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February *PresbyPost*
Friday, January 17, 2020**

Deadline for March *PresbyPost*
Friday, February 14, 2020

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

Peggy and I are thrilled to have a once-in-a-career opportunity because of the great generosity of the congregation in providing a sabbatical leave.

We have been invited by our long-time friend Rev. Baranite Kirata, the Moderator of the Kiribati Protestant Church to visit the Republic of Kiribati in the Central Pacific region. We will travel there via Hawaii, with a brief stop on Kirimati before making our way to Tarawa, the main island. Peggy and I will be leading a seminar for pastors on Tarawa, and I will also be preaching on the islands of Maiana and Abaiang. Abaiang was where the Rev. Hiram Bingham became the first missionary to visit Kiribati in the 1850's. We were close to his grandson Bruce when we were students at Yale.

Kiribati is one of the poorest and most isolated countries in the world. It is expected to be the first country to be completely inundated by sea level rise due to climate warming. We will be listening and learning the stories of these people whose culture and way of life are very much under threat. How does faith inform their struggles? We will be bringing resources for their theological school and for children's Christian education, made possible by gifts from our congregation.

Peggy and I will be in Kiribati for just over two weeks before we go to New Zealand for rest and relaxation. We will have the opportunity to visit the site of the Masjid massacre in Christchurch, to worship with Presbyterians there, and to learn about and observe the considerable efforts toward sustainability in New Zealand.

On returning to the US, I will be working on various presentations, including a talk entitled "Homiletic Strategies for Preaching on the Climate Crisis." I look forward to being able to share stories here and with other congregations about our time in Kiribati and will be traveling to make some of those talks after returning to the US.

I will be back in the church office the third week of March in order to welcome our Henszey speaker for 2019, and I look forward to seeing the LOGOS Spring musical as well before I resume my regular Sunday duties on Palm Sunday.

While I am away, we have a wonderful group of preachers lined up to lead worship. For pastoral needs, Michael Ozaki will be available, and since the Ozaki family is expecting a new arrival, the Rev. Al Wilson has kindly offered his assistance as a backup in emergency situations. Our office staff is happy to field any calls from the congregation and to help direct help where it needs to go. As always, we have a dedicated group of elders and deacons who will be carrying forward much of the ministry, and they also would be happy to be called upon by members of the congregation who are aware of any particular needs.

Peggy and I are so grateful for your support, and we do covet your prayers, just as we will be praying regularly for you while we are away.

May God watch over and bless you,

Dean

January Services and Sermons



Need a ride to church Sunday morning?
We can help!
Contact the Church Office (238-2422).

Sunday, January 5, 9:00 and 11:15 AM
Celebration of Epiphany Communion
Scott Kretchmar, preaching

Scott Kretchmar is a member and elder of our congregation currently serving on Session. Scott has gone through the Commissioned Lay Pastor training program of Huntingdon Presbytery and regularly preaches at other churches in our Presbytery. He is an emeritus professor in the Department of Kinesiology at Penn State. During his career, he has published research in the areas of the philosophy and values of physical activity, the ethics of sport, and games and the evolution of human intelligence.

Sunday, January 12, 9:00 and 11:15 AM
The Baptism of the Lord
Allison Maus, preaching

Our own Allison Maus has served at our church for a year and a half, directing our Campus and Young Adult Ministries and serving as staff support for our Spiritual Life Ministry Unit. Allison graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2018.

Sunday, January 19, 9:00 and 11:15 AM
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Paul Cho, preaching

Paul Cho is a member of our congregation along with his wife Eunice and son Timothy. He is an Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, where he has taught since 2013. Paul did his undergraduate and seminary studies at Yale and completed his PhD at Harvard. He recently published a book through Cambridge Press entitled, "Myth, History, and Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible."

Sunday, January 26, 9:00 and 11:15 AM
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Daniel Falk, preaching

Daniel Falk grew up in Saskatchewan where he attended a Lutheran church. He majored in biblical studies in college and pastored a rural Baptist church for a couple years, before moving to the UK to do a PhD in ancient Judaism at Cambridge University and a post-doc at Oxford University. He researches and writes on the Dead Sea Scrolls. He was Professor of Biblical Studies and Ancient Judaism at the University of Oregon before moving to Penn State, where he is Chaiken Family Chair in Jewish Studies and Professor of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies.



