



Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Years! (Office Closed)	2 7:30 AM AA Mtg.	3 7:00 AA Mtg.	4	5
6 Communion (Terry Holmes)	7 7:00 AA Mtg.	8 9:00 Early Risers 6:30 Discipleship Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 5:30 PW#2 Circle Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 5:30 Resources Mtg. 7:00 AA Mtg.	11	12 Elder Training
13 Ordination/Installation Of Elders (Laura Richardson)	14 7:00 AA Mtg.	15 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	16 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	18	19
20 12:15 Witness Mtg. (Carolyn Francis)	21 7:00 AA Mtg.	22 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	24 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	25	26
27 (Sue Scheer)	28 7:00 AA Mtg.	29 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	30 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	31 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.		

	Jan 3 Marie Anne Coutin-Baxter	Jan 17 Greg Lathrop
	Jan 3 Mitchell Stanley	Jan 20 Suzie Wharton
	Jan 8 Justin Wells	Jan 25 Brad Richardson
	Jan 10 Alex Seal	
	Jan 10 Jane Rutledge	
	Jan 11 Peggy Chase	
	Jan 13 Ward Gailey	
	Jan 16 Betsy Sierra	

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SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

“Behold, I am doing a new thing – even now it springs forth!” -Isaiah 43:19

By the time you read this, it'll be the new year. Maybe you've made a New Year's resolution – to quit smoking, train for that marathon, read a certain number of books, create a budget, or finally learn how to bake bread. As for me, my goals for 2019 include packing a healthy lunch for work days, reading more diversely, and hosting friends in our home at least once a quarter this year. I'd love to hear about yours next time I see you.

Of course, the year ahead promises to be a big year here at Stockbridge PC:

- You have 4 (FOUR!) terrific new elders coming onto the Session in January. Check out the “Getting to Know You” column on page 2 to learn more about Terry, Tami, Monica, and Paul. I'm looking forward to their ordination and installation on January 13, and can't wait to see how God will work through them in new ways this year.
- This would be a good time for you (yes, you!) to do a new thing, to stretch yourself to try serving the church in a new way. If you're not in the rotation as usher, beadle, liturgist, children's sermon leader, or children's church leader – now is the time to try it out. Or what about joining the choir? All voices are welcome, so if you've been meaning to make some joyful noise, come to a practice or talk to Ward or another choir member. Or do you want to give back this year by volunteering with Joseph's Pantry or Goodness & Groceries? There's a place for you every week – just ask and we'll get you plugged in. Or is there something else you're feeling called to, a big new idea or project you're feeling led to try? Let's talk!
- And, of course, the new thing on many of your minds is a new minister. You'll be hearing much

more about the step-by-step process of transition in the weeks ahead as we launch more fully in to the work of this interim time. You should know that there is no specific timeline for this process, and that I am committed to walk you through the whole transition, along with your excellent Session and good support from the Presbytery. We will all need to be patient as the Spirit leads us through the steps, which you can see outlined in a simple chart on page 2. For now, the best thing you can do is pray for the church and for the new pastor whom God is preparing for you even now.

As we start a new year, let's lean into new things at Stockbridge!

