

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 6:00 - PW #2 Circle Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - Maundy Thursday Serv. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	3 7:00 Good Friday Service	4
5 Easter Sunday (Communion)	6 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	7 10:00 - PW #1 Circle Mtg. 7:00 - Boy Scouts	8 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg.	9 No BFB/Crafters 7:00 - AA Mtg.	10	11 1 - 2:30 Youth Challenge Testing
Spring Break— School's Out						
12 12:00 Annual Corp. Mtg. 12:15 Relay for Life Luncheon	13 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	14 7:00 - Boy Scouts	15 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 5:00 - Resources Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	17	18 8 - 1:00 PM Church Work Day
19 12:15 - Witness Mtg. (Aaron Roberts)	20 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	21 9:00 - Early Risers @ CFA 9:30 - GRG - Holliday Dorsey Fife Museum 7:00 - Stated Session Mtg. 7:00 - Boy Scouts	22 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	24 Relay for Life Hampton H.S.	25 Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast 4:00 - New Glory
26 12:15 - CE/Worship Mtg.	27 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	28 9:00 - Early Risers @ The Plaza 7:00 - Boy Scouts	29 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.		

SPE SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

From my heart to yours...

How could Easter be over already? It's only the beginning of April! As the group of flower artists decorated the Easter cross before worship, a church member who's an exceptionally talented gardener told me that if Easter had been just one week later, we'd have had so many more home-grown flowers to decorate the cross. As it was, one of our elders had to make an emergency run to Publix! But the cross looked beautiful, transformed by the power of Christ's resurrection and the creativity of God's people.

Even though Easter was early – which means we have to wait another year to celebrate again! – I'm so very thankful for all those who gave and served and planned and participated in leading worship. On Maundy Thursday, communion is the highlight of the service, and it was beautifully prepared and served. The Good Friday Tenebrae Service was coordinated and "choreographed", which was why our great readers knew just which candle to extinguish when and which symbol of our faith to remove – paraments, cross, candles, Bible. Out of sight in the back of the sanctuary were folks who adjusted the lights and created Good Friday sound effects. The "Service of Darkness" reminds us, simply, that it's not Easter YET. Before resurrection, dying and death must happen. It saddens and overwhelms us. And yet, it reminds us how much was sacrificed for us, and how very grateful we are.

On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary is decorated again as the processional begins. It looks beautiful – Easter lilies had been ordered and arranged, the cross, candles, and Bible resume their places, the sanctuary is full, and you can feel the joy in the air. And two sacraments on one Sunday! Allison Jane Fuqua was joyously baptized (because someone put the water in the font!) and we ended the service with communion – again, beautifully prepared and served. It was a wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Through all this, the choir is the mainstay of worship. Choir members rehearse long and hard,

with Ward and Zach, to learn and perfect new and old music, special music, soloists and the trio and even an amazing oboe player – they lead us in worship with skill and enthusiasm. We're beyond blessed to have such gifted and faithful people!

I was careful not to mention any names – but you know who you are! Thank you, all of you, for making Easter 2015 at Stockbridge Presbyterian one of the most joyous ever.

And by the way, the April newsletter is late because I'm late submitting my article. Everybody else was spot-on. Sorry for the delay! Thank you for your patience.

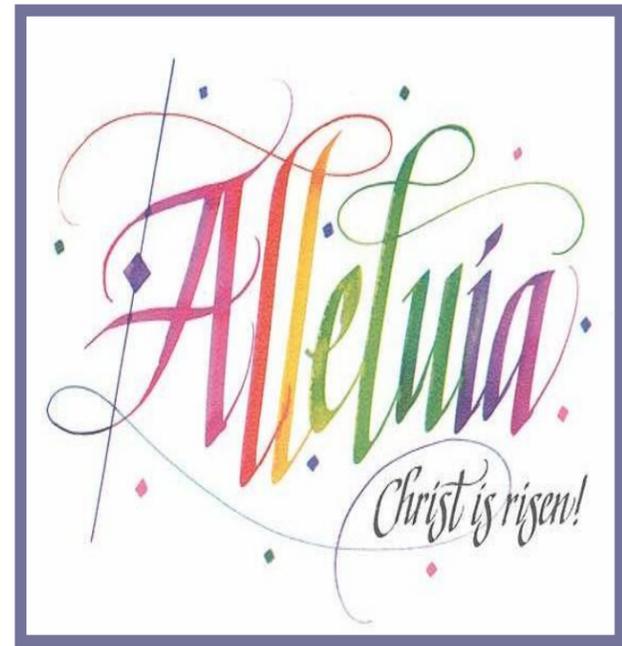
See you in church – Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS

