



Silver Lake Christian Community Church

An EPC Congregation

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To the Incoming Pastor of Silver Lake Christian Community Church,

We have been praying for you and continue to trust in God's perfect timing to bring us together. The standard Church Information Form covers important details, but statistics and a few paragraphs in a questionnaire just don't go far enough to convey who we really are. Let us tell you about our small church with BIG LOVE for the Lord and one another!

Situated in the beautiful Endless Mountains of northeast Pennsylvania, our historic church building overlooks one of the many lakes in our area. Our community extends over the PA/NY state line to the north, and south to our county seat of Montrose, PA. To us, rural life is not a negative thing – we are accustomed to traveling 20 or 30 minutes to work and school, and enjoy the scenic commute, free of heavy traffic. Some in our congregation travel 20 miles to worship here. This is how one explains it: *“Silver Lake Christian Community Church is home to us; a home where other members always greet you and anyone who attends with a smile and a warm welcome. The church is filled with loving and supportive people who have helped navigate our family through both exciting and difficult times. Our children are loved, get the utmost attention, and guidance in their upbringing in faith. The service is always filled with classic hymns and God's word, just as He wrote it. Our family is proud to be members of SLCCC.”*

Several years ago, we felt spiritually called to reach out to the young people in our community with a mid-week ministry. We call it “The Blast” – and it IS a blast! The program consists of a Bible-based lesson, praise music, activities, and a meal. We have seen the kids grow spiritually in Christ. We have witnessed older children mentoring younger ones. They have all learned that we provide a safe, loving place where they can find friendship and security. This program is one of the ways we live out our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and making disciples for the Lord. The children are not the only ones who have benefited from this program. As one of the adult leaders explains: *“Working with the kids who come to our Blast program has been a blessing to me in ways I never expected. When I first volunteered to help, I thought God was calling me to teach. It's clear to me now that He was calling me to learn. I've learned I should be meeting others 'where they're at' – however different that is from what I'm used to. Witnessing the Holy Spirit move a teen to open up in a group and share a very raw, emotional experience, I've learned I can trust God to take the lead. And watching one young Christian witness to an older child, explaining salvation clearly and passionately, I have learned that I need to be as bold as that child about sharing my faith!”*

God has blessed SLCCC generously with financial resources. Even during the pandemic and throughout this time without a pastor, giving has remained very strong, exceeding the budget. Meanwhile, expenditures have consistently been well under budget, partly because members often feel led to provide for needs at no cost to the church. Whenever a meaningful opportunity is presented, God has always provided all of the necessary resources, whether financial or in time and skills. One example, from a couple in our church family: *“During the service to mark our 50th Wedding Anniversary, we learned that the new Picnic Pavilion beside the Church was built in a special way! The congregation had responded to a request by our children to honor us by doing something useful for the Church. With our family's monetary contributions, the Church members mobilized and raised the beautiful structure within a few months. Amazing!”*



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The bank account is substantial for a church our size. We know that God is trusting us to be good stewards. He has a plan for these resources – He has been preparing us.

We are praying for a full-time or part-time Pastor who will lead our church family in worship, spiritual growth, and discernment of God's plan for SLCCC, by His grace and guidance. Candidates must be ordained or eligible for ordination as a Teaching Elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Specific responsibilities will include:

- Preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments
- Moderator of the Session
- Providing pastoral care and counseling to church and community members
- Pastoral oversight of all church committees, groups and programs
- Officiating at weddings and funerals, and pastoral counseling in preparation
- Participating in EPC / Presbytery of the East meetings and activities

We pray for a Pastor who is:

- Spiritually strong and demonstrates the ability to teach from a Biblical foundation; our Pastor must be a strong believer in, and defender of, Reformed theology
- Able to show grace with Biblical truth and accountability, and to relate strong Biblical teaching to today's world and the listener's lives
- Caring and compassionate, with a vision to grow our church through spiritual leadership and evangelism.