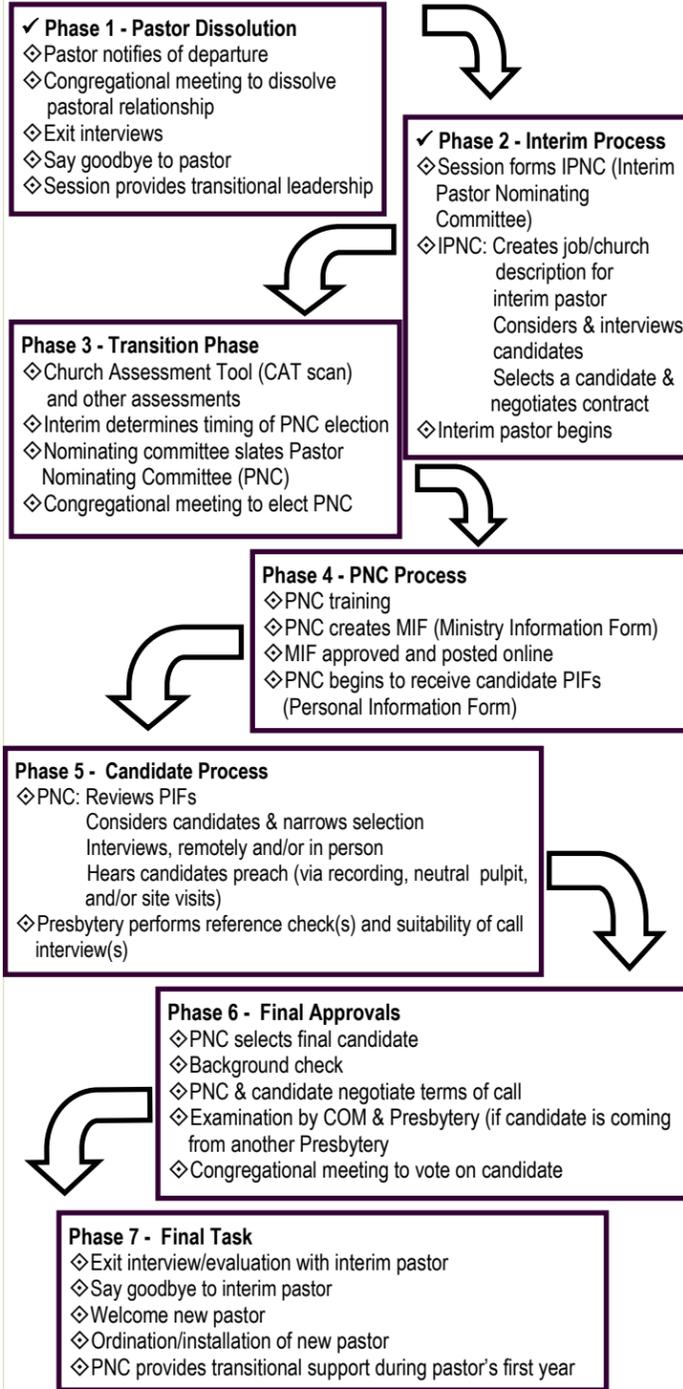
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UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Jan 6	Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12 “His Star at Its Rising”
Jan 13	Ordination/Installation of Elders Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-22 “Beloved and Well Pleased”
Jan 20	Isaiah 55 John 2:1-11 “The Good Wine”
Jan 27	Isaiah 61 Luke 4:14-21 “Anointed to Bring Good News”

PASTORAL TRANSITION PROCESS



- Glossary:**
- Candidate – someone being considered for the pastoral position
 - CAT – survey tool – members will answer questions and Presbytery will collate
 - COM – Committee on Ministry. The Presbytery’s committee that works with churches and pastors, and oversees search processes.
 - COM liaison – a particular person from COM who is partnered with a church. SPC’s is John Callahan, pastor at Morrow PC
 - Congregational consultant – church’s main contact at Presbytery, responsible for walking with churches in ministry and in transition. SPC’s is Cassandra Morrow.
 - IPNC – the group designated by the Session to search for the next pastor. In SPC’s case, the Session served as the IPNC

Pastoral Transition Process (con’t)

- MIF – basically the church’s job posting – an extensive form with essays to describe the church and what the church is looking for in a pastor
- Neutral pulpit – a neutral site for the PNC to hear the candidate preach
- PIF – basically the minister’s resume – an extensive form with essays to describe the pastor and what kind of job/church they are looking for
- PNC - a.k.a. Search Committee/Pulpit Committee; the team nominated by the congregation’s nominating committee and elected by the membership to search for the next pastor.
- Suitability of call interview – Presbytery’s review of the PNC’s top candidate(s) to see if they seem like a fit for the church

Getting to Know You - Class of 2021 Elders

Monica Coutin-Baxter - I was born and raised in Colombia. I have a Industrial Engineering Degree, and came as an international student in 2000 to study English at Tulane University. I met my husband in September 2002 and married in December 2002. We have three children. I love international travel, and enjoy getting know other cultures and languages.

Terry Holmes - I work at Laurel Park as their HR. The only family I have here in this part of the country are the people of SPC. I first came to SPC some ten plus years ago on Easter morning when we were looking for a church in the area. When Bill and I entered the narthex and smelled bacon (from the men's Easter breakfast), we pretty much decided this was the place for us. A month or so later we decided, yes, this was the place for us. The congregation was so welcoming. I joined the sanctuary choir a month after walking through the door and got involved with the witness committee, then the PW, and now the Bell Choir. When Bill was laid off and we didn't have the funds to continue our usual tithe, I felt a calling to be part of the session to help in other ways, as I couldn't financially. Every night I pray that God will help me to be the daughter he wants me to be. I will be returning to the session where I will dangle my toes in discipleship. I hope God will guide me to help SPC be an asset to the community.

