

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	2	3
4 All Saints Sunday 12:15 Reception Honoring Rev. Susan Bennett (Linda Roberts)	5 7:00 AA Mtg.	6 9:00 Early Risers 6:30 Discipleship Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 5:30 PW#2 Circle Meeting 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 AA Mtg.	9	10
11 Veterans Day (Jeffrey Cochran)	12 7:00 AA Mtg.	13 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Resources Mtg. 7:00 AA Mtg.	16	17
18 12:15 Witness Meeting (Paul Szeto)	19 7:00 AA Mtg.	20 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	21 7:30 AM AA Mtg.	22 7:00 AA Mtg. Happy Thanksgiving! (Office Closed)	23	24
Thanksgiving Break - School's Out						
25 (Aaron Roberts)	26 7:00 AA Mtg.	27 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Meeting	30	

	Nov 8	Gene Park	Nov 27	Michael Bennett
	Nov 9	Sally Smith	Nov 27	Justin Palmer
	Nov 10	Carrie Keller		
	Nov 14	E. G. Mani		
	Nov 14	Diana Taylor		
	Nov 16	Barbara Anne Bailey		
	Nov 17	Aaron Roberts		
	Nov 20	Bettye Cochran		

*For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."
 - Isaiah 41:13*

SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

Can you believe this is the last SPC newsletter article I'll be writing? Let's see ... one a month for almost 10 years. That's a lot of words! (But you know pastors – we never run out of things to say!)

The first thing I want to do is express huge amounts of gratitude and admiration for our Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee. Arlene Lathrop and Kim Seal were co-chairs, and the committee consisted of Session members Jeffrey Cochran, Gene Ingram, Stephanie Philips Ayoola, Laura Richardson, and Aaron Roberts. They moved quickly and with great discernment (the Presbytery was amazed!) and I believe God used them to bring just the right person to SPC.

The second thing I want to do is give you an informal introduction to Rev. Betsy Turner, who'll be here on Sunday, November 18 to begin serving as Interim Pastor. First let me tell you that I believe God HUGELY blessed SPC by calling her here. She's served several different churches and has preached and taught at churches throughout the Presbytery. When search committee members called to check her references, they couldn't get people to STOP talking about how great she is – an excellent communicator in all different ways, a person who's compassionate and hopeful, who loves God and people, and who – like all of you – just wants to serve the community and make a difference. I'm just thrilled that God has called Betsy to come and work with this wonderful congregation.

Although change is never easy, I think you're going to love her, and you'll be as big a blessing to her as she will be to you. You are a congregational family that welcomes people and reaches out to serve and help – and you're sociable and funny and fun! I remember what a joy it was

to get to know you when I first came to SPC, and now Betsy will have that joy, too. She will begin to build relationships with you and will be a true pastor for as long as she's here – providing pastoral care, preaching and teaching, helping with the many ministries of SPC mission outreach, and being your friend and guide. I'll be praying always that God will bless your time together. There aren't words to tell you how much I'll miss each of you. You are forever deeply engraved in my heart and mind, and God has used you all to teach me many valuable lessons, nurture me, and care for me. It's been such a privilege to serve with folks whose heart has always been in local mission and still is. Besides reaching OUT, though, you also reach IN, loving and caring for each other in beautiful ways. THANK YOU for allowing me to serve and grow with you!

Much love always –
 Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS

- Nov 4** All Saints Sunday
Mark 12:28-34
Luke 4:16-21
"Heaven Only Knows!"
- Nov 11** Veterans Day Service
Joshua 24:14-15
1Peter 4:8-11
Elders Jim Beisner & Gene Ingram
- Nov 18** SPC Interim Pastor - Rev. Betsy Turner
- Nov 25** SPC Interim Pastor - Rev. Betsy Turner



Reception Honoring Rev. Susan Bennett

As you know, Susan is retiring and her last Sunday will be **November 4**. There will be a meal and reception honoring Rev. Susan Bennett, immediately following the service for all of us to tell her personally what she has meant to this congregation. Food and drinks will be provided. No gifts, cards are welcome.



