

OCTOBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 6:00 Worship Comm. Mtg. 6:00 PW #2 Circle Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	3	4 SPC Craft Bazaar 9 - 5:00 PM
5 COMMUNION (Jim Beisner)	6 7:00 A.A. Meeting	7 10:00 PW #1 Circle Mtg. 6:00 CE Comm. Mtg.	8 7:30 AM A.A. Mtg. 5:30 Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 BFB/Crafters 5:00 Stewardship Comm. Mtg. 5:30 Bldg & Grnds Comm. Mtg. 7:00 A.A. Meeting	10 6:30 Youth Lock In	11 8-12:00 Church Work Day 1-2:30 Youth Challenge Testing
Fall Break - School's Out						
12 (Linda Roberts)	13 7:00 A.A. Meeting	14	15 7:30 AM A. A. Mtg. 5:30 Witness Comm. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	17	18
19 11:00 Gifts of Men Sunday	20 7:00 A.A. Meeting	21 9:15 GRG Tour to St. Luke's	22 7:30 AM A.A. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	24	25 10:00 Crafters Mtg. 6:00 - 10:00 Youth Bonfire 4:00 New Glory
26 (Laura Richardson)	27 7:00 A.A. Meeting	28 9:00 Early Risers @The Plaza	29 7:30 AM A.A. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	31	



10/1	Cheri Bailey	10/16	Zina Forsyth
10/1	George Stanford	10/16	Edward Maccombie
10/4	Monica Baxter	10/17	Carlton Smith
10/4	Scottie Bundrick	10/22	Jeffrey Cochran
10/5	John Dunn	10/26	Gerrelline Addy
10/11	Judy Simmons	10/27	Isiah Phillips
10/15	Carmen Benitez	10/28	Cydnee Keller



SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

From My Heart To Yours

There's an old, old question that church folks like to argue about: Why is there church? Does church exist for the people who are already there, or for the people who aren't there yet but need to be? And that's a good question.

But I guess we'll just have to keep arguing, because, as with many good questions, both sides are true. Church definitely exists for the people who are already there. This is where we come to worship, and sing the hymns and pray together and reaffirm our faith together. This is where we come to study scripture together and share our ideas. This is often where our very best friends are, and so we come to see them, too. Church is the place we come where, for at least one hour a week, we can focus completely on God and put the rest of the world on the back burner.

Certainly, we can and should worship God wherever we are, alone, at work, wherever. But church is the place where believers can come and worship God TOGETHER. This is so important that scripture talks all the time about the assembly of the believers, telling us not to forsake that no matter what. One of the basics of our faith as Presbyterians is the belief that we should study scripture in community, that we should be governed by committees and by the Session; we believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through these means. There's never just one person taking over and giving orders. We need each other.

What's more, we enjoy each other. The Gold Rush Gang, Presbyterian Women, covered dish meals, the church Christmas Parties, the choir, the Bridge Family Baskets - all these are times when we come together and visit with our friends. PWs and Goodness and Groceries are good examples of times when we get together not only to enjoy each other, but also to learn and serve. In fact, as I often say, I've never seen a congregation that cares for each other the way the SPC congregation does. And that life we share together is profoundly important.

But there's more. The Church is the Body of Christ on earth, and that means we also are called to do the things Jesus did. We're called to bring love and healing to people's lives. We're called to

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor

tell them about Jesus and demonstrate the kingdom of God in our lives and in the way we treat folks. We're called to help - to feed the hungry, to reach out to the poor. We're called to welcome strangers and offer them the same love and grace we've received through Jesus.

With Goodness and Groceries, we help feed hungry school kids AND let them know they and their families are welcome here. Because of Joseph's Pantry, families who struggle with long-term unemployment and out-and-out poverty can receive food and a devotional book and a kind word. Events like the annual Festival by the Bridge, the Live Nativity, the yard sale, the Muffin Brigade, even our Christmas Eve service - these are all about us reaching out to our neighborhood. There are other outreach events, too - and the truth is, every Sunday morning, when the doors are open and people are greeted with enthusiasm and a warm welcome - that's us reaching out, as well. The way we reach out to our neighbors is profoundly important, too.

I guess what we're looking for is balance, because without both inward nurture and outward service and welcome, we're not fulfilling Christ's calling to us as his Body. And if we're not obeying Christ, we've turned into the Stockbridge Social Club! Well, we're not even CLOSE to that. For me, and I hope for you, SPC's future is bright and filled with hope. How blessed we are to have each other!

