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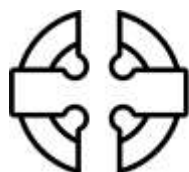
MAY 2024

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June PresbyPost
Friday, May 17, 2024

Summer PresbyPost
Friday, July 12, 2024



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UPCOMING EVENTS



College Study Space

In the Fireside Room - through May 1

Sunday
May 5

Education Volunteer Recognition—see page 4

Sunday
May 12

Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—following worship in the Martin Room—see page 4

Saturday
May 18

Wandering Women Hike
Star Mill Trail at Black Moshannon State Park— see page 4

High School Graduate Recognition

Will be June 2 During 10:00 worship service.

Please submit names by **May 19** to [Reed Dressler](#) or [Laura Green](#)

Sunday
May 19

Lent/Easter Generosity Video will be shown during Worship—come see what happened at SPCP during the season of Lent!

Sunday
May 26

Summer Worship Moves to 10:00 am—Our Summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day Weekend and runs through Labor Day Weekend.

- Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 am
- Coffee/Fellowship Hour ~ 11:00 am



Monday
May 27

Church Building, Church Office and Stay & Play Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Sunday, May 12, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Sunday, May 19, 2024 — 9:00 am
Rev. Scott Hoffman, preaching

Sunday, May 26, 2024 — 10:00 am
Rev. Allison Maus, preaching



May 26 thru September 1

Stay & Play Preschool is participating in Centre Gives again this May 8th & 9th! Please remember Stay & Play when making your online giving donations at that time! All donations will be greatly appreciated by our families & staff!

Chrysalis Eighth Grade Mission Trip

The Chrysalis 8th graders are excited to go on their end-of-year mission trip! This tradition is a way for the youth to give back to the larger community and have some fun bonding along the way before heading off to high school next year. The 8th graders and their Chrysalis leaders are traveling to Mechanicsburg to do work in the community there, and will be staying and worshipping with the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church. This year, the 8th graders will also be going to a Rend Collective concert as part of their trip. They will be gone from Friday, May 3rd until Sunday, May 5th. You can support them with prayer, words of encouragement, and love!



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:

- Nan Klaban, December 25, 2023
- Leona Baumbach, April 10, 2024

Congratulations of the congregation on the birth of:

- Frederick Russell Zabik, April 17, 2024 to Sandra and Duncan Zabik and big brother Greyson. Proud grandparents are Doug and Janet Schaufler, and uncle Tony Schaufler

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



Family Fellowship Lunch in May

Plan to join us on **May 12** for our Family Fellowship Lunch! The goal of these lunches is to create opportunities for families at all stages of life to gather, connect, and share a meal together.



Pizza and beverages will be provided. A jar will be available if you'd like to make a donation to help cover costs. (Feel free to contact us or bring your own food if you have dietary restrictions). You can RSVP by the Thursday before by texting Danielle Rhubarb (315-408-8637).

Oops—We're so sorry we missed some birthdays in the April edition. Belated Happy Birthday to ...



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| April 7 | Garin Stone Nick Moose |
| April 9 | Anna Holden |
| April 14 | Eli Frank Nora May |
| April 17 | Thea Cline |
| April 19 | Carsyn Tubbs |
| April 26 | Kiyah Lugue John William McQueary Bruno Sanzotti |
| April 27 | Carolyn Frank Henry Stallings |
| April 28 | Annawynn Richardson |
| April 30 | Orlando DePalma |

MAY Birthdays

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| May 2 | Joan Hartman Susan Sanders Tom Vincent |
| May 3 | Jack Erickson Judy Ray |
| May 4 | Kendle Cline John McQueary, Sr. |
| May 5 | Heather Bruhn Amy Gordon Taylor Sunday Dick Wolf |
| May 6 | Ryan Gilmore Liz Holtzinger Stephen Wheeler |
| May 7 | Ryan Cooper |
| May 8 | Kelly Clark Gracie Stafford |
| May 9 | Sharon Ambrose Ned Book HJ Matsueda |
| May 10 | Don Hartzell |
| May 11 | Gabrielle Clark Katie Nurmi Roan McCall |
| May 12 | Linda Finley Amy Warner |
| May 13 | Kian McCall |
| May 14 | Aleah VonBlohn |
| May 16 | Meggan McGuire Abby Shipman Tonya Smeal |
| May 17 | Allison D'Ambrosia Becky Thomas |
| May 18 | Mary Hartzell Jamey Perry |
| May 19 | Melissa Burns Anna Stimmel Bitsey Robertson Margaret VanFossan Ellen Werner |
| May 20 | Kate Gilmore Owen Yerka |
| May 23 | Henrietta Baylor Jessie Hunter |
| May 24 | Sarah Gen Burghart Rice Wanda Duncan Grace Gilmore Tom Kistler Margot Nguyen |



