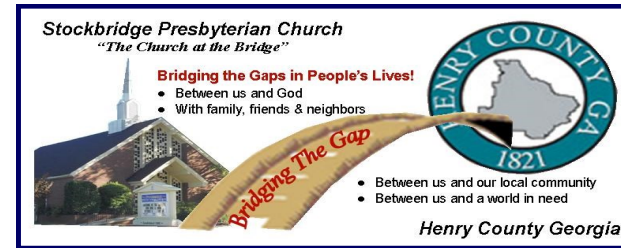


SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Labor Day- Office Closed 7:00 A.A. Meeting	2 10:00 PW #1 Circle 6:00 CE Comm. Mtg.	3 6:00 Worship Comm. Mtg. 6:15 PW #2 Circle Mtg. 6:30 G&G Resumes 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	5	6 1-2:30 PM Youth Challenge Testing 2:00 New Glory
7 COMMUNION Teacher Appreciation Day Luncheon (Stephanie Dunn)	8 7:00 A.A. Meeting	9 12:30 GRG - Thanks for the Memories	10 5:30 Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 BFB/Crafters 5:00 Stewardship 5:30 Bldg & Grnds Comm. Mtg. 7:00 A.A. Meeting	12	13 8 - 1:00 PM Yard Sale & Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
14 11:00 All Music Sunday 12:00 Session Budget Mtg. Youth Sack Lunch & Movie	15 7:00 A.A. Meeting	16 9:00 Early Risers@ CFA 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	17 5:30 Witness Comm. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	18 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	19	20
21 Youth visit Shut-ins (John Dunn)	22 7:00 A.A. Meeting	23 9:00 Early Risers @ The Plaza	24 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	26	27 10:00 Crafters Mtg. 4:00 New Glory
28 Youth Luncheon (Carolyn Francis)	29 7:00 A.A. Meeting	30 9:00 Early Risers @ B&B				

9/3 Terence Ojong	9/22 Valerie Atong
9/4 Tami Pass	9/22 Mckenzie Scott
9/6 Richard Maccombie	9/24 Mike Bailey
9/6 Linda Roberts	9/24 Jason Strong
9/11 Matt Howard	9/26 Noah Clipper
9/11 Vivian Maccombie	9/26 Jason Stanley
9/12 Sue Scheer	9/27 Lee Watson
9/13 Ron Scheer	9/28 Doug Richardson
9/13 Linda Sewell	9/28 Karen White
9/14 Tom Francis	9/29 Sara Moseley
9/17 Emiliano Freeman	9/30 Chris Mott
9/20 Payton Scott	9/30 Cathy Wegner
9/21 Alisa Newsome	



The Church At The Bridge

From My Heart To Yours

Sunday, August 24th, the Four-Given Gospel Quartet performed at SPC. It was so much fun, and afterward there was a beautiful reception in Fellowship Hall – thousands of delicious cookies, and lemonade, and finger sandwiches, and decorations. This great event was put together by the SPC Witness Committee, and raised around \$460 for our church's outreach ministries in Henry County. It was exciting!

Afterward, as the tired but happy ladies and men cleaned up and bagged leftover cookies for Goodness and Groceries, I was struck again by how very hard everyone worked. I see this a lot around here – so many great people who are willing to put a LOT of effort into loving and serving others. And I quietly thanked God – not for the first time – for the congregation of Stockbridge Presbyterian Church.

One late afternoon, I watched from my office window as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee climbed a tall ladder to replace a piece of our broken gutter. He still had his work clothes on and I imagine he'd just as soon have been home relaxing after a long day. But instead he took care of a problem that needed fixing and that, in all probability, many of us hadn't even noticed. Still, it needed done, and there he was. And as I thanked him, I also thanked the Lord for his faithfulness.

Could you name all the Children's Church workers and Sunday School teachers? Who orders curriculum and sees to it that the teachers get it in time? What's the Youth Group up to? These are folks behind the scenes who do what they do week after week, not for the applause but because they love this church and its people. What would make them really happy is if more of us showed up, and brought our children, to study and learn together and grow as Jesus' disciples. I'm so thankful for every moment of preparation and prayer they put into their lessons every week. They genuinely care about every one of us. It's the Christian Education Committee that makes all this possible.

