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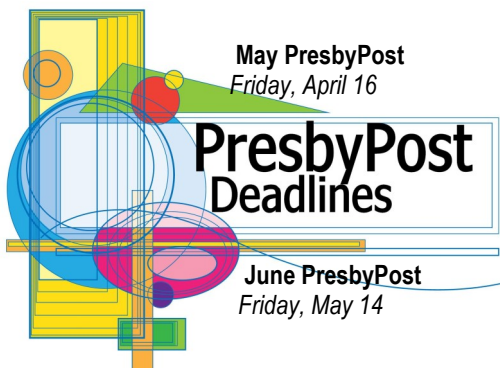
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Virtual Maundy Thursday Worship

Maundy Thursday is remembering the night Jesus gathered around the table with his disciples, the intimate washing of feet, and the offering of body and blood. This year, while our gathering will be virtual, we hope to create space for genuine connection with reflective moments, small group sharing, and a shared communion meal. We hope you will join us on **April 1st at 7:00 PM via Zoom!** Please have your communion elements prepared beforehand so we can partake together.

Good Friday Word and Music

A simple service of the reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to the Gospel of John interspersed with organ music for Good Friday. The Gospel story will be read by members of SCPC. The service will be available on the State College Presbyterian YouTube Channel.

Good Friday Walk Through Experience

This year we will be offering a "Good Friday Walk-Through Experience" inspired by the work of Rev. Emily Scott ([found here](#)) based on the Stations of the Cross. From Noon – 8:00 PM you are invited to walk through different areas of the church (with 'Covid-19 Safe' distancing), each focusing on part of the Crucifixion story using readings, activities and contemporary images of struggle and pain to help us contemplate and experience the story of Jesus' saving work in our modern world and lives.

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

Holy Saturday is a day of hopeful anticipation and we invite you to spend the day in prayer with us. April 3rd we will be opening up the sanctuary to those who want a place to pray from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please come in through the Fraser St. entrance. Masks and 6' distancing will be required. The sanctuary will also be streamed live via our YouTube channel so you can tune in virtually from your home during the same hours. Find the link on our website.

Celebration of the Resurrection

As we have been doing for the last year, there will be a recorded Easter service available on YouTube to join in the worship of our risen Lord. We are also planning outdoor services on Easter morning at Windswept Farm thanks to the kindness of Duke and Monica Gastiger, owners and proprietors of the ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm.

A 7:00 AM sunrise service will be led by the Explore group (young people exploring their faith with adult mentors) under the direction of Mike Ozaki. **A 10:00 AM service** will also be held, led by Dean Lindsey and Ned Wetherald.

Each service will last for a half an hour and worshippers will all be masked and remain distanced from one another, since many members have not yet received their vaccines.

What to Bring: Please bring a folding chair for seating, and we suggest wearing warm clothing and appropriate footwear for walking in wet grass. We will be seated widely in a beautiful field below the gazebo. The walk to the field may be muddy if there has been rain. Please pray for good weather!

How to Get there: From State College, take Fox Hollow Road towards the airport. Prior to reaching the main entrance to the airport, take a left off of Fox Hollow onto S. Fillmore Rd. Go 1.1 miles on Fillmore and you will see the sign on the left for the ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm.

Parking: Parking is limited, but deacons will be in the parking lot to help direct you and squeeze all of the cars into the space.

April Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 PM

- Service of reflection and the Last Supper
Available on Zoom

Good Friday, April 2

- Noon through 8:00 PM
Good Friday Walk Through Experience
- Service of Music and the Word
Available on State College Presbyterian YouTube

Easter Sunday, April 4

- **7:00 AM** - Easter Sunrise service led by our Explore group at Windswept Farm. (See cover page for directions.)
- **10:00 AM** - Easter in-person service at Windswept Farm. (See cover page for directions.)
- **Full worship service** available on State College Presbyterian YouTube channel. The Easter story with choir, organ, and hymns.

Sunday, April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter
Resurrection Always Has Scars (John 20:19-31)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

- 10:00 In-person worship
- Worship available on YouTube

Sunday, April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter Communion
Allison Maus, preaching

- 10:00 In-person worship
- Worship available on YouTube

Sunday, April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
The World Is Around and Within Us (Psalm 139)
Dean Lindsey, preaching

- 10:00 In-person worship
- Worship available on YouTube

Retirement

Our wonderful church secretary, Janet Heasley, will be retiring effective April 2. Janet has served our church for twenty and a half years, but now she's looking forward to visiting her grandchild and spending time with husband Paul who retired two years ago. From her desk in the church office, Janet has greeted everyone with a smile and treated staff, members, and visitors with unfailing kindness. We are so grateful for her faithful ministry among us. Because of the limitations of the pandemic, we will be delaying a celebration of Janet's retirement for another month or two and will be letting the congregation know about those plans at a later date. In the meantime, you may wish to send Janet a note or give her a call while she's in the office, Monday through Thursday mornings.