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| May 25 | John Cheslock Roger Christman Jendy Cicero Linda McClimans |
| May 26 | Martie Musso |
| May 27 | Howie Smith |
| May 28 | Barbara Haring Kristen Miller Margie Miller Scott Thompson |
| May 29 | Barbara Gross |
| May 30 | Jamie Bauman Abby McGuire |
| May 31 | Jack Clark Tammy Colwell Brad Fey Ben Simonson |





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

May 5 ~ "Who Are We Supposed To Be?" ~ led by Paul Mortimore, **Westminster Hall**
Join Paul Mortimore for an overview of the New Testament teaching on Christlikeness. What does it mean to be like Jesus? Is it an issue of 'being' or one of 'becoming'? Can we actually ever get there? And, if so, how? And can we fit this into one Sunday school hour?

May 12 ~ "My Mother's Favorite Hymn" ~ led by Heike Burghart Rice, **Sanctuary**
Some hymns carry special meaning for us throughout our lives. In honor of Mother's Day, we will take some time to remember and sing our mother's favorite hymns. Come with your selections and a few words to share about what the hymn meant for you and your family. We will meet by the piano in the sanctuary.

May 19 ~ "Imagery and Narratives" ~ led by Heather Bruhn, **Westminster Hall**
Heather Bruhn, our resident Art History expert, will share artwork by Indigenous Americans, Aboriginal Australians, and African Americans, and discuss how these groups are taking artistic control of their own imagery and narratives.

May 5, 12 & 19 ~ "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!



Education Volunteer Recognition

On May 5th, during the worship service, we will recognize those in our congregation who have helped teach, lead, nurture, and mentor our children, youth, and adults over the past program year (Sept 2023 - May 2024).



The list is long, but if you are included in that large group, please make sure to be here on May 5th when we plan a "shout out" and a prayer of blessing on those who have given so much of their time.

For those of you who have benefited from the efforts of those who taught and led, please join us in celebrating them on May 5th!

An Invitation to join the Church on the "Second Sunday"



Anyone interested in becoming a member of our congregation is invited to join the church on the second Sunday of each month.

Come to the Martin Room on Sunday, May 12 at 10:15 am

Questions? Contact Martha Trout, Membership & Program Associate.

marthascpc@gmail.com

Or 814-238-2422



Wandering Women Hike May 18

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, Amy Elliott and Maggie Foster will be leading the Wandering Women hike. We will walk the Star Mill Trail at Black Moshannon State Park. The trail is a 2.1 mile loop trail with fine views of the lake and opportunities to see wildlife. This trail travels through pines, a climax forest of beech and hemlock, and an uncommon stand of balsam fir.

For those who want to meet us at the trail at 9:00 am, there is parking available at the trailhead off Beaver Run Road. Coming from State College you travel 322/220N alt route, left on Steel Hollow Road/Rte 3021, then left on Beaver Run Rd. The parking lot entrance is 3.1 miles on the left. If you get to the park office, you have gone too far. Alternatively, you can meet us at the church to car-pool. We will leave the church at 8:25 am to arrive at the trailhead by 9:00 am. We expect to return to the church by 11:15 am.

Dress for the weather, bring water, and consider sunscreen and/or bug/tick spray. You may also want a walking stick as this trail is through wooded areas. 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 Amy at ase2lio2t@gmail.com or at 814-571-0714.



Perhaps you've heard this quote that is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.

Apparently, the closest thing that we know he said was "All the Friars... should preach by their deeds." In either case, the words are a welcome reminder that loving actions can be as prayerful as words. Deed-oriented friends, take strength, too, in the knowledge that your deeds are lifted in clouds of word prayers and heart prayers that also flow from this congregation.

After a packed April of doing, we have **SO much to celebrate!** Watch upcoming Weekly Updates, and the Month-in-Review (link on the front page of the SCPCC website) for the photos.

- With your help, we collected items and financial donations to fill **31 disaster-relief buckets!** Curt Dell filled his truck as we completed them, and drove them right to the church that serves as a pickup point for the semi truck that will return to the Maryland warehouse with our buckets and many more, ready to be deployed as soon as they are needed. The buckets are filled with needed supplies. They also serve as symbols of our care, delivered at a time when the recipients will need it, feel it, and appreciate it.



