



# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion  (Aaron Roberts)	2 7:00 AA Mtg.	3 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting 5:00 G&G 5:30 PW #2 Circle 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Meeting	6	7 8:30 Church Work Day
8 12:00 Congregational Meeting 12:15 Called Session Meeting (Paul Szeto)	9 7:00 AA Mtg.	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	13	14 7-1:00 Yard Sale 8:00 Boy Scout's Pancake Breakfast
15 12:15 Resources Mtg. 12:15 Witness Mtg.  (John Dunn)	16 7:00 AA Mtg.	17 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	20	21
22 12:15 Discipleship Mtg.  (Greg Lathrop)	23 7:00 AA Mtg.	24 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	25 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	26 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	27	28 Kid's Camp @ The Mill
<b>Fall Break - School's Out</b>						
29 12:15 Reception for Gena Ridgeway  (Sue Scheer)	30 7:00 AA Mtg.					



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| Sep 4 Tami Pass         | Sep 23 Christina Pratt |
| Sep 4 Bryan Wharton     | Sep 24 Michael Bailey  |
| Sep 6 Richard MacCombie | Sep 26 Noah Clipper    |
| Sep 6 Linda Roberts     | Sep 26 Jason Stanley   |
| Sep 11 Vivian MacCombie | Sep 29 Sara Moseley    |
| Sep 11 James Rutledge   | Sep 30 Gene Ingram     |
| Sep 12 Sue Scheer       | Sep 30 Cathy Wegner    |
| Sep 13 Ron Scheer       |                        |
| Sep 14 Tom Francis      |                        |
| Sep 15 Gabriel Newsome  |                        |
| Sep 21 Alisa Newsome    |                        |

**THE SPC SESSION**  
 Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

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| <b>Discipleship</b><br>Aaron Roberts (20)<br>Paul Szeto (21) | <b>Witness</b><br>Jeffrey Cochran (19)<br>Terry Holmes (21)<br>Stephanie Phillips Ayoola (19) |
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- Resources**  
 Gene Ingram (21)  
 Kim Seal (20)

# SPC SPOTLIGHT



We are looking for volunteers to help out for this year's Yard Sale / Bake Sale!!

This is a super-fun event -- you won't want to miss it!!!

We need workers for the following shifts:

**Friday Afternoon, September 13** -- We will need two volunteers to be available at the church to accept donations 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you are available to be at the church during this time-frame. There will be two shifts: 3 - 5:00 p.m. and 5 - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday Morning, September 14.**

We need four people to work each of the following shifts:

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (4 people needed)

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (4 people needed)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m (4 people needed)

If you are willing to work more than one shift, that would be great! If you can only stay for one hour, that's great, too!

Please email Jeffrey Cochran at [jeffcochran@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcochran@gmail.com) ASAP and let him know which shift you can work.

The Annual Yard Sale is one of Witness Committee's big events. We usually pull in close to \$1,000 every year. If you have donations to drop off, please bring them to the church on Friday afternoon (see schedule above).

ALSO! We need donations for our Bake Sale! Terry Holmes has graciously agreed to coordinate the Bake Sale. Please consider baking a cake, a pie, brownies, cookies, etc. and drop them off in the Fellowship Hall prior to Saturday, September 14. You can also drop off your donations Saturday morning, but please remember that the Yard Sale / Bake Sale starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM.

The Witness Committee truly appreciates your time and effort in making this event successful.

Thank you,  
 Witness Committee

P.S. The Boy Scouts will be holding their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, September 14, and ALL YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS GET A COUPON FOR A FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

*a word from...* **Ward**

Great things are happening in our music program! By the time you read this, the children's choir will have already sung on September 1. We now have about as many children participating in their choir as our Sanctuary (adult) choir has in theirs!

