my life for the past twenty-seven years,” says Carey. “I’m thrilled to engage with the church community in a new way and anticipate new wonders that God will reveal to me through serving.”

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Mark Krofchik attended Carnegie Mellon University and started an IT consulting company, where he has worked with a number of companies and government agencies to design and build enterprise software solutions. Mark and his family joined Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 2014. “We appreciated the warmth with which the church welcomed us,” he says, “and we were inspired by the music and children’s ministries, as well as the outreach to which Shadyside is committed in the community and around the world.” Mark’s wife, Sherri, is a deacon, and their son, Will, loves SPYS (youth group). For the past three years, Mark has served as an usher. Additionally, he and Sherri facilitated an adult Christian education study in 2017, reading John Indermark’s Parables and Passion: Jesus’ Stories for the Days of Lent. “I consider it an honor to have another opportunity to serve Shadyside as an elder,” says Mark.

For the past forty years, Gary Lasser has worked in and managed in the drafting field, spending twenty-five years with Westinghouse and fifteen years with Medrad. Previously ordained as an elder, Gary served for eighteen years at Plum Creek Presbyterian Church, where he attended for thirty years before beginning to attend Shadyside Presbyterian Church about seven years ago. He joined Shadyside in 2013 and currently ushers and participates in our community outreach programs. In addition, he also facilitated an adult Bible study in 2017. “I strongly feel that, as a member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, you have not only an opportunity, but an obligation to have input into Shadyside’s community involvement as well as its direction and vision,” says Gary. “Whether it be serving on a board or volunteering your time, you can serve Shadyside’s mission.” He enjoys the outdoors, whether it is walking for exercise or working in the yard.

Marylu Murken and her husband, Geoffrey, joined Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 2010 when their son was a medical student at the University of Pittsburgh. Participating in the life of the church is very important to Marylu. She has been actively involved with missions, serving on several Mission Action Communities (MACs) and volunteering directly with multiple mission partners, including East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), Garfield Community Farm, Open Hand Ministries, and Sojourner House. Marylu also engages in our Christian education programs and Bible studies, and she and Geoff enjoy attending our Parish Life Ministry events, including the Connection Dinners. In fact, Marylu often shares her excellent cooking skills with us and our neighbors by baking and preparing delicious food, both for our congregational fellowship events and for EECM shelter meals. A quilter, basketmaker, longtime knitter, and seamstress, Marylu also enjoys the outdoors as an avid gardener, bicyclist, hiker, and birdwatcher.
Neighborhood Gatherings Provide Opportunities for Fellowship

During the first two weeks of April, the Parish Life Ministry Team sponsored dessert and hors d’oeuvres potluck gatherings in four neighborhoods: Fox Chapel, Morningside, Shadyside, and Wexford. These events were designed to provide members with an opportunity to enjoy spending time in fellowship with their church neighbors.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the hosts and hostesses: Matt and Nikki Amole, Bob and Sharon Luthultz, Judith and Jim Matheny, and Robert and Susan Thomson. Thank you for opening your homes and graciously welcoming almost 100 guests. Thanks also to those who attended and contributed to the events’ success.


PARISH LIFE

Invitation to Participate in Children’s Ministry Planning Meeting: June 2

The Children’s Ministry has enjoyed such a wonderful program year, culminating with the recent Easter Egg Hunt. You are invited to attend an informational planning meeting on Sunday, June 2, at 9:45 a.m., when we will share what we have been doing to support families and children, and discuss ideas for the future. We welcome your suggestions and support! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Elder Vicki Potter through the church office.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Midweek Concerts

At the conclusion of its 26th season, the Music in a Great Space concert series invites you to treat yourself to a tuneful June! Join us on three Wednesday evenings to be serenaded by the sweet sounds of summer.

• Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.: The Pittsburgh Camerata presents Britain & Beyond: Folksongs of the British Isles
  Tickets at the door or from pittsburghcamerata.org.

• Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.: Baritone Brian Doherty and Soprano Kathryn Copeland Donaldson with Pianist Ellen Fast
  No tickets for admission; donations appreciated.

• Wednesday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m.: Tenor Marco Panuccio with Pianist Ellen Fast
  No tickets for admission; donations appreciated.

For more information, visit www.shadysidepres.org/migs.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ten Years of Partnership: Arts and Crafts at Freedom Camp

The Community Kids Mission Action Community (MAC) needs volunteers to assist the children at Valley View Presbyterian Church (Garfield) with their art and craft projects on Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m., June 25 through July 23. This will be the tenth year our members have partnered with Freedom Camp, and our lives have been truly enriched by our neighbors’ young children. Consider joining us — you may volunteer for one Tuesday or for as many as you are able; we are particularly in need of volunteers for July 9. Please sign up in the Sharp Atrium or contact Susan Thomson through the church office.

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New Deacons

Nathan Boyle has attended Shadyside Presbyterian Church since 2013 and was confirmed in 2017. An active participant in the Youth Ministry, he attends youth group every week and often volunteers with our mission partners, working with Garfield Community Farm and cooking meals for East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM). In addition, he has participated in the summer Mars Hill mission experience in North Carolina five times and doesn’t foresee himself stopping anytime soon. During worship, Nathan has served as an acolyte and has sung with our children’s choir. He also has helped as a counselor during Vacation Bible School. Already looked up to as a leader by many of the younger children in the youth group, Nathan felt he needed a stronger connection with God and with the church as a whole, which led him to agree to serve as a deacon. Nathan is entering his senior year at Penn Trafford High School, where he enjoys marching band, track, National Honor Society, and his school’s gifted program.

