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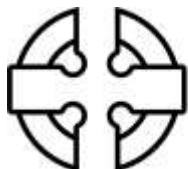
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A Message from Pastor Scott Hoffman

Grace and Peace Brothers and Sisters of SCPC,

It is hard for me to describe how excited I am (and we are as a family) to become part of the SCPC family in a few, short days! Though the last few weeks of saying goodbye to our beloved community at Christ Memorial have been difficult, they have been eased knowing that God is leading us to you. I am honored to become your brother in Christ, your friend, your pastor. I am humbled by the privilege of serving (with) you in the years ahead. And I look forward to getting to know you and to finding common ground and interests.

Our hearts are so full from the welcome we received when we were with you the weekend of February 11th and we thank you for meeting us with open arms. Please know that we come with arms extended as well and are eager to make new, lasting friendships in the years ahead.

I want to reiterate how grateful I am for the good and faithful ministry Rev. John Porter has engaged in with you all. The work he has done with and for you during his time there has prepared the ground well for my arrival and I thank him from the depths of my heart for that gift to all of us.

I also want to thank the PNC for their tireless efforts that have led us to this point. Bob, Katie, Jamie, Laura, Jerry, Steve, and Rob, (not to forget COM liaisons Ken and Terry) thank you for having open hearts and minds to the leading of the Spirit and for being partners with me in discerning God's will for the ministry of SCPC, my ministry, and how the two are meeting for such a time as this. I feel as though we are already family and I hold a special place in my heart for each and every one of you.

Finally, friends, please know you remain steady in my thoughts and prayers as my first official day as your pastor draws closer. I covet your prayers in return. We are going to do wonderful things together on behalf of the gospel in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead—carrying on the faithful tradition of the church members, leaders, staff, and pastors of the past.

See you soon!

Pastor
Scott



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Mary Morrow, preaching

Sunday, April 14, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Sunday, April 21, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Sunday, April 28, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Explore Class Joins the Church!

Congratulations to our newest church members, Cade Behrer, Eli Frank, Santino DePalma, Talia DePalma, Kate Gilmore, Luca Snyder, Gracie Stafford, and Lily Stone! These eight youth completed our Explore program and became State College Presbyterian Church members. Each one showed a desire to think critically, grow in love, and deepen their faith! If you see them, congratulate them and let them know you are proud of them for making this important commitment!



*if you are in the hospital
or know of someone in the
hospital who would
appreciate a visit, please let
the church office know -
814-238-2422*



In the Hospital

Supporting SCPC

Thank you to everyone who continues to support SCPC in the very important work of the church—we can't do it without YOU!



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

- Don Gross, March 13
- Chuck Naginey, March 12
- Sally St. Clair, February 27—Sally was Building Manager, Todd Hockenberry's mother-in-law, and Evening Custodian, Chelsea Hockenberry's grandmother
- A service for Dette Witzig (who passed away February 21) will be held at SCPC on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am

Follow Joel Blunk's health challenge progress at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/thehikewithjoelblunk>



New Members

Cameron and Caryn Macky join us by Letter of Transfer from New Wilmington Presbyterian Church in New Wilmington, PA. They have worked as teachers in Kenya, Ecuador, and Thailand.



Cameron grew up in New Wilmington, where his parents were professors at Westminster College. He has a BA degree in American Studies from Stanford; and a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Texas A&M. He worked for Young Life in Kenya, where he met Caryn. Caryn grew up in East Africa, where her parents served as missionaries. She has both BS and Master's degrees in education. She was working as an elementary teacher in Kenya when she and Cameron met. After teaching in Ecuador, they taught in Thailand for 26 years. They returned home in July to be closer to family and to enjoy a couple of years before their next international teaching adventure. They have 2 young adult children Caspien and Caelyn.

Caryn is exploring part-time and volunteer opportunities in the area and is enjoying new friendships, hiking, gardening, and being outdoors. Cameron's hobbies include reading, traveling, and all things outdoors.