See you in church --



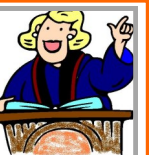
UPCOMING SERMONS

OCT 5 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-10a, 12-20
Romans 13:8-14
"Saying 'Yes' to Love"

OCT 12 Psalm 19
Philippians 4:1-9
"Words and Meditations"

OCT 19 Celebrate the Gifts of Men Sunday
Tom Francis, preacher

OCT 26 Numbers 11:16, 24-29
Mark 9:38-41
"Children ... Not Robots"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Harvest Time

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)

An old farmer sat on the steps of his small shack chewing on a piece of straw. He was approached by a passing stranger who was looking for a cool drink of water. Wishing to start a conversation with the farmer, the stranger asked, "How is your cotton crop coming this year?"

"I ain't got none", replied the farmer. "Didn't you plant any?" asked the stranger. "Nope," said the farmer, "I was afraid the boll weevils would get it." "Well," asked the stranger, "how is your corn?" "Didn't plant any corn either," replied the man, "I was afraid there wasn't going to be any rain." "If you didn't plant any cotton or corn, what did you plant?" asked the man. "Nothing," said the farmer. "I just played it safe!"

Well, I guess if you don't plant anything, it makes the harvest a lot easier, doesn't it?

In the above Bible reading, Jesus sent out people to bring in the harvest. The harvest Jesus was talking about was not cotton, fruit or vegetables. He was sending out workers to bring people into the kingdom of God. He said that there were many souls who were ready to be harvested, but there were not enough workers. One reason it was hard to find workers was that it was very difficult work. Jesus warned that the workers in his kingdom would often be treated very unkindly.

Jesus is still looking for people who will work for him and bring people into his kingdom. That is what the church is supposed to do. It won't always be easy. In fact, it will be hard. Many people in the church are like the farmer in our story -- they are "just playing it safe." It has been said that eight out of ten church members have never invited anyone to church and that nine out of ten church members have never won anyone to Christ.

How about you? Are you willing to work for Jesus and invite people to come to church? Will you go and tell people about Jesus' love and that he died on the cross so that they could have everlasting life? There are many souls who are need to be brought into God's kingdom, but there just aren't enough workers. Father, we want to be faithful workers telling others about Jesus and his love. Amen.



YOUTH NEWS

Hello to all,

I'm so excited that fall is here. This is my favorite time of the year. I love when the trees start changing colors, and that special coolness is in the air. Life seems fresh again even though the trees will be bare in a month or two.

This month is going to be busy for us SPYs. We have the Festival by the Bridge on Oct. 4 and the youth will be selling their famous funnel cakes, plain and pumpkin, plus fried pickles. Please look for our booth, we will not disappoint you.

Oct. 10-11 we are planning on a lock-in. This will depend on attendance and volunteers to help man the shifts. If we do not have a lock in that night we will have an event on the 12th. I'll keep in contact with you.

Oct. 19 there will be no youth event. I'll be out of town.

Oct. 25 We will be having our yearly bonfire at my house...6-10, please bring a friend, your chairs, blankets and singing voices.

As I said, we will be pretty busy this month and I can't wait!

Congratulations to Cydnee Keller for being nominated to the Homecoming Court this year.

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." — Lauren DeStefano

Have a wonderful Fall!
Love to all,
Stephanie



YOUTH EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Oct 4 Festival at the Bridge
- Oct 10/11 Lock-In! 6:30 PM Friday until 7 AM Saturday
- Oct 19 No Youth Meeting
- Oct 25 6:00 - 10:00 Bonfire at the Dunn's House. Please bring chairs, blankets, and wear appropriate clothing.



GRG NEWS & EVENTS



Attention: Church Members 50 + Gold Rush Gang October Event St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta Tuesday, October 21st (please note it is the 3rd Tuesday this month) Meet 9:15 AM in the Church Parking Lot Transportation: \$4.00 (Cash, please) Tour: Free; Lunch: Mary Mac's (on your own)

The stained glass windows tell the beautiful story, Of Jesus' life and His glory!
Take each step and look at the details Remember how He loved and died, while in His hands there were the nails. He didn't stay long in that grave, Because He had come to conquer death and all of us to save!
Come with us to St. Luke's where His life is portrayed, From His birth to the grave; Things that He did while on this earth. And finally rising from the dead, To give our life worth!
You'll enjoy this Gold Rush Gang Event, And then there is something more, An organ recital of beauty will follow the tour. Lunch at Mary Mac's is where we'll eat. You couldn't end this event with a better treat! Coming home we'll all be glad we went, Because we'll know this trip was heaven sent!

Please let Carol or John Abbott know by Sunday, October 12th, if you plan to go.

Jesus Sends Out Workers

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The puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-11 (NIV).



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WORSHIP/WITNESS NEWS

A big thank you to all those who helped, furnished goodies, donated treasures, and attended our annual yard sale. It was a huge success and put over \$1800 in our mission fund. We may be a small church, but we are an active one, and your willingness to help others is remarkable. Start saving for next year! Maybe we can top the \$2000 mark.