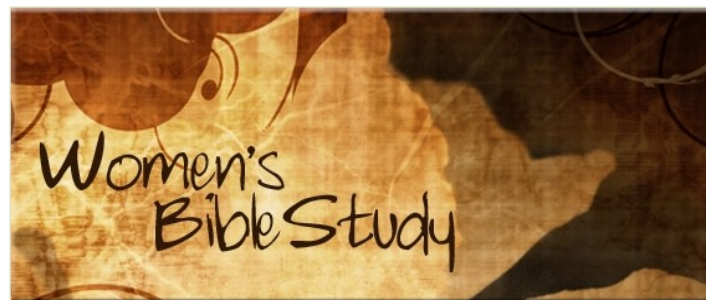
Christmas Basket Ministry

As the Christmas season approaches, please prayerfully consider adopting a child or two for our Christmas Basket Ministry. Aaron Roberts is heading up this ministry again this year and will need volunteers to help with shopping and on the pickup day, December 15th. You can reach Aaron at 678-859-2767 or email him at arob12001@gmail.com.



Goodness & Groceries Ministry

Goodness and Groceries meet on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and be part of this mission to pack weekend food bags for school children at Cotton Indian Elementary, Smith Barnes, Stockbridge Middle, and Dutchtown Middle. If you have any questions, please call Linda Roberts at (770) 474-0220 or email her at lsr1273@gmail.com.



The Women's Bible Study group meets on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and sometimes 5th Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room.



A few pictures from the photo booth at SPC's Fall Festival Picnic!



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SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - September 18, 2018

Clerk's Report:

Communications:

The Session received a letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly PC (USA) requesting participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 7, 2018 which is World Communion Sunday

The Session received a card from Thornwell thanking SPC for their generous giving.

The Session received a letter from Thornwell requesting our continued support of their mission.

The Session received a letter from Presbyterian Homes of Georgia requesting our participation in the 2018 Santa Claus Express and Christmas Angel Offering.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Jim reviewed the schedule for updating the church officer handbook.

A reminder to the committees was made by Sue to start reviewing and preparing items for the 2018 annual report and activities for 2019. Committees requested copies of current reports for references.

Resources Committee:

The Session approved paying Susan's salary for the entire month of November.

The Session approved the 2019 SPC operating budget.

The Session reviewed the August 2018 financial statement.

Witness Committee:

The Session approved Goodness and Groceries application for the PATH Grant.

Discipleship Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Susan had no report.

New Business:

Gene Ingram reported details of janitorial services with CoverAll. Approval was given for a 30-day trial period of 1 cleaning per week beginning October 27, 2018 for \$525 per month. If conditions prove that twice a week cleaning is needed after the trial period approval was given for \$799 per month for twice a month cleaning.

Laura Richardson requested approval of a retirement reception for Susan on Sunday, November 4, 2018 following worship service, a request for a love offering from the congregation, and a planning meeting for all session members and any other interested persons the second

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week in October. All was approved.

Special Meeting

September 9, 2018

Susan Bennett opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Bennett stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the 2019 operating budget and select an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

Aaron selected a reading from "Our Daily Bread" and discussed the impact of the devotional on him. Further discussion by members of the Session followed.

The Session drafted the 2019 church operating budget.

The Session approved Jeffrey Cochran, Aaron Roberts, Arlene Lathrop, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola, Kim Seal, Laura Richardson and Gene Ingram as the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. Arlene will chair and Kim co-chair the committee.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Aaron Roberts closed the meeting with prayer.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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- Nov 4 Linda Roberts
- Nov 11 Jeffrey Cochran
- Nov 18 Stephanie Ayoola
- Nov 25 Aaron Roberts

LITURGISTS

- Nov 4 Linda Roberts
- Nov 11 Jeffrey Cochran
- Nov 18 Paul Szeto
- Nov 25 Aaron Roberts

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Nov 4 Aaron Roberts
- Nov 11 Monica Coutin-Baxter
- Nov 18 Paul Szeto
- Nov 25 Tami Pass

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Nov 4 Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
- Nov 11 The Szeto Family
- Nov 18 Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome
- Nov 25 Greg Lathrop