Cameron & Caryn Macky
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APRIL Birthdays

April 3	Bob Nelson
April 4	Marsha Freije Winnie O'Halloran
April 5	Mackenzie Fey Jan Shanafelt
April 7	Sam Ikenberry
April 8	Tony Schaufler
April 9	Richard Manning
April 11	Ruth Klementik Mara Ryan
April 13	Kathy Burnham
April 14	Nancy Gamble Laura Seeley Deannine Shipman Leslie Stafford
April 15	Joe VonBlohn
April 16	Joe Crabtree Janet Heasley Paul Heinemann Denny Shanafelt Ethan Warner
April 17	Connie DiNunzio Colleen Fisher Ainsley Glaze John Graham
April 18	Joe Phillips
April 19	Sarah Ambrose Beth Farmer Roger Snyder Gertie Wiant—102!
April 20	David Gray
April 21	Carrie Miller
April 22	Herb McKinstry—98! Jean-Pierre Theron
April 23	David Klindienst
April 24	Vivian Caracillo Shannon Stallings
April 25	Molly Buchanan
April 26	Jan Snyder
April 27	Rose Calvin Aryssa Jones
April 28	Chipper McCrory
April 29	Bob Malcom
April 30	Ellie Lewis





Adult Explorations for April Meets at 10:15 am Following Worship

April 7 ~ "Park Forest Preschool" ~ led by Connie Schultz ~ Westminster Hall
The Park Forest Preschool was founded in the spring of 1967 to help educate neighborhood preschool children whose parents could not afford the cost. Today, the Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for children ages 2-4 from low-income families, and is supported by multiple contributors, including SCPC. Come learn more about this organization and its impact on children and families in our community.

April 14 ~ Reception for SCPC's new Senior Pastor, Scott Hoffman ~ Social Hall
April 14 is Pastor Scott Hoffman's first Sunday at SCPC. Please join us in the Social Hall for a reception to welcome him.

April 21 ~ "Rachel Carson—Voice of Nature" ~ led by the Sustainability Circle ~ Westminster Hall
This documentary describes the life and legacy of marine biologist and nature writer Rachel Carson, a native of Pennsylvania. Inspired by a supportive mother, her natural surroundings, and the Allegheny River, her formative years in Western Pennsylvania shaped her passionate environmental ethic. Her 1962 book Silent Spring, which publicized the harmful effects of pesticides, helped to launch the global environmental movement.

April 28 ~ Storm Bucket Packing ~ led by the Social Justice & Mission Team ~ Social & Westminster Halls
In honor of Earth Week and to engage in Earth and Climate service, the Social Justice & Mission Team will host a "storm bucket packing" event to provide supplies for those impacted by increasingly-prolific flood and fire events. Storm buckets contain supplies like trash bags, gloves, bleach and other items that help people weather and clean up after a disaster. Participants of all ages will join a "Connecting Conversations" activity at Coffee Hour in the Social Hall. Then, small groups will be invited to take part in specific steps of bucket packing in Westminster Hall and return to coffee hour for more conversation and snacks.

April 7, 14, 21, & 28 ~ "Connect" ~ led by Zack Maser, Jamie Bauman, and Laura Millard in Room 10
Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions. This is meant to be a time to sit with questions without needing the answers, speak from the heart, pray, meditate, reflect, and be changed by the stories and sharing of others. Anyone with a desire to Connect more deeply, whether you are a believer or unsure what you believe, is invited to join us. Come as you are to listen, share, grow, and be!



Congrats to Our Grads!!

If you or someone you love is graduating this Spring with a bachelor's or other advanced degree we would love to recognize them and share a gift. Please submit their name, school, degree, and a photo to [Pastor Allison](#) by April 21st so we can celebrate. We will recognize our grads during worship on April 28th.



Explore Facilitates Conversations

On April 28th, right after service, Explore, our youth confirmation program, will be on a mission to help us connect with one another. Partnering with Connect and SJMT, Explore is creating a special time in the Social Hall for all interested congregants to talk with one another. To facilitate meaningful conversations, we will wear tags with conversation prompts. During this time groups will also be excused to assemble Storm Buckets. It should be a purposeful time of mission and meaning where our congregation intergenerationally lives out its desire to decrease feelings of isolation and loneliness and increase feelings of love and support!



Wandering Women First Hike April 13

Get your walking shoes ready to join Wandering Women on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 -11:30 am. Marti Sawyer will be leading our time together. We will be

walking the bike trail that goes from Gigi's (by route 26) to Orchard Park and back. We will meet at the church at 8:40 am for those who want to car pool; for those driving themselves, parking is available next door to Gigi's at the Nittany Budget Motel. Turn off Route 26 at Cato Ave., and the motel is on the right. Please park in the slots closest to the street. Dress for the weather, bring water, and consider sunscreen and/or bug/tick spray.