Tami Pass - I have been a member of SPC for 20 years. My husband Brad and I were married in the church in 2009, and both of our children, Amara and Chandler, were baptized here. Along with my husband and 2 kids, I also have 2 wonderful dogs, Cade and Ammo. I am a member of the choir, and have helped my mother, Arlene, on the Witness Committee for years. I am an advocate for our church and Presbyterians everywhere. I love everything about our church. SPC is my home and I am so grateful for every single person in the congregation. I look forward to serving on session to help keep our traditions alive, while also assisting in making changes!

Paul Szeto - My wife Janna and I have been members of Stockbridge Presbyterian Church since 2014. We have lived in McDonough since 2013. They have 2 kids - Sophie, who is 7 years old, and Claudia who is 3. I work for a court reporting firm - Janice Baker & Associates, in Jonesboro, GA. I was born and raised Catholic, and joined the Presbyterian Church after Janna and I got married in 2009. I have always felt "at home" at Stockbridge Presbyterian and hope to raise my children in this church. As an Elder, I hope to give back what the Church has given to me and also help SPC serve as a safe spot for worship and fellowship for all members of the Stockbridge community and beyond.

SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - November 20, 2018

Clerk’s Report:
 Communications:
 The Session received the summary Benevolence Giving Record for the first 3 quarters of 2018.
 The Consent Agenda was approved.
 A reminder to the committees was made by Jim to start reviewing and preparing items for the 2018 annual report and activities calendar for 2019. Items for the activities calendar are due by 12/1/18.

Resources Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.
 The Session reviewed the October 2018 financial statement.

Witness Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee:
 No issues or recommendations.

Pastor’s Report:
 Betsy stated she is pleased to serve Stockbridge Presbyterian Church and is looking forward to working with the Session.

New Business:
 Betsy will query the current Session members serving in 2019 and new Session members starting in 2019 to see if they are available on either 1/12/19 or 1/19/19 for Elder training.
 Kim discussed the status of the church’s financial situation. She recommended moving \$10,000 from designated funds to the general fund to ensure funds are available for operational expenses through the end of the end of 2018. A motion was made and approved to move the \$10,000 to the general fund.

Congregation Meeting - November 4, 2018
 Rev. Susan Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. She opened the meeting with prayer and declared a quorum of 10% of members present.
 The first order of business was to elect Elders to the Class of 2021. Aaron Roberts, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced his committee members as follows: Stephanie Phillips Ayoola as co-chair, Tami Pass, Paul Szeto, Sue Scheer and Janna Szeto. Aaron related to the congregation that the committee not only prayerfully considered the suggestions presented by the congregation but also closely reviewed the church rolls seeking individuals who felt called to service as an Elder utilizing their time and talents. The following slate for 2021 was presented: Gene Ingram, Terri Holmes, Tami Pass, Monica Baxter and Paul Szeto. Aaron asked if there were any nominations from the congregation. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The above slate of candidates was elected unanimously.
 The second order of business was to present the 2019 church budget which was approved by the Session at the stated meeting

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on September 18, 2018. Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session, discussed the Resources Committee’s decision to continue to use a missional budget (Attachment I) that would demonstrate how the church’s financial resources would be allocated to support the adopted strategic plan’s six (6) areas (fellowship, worship and music, building use, congregational nurturing, radical giving, and community outreach). He further explained that each item, which included staff salaries, from the operations budget was placed into one of these six areas.
 The last order of business was to dissolve the terms of call for Rev. Bennett effective November 5, 2018 due to her retirement. A motion was made and to request the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta approve the dissolution of Rev. Bennett’s call to Stockbridge Presbyterian Church. The congregation approved the resolution to dissolve the following terms of call:

Salary and Housing	\$ 62,358
Benefits Plan:	
Medical/Retirement	\$ 21,865
Dental	\$ 932
Social Security	\$ 4,185
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000
Automobile Expense	\$ 3,600
Business Expense	\$ 1,500
Book Allowance	\$ 600

The purposes for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, Rev. Bennett closed the meeting with prayer.
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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| Jan 6 | Terry Holmes |
| Jan 13 | Laura Richardson |
| Jan 20 | Judy Simmons |
| Jan 27 | Ron Scheer |
- LITURGISTS**
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| Jan 6 | Terry Holmes |
| Jan 13 | Laura Richardson |
| Jan 20 | Carolyn Francis |
| Jan 27 | Sue Scheer |
- CHILDREN’S SERMON**
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| Jan 6 | Stephanie Dunn |
| Jan 13 | John Dunn |
| Jan 20 | Aaron Roberts |
| Jan 27 | Monica Coutin-Baxter |
- CHILDREN’S WORSHIP WORKERS**
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| Jan 6 | Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome |
| Jan 13 | Greg Lathrop |
| Jan 20 | The Howard Family |
| Jan 27 | The Roberts Family |