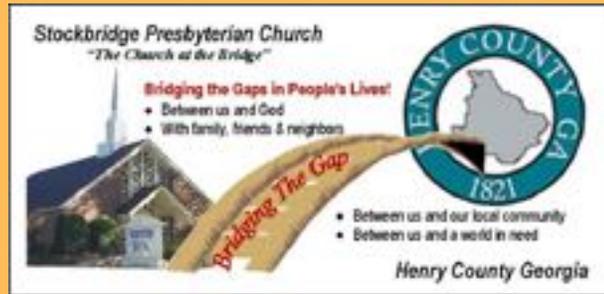


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From Pastor Kristy



Fall has always been one of my favorite seasons. It reminds me that sometimes we have to let go in order to receive anything new. The trees shake off the old leaves and let them drop to rest the limbs in order to allow for a new season to come. Being in Florida for a few years means a whole different thing for fall, here I'm already seeing and feeling a change in the air.

Are there things in your life that you need to let fall in order to allow God to grow something new in you? I think the church has been in a long-term fall season with the pandemic but as we allow some things to fall (like leaves) then we can let God do the new thing in the church. I have been working with Discipleship, Witness, and Resource to think about goals for the committees, including hopes and dreams for a future. Then we thought about scriptures and scripture stories as a leading force for the group.

Starting October 17th, we will begin a new worship series focusing of Stewardship with the theme "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love." This theme will help us to hear the ways in which we will together bring in a new season at Stockbridge to let others know who we are as a beloved community and how we can bring more love into the world with the guidance and help of Christ.

I pray that you will consider this fall to what things you need to let go of, consider what ways you can give of your time, talent, treasure, and knowledge to gift the church with a strengthened and renewed vision of being life and light in this community.



SERIES FOR OCTOBER

- Oct 3 World Communion
 "I've Been Meaning to Ask...
 What Do You Need?"
 ~ Job 2:11-13; 2 Timothy 4:9-18
- Oct 10 "I've Been Meaning to Ask...
 Where Do We Go From Here?"
 ~Ruth 1:1-22; Acts 10
- "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
- Oct 17 Discipleship - The Prodigal Son
 ~ Luke 15:11-32
- Oct 24 Discipleship - Being God's Children
 ~Luke 6:27-38
- Oct 31 Witness - Beatitudes
 ~Matthew 5:2-16
- Nov 7 Witness - God's command to love
 each other
 ~Mark 12:28-34
 Jill Joyner, guest preacher
- Nov 14 Resources - A widow's contribution
 Mark 12:38-44



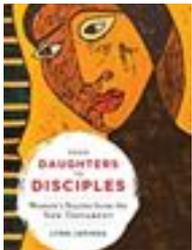
WORD FROM WARD

The Sanctuary Choir is now rehearsing every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Need a ride? Let us know. The children and youth are rehearsing as part of our new Sunday School which meets from 9:15 until 10:15. Both Lin and I are teaching. Share our faith with our kids.

We covet your prayers and you help.



The Let's Talk group meeting dates are Thursdays, October 14 & 28 at 7:30 pm via [zoom](#). To join the discussion, please contact Pastor Kristy.



The Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the conference room. Currently we are studying from the book "From Daughters to Disciples" - Women of the New Testament by Lynn Japinga. Come be a part of the encouraging, prayerful group.

Resources

Signs have been posted in both of our parking lots to state we are not responsible for theft or damage. This is to address parking during any Stockbridge event. Solar lights have been installed to highlight each sign.

We are reviewing the replacement estimates for the two AC units that are down.

Interviews for a 2022 accompanist are on going and several church policies are being reviewed for update.

FUZZY TREE

Christmas is just around the corner and as we have done in the past, we will again be collecting items to send to Thornwell Home for Children. We'll be collecting hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, and pajamas. The tree to hang your donations on will be located in the Narthex beginning in November. Please have all items in by December 5.

Discipleship



Children's Sunday School

with Ward & Lin Gailey at 9:15 am in the choir room.



The Wired World - Sunday

With Aaron Roberts & Pastor Kristy. 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall or on [Zoom Link](#), for those who can't attend in person.

New Adult Sunday School Class

with Jeffrey Cochran with begin on Sunday, October 17 at 9:15 am. This class will be meeting in the parlor.



Sunday October 17th at 12:15ish (after church) the youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen to learn how to make Homemade Pasta from Pastor Kristy. This is a great time for fellowship, fun, and friendship. Look forward to having our middle and high school students.

Witness



Love for Nursing Homes Ministry

Having the call to pray specifically for Nursing Homes- those in care and those giving care is a way to remember those senior adults that are living in isolation, distress, pain, and more. We are called to love like Jesus and care for "the least of these." Many senior adults have to move into facilities in order to get skilled care. As a congregation, we have been called upon to lift up those in Nursing Homes but because of the pandemic it is harder to just send volunteers out and to get to know the community. So I urge you to take a moment to specifically pray for two places in the ways I will list below. Pray for Benton Village (those in Memory Care and those in Assisted Living) and pray for Arrowhead Nursing Home in Jonesboro, as it services many people of color and many there are forgotten. Pray that:

- The Aides, Nurses, and staff are encouraged to continue to do the work to care for the residents.
- The family and friends of those in nursing homes continue to support and care for their loved ones that live near and far from them.
- For the residents to continue to be safe from the pandemic and be able to connect with one another and their loved ones through this time.