We usually walk in light rain, but will cancel if the weather is stormy. Look for any cancellation information due to weather conditions on SCPC Facebook and via email. If you have any questions please contact Marti at sawyerinc@comcast.net, or at 814-880-1701.



With opportunities to **pray**, to **donate**, and to **act**, there are ways for every one of us to contribute to the work of responding to needs in our community and our world.

God, may the joy of your Creation in this exuberant season inspire us to care for the Earth in its fullness: the world, and all who live in it.

We are looking for an **April Juniper Village Block Party** coordinator and visitors of all ages for **Sunday, April 7th**. Bizz Maser has created a guide that truly makes it easy. **Learn more and volunteer** at <https://tinyurl.com/Juniper2024>, by using the QR code, or by contacting the church office.

Participants of all ages gather in building #1930 for multi-generational visiting, snacks, some music, and perhaps a craft for the kids to share from just before 3:00 until 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join early for the 1:45 pm viewing of the morning's service, right before the party.



Our **Disaster Relief Bucket** project with Church World Service is underway! All items are due in the office by April 7th, the Sunday after Easter. If you are ordering online, you can send things directly to the church office at 132 W. Beaver. The **signup genius** can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/buckets2024>, and paper shopping lists can be found around the church or downloaded from links in your Weekly Update. The very specific items list allows our buckets to be at the ready in the CWS warehouse in Maryland, ready to ship anywhere they are needed, fast. This is a great project to share with friends and neighbors – the more buckets we pack, the more there are ready when they are needed.

We hope you'll mark your calendars for a big **Mission and Community Sunday on April 28th**, when Coffee Hour and Exploration Hour will merge for multigenerational bucket packing, plus snacking and chatting, with an exciting Connecting Conversations project from Explore (more on that on page 4, and a bit of a preview to come in your Weekly Update).

Spring is springing and the streams are flowing! We will be joining the Clearwater Conservancy's Watershed Cleanup Day on April 20th, from 8:00 am-noon – the day before our Creation Care Sunday service. **Come be part of the crew!**

This annual event has been going on since 1997, and has kept *more than 6 million pounds of trash from entering our local waterways!*

We expect to spend four hours of hard but rewarding work picking up trash along a local road or waterway – lots of bending over and getting dirty or muddy. Last year, 13 of us collected 15 bags of trash.

We will be assigned a route and given trash bags, safety vests, work gloves, and a location along the route to drop off the filled bags. The event is more suitable for adults and older kids, since it requires attention and effort and will be along roads and waterways.

If you are interested in participating, or if you have questions, **please contact Liane Roe** at LianeRoe125@gmail.com or **814-278-0488**. Let's show up for our watershed and our community, and enjoy a morning of working together!



Speaking of caring for the earth and one another, we are thrilled with the success of the Krislund Caps and Lids project. Collection of lids and caps ENDED at the end of March. If you would like to help sort the March collections, or would like to donate to the transportation and manufacturing costs to complete the project, please contact Dale Cox wirebender73@aol.com. Krislund is offering opportunities to have *in honor* or *memorial* plaques on the benches.



A Parting Message from Pastor John

Encouraged, honored, and deeply grateful. These are the three words that describe the state of my heart as I end my time at State College Presbyterian Church. I have seen and witnessed an authentic desire to be Christ's Body, the beloved community. This inspires me to hope for the future of the church as a whole and not just this congregation. I have experienced respectful collaboration among a wonderfully talented group of disciples who love God and long for the church to come through and find new life that is not simply a reinvention of what it has been. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to work with and among such passionate and prophetic servants. I have found great joy in being received and loved by the members of this community. I am deeply grateful for these relationships and the many expressions of gratitude and thanks which I have received in my last few weeks and on my final Sunday. Your words, your gifts to me, and the memories of my time with you will propel me into new ministry in new places. And I will enter there eager for both the challenges and blessings I will find there because you have been a part of my story. Thank you.

John Porter
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New Friends Friday

We haven't quite landed on a name for this periodic event but several new members and friends were present for the Membership Ministry Unit's "New Friends Friday" on March 15. They enjoyed a delicious dinner and a St. Patrick's Day themed scavenger hunt around the church to find the pot of gold! And, the evening wouldn't be complete without Nikki Blake's famous cookies!

We look forward to the next time we can welcome more new members and friends.



