



FEBRUARY 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 (Aaron Roberts)	3	4 9:00 Early Risers @ B&B 10:00 PW #1 6:00 CE Comm. Mtg.	5 6:00 Worship Comm. 6:15 PW #2 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study	7	8 9-12:45 Presbytery Mtg. 1-2:30 Youth Challenge Testing 4:00 New Glory
9 12:00 Scout Sunday (Lee Hart)	10	11 9:00 Early Risers @CFA 10 - 3:00 GRG Valentine Luncheon	12 5:30 Fellowship Comm. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 B & G Comm.	14 	15
16 (Jeffrey Cochran)	17	18 9:00 Early Risers @ The Plaza 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	19 5:30 Witness Comm. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00 BFB	21	22
Mid Winter Break—School's Out						
23 12:00 Healing Service (Adam Dunn)	24	25 9:00 Early Risers @ B&B	26 9:00-4:00 Life Line Event 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00 Women's Bible Study	28	



2/2 Nick Strong	2/18 Donnie Dunlap
2/4 Sydney Clipper	2/18 Allie Dunn
2/6 Arlene Lathrop	2/19 Jim Beisner
2/6 Maegan Seal	2/21 Ursula Keyes
2/13 Jason Howard	2/23 Elora Newsome
2/14 Mary Trammell	2/24 Carol Turk
2/17 Doug Scott	2/26 Harold Cochran

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH

We are pleased to be hosting a Life Line Screening event on **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014** at Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. If you would like to take the next step in possibly saving your life or the life of someone you know and if you would like to help Stockbridge Presbyterian Church as well, please call 1-800-324-9458 today. Please note that you must sign up through this number in order for SPC to receive our \$10 donation as well.

SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

Dear Friends,

When Tracey Davenport was your pastor, at the February 2006 stated session meeting ...

At the February Stated Session meeting, the Session adopted the below covenant depicting guidelines on how issues will be dealt with in Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. The overall intent is to ensure accountability on both the church members' and Sessions' part to effectively deal with issues in the church.

COVENANT OF CONDUCT

In order for the congregation and the session to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
- The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastors, session, committees, and at congregational meetings.
- When members of the congregation express an opinion to a member of the session, the elder shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"
- If the member desires to have the information transmitted to the session, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next session meeting. The time and date shall be given.
- If the member does not wish to appear in person, the elder shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the elder shall say, "I'm sorry but I will not be able to report this to the session since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor

6. If permission is given, the elder shall report the information/opinion to the session and use the member's name.

7. At his/her discretion, an elder may ask that the member refer this issue to another elder for presentation.

8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the session. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.

9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the session and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed.

When the elders got together for training on January 11, 2014, they asked that we each have another chance to take a look at this. Questions? Check with me or any elder. We'd love to have a chance to talk to you! Thanks.

See you in church!

Susan



UPCOMING SERMONS

- Feb 9** Psalm 112
Matthew 5:14-16
"This Little Light of Mine"
- Feb 16** Psalm 40:1-11, 17
I Corinthians 1:1-9
"Patience and Praise"
- Feb 23** Psalm 119:33-40
Revelation 3:20
"Dinner With Jesus"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Is it too late for resolutions? Who's the governing authority saying they have to be done at the beginning of each year? Maybe I need the month of January to get them straight in my head and then I can get a running start in February. Hey, maybe I'm going to make resolutions for EVERY MONTH and get 12 times more stuff done this year than everyone else. That'll show the resolution people that I'm super serious this year.

Of course, that's not going to happen. If I haven't made any resolutions by now, chances are I've resolved to NOT make any this year, which turns out to be a resolution after all. Now that we're all confused (even me and I'm writing this), let's rest our brains and simply resolve to get some stuff done for our wonderful church in 2014. That could mean helping with ANY of the SPC ministries. We've got a bunch of them and there are wonderful people running all of them.

I chair the Christian Education committee, so I guess that makes me one of those wonderful people. Anyway, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm and welcome ANYONE to join. When you do join, please bring your ideas along. We hate to just stare at each other during the meetings, so let's actually talk about stuff. Everyone on the committee loves SPC and wants to make Christian Education more exciting and inviting for the current and future members of our congregation. I'm sure you can help too.