- Your directed donations during Lent allowed us to send **nearly \$3000 in One Great Hour of Sharing** contributions, which support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

- In 4 hours on a Saturday morning, our group enjoyed the fresh air, some enthusiastic spring birds, and one another's company, joining the **county-wide effort to clean up litter, keeping it out of local waterways.** Thirteen adults, 2 children, and 2 youth collected 12 bags of trash, 2 buckets (one that has been rescued for reuse!), a bag of recyclables, a broken sled, and a Halloween yard decoration. The group included two families from the community, so we both cared for and connected with our wider community. Many thanks to Liane Roe for chairing the event again this year. If you are a cyclist who uses bike paths, you might notice the team's work.



- April's **Juniper Village Block Party** was well-attended by our Juniper Village congregation. One conversation led to larger group recollection of clapping games like Miss Mary Mack and Slap Dilly Oso. Of course this prompted some of us to try them out, which was fun for observers and participants alike. Reserve a generous hour, from just before 3:00 to 4:00, on Sunday, June 2nd to join in the gathering! You can **sign up** to **attend** or contribute **snacks** or **activities** at <http://tinyurl.com/juniper2024>.



- In thanks for the **Connecting Conversations** led by Explore, consider setting a goal of 2 new conversations this week, or 5 this month. Make the conversations new by having them with new people or inviting new levels of connection with a curious question and deep listening. Here are a couple of ideas to get you started:

- What are you curious about or inspired by these days, even a little?
 - What is one small thing that is giving you hope, or life, or making you giggle this week?
- You'll use those strengthened muscles next month when we host **Out of the Cold (@OOTC) June 3-9!**

2025 Hekima Place Trip Planning Meeting



It's time to think about the 2025 trip! This meeting is to begin planning the trip from the ground up. We'll meet on May 19 at 11:15 am in the Fireside Room. If you've ever thought about going to Hekima Place or are just curious about what goes into planning a trip like this, please plan to attend. If you are interested but can't attend, contact Cheryl Price (clprice73@gmail.com) to get information about the meeting.





From the Finance Office

The first quarterly statements for 2024 have been sent out. If you have made (a) contributions in 2024, you should have received either a

paper or emailed statement. If you did not receive a statement but should have, please reach out (Michelle, finadmspc@gmail.com, 814-238-2422 x207, or Anne, annespc@gmail.com) so that we can research and resend as needed. Also, if you are currently receiving paper statements and would like to receive statements via email instead, please reach out.

Online Giving

We continue to see a large number of members using our online giving link and hope people find this an easy way to give and an easy system to use. Currently we have five options for giving on our link:

- **General Ministry Support (Pledges):** for contributions towards your pledge or to support the general operating budget
- **FISH Mission Trip 2024:** for contributions in support of the upcoming July 2024 FISH Mission Trip to Bentonville, AR through Be the Neighbor
- **Deacons Offerings:** for contributions to benefit the works of our Deacons
- **Other Gifts:** for contributions to not-listed activities of the church. Typically we set up special lines for collections such as OGHS or Hekima Mission Trip but occasionally we'll have an event (such as CROP Walk) which does not have a separate line
- **Stay and Play Donations:** for contributions to our preschool program

From time to time, we will set up other lines in support of seasonal or special collections (for instance, OGHS, Hekima Mission Trip, Gifts to the Christ Child and Out of the Cold [at the holidays], etc.). All of the lines are currently open and these seasonal type ones are considered tax-deductible.

We also sometimes open up lines for LOGOS and FISH Fees or Retreat Fees. These are not tax-deductible and should only be used if you are paying fees. (Would you like to make a donation to FISH or LOGOS? Use the Other Gifts line and put "FISH" or "LOGOS" in the memo line!)

ACH

Interested in automating your giving but don't want to use our Online Giving system? We also offer an ACH Direct Debit option. You provide us with your banking account information and we will initiate a withdrawal on the dates and for the amounts you specify.

If you would like more information or the links to either of these options, please visit our online giving webpage (www.scpresby.org/online-giving) or click here for [SCPC Online and ACH Giving Options](#).

Membership Directory Progress

Our membership directory is coming along, but we still need new and/or updated photos. We will offer printed copies of the directory 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 we 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.

LOGOS Wraps Up for the Year!