News from Finance

Thank you to everyone for your continued generous offerings to our church; your gifts are greatly appreciated. Incredibly, we are already through the first quarter of 2021! Statements will be going out shortly and we continue to have people sign up for electronic statements. If you are interested in receiving your statement via email, please send your request to Anne Thomas (annescpc@gmail.com) or Michelle Fortin (finadmspc@gmail.com).

Over the past year we have seen an increase in members using our online giving and ACH processing to automate their giving. If you are interested in either of these options, please visit our website for additional information and links ([Stewardship at SCPC](#)).

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

Laura Wetherald, Ned Wetherald's sister-in-law, February 19, 2021 in Baltimore



Stay and Play Update

How are things measuring up? Well, take a look. From my estimation, things are measuring up quite well! The classes are so busy playing to learn and grow that we are forgetting to measure time and how quickly it is passing. It is hard to believe it is already March - the month spring officially starts. Seems like just yesterday we were wondering if we would even be able to be here to serve the children and their families. So many blessings throughout the year from the biggest blessing of having our doors open for the children/families, to the very smallest blessing of a child learning how to wear a mask properly. The masks are so second nature to us all now that I think we may even miss them when they are no longer necessary - Crazy, I know! That brings me to thinking of the future...our two summer camp weeks are filling up and our enrollment for next year is well on its way as well. Families are so excited to take advantage of the opportunities we offer for their children. And we continue to LOVE sharing in them with the children and families. Thank you to all of SCPC for your continued love, prayers and support for this amazing program. It truly is a blessing to so many because of you.

-Laura Steager, Director

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

It has been over two years since our last OGHS offering. With national and worldwide disasters like COVID 19, weather related catastrophes in Texas, lack of potable water in many countries, and the ravages of wars in countless global areas, now is the time to step up and give generously to help address these national and international issues. Money collected will be divided: 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and 32% Self Development of People. Please use this [link](#) to make your contribution today. Thank you.

Attention College Graduates!

We want to acknowledge our graduating undergraduate and graduate students. If you (or someone you love) is graduating this Spring please send their name, school, degree, and a photo to Allison (allisonscpc@gmail.com) so that we can celebrate the hard work our students have put in to cross this momentous finish line. We'll recognize our graduates with our May 2nd worship services (virtually and in-person), so please send in your info by Sunday, April 25th. Congrats all!

Special Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18 at 11:00 AM on Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call Allison Maus as our Associate Pastor for College and Young Adult Ministries for a designated term of three years. This is an important step in which our congregation is blessed to play a part, nearing the end of a long process leading to the ordination of Allison to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Following the successful vote of the congregation, Allison will be examined before the Presbytery on April 20. We look forward to the actual service of ordination later in June.

Caring for God's Creation Worship on April 25

In April of each year, on the Sunday closest to Earth Day, our Sustainability Circle helps the congregation to pause and give thanks to God for the good earth we have been given and to consider the role we play within it as stewards and caretakers. This year, our Scripture reading for the day will be from Psalm 139, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," as a way to acknowledge that the creation is not simply something that surrounds us, but also is within us. God has blessed us with wonderful bodies, but, unfortunately, the bad things we do to the environment end up within our bodies. One example is the level of plastic that we ingest on a daily basis because there is now so much of it in our water and the food chain. We ask God for healing and direction as we seek to heal and renew our bodies as we seek to honor all of God's creation.

Good Friday Walk

Inspired by The Stations Of The Cross, we will be offering a "Good Friday Walk," Noon through 8:00 PM. Starting in the parking lot entrance, you are invited to take part in a self-guided journey through different rooms in the church where stations will be waiting for you to experience. Each station will focus on a different part of Jesus' crucifixion story using readings, activities and contemporary images of struggle and pain to help us contemplate and experience the story of Jesus' saving work in our modern world and lives.

Participants can move through the experience at a pace of their choice, but with 13 stations, it is expected to take 30-45 minutes (similar to a worship service).

No reservations are needed. The walk through is open Noon - 8:00 PM to allow ample room and time between participants. A host will also be present at the entrance to help guide you upon arrival.

All participants must wear masks at all times. Only 1 'group' will be allowed at a station at a time.

No live actors or presenters are involved. Each station will have images, readings or simple actions to help guide prayer and contemplation.