God continues to work in us at SLCCC, while we await you, our next pastor. Our bond as a church family – our love and caring for one another – has only grown stronger during this time. It is difficult to describe, but it can truly be felt. Visitors feel it – and it is the main reason given by every member as to why they chose to stay. Here is one member's story: *"My journey of becoming a member at SLCCC began when I reconnected with an old friend from high school. He was already a member of this church for many years and quite involved in their ministries. I was a member at another church for many years, with established close friendships, and was involved in several ministries of the church (treasurer, Sunday school teacher, etc.) We started dating and were married the following year. When dating, I would visit SLCCC at least once a month and also on Saturday morning I would come with him to listen to the youth band that one of the members had started. It was a joyful time! We would go to my church and then to his. After we were married, I started attending more regularly. Everyone always greeted me with open arms. I loved the teachings and friendship among the people and how committed they were to reach out to community needs, both spiritually and physically. I felt that God was leading me here. It truly felt like home."*

If you believe God could be leading you to be part of our family here at Silver Lake Christian Community Church, please contact Shelley Hohn at slccc.clerk@gmail.com and include your Personal Information Form. We pray for all who are discerning their next call.



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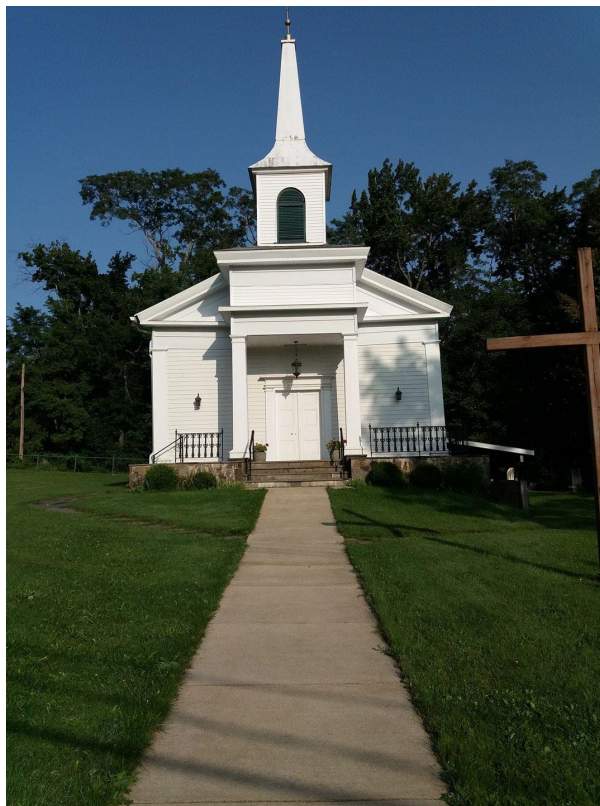
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Beautiful – in all seasons!