Meanwhile, the adult choir has already begun Advent and Christmas preparations, including a special Saturday rehearsal (the first of several) with our choir friends from Epiphany Lutheran. See the blurb on Page 3 about special joint holiday services on December 8 and 15. There is still plenty of time to join either group -- we are always excited to welcome new singers!



You're invited to a welcoming reception for our new accompanist Gena Ridgeway. We are so excited to have Gena on our team. Please join us on Sunday, September 29, immediately following the Worship Service to welcome Gena. Light refreshments will be served.



**Kid's Camp @ The Mill**  
**In the Wild Amazing Encounters with Jesus**  
**September 28 and October 5, 2019**  
**From 11:30 - 2 PM**

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch, crafters, and muscles to help load tables/chairs from the church to the site.

Donations needed are boxes of Capri Sun drinks, bags of individual chips and candy, napkins, gallons of sweet tea and lemonade or a monetary donation to go towards the food purchases.



Dear Friends,

As we gear up for a busy fall here at SPC, I think back to late last fall when I interviewed to become your interim pastor. When I arrived, the interview panel seated me in the conference room and gave me a recent newsletter and bulletin insert to look over while I waited. I read them both eagerly, and by the time I walked in 5 minutes later to begin the interview, I already felt so excited about this congregation! That newsletter looked a lot like this one – full of announcements about Kids’ Camp at The Mill, feeding families through Goodness and Groceries and Joseph’s Pantry, weekly groups like Boy Scouts and AA being welcomed in, and mission fundraising through a Yard and Bake Sale. It was this stunning array of outreach and activities that showed me the vibrant potential and missional spirit of this church, and helped me to know that the God was at work here and calling me to join you in ministry.

A year later, many of the same events are happening – the Yard/Bake Sale on September 14, two Saturdays with the families at The Mill on September 28 and October 5, and our building continues to be busy throughout the week with either our own ministries or other groups utilizing our building to connect and serve.

And God continues to inspire and move in this place, so look for these new things coming up:

- On September 28, we plan to be present and visible in the community by offering cold water and parking for attendees at the City of Stockbridge’s Bridgefest.
- The Sanctuary Choir is partnering with another church to provide special music during Advent.
- We’ll be snapping pictures for a new church directory.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected September 8, and then begin their work – be in prayer for their work.
- The Elder Nominating Committee will also be elected that same day, to prayerfully seek up to 4 people to serve on Session – Is God calling you to serve?
- Tentative plans are underway for some kind of observance of our 110th anniversary, possibly in November.

To accomplish all of this wonderful ministry, THIS CHURCH NEEDS YOU – for more than just an hour on Sunday morning! We invite each and every person to get involved somehow, somewhere. Find an event that suits you and engage with one of the many vibrant and exciting things that are happening in and through this church. If you’re not sure where you fit in, please let me know and we’ll find a place for you and your gifts!

Peace,

Betsy



**UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

- Sep 1** Psalm 81  
Luke 14:7-24  
"At the Banquet Table"
- Sep 8** Psalm 139:1-18  
Jeremiah 18:1-10  
"Like a Lump of Clay"
- Sep 15** Guest Preacher: Rev. Reggie Avant
- Sep 22** Hymn Sing
- Sep 29** Psalm 65  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
"Getting to the Root of Things"



We are collecting winter coats, small blankets, socks, scarves, gloves for the Coat Closet. A bucket will be placed in the hallway leading to the nursery for you to place your donations in. Thank you so much!

