

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS TO THE SCAPC COMMUNITY

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Dear SCAPC Community,

Today I felt it was time to write and say hello because the Curries achieved a small milestone of sorts; I broke down the last box in our current home and while there is still some work to do and some rearranging to take place, and lots in storage, we are now one step closer to being settled among you in New Orleans. To that end, we wanted to thank you for the gift basket from Congregational Life and another welcome gift from Youth and Young Adults. Right now I am currently drinking coffee out of my travel thermos from you with my name on it, and I understand we will be well fed by you this coming fall. We don't 'really' know each other yet, but thank you already for your hospitality and welcome to New Orleans and we look forward to saying thanks in person soon enough. As many of you know, a move is never easy, but the pnc and all of you have done everything you can to make it as seamless as possible each step of the way. Thank you so much. I also wanted to let you know that our oldest Thomas began school this week and Harrison and Corinne will do the same next week. In addition, Stephanie has been taking classes throughout the summer in her Ph.D. program so we are grateful for this in-between time. We are also taking this settling in time to visit some of the other Presbyterian churches in the area to begin building relationships and sharing in our common life and ministry for the future.

In the midst of these micro-changes in our lives, at the macro-level the fourth covid wave is gripping our country and our state in particular. We join you in remembering those who have been affected by this virus, supporting those on the frontlines caring for the sick and suffering, giving thanks for educators who continue to teach our children during this critical time, and those doing everything they can to ensure all have access to the vaccine.

Psalm 46 reminds us that *'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Therefore we do not fear...'* Thank you for embodying such strength and comfort to us in these in-between-times.

Gratefully yours,

Chris, Stephanie, Thomas, Harrison, and Corinne Currie