- APR 12 Psalm 133; John 20:19-31
"Peace Be With You"
- APR 19 Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-21
"The Power in the Name"
- APR 26 Rev. Jim Irwin
Supply Preacher



- Apr 4 Kaitlyn Clipper
- Apr 9 Annie Laura Kelly
- Apr 9 Zachary Smith
- Apr 10 Hallie Shumate
- Apr 12 Charles Moseley
- Apr 22 Phyllis Howard
- Apr 22 Sarah Mott
- Apr 22 Savannah Sewell
- Apr 23 Amara Pass
- Apr 23 Cindy Strong
- Apr 25 Joel Bryant
- Apr 27 Lee Hart
- Apr 27 Megan Wells



EDUCATION/WORSHIP

Easter is a Time of Joy

Written by Helen Steiner Rice

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
Let not your soul be sad
Easter is a time of joy
When all hearts should be glad.

Glad to know that Jesus Christ
Made it possible for men
To have their sins forgiven
And, like Him, to live again.

So at this joyous season
May the wondrous Easter Story
Renew our Faith so we may be
Partakers of "His Glory!"

GRG NEWS & EVENTS

Attention Church Members 50 +

Gold Rush Gang April Event
Tuesday, April 21st (note 3rd Tuesday)
Tour of the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife
Home Museum
Cost: \$8.00 per person (Cash, please)
Lunch at Chick-fi-la Hawaiian Luau
(on your own).
Both places are located in Fayetteville

Fe Fi Fo Fum I smell a day full of fun!!
Come with us, and visit the past.
You'll see items that have continued to last.

That's all I know
I know no more.

Because I've never been there before, so let's go
together and explore.

Lets all just get in the car
and close the door—and go!
But for lunch I do know,
It's a fun place to go!

It may be a Chick-fi-la but
Let me tell you, let me say,

This is not your usual Chick-fi-la, no way!
It's done in Hawaiian Style, you'll barely recognize
the cow!

It'll be a different meal.
And great fellowship is in the deal!
So come along, don't delay,
We're all sure to have a really fun day!

See Linda Roberts by Sunday, April 19th to let her
know you want to go!

For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I in the
midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

YOUTH NEWS

Hello to all,
Jesus Christ Is RISEN Today! Hallelujah!

LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE

In Jesus time, the dogwood grew
To a stately size and a lovely hue.
'Twas strong & firm it's branches
interwoven For the cross of Christ its
timbers were chosen.
Seeing the distress at this use of their wood
Christ made a promise which
still holds good:
"Never again shall the
dogwood grow
Large enough to be used so...
Slender & twisted, it shall be
With blossoms like the
cross for all to see. As blood stains the petals
marked in brown
The blossom's center wears
a thorny crown. All who see it will remember
me
Crucified on a cross from
the dogwood tree.
Cherished and protected
this tree shall be
A reminder to all of my agony."
Author Unknown

Have a beautiful spring!
Love y'all, Stephanie

YOUTH EVENTS IN APRIL

Apr 12 No Youth Meeting
Apr 19 Youth Meeting after Church
Apr 24 Relay for Life (Friday)
Apr 26 Youth Outing to Park

OUR MISSION TRIP GROUP



SPY MISSION TRIP

We will be heading to Kentucky this year for our
youth mission trip. The Maxwell Street Presbyter-
ian Church's

**MISSION IMMERSION PROJECT
Lexington, Kentucky**

Dates: June 20th - 26th
Mission Trip Cost: \$300.00 per person, but any
amount you can contribute would be very much
appreciated.
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church is committed
to identifying and addressing the needs of those
whom Jesus called "the least of these." Toward
that end we are involved with a number of social
ministries that exist in the community and are constantly
at work on creative solutions to the problems that
plague the poor throughout the U.S. The Mission
Immersion Project also accomplishes the goal of
helping youth understand the plight facing those
who are poor in America. The week-long experience
combines education with implementation. Groups
not only hear and discuss social injustices, but
work hands-on through mission. Our hope is to
instill a desire in the youth to return home and
begin or join similar areas of ministry. With hard
work comes play, so free time is built into the
schedule. Maxwell Street is located on the edge
of the University of Kentucky. Basketball courts,
a park, and swimming pools are in the neighborhood.
One afternoon and evening are set aside for
groups to choose a day outing.