Safeguarding Our Children and Youth

For those who volunteer with children or youth in our church, or who are Elders or Deacons, we have two opportunities for Safe Church training coming up soon:

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 PM, Room 10

Sunday, February 2, 10:15 AM, Room 10 or 11



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26
10:00 AM

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Sympathy of the congregation to family and friends on the death of:

Carter Freije, November 19, 2019

Tom Smyth, December 5, 2019, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Jim Wheeler's sister, **Carol**, December 6, 2019 in Georgia

Pat Kelley, December 10, 2019

Vi Swope, December 18, 2019

Young at Heart in January

On January 17, Young at Heart welcomes Heather Bruhn as she presents a follow-up to her Adult Ed program of December. For some background, know that in Medieval Toledo, Cordoba and Seville, Jews, Christians and Muslims coexisted first under Muslim rule, and then later under the re-established Christian rule. Surviving works of art and architecture make it clear that the three faiths did interact and often with wonderful results! Even after the Christian reconquest, Muslim styles persisted in many areas of Spain.

If you heard Heather in Adult Ed in December and you want to learn more, come to Young at Heart. Whether you're 55+ or not, you're invited. There is time for fellowship, dinner and programming. The evening begins as we gather at 5:00 in the Social Hall for conversation over coffee/tea while you set up your things for the potluck supper. Bring a main course, salad, side or dessert to share (your choice), 2 utensils to serve it, and your own table service plus a name tag. Your own table service means: dinner/dessert plate (s), silverware, cup(s) for water/coffee/tea and a napkin. The potluck buffet starts at 5:30 and the program follows, usually about 6:30 PM. We are typically out about 7:30 PM. Please join us.



Thank You Note

I just want to thank all those who give so generously of their time and talent every week of the year for sharing your gifts with us this year. We've had LOGOS choirs, Chancel Choir members, Handbell Choir ringers, Candlelight Choir members, Hekima Place singers, soloists, and many more who have blessed us with their music. Thank you all. I am blessed to work with you and we are blessed to share your ministry.

Ned Wetherald, Director of Music Ministry



Family Game Night

The new year is upon us and there's no better way to start 2020 than with LOGOS! LOGOS, our mid-week ministry for children and youth in grades 1-8, is hosting a church wide Family Game Night. On **Tuesday, January 7, 6:00-8:00 PM** join us in the Social Hall where a variety of games will be provided. We would also love if you want to bring your favorite game(s) to share! Pizza, drinks and treats will be served. Let's start 2020 in true LOGOS style, with multigenerational church members enjoying food, fellowship and fun! If you have questions or want to get more information about our LOGOS program, please contact the church office or Keri Rounsville, LOGOS Director (rouns626@yahoo.com/814-574-5156). Regular LOGOS program nights begin January 14 for the spring semester. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Thank You

The Windy Hill Village Auxiliary members from our church, on behalf of the residents of Windy Hill Village, a Presbyterian Retirement community located in Philipsburg, would like to give a special thank you for helping to make our November Holiday Bazaar a success. We were able to raise approximately \$4500.00 from the bazaar. The time and talents our church members contribute have a special meaning to the residents. All monies from the bazaar go to the Auxiliary's benevolent care fund used to meet the needs of the residents.

Each of us has so many blessings and talents that it is good that we pass these blessings on to others. We had many wonderful donations again this year from baked goods, and candies to dish clothes, gourds, beautifully knit scarves and blankets, handmade doll clothes, and a baby quilt and many other items. Your generous donations help the auxiliary members accomplish our goal of making the residents more comfortable and happy. Thank you again for all of your help and donations.

The Most Fun at SCPC

Don't miss what has been called the most fun event at State College Presbyterian Church - the Chrysalis Variety Show. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment in a coffeehouse setting. See our Middle School youth share music, skits, comedy, and lots of talent. Friday, January 31, 7:00 PM in Westminster Hall. The event is a fund raiser and we are in the process of discerning a charity. Be part of the fun!

Chrysalis Variety Show



Stay & Play Enrollment for 2020-2021

We will be accepting applications for the next school year starting Sun. Feb. 2, 2020. A representative will be available in the Social Hall that Sunday morning to answer questions and accept any applications from church members who are interested. Any child who will be 1 - 4 years old prior to Aug. 31, 2020 is eligible to enroll at Stay and Play. ALSO we will be hosting an Open House enrollment event on Mon. Feb. 3, 2020 offering an opportunity to ask teachers questions in the classrooms and complete applications with the Administration in Westminster Hall where the indoor playground will be set up for the children & parents to see (play!). SCPC families get preference over any other new families so take this opportunity to get the application and return it to get your child enrolled. Laura Steager, Director, is available to answer any questions prior if you wish to contact her (stayandplayspc@gmail.com).



