

## THIS WEEK AT SPC:

May 14 - 20

Sunday Seminar will return for a special event May 21

Monday, 6:30 p.m., Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (FH):

A community of support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit teens and their allies.

Wednesday, 7pm, Teach the Preacher (Zoom):

Share your questions and reflections on how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

Saturday, 7:30am, Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall):

Gathering for a meal, followed by discussion around 8am

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### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 21!

If you have a high school, college, or even graduate school graduate to celebrate, please contact the church office with their name, school, degree (if applicable), and any other relevant information.

*ConGRADulations!!*

## Celebrate!

## *SPC Worship Through Eastertide*

**April 9 - May 28**

As we emerge from the worst of the pandemic and enter the glory of spring in the panhandle, we celebrate the gift of life together and form new foundation for the future here at SPC. *Warming the Cross* liturgical art returns for a second season, inviting us to dwell in the promise of peace on the other side of despair.

**May 14: Mother Church**

**May 21: Never Alone**

**May 28 (Pentecost): Join the Joy!**

*Worship Planning Team: Keri Mahoney, Lores Morton, Debbie Romano, Bob Tucker, Julie Tucker, Diana Wesley*

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### Prayer for Wholeness

God of sacred instinct,  
We give away too much of ourselves.  
Save us from the pattern of self-abandonment,  
and train us toward a life lived  
in alignment with our own souls.  
Keep us from scattering ourselves about  
for the consumption of any wanderer.  
Let this holy intuition  
be a companion to us all our days.

## Children and Youth In Worship at SPC 11 a.m. Service

Children of all ages are joyfully welcome  
in all aspects of worship life.

Parents of children younger than 5  
may wish to utilize the nursery upstairs.

Children ages 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
are invited to participate in **First Pew**  
time of conversation with the Pastor  
and then proceed to **Sunday Studio upstairs**,  
facilitated by a Children's Ministry volunteer.

On some Sundays,  
the children return to the sanctuary  
at the end of the service  
to share what they have learned.  
When children do not return to the sanctuary,  
they may be picked up  
from the Sunday Studio room upstairs.

Youth in Grades 6 – 12  
are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary.  
**Youth Group** generally meets after worship  
every other Sunday.

## Introducing Our Online Community Keri Mahoney



I gratefully rediscovered Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church through online worship during the pandemic. While the world was in isolation, I began to realize, in that quiet and aloneness, that my inner spiritual child was in real need of connection, belonging and nurturing. I had worked passionately in education for 25 years (and currently serve as the Principal of South Jefferson Elementary, a job I love).

I was blessed with a loving family, friends and animals who have provided unconditional love and support throughout my lifetime. But I was spiritually disconnected and restless. The online worship services brought SPC into my home and heart and provided a space for me to rediscover what I needed to balance my life, a spiritual family, a place to learn and grow, a perfect belonging, a sense of peace and calm in a tumultuous world. That literally was able to take place through a screen—that's how amazing you guys are! I thank you for welcoming me, for helping me nurture that inner spiritual child and "reconnecting" me to my spiritual self. I am blessed to be a part of the SPC family.