What is a SPY SPONSOR'S responsibility?

Love, support, and pray for the youth group.

What you get for your sponsorship:

- ⇒ A nice lunch after church on July 12th that will
be served by our youth group.
- ⇒ A very thankful and grateful youth.
- ⇒ Knowledge that you are helping a youth make
a change in the world and possibly changing a
youth's life forever.



BE ENCOURAGED ☺

"The Lord will keep you from all harm,
he will watch over your life. The Lord will
watch over your coming and going both
now and forever more."

Psalm 121:7, 8

WITNESS



The 2015 Relay for Life of Henry
County is scheduled for Friday, April
24th at Hampton High School. For
more information and to see the
schedule for the event, please visit our
website at spcusa.org, and click on

the link.

We have several different ways you can help to
raise funds for our SPC teams this year. We
will be having a Relay Fundraiser Luncheon in
the Fellowship Hall immediately following the
Worship Service on **April 12th**. Also, we are
selling "footprints" to be displayed in the Narthex,
and giving out "coin cups" for members to gather
donations of change and DOLLARS to be donated
to SPC Relay for Life teams.

OTHER EVENTS

The Resources Committee is having a
church workday on **April 18th from 8am-
1pm**. On that day a dumpster will be at the
church so that we can clean out the garage
out back. Members are welcome to bring
items from home to put in the dumpster and
help us clean. We are not able to pick up
items from your home. We would love to see
a lot of folks come out and help us do some
spring cleaning! A light breakfast and light
lunch will be provided.

ATTENTION: Joseph's Pantry teams, we
will be meeting during this time to work in
the pantry.



SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Clerk's Report: The Session received a letter from
Thornwell Home for Children thanking us for our gift
of \$100.00.

The Session received a letter from Hands of Hope
Clinic thanking us for our gift of \$1000.00.

Jim presented the 2014 Church Annual Statistical
report which was reviewed and approved by the
Session.

Jim announced that the Stewardship Committee
accomplished the annual audit of all books and
records relating to the church's finances for 2014.
All records and books of the General Operating
Fund, Presbyterian Women, Mission, Youth Group,
Memorial and Compassion Funds were found to be
maintained in good and orderly manner.

Jim reported to the Session that the names listed for
deletion from the rolls for 2014 are the same as
were deleted in 2013 so there is no change to the
church roles.

Jim reported the Session minutes for 2014 were
reviewed and noted corrections completed.

Jim reminded committees that have not submitted
their 2014 annual report input to do so as quickly as
possible.

Jim discussed the next steps in developing the
church safety and security plan once all the risk
assessments are received from Session members.

The Consent Agenda was approved for February.

Resources Committee

The Session approved renting a dumpster and
purchase of 2 church ladders together not to exceed
\$800.

The Session approved placing Overeaters Anony-
mous meeting signs alongside the AA signs at
entrance to lower parking lot.

The Session approved the use of the pavilion for
Henry County Soil and Water Conservation to give
free trees to Henry County citizens on 2/20/15.

February 2015 financial statements were reviewed.

Witness Committee

No issues or recommendations.

Worship and Education Committee

The Session approved purchasing an electronic
organ for Zachary Smith (to be owned by SPC but
kept at Zach's home) for his personal practice time
while away from the church. The organ will cost
about \$500.00 and be paid from money available in
the Memorial Fund.

The Session approved Maxwell Street Presbyterian
of Lexington, KY as destination for 2015 SPY mis-
sion trip.

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Session approved SPY mission trip fundrais-
er lunch on March 15, 2015.

Pastor's Report: Susan led a discussion on
seeking to be faithful together in light of the vote
this weekend by the Presbytery of Greater Atlan-
ta to change the definition of marriage in the
Book of Order.

New Business:

The Session received Penelope Hendrix into
membership by reaffirmation of faith.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

Apr 12 Aaron Roberts
Apr 19 Allison Johnson
Apr 26 John Dunn

ACOLYTE

Apr 12 Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter
Apr 19 Elora Newsome
Apr 26 Aubrey & Miranda Morrow

LITURGISTS

Apr 12 Jeff Cochran
Apr 19 Aaron Roberts
Apr 26 Stephanie Dunn

HEAD USHER - APRIL 2015

John Dunn - Witness Committee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Apr 12 Aaron Roberts
Apr 19 Tami Pass
Apr 26 Sue Scheer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Apr 12 Kim Seal/Phyllis Howard
Apr 19 Wendy Wells/Mrs. Mani
Apr 26 The Keller Family