Every Sunday at 9:00, one or two members of the Fellowship Committee prepare breakfast for whoever happens to come. They're also the people who do what we often take for granted: set up tables for a meal, serve, decorate, and clean up afterward. We are the blessed ones who just get to come on down to Fellowship Hall, get in the buffet line, and enjoy a good meal with our families and friends. And do we even have to mention the Golf Tournament? The Fellowship Committee is a big part of the glue that holds this congregation together! And I thank God for them, don't you?

SPC SPOTLIGHT

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor

Every month, in Stewardship meetings, I see the ups and downs of our finances at SPC – unexpected expenses, emergency repairs, rising costs for utilities and every other service – and I thank God once again for the people who keep us going through it all. I know all committee meetings open and close with prayer, but there's often a little more urgency in the prayers at the Stewardship Committee meeting! Yet I've never seen anything but cool heads and God-given resourcefulness from these folks. They work very hard to see to it that we are good stewards of the resources God's given us, and I'm grateful for their wisdom and experience.

Worship Committee is so much more complicated than we might think it is! These good folks recruit and schedule liturgists, Beadles, and communion servers, week after week, month after month; they create and plan special services; they think of candles and occasions and supplies and a hundred things that never cross our minds. Been down to the Nursery lately? Yes, Worship takes care of all that, too! Their objective is to facilitate worship that glorifies God and is real and meaningful to all who come to worship at SPC. Not a day goes by that I don't say "Thank you!" to God for them.

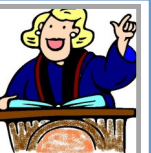
Does all this sound like a lot of hard work? It is! And yet, year after year, people who love God step forward and volunteer to serve him by serving this church. It seems to me that this congregation does it for the Lord, and for each other. That's the kind of love you have for your friends here at SPC – a love that makes things fun even if you do get tired. This is a church united to serve a cause larger than itself – reaching out to the community, and to each other, with God's love.

I am truly grateful, every single day. Thank you for being God's people in Stockbridge, and for allowing me to serve with you, as your pastor.

See you in church –

UPCOMING SERMONS

- SEP 7 Romans 14:1-2
Matthew 18:21-35
"Forgiveness: Not for Sissies"
- SEP 14 Luke 19:35-40
Psalm 100
All-Music Sunday
- SEP 21 Jonah 3:10 - 4:11
Matthew 20:1-16
"It All Belongs to God!"
- SEP 28 Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13
"If It's Good Enough for God..."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The Stockbridge Presbyterian Church Youth Group is robust and dynamic. These "kids" have wonderful attitudes and endless energy. A huge reason for this is Stephanie Dunn, who guides this group with a cheerful attitude and a true love for this church and for God. I have been around them for only a limited time, but our Christian Education Committee is committed to making the SPY group one of the strongest in our church, so I look forward to hanging with them a lot more in the future.

Our church's teens and pre-teens have had a wonderful summer of mission work and fellowship. This has included their week of work in Alabama and relaxing for a day at the Taylors' lake house. Heck, they even enjoyed their recent car wash, despite the bright sun above us and a constant stream of customers. We will work to extend this positive momentum into this school year with local mission opportunities and many days of fun the Youth can enjoy together.

The Youth Group will be meeting to plan their immediate and long term future, and a big part of this planning will be local mission work. If our congregation knows of local spots that need a hand, let Christian Education know and we'll explore how our Youth can help. They are extremely generous and that's just the kind of attitude our church should be spreading throughout Henry County and beyond. This will be a great year for our Youth Group, no doubt.

Aaron Roberts

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Save Sunday, September 7, 2014 for special recognition of our teachers and a covered dish lunch after worship. Our many teachers in Sunday School and Children's Church work very hard behind the scenes to help our kids study scripture and grow into strong disciples of Jesus. They're faithful in their own study and are committed to Christian Education at SPC -- and they do a great job! It's our privilege to say "thank you" and show them how much they're appreciated. Plan to bring a dish and stay for lunch so you can thank them personally!