Erin Davies started attending Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) in 2003, when she moved to Pittsburgh for her pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining SPC in April 2005, she was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where she grew up and served as a student deacon. Erin and her husband, Brian, got married at SPC in 2006. She especially loves spending time with him and their children, Harper and Oliver. A pediatrician who works part time, Erin also volunteers at her children’s school, and she and her family enjoy helping at the church’s workdays in Garfield, as well. In the past, Erin served on the Board of Trustees for the SPC Nursery School, first as a member and then as president. She also has spent many Sundays over the years volunteering in the nursery and teaching Christian education classes. Erin has accepted the call to become a deacon at SPC so that she may continue to help others in new and different ways.

Rebecca Dick and her husband, Alex, have been members at Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) since 2012, joining soon after they moved to Pittsburgh. Becca and Alex were both raised Presbyterian but were unable to find a church home when they lived elsewhere — neither in Washington, DC, nor in Bozeman, Montana. They love the community they have found here at SPC. Becca’s professional career is happily on pause now as she raises their children, Genevieve (6) and Catherine (4), and volunteers in their schools and elsewhere. Previously, she was a public health research coordinator for the University of Pittsburgh. At SPC, Becca has enjoyed helping with various aspects of the Children’s Ministry, and she serves on the Board of Trustees for the SPC Nursery School. She also has participated in the Grief Support Group. “I accepted this call to service because I enjoy connecting with people and finding small ways to brighten their day and learn from their experiences,” says Becca.

Bonnie Leake has been attending Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) for about sixteen years and joined in 2012. Bonnie was previously ordained as both a deacon and an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, where she was a member prior to returning to her hometown of Cheswick in 2001 to be near family. A retired postmaster, she spends some of her time reading, gardening, and taking care of family. Currently, she is involved with SPC’s New Member Committee. The reason she accepted the call to serve on the Board of Deacons is that she sees so many events, programs, and opportunities available through the church, and she would like to participate in any way to further Christ’s work in the church.

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Adam Loucks returns to the Shadyside Presbyterian Church (SPC) Board of Deacons after serving two earlier terms from 2012 to 2018. In the past at SPC, he also has served as a Stephen Minister and as a member of the Representative Nominating Committee. Recently, Adam co-led an adult Christian education study for Advent, exploring the hymns of the season. He also frequently leads the Young Adult Ministry’s Bible study and volunteers with the Youth Ministry. In addition, he continues to serve on the Hunger and Homelessness Mission Action Community (MAC). “For me, the crux of our Christian faith lies in outreach and care of others,” says Adam. “It’s a great honor and joy to partner with this vital ministry.” A lover of the arts, performing and visual, he is a former member of the SPC Chancel Choir and now sings with the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. Adam works in the college of engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and enjoys spending time with family, friends, and his beloved golden retriever, Lucca.

Sharon Luthultz and her husband, Bob, have been members of Shadyside Presbyterian Church for ten years. “I feel very blessed to have found this wonderful church,” says Sharon. Together, she and Bob have facilitated Christian education classes, helped with fellowship functions, and hosted neighborhood gatherings. They also both served on the 150th Church Anniversary Committee. “After prayerful consideration, I am excited to become a deacon so I can become more involved with our church family, give back to this amazing church, and serve the Lord,” she says. After being a homemaker and then volunteering at Passavant Hospital for ten years, Sharon is now a caregiver for the oldest and youngest men in her life. Her days are lovingly spent with her 90-year-old father and her 20-month-old grandson. Sharon and Bob also travel to Chicago to spend time with their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandsons. “I feel very blessed that God has favored me with such a special family,” Sharon says.

Audrey Werling is entering her senior year at Oakland Catholic High School. A life-long member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Audrey was confirmed in May 2017. An active participant in the Youth Ministry, she regularly attends youth group and has volunteered at Vacation Bible School for the past eight years. In addition, she has participated in the summer Mars Hill mission experience in North Carolina for the past six years. During worship, Audrey also has served as an acolyte. On accepting the call to serve on the Board of Deacons, she says, “I want to serve God as well as my church community.”
WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m., with Communion
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

Oneness  (Psalm 97; John 17:20-26)

Pentecost: Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

Wind and Fire  (Psalm 104:24-34; Acts 2:1-21)

Trinity Sunday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

God Will Say More  (Proverbs 8:1-4; John 16:12-15)

Sunday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

The Things People Choose to Fear  (Psalm 42; Luke 8:26-39)

Sunday, June 30, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Todd E. Leach, preaching

Sunday, July 7, at 11:00 a.m., with Communion
The Reverend Lynn M. Portz, preaching

Sunday, July 14, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

The One Who Shows Mercy  (Amos 7:7-17; Luke 10:25-37)

Sunday, July 21, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

Martha Needed a Break  (Amos 8:1-12; Luke 10:38-42)

Sunday, July 28, at 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

Prayer Essentials  (Psalm 85; Luke 11:1-13)

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter Deadlines

Deadlines for the Mouse are the first business day of each month.

Monday, July 1
August issue

Thursday, August 1
September issue

Please submit Mouse articles to pbodnar@shadysidepres.org. Comments are welcome.

MISSIONS

Save the Date

20th Annual Golf Outing, Silent Auction, and Dinner
Saturday, September 7, 2019
at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport
Partnering with Hosanna House