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| April 1 | Darrell Velegol |
| April 3 | Robert Nelson |
| April 4 | Marsha Freije Winnie O'Halloran |
| April 5 | Mackenzie Fey |
| April 7 | Nick Moose |
| April 8 | Max Krohe Tony Schaufler |
| April 9 | Richard Manning Jim Smeltzer |
| April 11 | Alan Sutterlin Mara Ryan Ruth Klementik |
| April 13 | Kathy Burnham |
| April 14 | Nancy Gamble Deannine Shipman Leslie Stafford |
| April 15 | Barb Powers Joe VonBlohn |
| April 16 | Joe Crabtree Janet Heasley Paul Heinemann |
| April 17 | Connie DiNunzio Colleen Fisher Ainsley Glaze John Graham |
| April 18 | Joe Phillips |
| April 19 | Sarah Ambrose Beth Farmer Roger Snyder Gertie Wiant |
| April 20 | Phillip Clauer David Gray |
| April 21 | Carrie Miller |
| April 22 | Bill Langton Jean-Pierre Theron |
| April 23 | David Klindienst |
| April 24 | Shannon Stallings |
| April 25 | Tyler Margusity |
| April 26 | Jan Snyder |
| April 27 | Rose Calvin Abby DeWolfe Aryssa Jones |
| April 29 | Bob Malcom Lisa McLaughlin |
| April 30 | Lauren Fenchak Ellie Lewis |

Adult Education in April

Title: **Love Styles in the Bible**

Date of Class: April 11, 2021

Location: Zoom

Description: Love styles represent the way people view their relationship partners or how people think love should develop, whether love at first sight or over a long period of time. **Michelle Yarwood** and **Allison Maus** will lead a discussion of these six love styles, their impact on relationship satisfaction, and important ways these styles pop up in the Bible. You will want to have a copy of your Bible handy for this talk!

Title: **Congregational Meeting**

Date: April 18, 2021

Location: Zoom

Description: Congregational Meeting to act on the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call Allison Maus as the Associate Pastor in Campus and Young Adult Ministry for a designated term of three years.

Title: **Faithful Eating for the Earth**

Date of Class: April 25, 2021

Location: Zoom

Description: Everyone eats – and this everyday activity is intimately connected to multiple aspects of our lives. What eating habits could we consider in order to make them more aligned with faithful living? Join SCPC's very own **Liane Roe**, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and nutrition researcher at Penn State, on a wide-ranging discussion of how our eating is related to our personal and communal faith, our care for the environment and sustainability, and our health.

Know A Family Struggling to Buy A Home?

Habitat For Humanity is building 4 homes in Centre County and is looking for candidates for ownership.

Interested families can request an application by calling 814-353-2390 or emailing info@habitatgcc.org

Selection of interested candidates includes a review of financial status, job history, residency, and other qualifications. A Family Services Committee evaluates and recommends families for the homeownership program from a pool of eligible applicants.

Eligibility is based on...

- Need – Current housing has health, safety or affordability issues. Current housing is too small (e.g., fewer bedrooms than needed for the size of the family).
- Income – Family income falls within 40-80% of median income for Centre County
- Willingness to contribute 350 hours of “sweat equity” and participate in homeowner education programs
- Having lived OR worked in Centre County for at least 1 year

For additional information see the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County Homeownership page at this link:

<https://www.habitatgcc.org/becoming-a-homeowner>

If you know a family that needs affordable, permanent housing please share this info with them.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 Maundy Thursday 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship [Zoom] | 2 Good Friday Noon - 8:00 PM Good Friday Walk Through Experience Service of Music and Word [YouTube] | 3 Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM |
| 4 Easter Worship - YouTube 7:00 Easter Sunrise Windswept Farm 10:00 In-Person Easter Windswept Farm 11:00 Senior High Sunday School Z | 5 7:00 Centering Prayer Z 7:30 Scouts 8:00 POLO Bible Study Z | 6 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z 6:30 Chrysalis | 7 12:30 Stay and Play Staff Meeting 12:30 Wednesday in the Word Z 6:30 FISH | 8 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Adult Education 7:00 Men's Group | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Worship - YouTube 10:00 In-Person Worship 11:00 Senior High Sunday School Z 7:00 Session Z | 12 6:00 Stay & Play Advisory Team 7:00 Men's Bible Study Z 7:00 Centering Prayer Z 7:30 Scouts 8:00 POLO Bible Study Z | 13 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z 6:30 Chrysalis | 14 12:30 Wednesday in the Word Z 6:30 FISH | 15 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship | 16 PresbyPost Deadline | 17 |
| 18 Worship - YouTube 10:00 In-Person Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting Z 11:00 Senior High Sunday School Z 12:30 Touchstone | 19 7:00 Centering Prayer Z 7:30 Scouts 8:00 POLO Bible Study Z | 20 8:00 Building and Property Z 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z 6:30 Chrysalis | 21 12:30 Wednesday in the Word Z 6:30 FISH | 22 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship 7:00 Men's Group | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship - YouTube 10:00 In-Person Worship 11:00 Senior High Sunday School Z | 26 7:00 Centering Prayer Z 7:00 Education Ministry Z 7:00 Men's Bible Study Z 7:30 Scouts 8:00 POLO Bible Study Z | 27 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting Z 6:30 Chrysalis | 28 12:30 Wednesday in the Word Z 6:30 FISH | 29 6:00 Presbyterian Student Fellowship | 30 | Z = Zoom Meeting |



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| Karen Neff | Mike Gordon | Carrie Miller |
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