Adult Education in January

Date of Class: **January 5, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **What is Community Supported Agriculture? Your Food Choices and You, the Community, and the World**

Description: Sara Eckert of Healthy Harvest Farm in Bellefonte will talk about the wide-ranging impact of our dietary choices. The foods we eat -- and the places we get it from -- make a difference. Sara will explain how Community Supported Agriculture creates a mutually beneficial relationship between farmer and consumer. Eating better for your personal health while reducing your carbon footprint can be fun and delicious!

Date of Class: **January 12, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **Christian Character Development: "Hope"**

Description: Hope is widely considered a virtue in the Christian tradition, but difficult to attain in a world whose future often looks bleak. Join SCPC's very own Paul Mortimore for a discussion of hope's importance, even if hard-won, in Christian character development.

Date of Class: **January 19, 2020**

Room: Westminster Hall

Title: **Christian Character Development: "Kindness and Goodness"**

Description: What does it mean to be kind? What does it mean to be an example of goodness? How do these fit into our spiritual development? Paul Mortimore continues our discussion of Christian Character this week.

(No class January 26, 2019 due to the congregational meeting)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to our church; your gifts are greatly appreciated and allow SCPC to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages, maintain our church and grounds, and be a welcoming face in the community.

As we begin 2020, thank you to all who turned in their pledge cards; we are very appreciative as we worked to set a balanced budget for the year. If you have not yet turned in your card and would like to, please drop it into the basket on any Sunday, mail or bring it into the office during the week or use our online pledge form, which can be found on the SCPC home page (scpresby.org/pledge-form).

As you consider the many ways to make your contribution, please keep in mind that SCPC does offer online giving. If you'd like to give it a try, go to our website (scpresby.org) and click on the "Give Now" button on our homepage OR scan the QR code below. In addition, we have a number of members who have automated their giving by scheduling payment(s) with their bank's online bill payment system. Finally, if you are eligible, SCPC is a qualified non-profit should you choose to make a tax-free gift through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution; (please speak with your financial professional regarding this option).

Happy 2020 and, again, thank you! We really appreciate everyone's support of SCPC and all of our programs and events; all of you help make us a wonderful Church community.

Jason Stimmel, Finance Chair

Michelle Fortin, Financial Administrator



Stay & Play Parents Kindergarten Night

We are hosting an event for parents of children who will be entering kindergarten. If that is you or someone you know, we would love for you to join us on **Monday, January 27, 5:30 PM** to hear about how to help your child with the transition to Kindergarten from the experts. Our preschool teachers will be sharing briefly how we focus on teaching skills that will make the transition to kindergarten smoother for the children. The SCASD representatives (several kindergarten teachers, principals from some of the different elementary schools in the district and the Curriculum Director for K-6 grade) will be with us to answer questions and also share ways parents can help with this transition. It is a BIG event in the lives of both the parents and the children so we want to help everyone feel more confident and comfortable with all that takes place during this time. What you need to do, what to expect in the kindergarten classroom, what is expected of your child, how can you/we help... it's all going to be discussed. Please come, bring your questions, and take advantage of this opportunity to connect with the SCASD representatives.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
5 12:30 Deacons	6	7 12:30 Stay and Play Staff 6:00 Family Game Night	8 Out of the Cold	9 6:30 Scout PLC 7:00 Adult Education	10	11
12 10:15 Invitation to Join 7:00 Session	13 4:00 Sustainability 5:30 Personnel 6:00 Stay and Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Scoutmasters	14	15	16 12:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Social Justice And Mission 6:30 Scout Venture Patrol	17 11:30 GIFT 5:00 Young at Heart PresbyPost Deadline FISH Retreat	18
19 10:15 Centering Prayer Lunch 12:30 Young Adult Lunch FISH Retreat	20 7:00 Scout Troop Committee 7:00 Spiritual Life Ministry Unit	21 8:00 Building and Property 9:00 SMART Work Day	22 7:00 Safe Church Training	23	24 6:30 Young Adult Game Night	25 9:30 Presbytery Meeting
26 10:00 Congregational Meeting 11:15 Ordination and Installation of Officers	27 7:00 Stay & Play Kindergarten Night 7:00 Men's Bible Study	28	29	30	31 7:00 Chrysalis Variety Show	

Ongoing Weekly Events

Sunday

9:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour
10:15 Adult Education
11:15 Worship

Monday

Tuesday (beginning Jan. 14)
4:15 LOGOS Geckos
5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:30 Handbell Choir

Wednesday

10:00 Staff Meeting
12:15 Centering Prayer
12:30 Wednesday in the
Word
6:00 FISH (starting Jan. 8)

Thursday

6:00 Presbyterian Student
Fellowship (Jan. 16)
7:00 Chancel Choir
7:00 Scouts

FISH = Fellowship in Senior
High
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