So jump in and lend a hand. Oh, and start making those February resolutions. And since it's such a short month, you should probably think about the March ones too. (We're doing this monthly now, right?) See you in church.

Aaron Roberts
Christian Education, Chair

PS: Mary, thanks for the colossal support and constant cheer. It'll be weird without you.



Youth Events for February 2014

Feb 9: Lunch and fellowship immediately after church.

Feb 16: No youth

Feb 21: No youth



Happy Birthday to all February Birthdays!

Happy 20th Birthday to Allie, I love you!

YOUTH NEWS

Hello to you all,

I am hoping you all are doing well this new year. It's already February and boy January started out with a roar...cold weather and snow. I do love the snow though but hated that there were so many people stranded on the roads and all the mess that came along with that. My sister left work at 1pm on Tuesday and finally arrived home at midnight...she said she literally kissed her floor when she walked into the door. I'm so happy she and everyone I know made it home without accident or injury.

I know it's February, which is commonly known as the month of Love. Valentine's Day is this month and I hope that you all have a great one but remember those who may not have that significant other to share this day with. We should all try to remember those who have to endure this day alone. Just a little note, call or visit would probably change someone's day...year...life!

I am blessed with a huge family. I am blessed with great friends. I am blessed with a wonderful church family and I am selfish to a fault, because I take this for granted each and every day. I don't mean to, but I wake up and just go about my life. I am thankful for the love of my husband and my children, and I love them more than anything, always. I look at my mom, who is struggling with lung cancer and the side effects of chemo. I see this beauty she has, that I really always took for grant for years. Until I saw her take on this cancer and witness what a beautiful patient she has been through this entire ordeal. (I love you momma) And, I love you! My youth group, my youth parents and my church family. We are given so much love in our hearts, but it's no good if we don't share it.

Friends, family, strangers and lost souls, too! God is good and he is good always!

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Happy Valentines Day and Love to you all,

Stephanie

SPY Sponsorship

Dates: June 21-27, 2014 Cost: \$300

Please help support a youth for this summers mission trip. We will travel to Mobile, Alabama...Government Street Presbyterian Church. Our youth will spend a week serving God as we help the homeless, visit our old friends as L'arche, boys and girls club and walk in the shoes of the homeless.

You know we work hard on our mission trips and even though we are worn out, we come back renewed in mind and spirit. So if you ask yourself "why or how do they do it year after year?" It's because it is the absolute best kind of worn out we can be. It motivates us to live our lives better and to look at others in a different light. We come to realize how thankful we are for our families, our homes, our community, our church, and that we are blessed every day by the grace of our wonderful God! "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

So, If you are interested in joining us, please contact me, ASAP!

Our Church is very blessed to have such a wonderful youth group and our youth group is very blessed to have such amazing support from our church family. Thank you for your continued support.

GRG NEWS & EVENTS

Attention: Gold Rush Friends

Cards and memorial donations are what we send. In case, you have ever wondered how we spend, the money we ask for the Gold Rush Gang.

We want to show our friends we care, when they get sick or have any sorrow throughout the year.

Please see John Abbott to give your \$10.

Attention - Church Members 50 + Gold Rush Gang - Valentine Luncheon Tuesday, February 11th 12:00 PM, Church Fellowship Hall - \$16 per person (cash, if possible)

Sweets and Lace
Cards and Love,
Valentine's Day is all of the above!
Roses by the bunch,
A really yummy lunch.
Friends and food,
Will get you in the "Valentine Mood."
Well, at the Church we got it all.
So come on down to the Fellowship Hall.
We got food and treats.
And the fun you'll have completes, the whole picture of the heart.
You'll enjoy it so you'll not want to part!

See Joan Scott by Sunday, February 9th, and let her know that you'll be there.

WORSHIP/WITNESS NEWS

The Witness Committee would like to extend a special invitation to anyone interested in ongoing missions. A new year has started and lots of exciting activities are being planned to make 2014 even more successful than last year. The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the conference room and lasts just one hour.

We are currently working on the very worthwhile outreach "Relay for Life" American Cancer campaign. Everyone of us has been touched by cancer either personally or by someone we care about. Many of our church family are currently undergoing treatments and this is a way we can show our support in doing all we can to help find a cure. Your support is needed. Not only by pledges, but a fund raiser will be held the 9th of March in the fellowship hall. More details will follow.