LOGOS had their final mid-week meeting/celebration and we are on break now until the Fall. We ask for prayers as we work through the summer to call new volunteers to our program and to refresh and replenish our energy and ideas.


It takes a VILLAGE to keep our midweek programs up and running and energized! If you have been wondering where to spend your energies and where to volunteer, maybe it's with LOGOS. While a lot of our volunteers are indeed parents of young children, MANY are singles, either college age or older, and many have empty nests and some are retired.

If you are even remotely interested, please email Dean-nine Shipman at deanninespc@gmail.com to let her know.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters for a GREAT year. A special thanks to our Director, Keri Rounsville, who keeps trying to "retire" from this position.

Chrysalis will have a few summer meetings, and if we have enough interest we may plan a late summer picnic for all! Blessings to all for a fantastic year!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Exploration Hour: Coffee Hour Pathways, Oasis, Adult Opportunities |  Study Space in the Fireside Room 8:00 am - 9:00 pm | 1 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH | 2 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR | 3 8th Grade Mission Trip | 4 PSU Graduation | |
| 5 8th Grade Mission Trip Volunteer Recognition PSU Graduation 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Exploration Hour 10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR 11:00 am Deacons-MR | 6 5:00 pm Worship-MR 6:00 pm Scouts-WH 7:00 pm Scout Den-10 & 11 7:00 pm Theology un-Tapped-McLanahans 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z | 7 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z 7:00 pm Personnel-10 7:30 pm Handbell Choir | 8 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study-MR | 9 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 10 11:30 am-GIFT Book Club-FR | 11 |
| 12 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Exploration Hour 10:15 am Invitation to Join-MR 10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR 11:15 am Family Fellowship Lunch-SH | 13 4:00 pm Finance-MR 6:30 pm SJMT-Z 7:00 pm Scouts-WH 7:00 pm Scout Den-10 & 11 7:00 pm Men's Bible -FR 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z | 14 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z 3:00 pm Membership-MR 7:30 pm Handbell Choir | 15 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH | 16 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group-MR 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 17 PresbyPost Deadline | 18 9:00 am Wandering Women Hike |
| 19 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Exploration Hour 10:15 am YoPro Bible-TR 11:15 am Hekima 2025 Meeting-FR 11:30 am Session-MR | 20 7:00 pm Scouts-WH 7:00 pm Scouts-SH 7:00 pm Centering Prayer-Z 7:00 pm EMU-Z | 21 8:00 am Building & Prop-10 9:00 am SMART Work Day 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z Handbell Dinner | 22 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR 6:00 pm FISH 8:00 pm Women's Bible Study-MR | 23 7:00 pm Adult Ed-Z 7:00 pm Chancel Choir | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Communion Sunday Memorial Day Weekend 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Hour-SH 6:00 pm Watch Party-WH | 27 Church Building, Office, and Stay & Play Closed | 28 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Cong. Prayer-Z 6:30 pm Chrysalis Gathering | 29 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word-Zoom/FR | 30 | 31 Stay & Play Last Day of School | FR=Fireside Rm MR=Martin Rm WH=Westminster Hall SH=Social Hall TR= Tower Rm Z=Zoom |



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Presbyterian Student Fellowship Spring Break Re-Cap

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What do borders mean to you? This is the question that we were first asked when we arrived at the US/Mexico border in the part of God's creation known as Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora. We traveled to visit the infrastructure of the border, but also to explore the other borders that influence our relationships with people and places. One border that I carried with me on this trip was one of fear and defensiveness. I was most nervous to spend time with CATPSIC, a sober community/rehabilitation shelter because of the media's portrayal of drugs at the border and also because of my own personal relationships with people who struggle with addiction that have negatively affected me. I was surprised when reflecting back that time with this group was some of my most meaningful connections during the trip.



On our second to last night, a group of women from CATPSIC taught us to make tamales, and after making over 100 tamales we shared dinner together. We told jokes across the table, some jokes were told in Spanish with all the Spanish speakers laughing before it was translated so the English speakers could join in on the fun. And then back and forth our translators getting double the jokes! We learned a lot in our time about migration policy, international relations, and justice for coffee farmers. We also learned a lot about ourselves and that the needs that are highlighted at the border are not faraway needs, but also are evident in our own community. Frontera de Cristo taught us that borders are places of encounter. May we all be open to encountering our neighbors, ourselves, and God in all the borders we hold. To read more about the ministries we visited or to order the most delicious coffee I have ever tasted, visit Frontera's website here: <https://fronteradecristo.org/ministries/>.