Coat Closet Needs



- Men's sweat shirts and T-shirts (Sizes-Med to XXL)
- Men's Socks

GOODNESS & GROCERIES

We meet every Wednesday (when Henry Co. schools are in session) at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall to pack food and write notes of encouragement for our 4 partner schools. Come and join us!



Items needed:

- Green beans
- Jelly
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce

Session Minutes

Special Meeting - 8/15/2021

Rev. Ray stated the reason for the meeting was to address issues that affect Stockbridge Presbyterian Church caused by the coronavirus pandemic and other actions necessary to operate the church.

The Session approved the following minutes of previous called meetings: 7/11/2021; 7/19/2021

The Session received a notification from Thornwell that a gift was received in honor of the Pastor Nominating Committee from Tom and Carolyn Francis.

The Session received a letter from the New Church Development Commission thanking SPC for the \$1,000.00 gift.

The Session received a note from Rev. Betsy Turner expressing her gratitude for its support and appreciation for the work the Session accomplished during her interim call.

Committee Reports:

Resources Committee: Terry informed the Session the committee has placed the hiring of a part time custodian on hold until worship is moved into the sanctuary. The City of Stockbridge may be interested in using SPC's 2 parking lots for excess parking when the amphitheater starts holding shows. Terry is looking into signs to be placed in the parking lots stating SPC is not responsible for personal property loss and damage to vehicles. Kristy has been contacted by a day care business inquiring about renting space in the church. Terry reminded the other committees performance evaluations are due prior to the annual budget meeting on 9/26/21.

The committee is working through the policy and procedures for using a church business credit card and meets with Ameris Bank on 8/18/21 to establish the credit card account.

Witness Committee: Stephanie reported the Witness Committee did not meet prior to the called session meeting. She did report on the pizza event at the Mill on 7/31/21 and reminded the Session of the ice cream social on Saturday 8/21/21. The committee is looking into partnering with nursing homes with similar support as the transporters.

Discipleship Committee: Aaron reported the committee met and discussed a new Kid's Sunday School starting after Labor Day. Ward, Kristy, and parents will participate in the Sunday School. Kristy will teach a 5-week segment of the adult Sunday school beginning in September. Several candidates have applied for the Accompanists position and the committee is looking into reestablishing a Youth Group.

Jim advised that we were still waiting on forgiveness instructions for the Paycheck Protection Program 2.

Gathering for Worship – Worship services to be conducted in the Fellowship Hall in July and August 2021. Appropriate covid safety measures will be enforced. Maximum attendance will be 40 people. Church groups of 15 or less people to meet in the Fellowship Hall with appropriate covid safety measures. Rev. Ray can determine the use of other rooms in the building to

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facilitate multiple events at the same time (i.e., choir and Sunday school) providing that all masking and safety protocols and procedures are followed. Stephanie reported the task force is watching the covid numbers for Henry County and will meet on Saturday 8/21/21 to discuss any modifications to our covid protocols. The task force is evaluating the effectiveness on the safety protocols and adjust as necessary along with monitoring Covid-19 numbers in Henry County and vicinity. Aaron reported the extension for our WIFI system in the Fellowship Hall has been installed but still needs some fine tuning. Charter Communications will be contacted to get internet access in the sanctuary and classrooms.

Kristy is continuing the "Let's Talk" discussions and will use a book entitled "Be the Bridge". Women's Bible Study will be using a book entitled "Daughters to Disciples". Kristy is looking at various new education initiatives.

Kristy asked the committees to think about what the church and their committee want to be/do in 2022. This will be used in developing a vision and goals for 2022.

Kristy discussed the upcoming stewardship season. Each committee will have two Sundays to share scripture to guide the coming year or years to come. Representatives to speak about the work and hopes of each committee to guide the congregation.

The Session decided the annual yard sale will be postponed until a later date when the covid conditions are more favorable.

The Session approved increasing the number of choir members performing in worship to up to six from the current number of four.

Session Business –Stated Session meeting will be on Sunday 9/12/21 at 3:00 pm via video conference.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Rev. Ray closed the meeting with prayer.

Special Meeting - 8/22/2021

Rev. Ray stated the reason for the meeting was to vote on a recommendation from the Covid Reimagining Task Force concerning moving worship into the sanctuary starting on September 12, 2021.

Rev. Ray started a discussion concerning the logistics of moving Worship service into the sanctuary. Seating in the sanctuary will be limited to 60 people with restrictions clearly marked. Contact tracing will continue. The nursery will not be open.

The Session approved the motion to move worship into the sanctuary starting on Sunday September 12, 2021.

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



October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congressional Meeting	4 7:00 AA Meeting	5	6 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg	8	9
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31 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship						

happy birthday



- Oct 1 Cheri Bailey**
- Oct 4 Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter**
- Oct 5 John Dunn**
- Oct 11 Judy Simmons**
- Oct 15 Sandra Martin**
- Oct 21 Earlene Smith**
- Oct 22 Jeffrey Cochran**
- Oct 28 Cyndee Keller**

THE SPC SESSION

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

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Aaron Roberts (21)
Paul Szeto (21)

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Terry Holmes (21)

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Stéphanie Phillips Ayoola (21)
Arlene Lathrop (22)
Lee Hart (22)

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