The BFB team is currently working on items for our Church Bazaar that will be held this October. The third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM, we gather in the fellowship hall to work on hand made items. We share ideas and knowledge in making all kinds of unique things that will help raise money for our mission programs. Some sewing, painting, gluing, cutting, knotting, planting and most anything is being done and help is needed in all categories. There is something for everyone to do. No experience is needed, but if you have some that is great. We are not only working for our mission projects, we are sharing our experience, laughs and fellowship. In working together to be able to spread the Love of Christ through our mission programs, we are extending the hand of friendship to each other.

All are welcome. Call Sue Scheer with any questions, comments or concerns.

CHOIR NEWS

Everyone is cordially invited to try choir. You do NOT have to read music or sing a solo. We will gently teach you what you need to know and do. We sing all kinds of worshipful music and we have a lot of fun. Please consider visiting choir practice which meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. We usually go until about 8:15. Become a part of this wonderful fellowship.

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

JANUARY SESSION REPORT

Communications: The Session received a letter from Presbyterian Homes of Georgia thanking us for our donation to the Caring Hands Fund. (Attachment III) The Session received a letter from the Gold Rush Gang requesting use of the Fellowship Hall on December 7, 2014 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. (Attachment IV) **Clerk's Report** Committee Assignments: The following is the 2014 session committee organization:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	CO-CHAIR
Buildings & Grounds	Jason Howard	
Christian Education	Aaron Roberts	
Fellowship	John Dunn	Betty Pickren
Stewardship	Jim Beisner	
Witness	Sue Scheer	Lee Hart
Worship	Arlene Lathrop	Darin Clipper

Elder Commissioners were elected for 2013 meetings of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. (Attachment VI)

Jim announced that the Stewardship Committee accomplished the annual audit of all books and records with the exception of the Memorial Fund relating to the church's finances for 2013. All records and books of the General Operating Fund, Presbyterian Women, Mission, Youth Group and Compassion Funds, were found to be maintained in good and orderly manner. Jim announced that the charter for Troop 65 has been renewed. Jim reminded committees their input for the SPC Annual Report is due January 31st and Susan's February 15th.

New Business: The Session approved Alisa Newsome to use the Fellowship Hall on Friday, Feb 14, 2014 from noon to 7pm to distribute Girl Scout Cookies. The Session approved Angie Brown to use the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, Feb 9, 2014 for a baby shower for Alisa Newsome.

The Session approved changing the annual Corporation Meeting date to April 6, 2014.

The Session approved the youth having a snack sale as a fundraising function on February 2, 2014 after worship service.

Pastor's Report Susan had no issues or actions to report.

PER CAPITA GIVING

Over the past several years your support in paying the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta per capita has been greatly appreciated. The Session is again asking your support with per capita in 2014 by providing a gift of \$22.00 per SPC member. We are again starting our per capita campaign earlier this year and will provide periodic reminders in order to give you ample time to consider your gift.

FELLOWSHIP/BUILDING & GRNDS

Every Sunday Morning: Breakfast is served beginning at **9:00** every Sunday morning. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Use your hospitality and cooking skills to bless others...signups for cooking are on the refrigerator door in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Women Update
Circle #1 meets 1st Tues - 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall (Sept-June)
Circle #2 meets 1st Wed - 6:15 pm
Parlor (Sept-June)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

Feb 9 Cooper Keller
Feb 16 Tony Williams
Feb 23 Sherry McGee

ACOLYTE

Feb 9 Justin Stanley
Feb 16 Collin Roberts
Feb 23 Lexie Buchan

LITURGISTS

Feb 9 Lee Hart
Feb 16 Jeffrey Cochran
Feb 23 Adam Dunn

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Christian Education Committee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Feb 9 Aaron Roberts
Feb 16 Sue Scheer
Feb 23 Mary Carol Stanley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Feb 9 Kim Seal/Phyllis Howard
Feb 16 Greg Lathrop/Adam Dunn
Feb 23 Allie Dunn/Nancy Bryant

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO SPC AND GOD'S KINGDOM
PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE YOUR DATE.