Membership Directory Progress

Our membership directory is coming along, but we still need new and/or updated photos. We will offer printed copies to those who request them (for a suggested donation) and we want as few "blank spaces" or outdated photos as possible when we are ready to print. You may submit a photo to marthascpc@gmail.com. Also, we will be contacting those who do not have a photo for and offering a volunteer photographer to come to you.

Our online (and printed) membership directory is intended for our members and friends only and is not to be used for any other purpose. If you need help accessing the online directory, please contact the church office at 814-238-2422.



Stay and Play Preschool Silent Auction

Stay & Play Preschool is holding our annual Silent Auction April 15th-21st! At Stay & Play we provide students and staff with special events throughout the entire year to bring our families and community together. Some of the things we provide are classroom and school-wide supplies and equipment, special events during and after school hours for our families to come together and enjoy, special holiday events, and an end-of-year school picnic, just to name a few. Donations from local businesses are welcome until April 1st! We also welcome the congregation to swing by Room 11 after worship on April 21st to check out all the items up for auction! We look forward to seeing you then!



Questions? Contact:
Laura Seeley,
Director, Stay & Play Preschool
814-237-1154



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Building and Office CLOSED for Easter Monday</p> <p>7:00 pm Theology un-Tapped-McLanahans</p> <p>7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z</p> <p>4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos</p> <p>5:30 pm Chrysalis</p> <p>7:00 pm Personnel-10</p> <p>7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR</p> <p>6:00 pm FISH</p> <p>8:00 pm Women's Fellowship-Fed Taphouse</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm PSF-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 am Dette Witzig Memorial Service</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Last Day for Bucket Supplies</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Exploration Hour</p> <p>10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR</p> <p>11:00 am Deacons-MR</p> <p>2:45 pm Juniper Block Party</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00 pm Finance-MR</p> <p>5:00 pm Worship-10</p> <p>6:00 pm Scouts-WH</p> <p>6:30 pm SJMT-Z</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Scout Den-10 & 11</p> <p>7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z</p>	<p>9</p> <p>LOGOS End of Year Celebration</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z</p> <p>7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR</p> <p>8:00 pm Women's Bible Study-MR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm PSF-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Ed-Z</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 am-GIFT Book Club-FR</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Wandering Women Hike</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Exploration Hour</p> <p>10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Stay & Play Silent Auction-11</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts-WH</p> <p>7:00 pm Scout Den-10 & 11</p> <p>7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Stay & Play Silent Auction-11</p> <p>8:00 am Building & Prop-10</p> <p>9:00 am SMART Work Day</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z</p> <p>4:30 pm Membership-MR</p> <p>7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Stay & Play Silent Auction-11</p> <p>PresbyPost Deadline</p> <p>12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR</p> <p>6:00 pm FISH</p> <p>8:00 pm Women's Fellowship-Fed Taphouse</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Stay & Play Silent Auction-11</p> <p>6:00 pm PSF-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Stay & Play Silent Auction-11</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am Clearwater Conservancy Clean-up Day</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Creation Care Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Exploration Hour</p> <p>10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR</p> <p>11:30 am Session-MR</p> <p>6:00 pm Watch Party-FR</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 pm EMU-Z</p> <p>7:00 pm Men's Bible-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts-WH</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts SH</p> <p>7:00 pm CAYAM-MR</p> <p>7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z</p> <p>7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR</p> <p>6:00 pm FISH</p> <p>8:00 pm Women's Bible Study-MR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 pm PSF-FR</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>Buckets Assembly</p> <p>College/Grad Recognition</p> <p>9:00 am Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Coffee Hour-SH</p> <p>Storm Bucket Assembly-WH</p> <p>10:15 Connect-10</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 pm Scouts-WH</p> <p>7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z</p> <p>7:30 pm Handbell Choir</p>	<p>FR=Firestone Rm</p> <p>MR=Martin Rm</p> <p>WH=Westminster Hall</p> <p>SH=Social Hall</p> <p>TR= Tower Rm</p> <p>Z=Zoom</p>	<p>Exploration Hour:</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>Pathways, Oasis, Adult Opportunities</p>		

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The 1st– 5th grade LOGOS children presented their annual musical on Palm Sunday—“The Tale of the Three Trees”. Congratulations to Heike Burghart Rice, the entire LOGOS leadership team and especially the children, for a job well done!