YOUTH NEWS

Hello to all,

This summer is officially over and I will like to say that our youth group has really had a lot of fun together.

School is in full swing and with that comes so many commitments. Studying and extra curricular activities take so much of their time and when they do have a free moment, they probably just want to crash.

My hopes for you.. the youth group.. is that you will put coming to church, youth gatherings, and even Sunday school on your list of important things you need to do. We miss you when you're not here. You are very important to the structure of our church. We don't just expect you to come here, sit, be quiet, and learn from us, the older generation. The fact is, we need all of you to be present and radical so that we may learn from you. Make an impression upon us all. Hey, I know you all, and I know what a remarkable, outstanding, caring, giving, thought provoking, and deeply passionate group of people you are. You are all truly God's children and you have proven that over and over again in my eyes.

Now, let's make this the year we make our presence known in our town, surrounding cities, and most importantly your home church, Stockbridge Presbyterian!

You are the SPY'S and you ROCK THE HOUSE!

Be on the look out for your calendar of events and postcards each month. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year.

Love you all,
Stephanie

It is true. "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me."

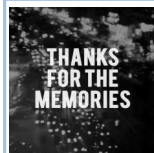
Isaiah 43:10



YOUTH EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept 7 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Sept 14 Sack Lunch & Movie at Church
- Sept 21 Visit Shut-ins
- Sept 28 Youth Luncheon

GRG NEWS & EVENTS



Attention Church Members 50+ Gold Rush Gang September Event "Thanks for the Memories" 1944-45 Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 12:30 PM at Church Pavilion (lunch included, donations accepted)

Memories are made of this a star, a dream, a kiss!

The Gold Rush Gang event you won't want to miss,

Cause all of us plan to reminisce About the memories that helped us grow.

Memories you'll all want to know.

Some will be happy, some may be deep, But all of them are about what

we want to keep.

Deep in our heart, tucked in our brain These memories we want always

to remain.

And as we sit here together we know this day will be a memory of fun.

Fellowshipping together with everyone.

Memories are made no matter what age, and being with the Gold Rush Gang fills another page.

Please let Betty Pickren know if you plan to attend by Sunday, September 7th.



Are you ready? It is time to pack the groceries! Our Goodness and Groceries program will resume at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 3rd. Once again we are partnering with Food Depot, Cotton Indian Elementary, and Smith Barnes Elementary to

work so no child goes hungry on the weekend.

If you are looking for a way to serve God by serving others, please join us in the Fellowship Hall. We will pray for the children, the teachers, and our church and then get busy writing notes of encouragement and filling bags with food. It doesn't take much of your time, but it will warm your heart. As I talked to school representatives, they all wanted me to pass along their sincere gratitude for all our church does for the children of Stockbridge. Let's work together and make a difference! We'll see you Sept. 3!



We have a few of the Four-Given Quartet CDs available for purchase.

The two titles available are "Heavenward Bound" and "I Do Believe". The cost is 1 for \$15 or both CDs for \$25.

If interested, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP/WITNESS NEWS

SPC YARD SALE & BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It is that time of year again for the SPC Yard Sale, and the Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast. The date is **Saturday, Sept 13, 2014** from 8:00 - 1 PM. We need your donations for the yard sale, and also, baked goods for the bake sale. We will need volunteers to help with set up on Friday, and to work the sale on Saturday.

Our Yard Sale has always produced a "pretty penny" for our Community Outreach programs, so please consider either donating items to sell, or your time to help! (Or both!)

Please contact Arlene Lathrop at (770) 362-9082 to put your name on the Volunteer Schedule. (Or via email, alathrop@kslaw.com, or aalathrop@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your contributions to this worthwhile cause!

Yard Sale items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, September 12th, between 2 - 7:00 PM. Please no shoes or clothes.

Baked goods can be brought by Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 AM. Please see Terry Holmes if you have any question about the baked goods.