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

- BEADLE**
- Sep 1** Jo Linda Ingram
  - Sep 8** Paul Szeto
  - Sep 15** John Dunn
  - Sep 22** Greg Lathrop
  - Sep 29** Ron Scheer
- LITURGISTS**
- Sep 1** Aaron Roberts
  - Sep 8** Paul Szeto
  - Sep 15** John Dunn
  - Sep 22** Greg Lathrop
  - Sep 29** Sue Scheer
- CHILDREN’S SERMON**
- Sep 1** Stephanie Philips Ayoola
  - Sep 8** Stephanie Dunn
  - Sep 15** John Dunn
  - Sep 22** Aaron Roberts
  - Sep 29** Monica Coutin-Baxter
- CHILDREN’S WORSHIP WORKERS**
- Sep 1** The Roberts Family
  - Sep 8** The Coutin-Baxter Family
  - Sep 15** Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
  - Sep 22** The Szeto Family
  - Sep 29** The Coutin-Baxter Family

**SESSION MINUTES**

**Stated Meeting - July 30, 2019**

**Clerk’s Report:**  
Communications:

The Session received a letter from Thornwell asking SPC to consider increasing our financial assistance to their program.

The Session received a letter from Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Mission thanking SPC for Peace & Global Witness Offering of \$16.67.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed.

Gene reminded the committees about updating the Church Officer Handbook.

**Resources Committee:**  
June 2019 financial statements were reviewed.

**Witness Committee:**  
No issues or recommendations.

**Discipleship Committee:**  
No issues or recommendations.

**Pastor’s Report:**  
Betsy reminded the session the CAT Scan will be open until the end of next week. She asked that Elders contact their undershepherd list to remind them to complete the survey.

**New Business:**  
Betsy discussed the progress of the PNC nominating committee. She recommended adjusting the scheduled 8/11/2019 congregation meeting to allow more time for the PNC nominating committee to work. The Session approved moving the scheduled congregation meeting of 8/11/19 to 9/8/19 with the purpose to elect both the PNC nominating and the Elder nominating committee.

The Session approved moving the scheduled budget meeting from 9/22/19 to 9/8/19 and combine it with the monthly Special Meeting.

The Discipleship Committee recommended, and Session approved having a Discipleship workday on 9/7/19 starting at 8:30 am.

The Discipleship Committee recommended, and Session approved a children’s church and Sunday School Workshop on 8/25/19 after worship.

The Discipleship Committee recommended, and Session approved a reception for Gena Ridgeway, our new Accompanist, on Sunday 9/29/19 in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

**Special Meeting - July 14, 2019**  
Rev. Turner stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss readings in “Our Daily Bread” and the Introduction and Chapters 1 of “Neighborhood Church”.

Gene Ingram read a devotional from Our Daily Bread and discussed the impact of the devotional on him. Further discussion by the members of Session followed. Betsy led a discussion on the Introduction and Chapters 1 of “Neighborhood Church” with Session members describing passages they felt important.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Gene Ingram closed the meeting with prayer.



This Advent, our Sanctuary Choir is doing something extra special. A former church of Ward’s, Epiphany Lutheran Church (ELC) in Conyers has invited our choir to combine with theirs for a special Advent Lessons and Carols service, to be offered at ELC on Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m., and again at SPC on Sunday December 15 at our 11:00 a.m. service. This joint choir will present a musical Magnificat and some other more familiar holiday pieces. Thanks to Ward and the choir this creative partnership that will surely bless both congregations.

**Adult Sunday School Update**

All our current adult Sunday school offerings have room for YOU to join in! If you haven’t been getting to church in time for Sunday School, you’re missing a wonderful time of learning and fellowship! You don’t need to prepare – just come at 9:00 am each Sunday for coffee and fellowship, and then try out one of these classes starting around 9:30 am:

**The Wired Word Class** – discussion-based class meets in the Parlor, for a faithful and scriptural take on current events. The conversation is always both timely and lively.

**The "End of the Hall" Class** – this more traditional Bible study class has taken a challenge from the pulpit and is studying the book of Revelation. Bring your Bible and delve in!

**The Walter Lee Class**, which had been studying the Present Word curriculum, is currently on hiatus. Members of this class are encouraged to try one of the other classes!



**Saturday, September 7**

**Starting at 8:30 a.m.**

If you’ve noticed some clutter in the building, now’s the time to clear it out. We’ll get started by 8:30 a.m. and many hands make the workload light. Thanks for taking care of our shared facilities.