CHURCH BAZAAR

Don't forget the Church Bazaar, October 4th, from 9:00 to 5:00 PM. The Thursday morning crafters and others in the congregation have been working faithfully on all types of hand made items. We are sure there will be something for everyone. Christmas is just around the corner and this is a great way to start your shopping. What can be better than something hand-made?

LIVE NATIVITY

Mark your calendars for the "Live Nativity", December 13th. This is one of the busiest months of the year, but one of the most important. The witness committee is looking forward to working with each of you to make this a big success. Any ideas, comments, or requests, please call Sue Scheer.

CHOIR

YOUR CHRISTMAS STORIES NEEDED

Do you have a great Christmas story that you would like to share on our Dec. 14th Christmas music program? If so, please email wardgai-leyiii@gmail.com. I am looking for some brief but memorable family Christmas stories which we will build our music around.

Dear Friends of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, I have great memories from my years at Stockbridge, of all the people that I knew while there, and some I have met since.

It is so very encouraging to me and Evelyn for you to remember us in this way. I count any successes, and there have been many, from the prayer support I have had at the churches I have been privileged to serve. To God be the glory.

I am grateful to be able to tell you that your prayers have been answered. The surgery has been successful. I have no pain and I am able to move about, and walk a mile and 3/10 to date. My doctor told me that I will be walking three miles before I know it, and I am well on my way. He fused two vertebra and cleaned out a lot of crud that was blocking the nerves.

I thank God for the privilege of being one of His servants, and having had the support of fellow servants like you. To Christ Jesus be the Glory! Frank & Evelyn Clark

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Clerk's Report: Jim reminded the committee chairs with staff oversight responsibilities that performance evaluations need to be completed by the end of August 2014.

The annual budget meeting will be on 9/14/14 following the worship service.

Susan provided a report on the August 16, 2014 Presbytery meeting

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: The Session disapproved a request from Alisa Newsome to allow a friend of hers to use the Church as a daycare center.

The Session approved a request from New Glory to use the Church for a special celebration on September 6, 2014 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

The Session approved a Church work day on September 27, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Christian Education Committee: Aaron had no issues or recommendations.

Fellowship Committee: John had no issues or recommendations.

Stewardship Committee: The Session reviewed the July 2014 financial statement.

The committee agreed to add the food mission funds to the mission account. Food mission gifts will be placed in Jim's mailbox by Elders counting Sunday offering.

Witness Committee: Sue had no issues or recommendations.

Worship Committee: The Session approved the baptism of Amara Lynne Pass on Sunday, August 24, 2014.

The Session approved the renewal of wedding vows for Barry and Alisa Newsome on April 24, 2015.

Pastor's Report: Susan had no report.

New Business: The Session discussed the policy governing ushers and determined that the portion concerning greeting responsibilities will be followed with the Head Elder ensuring usher follow their duties. The Worship Committee Chair and Co-Chair will discuss the change with the current greeters.

The Session discussed the information Jim provided on a church safety and security plan. It was agreed to pursue developing a safety and security plan by establishing a task force of chairs with responsibility for specific parts of the plan and church members with security planning experience. Jim will chair the task force.

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 moving into the second half of the year and will provide periodic reminders in order to give you ample time to consider your gift.

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.

Card Ministry and Christmas box for Soldiers

Please look over the list in the Sunday bulletin under our Military and if you turned in one of these names & addresses, please check to make sure the address has not changed, or their military time is up and they are now back at home. We enjoy sending them a gift for Christmas, but they are returned if they are not at the address on package. Please let Peggy or Office know as soon as possible so we can plan what to do or not to do. Blessings and prayers for our Military Peggy Chase

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Oct 5 Sherry McGee
- Oct 12 Terry Holmes
- Oct 19 Jim Beisner
- Oct 26 Darin Clipper

ACOLYTE

- Oct 5 Elora Newsome
- Oct 12 Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter
- Oct 19 Justin Stanley
- Oct 26 Collin Roberts

LITURGISTS

- Oct 5 Jim Beisner
- Oct 12 Linda Roberts
- Oct 19 Cooper Keller
- Oct 26 Laura Richardson

HEAD USHER - OCTOBER 2014 Stewardship Committee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Oct 5 Sue Scheer
- Oct 12 Stephanie Dunn
- Oct 19 Aaron Roberts
- Oct 26 Wendy Wells

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Oct 5 The Keller Family
- Oct 12 Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome
- Oct 19 Wendy & Megan Wells
- Oct 26 Kim Seal/Phyllis Howard

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO SPC AND GOD'S KINGDOM