A WORD FROM WARD

The older I get, the more I listen. My son at 37 has become a pretty wise man. He gave me some good advice the other day. First, he said, associate with good people. (They usually won't bring you down.) Second, pay attention. So I am learning from my son.

I have also learned to listen to my choir, my students, and the congregation. As I grow older, I have grown more apt to listen and often actually use suggestions. An example occurred last month when Lynne Jenkins asked me if I was familiar with "The Prayer," by Foster. Curious, I did some research and realized that she was referring to a song that I had sung as a duet with my mom at my niece's wedding some three years ago. It had been popularly performed and recorded by Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli. The companion composer to Foster was Carol Bayer Sager. Well, my mom had a minor accident which precluded her coming to sing, so I did it as a solo at Evangeline Newsome's baptism.

Two weeks ago, I asked Terry Holmes to consider singing a solo. She promptly suggested the "23rd Psalm," which is also the theme song for the TV show "The Vicar of Dibley." Well, the piece perfectly fits her voice, and it was not my idea. We will begin rehearsing it this week.

Yesterday, Allie Dunn responded to a request I made many months ago that she pick out a song that she would like to sing. It took her a while because the idea of singing in public takes guts, but she did it and gave me a title to check out. I did yesterday after church, and I think it is most fitting.

What I am saying is, my listening to your ideas and then using them, if possible, creates ownership on your part. Now I cannot guarantee our using every suggestion, but I will listen and try to see what we can do.

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.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Jason had no issues or recommendations.

Christian Education Committee:

Aaron had no issues or recommendations.

Fellowship Committee:

The Session approved the following distribution of funds generated by the annual golf tournament:

G&G	\$4000
Christmas baskets	\$1000
Joseph's Pantry	\$750
Prayer card ministry	\$250

Stewardship Committee:

The Session reviewed the June 2014 financial statements.

Witness Committee:

Sue had no issues or recommendations.

Worship Committee:

The Session approved the baptism of Evangeline Newsome on Sunday, July 27, 2014.

Pastor's Report:

Susan reminded Session members to sign up for church directory pictures session on either August 5, 6, or 7, 2014.

New Business:

The Session appointed John Dunn and Darin Clipper to serve on the 2014 Elder Nominating Committee.

New Glory Church informed Susan they will be using the sanctuary one Saturday per month beginning in August. The Stewardship Committee recommended to Session the fees New Glory pays for the use of the church facilities be reduced to \$80.00 per month from the current \$305.00. The Session approved the motion.

Jim presented an overview of the training session on church security and safety planning presented by the Henry County Sheriff's Department. Jim will send the presentation and model security and safety plan to Session members to review, and we will discuss at the August meeting.

The Session approved a youth swim party on 8/10/14 and a car wash to raise funds on 8/16/14.

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.

The annual Peacemaking Offering will be collected on September 14, 2014 in recognition of Patriot's Day. This year the Session approved dedicating a portion of this offering to the **Presbyterians Caring for Chaplains** which is charged with endorsing clergy to serve as Chaplains in all branches of the U.S. Military, in VA Hospitals and with the Civil Air Patrol. The 2-person staff makes pastoral visits worldwide and conducts retreats for Chaplains and their families. Please consider the importance Chaplains play in the lives of our service members and VA patients, and give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Sep 7 Tony Williams
- Sep 14 Annie Laura Kelly
- Sep 21 Carlton Smith
- Sep 28 Cooper Keller

ACOLYTE

- Sep 7 Alex Seal
- Sep 14 Cydnee Keller
- Sep 21 Elle Roberts
- Sep 28 Lorren Huggins

LITURGISTS

- Sep 7 Stephanie Dunn
- Sep 14 Jeff Cochran
- Sep 21 John Dunn
- Sep 28 Carolyn Francis

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Fellowship Committee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Sep 7 Betsy Sierra
- Sep 14 Wendy Wells
- Sep 21 Stephanie Dunn
- Sep 28 Aaron Roberts

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Sep 7 Greg Lathrop/Bryan Wharton
- Sep 14 The Clipper Family
- Sep 21 Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
- Sep 28 The Roberts Family

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