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SCOC is a Multi-Faith Coalition of Charleston Area Congregations in ministry with Senior Adults to encourage participation in current congregational activities through our Newsletter and to establish new activities and opportunities to do things as a group of congregations which we would have difficulty doing separately. We are adults age 55 and older taking responsibility for meeting the needs of other Senior Adults in our community.

APRIL 2023



April 27, 2023

Shepherd's Center Luncheon

11:30 am Hot Lunch- **\$15.00** - Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, and greek salad catered by The Best of Crete. Dessert will be provided by the board. Please make reservations before **Noon** on **Monday, April 24** by calling Jewell Haddad at 304-342-5996.

12:15 pm Program:

Doug Wood from the WV Humanities Council's History Alive!

Mr. Wood is a well-seasoned performer who portrays Gabriel Arthur, who is believed to be the first white man to see the Kanawha Valley while traveling with a group of Indians in 1674. Mr. Wood dresses in period clothing and stays in character when answering questions and interacting with the audience. This is sure to be a real treat.

Donation Month

We have selected April as our annual fundraising month. There is a form on page 2 that can easily be detached and mailed back with your donation. If you plan to attend the April luncheon, John Fleek will be happy to accept any amount you would like to give. There will be special prizes for those who donate at least \$50.

We appreciate your help to keep the organization running smoothly. Our newsletter is distributed to 523 families, 49 congregations, and 11 libraries in the Kanawha Valley. There are no membership fees, and door prizes are provided by board members.



Chairman's Message

by Trudy Oliver

Since John Fleek good-naturedly fussed on me for not properly introducing myself in the past two newsletters, I guess I will write a few more lines about my background and interests. I submitted a few items of biographical information in 2019 when I became a member of the board, so I will try not to be repetitive.

My life in Charleston began in 1972* when I moved here from Welch, in *Mack-dal* County. (A sure sign of an imposter is anyone who pronounces it with its intended three syllables: Mc-dow-ell).

I quickly began volunteering for almost everything going on in the Kanawha Valley, which is how I ended up on the board of Community Music. I served as the Association's president three times, during three very different decades; and although it was unceasing hard work, it became the most fulfilling and fascinating thing I've ever done in my life.

When my two sons were in elementary school, I went back to the kind of work that renders a paycheck, and through the years weaved back and forth between private industry and state government.

My most challenging—and by far the most interesting—work endeavor was traveling to Asia in January 1995 with Senator Rockefeller for the first Project Harvest International Trade Mission to Japan and Taiwan. I wrote the prospectus and helped plan meetings with foreign financial leaders and our 40-member West Virginia delegation—a most educational and exhilarating trip that paved the way for further trade initiatives among the three countries.

A couple of years later, I was hired by the Underwood administration for a multi-faceted job in Administration that made each day a joy to go to work.

Some of my other jobs these past two decades include one as a substitute teacher in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and administering a federal grant related to Alzheimer's and other types of dementia here in West Virginia. I am now employed by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture at the State Capitol.

My interests, other than history and reading, are oenology and philately—and not just because they are hard to spell.

*Pre-1972 would require a book.

Charleston Baptist Temple

presents

THE ISAACS in CONCERT

a bluegrass Southern gospel music group

Friday, May 5, 2023 at 7:00pm

(Doors open at 6:00pm)

Charleston Baptist Temple

209 Morris Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Admission \$35.40

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or contact the office of Charleston Baptist
Temple at 304-346-9627



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West Sattes Community Center
Nitro Senior Center
 304-721-8465

Monday through Friday

Puzzles, Pool, Exercise, Wii Sports and Library
 9 am - 4pm – Exercise and Equipment Rm
 11:30 - 12:30 – Lunch

Every Monday

9:30 am Tai Chi Class (3rd Monday is at 5:30 pm)

Every Wednesday and Thursday

9 - 11 am Painting Class

One Wednesday a Month

Bingo - Call above number for exact date

Last Friday of the Month

11:30 am Birthday Celebration

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 2, 2023
7:00pm

The Charleston Civic Chorus

Jayson Keeton, Artistic Director and Conductor

with

Mary Beth Pittman, soprano

Eric Christopher Perry, tenor

Will Praepstis, baritone

David Donathan, organ

Chris Engel, organ

and a 32-piece chamber orchestra

The Charleston Civic Chorus presents the music of Théodore Dubois, including his *Hosannah*, *Sanctus*, and *The Seven Last Words of Christ*.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301

FREE ADMISSION

An offering will be received to benefit First Presby Mission Partners. Offerings from the first three concerts of the 2023 Concert Series will be split equally between Pollen8, Hope Center, and the Appalachian Children's Chorus.



St. Albans Hansford Center

Director: Sommers Brightwell
 304-722-4621

Call Harold Gilmore for transportation needs.

Monday through Friday

Former Curves/Defining Women
 Exercise Equipment available in exercise room – free and open to public 7:30 am to 4 pm

Noon Lunch (Donations Accepted) *Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for seniors*

Every Monday

11 am - Bridge
 Marty Reynolds - 304-549-1776

Every Tuesday

10 am – Watercolor Discussion Group
 11 am – Bingo

Every Wednesday

11 am – Sing-a-Long

2nd Wednesday

5 pm – Committee for Dementia Friendly St. Albans

Last Wednesday of month

Birthday Table

Every Thursday

11 am – TBA - Game, Guest Speaker, or Guest Performer
 5pm – TOPS

Every Friday

10:30 - Choir
 11 am – Bingo

Last Friday of the Month

Sing-a-long



South Charleston

Public Library

304-744-6561

Every Friday

A room at the library will be reserved on Fridays from 1:00-5:00 pm for seniors to play card or board games.



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John Fleek - 304-776-4048

Senior Friendly Bridge

We provide partners for singles or couples. Cost to play is \$3.00 which supports your Shepherd Center, hosting church, refreshments and prizes.

Every Monday

10:30 am - Village Chapel Presbyterian
 John Fleek – 304-776-4048
 Eleanor Byrnes – 681-217-1489

Every Thursday 12:00

Calvary Baptist
 Jeanann Leone 304-768-1863

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