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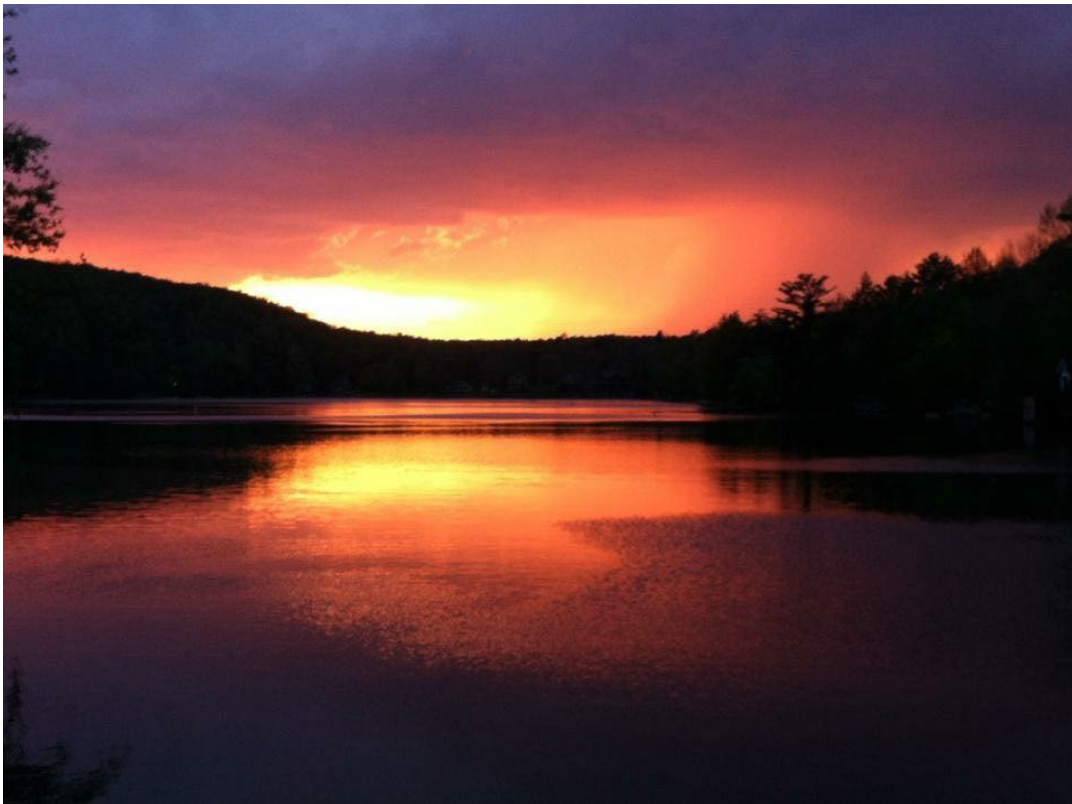




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Sunsets over Laurel Lake – God’s majesty on display and captured by members leaving evening events at the church.





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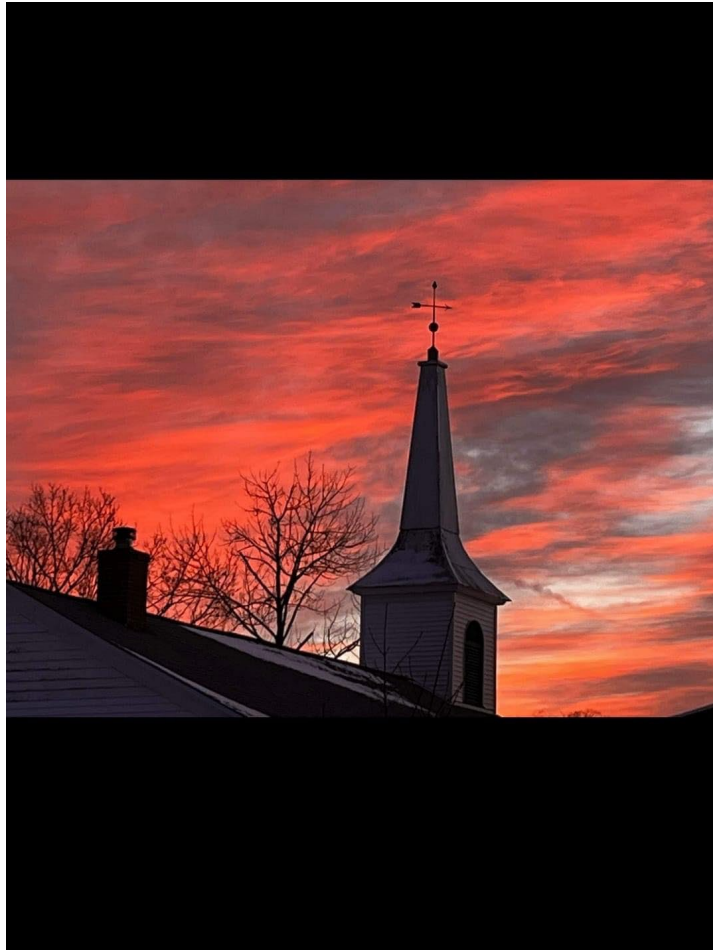


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Our Mission: *To share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples for the Lord (reference Matthew 28:18-20).*

Our Vision: *To be a family of believers which embodies Jesus' love and seeks to know Him through His Word.*