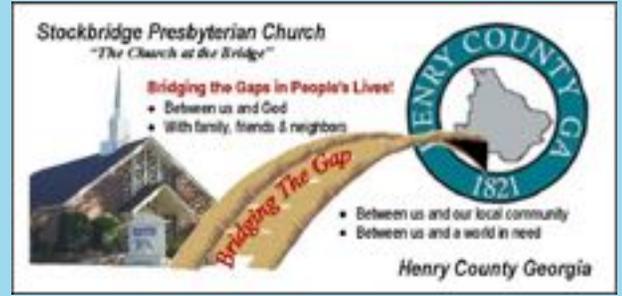


SPC SPOTLIGHT

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From Pastor Kristy



I have been working with teenagers since I was a teenager myself but this past few months has been a whole new experience for me. My family took in my nephew to live (not just visit) with us.

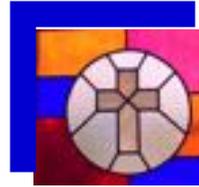
An 18 year old with high school behind him and the world ahead of him. Many of you have had the chance to meet him as he has stepped in to be the Acting Custodian over the past few months making sure the church is cleaned and in shape for worship, study, and daily tasks of serving the community. He has been a helpful hand to Linda Roberts, as he helped her deliver school supplies in August. One thing I have learned as a guardian of an 18 year old is curiosity. There are many times we assume knowledge or think because we know something others must know that information as well. This is not true. As annoying as it is sometimes to stop what you are doing or in order to further explain, helps me to slow down and appreciate a willingness to really learn. My husband and I throw a lot of new things his way and sometimes I wonder if he feels like he is drinking from a fire hydrant.

Maybe that is how you feel about your faith life. You have grown up in the church and therefore you are at least supposed to pretend to know about certain things. Maybe that is how you feel about your church family, you have been around each other and you have been meaning to ask about things but don't want to slow down or stop what you are doing to listen and learn.

We are starting a series that I'm really excited about...I've Been Meaning to Ask. This is a 5 week journey in worship and education and fellowship, as well as a personal devotion that is meant to spark curiosity and to give space for the curiosity that might have been dormant because you thought you were the only one that didn't know.

You may not be an 18 year old that asks a lot of questions about words that are used or about how to do certain things but I'm sure there is plenty that we all could stand to learn about one another.

I urge you to journey with the congregation in whatever way you can. Attend in person service, watch online, engage in social media, participate in person or online in the Sunday School class taught by Pastor Kristy and Aaron Roberts. This will be an incredibly spiritually enriching time together for all ages to learn through this series. Ward will be teaching children's Sunday School starting in September and will be using the same scriptures and guiding questions so this series is an all ages conversation to engage your spiritual curiosity.



SERIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sep 5 Communion Sunday
"Living in Community of Faithful Action"
 ~James 5:13-20

New Series Begins - I've Been Meaning to Ask

- Sep 12 "I've Been Meaning to Ask**
....Where Are You From?"
 ~Genesis 2:4b-15; John 1:35-51
- Sep 19 "I've Been Meaning to Ask**
....Where Does it Hurt?"
 ~Samuel 1:1-18
- Sep 26 "I've Been Meaning to Ask**
Where Does It Hurt? part 2
 ~Mark 5:21-43
- 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

BIG NEWS

Beginning **Sunday, September 12** - We are moving into the sanctuary for our Sunday worship service. All Covid procedures remain in place with masks, contact tracing, etc.

WORD FROM WARD

Things are really getting exciting these days. We just got word that we will resume services in the sanctuary, starting September 12. And, that day we will also begin our new hybrid Sunday School class/singing rehearsal for all young people, ages 6-14, from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the choir room. Parents, please encourage your kids to come. Lin and I will take good care of them.

Please contact me, if you have any questions. God is good.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP - ZOOM

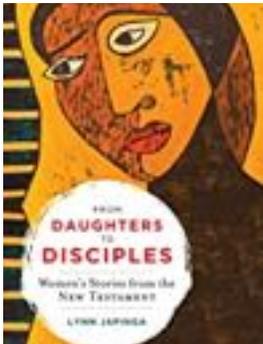
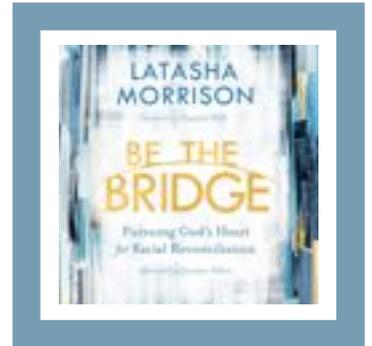
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:30

[ZOOM LINK](#)



The Let's Talk group meeting dates are Thursdays, September 2, 16, 30 at 7:30 pm via [zoom](#).

In August the group began studying from the book "Be the Bridge" by Latasha Morrison. To join the discussion, please contact Pastor Kristy about getting a book and joining the study.



The Women's Bible Study has started a new study from the book "From Daughters to Disciples" - Women of the New Testament by Lynn Japinga.

We meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the conference room. Come be a part of the encouraging, prayerful group.



The decision has been made to postpone the Yard Sale for this year, due to the rising numbers of Covid cases.



Dear SPC Congregation,

Thank you for all of your prayers, love, concern and calls over the past several years. Thanks to all of you who were able to come to Tom's memorial service to help us celebrate his life. It was because of all of your love and strength, that I was able to face each day and to care for Tom.

Thank you for your prayers and concerns for him over these past several years. He loved the church and all of you with all his heart and God was always his first priority.

God bless our church and all of you,
Carolyn Francis

Discipleship



Children's Sunday School beginning
September 12 - 9:15-10:15am
in the Choir Room with Ward Gailey



Adult Sunday School

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.

Sunday, September 19th

at 12pm for Lunch, pizza provided

A time for Middle and High School Kids
to gather, learn, grow, laugh and hang
out with Pastor Kristy
Invite your kids and/or grandkids to
come.

Rev. Kristy Ray's Installation



Session Minutes

Special Meeting - 7/11/2021

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:

Committee Reports:

Resources Committee: Terry informed the Session the committee selected a database program for church membership. After reviewing 3 options the committee selected Church Track as the database program. The committee approved a pay scale for special projects being done by Jayden Burch:

Special Projects:

Pressure Washing per section

Lower Entrance \$75

Garden/Pavilion \$75

Front \$75

The committee is working through the policy and procedures for using a church business credit card.

Witness Committee: Stephanie reported the Witness Committee discussed upcoming summer and beyond events. There will be a pizza event at The Mill on 7/24/21. The committee is accepting donations for the Back-to-School ministry through the end of July. There will be an ice cream social in August that will be open to the community. The last resupply to the transporter group at Piedmont Henry was delivered in late June. The committee is looking into partnering with nursing homes with similar support as the transporters.

Discipleship Committee: Aaron reported the committee will meet later in July to focus on technology needs for the church and steps needed to return to the sanctuary for worship.

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 facilitate multiple events at the same time (i.e., choir and Sunday school) providing that all masking and safety protocols and procedures are followed.

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 need for an extension for our WIFI system in the Fellowship Hall and better camera capabilities. Discipleship Committee will be involved in the decisions on equipment.

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

The Session approved conducting communion on the first Sunday of the month starting on 9/5/21 through the end of 2021.

Pastor's Report: Kristy reported making pastoral calls to church members which is going well. Kristy is meeting with Stockbridge city officials and will tour the new amphitheater. She asked for prayers for the Scott's, Howard's and Martin's.

The Session ratified the Child Protection Policy (Attached) that was approved via email on 6/18/21 via email vote. The following is the schedule for Elder of the Month through December 2021:

August	Arlene Lathrop	November	Paul Szeto
September	Terry Holmes	December	Stephanie Phillips Ayoola
October	Aaron Roberts		

The Session decided to start monthly devotion sessions on Sunday 9/26/21 immediately after the worship service. Aaron volunteered to be the commissioner to the Called Presbytery Meeting on 7/24/21 at 9:00 am.

Session Business –The Session set Sunday 8/15/2021 at 3:00 pm for the next called meeting via video conference. Stated Session meetings will begin 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 - 7/19/2021

Rev. Ray stated the reason for the meeting was to vote on making a one-time exception to current COVID safety protocols to allow in person worship in the sanctuary to conduct Tom Francis's funeral on Saturday 7/24/21 at 2:00 pm.

Rev. Ray started a discussion concerning the logistics of conducting the service in the sanctuary. Seating in the sanctuary will be limited to 65 people with restrictions clearly marked. Any additional attendees will be seated in the Fellowship Hall with a limit of 40 people. The worship service will be live streamed to the Fellowship Hall. A reception following the service will take place under the Pavilion serving individually wrapped food. The requirements were agreed upon by the Session

The Session approved the motion to allow in person worship in the sanctuary on Saturday 7/24/21 at 2:00 pm for the funeral of Tom Francis with appropriated COVID safety protocols in place.

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

Witness



The Witness Committee is in the process of developing criteria for a new mission here at SPC. This mission is to love and assist a very important part of our community, the nursing home/assisted living communities. The facility they will be partnering with is Benton House. Some of the ideas for this new ministry include: card showers, providing large print Bible devotionals, gifts of personal items, prayers, and most importantly visits. Their plan is to connect with the staff, as well as the residents, providing a bridge of caring. We invite and encourage everyone to share in this important mission with your ideas, time, and prayers.

goodness & groceries

After an 18 month hiatus, Goodness and Groceries is ready to begin serving our Friday Friends. If you want to help with notes or packing grocery bags or just some distanced fellowship, please join the GNG gang beginning on Wednesday, September 8 at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Roberts.

Love for Nursing Homes Ministry



Coat Closet Needs

- Men's Sweat shirts and T-shirts (Sizes-Medium to XXL)
- Men's Socks

Back to School Ministry

A huge thank you to all who donated items for our partner schools. 24 boxes of varying sizes and weights were collected and divided among Cotton Indian Elementary, Smith Barnes Elementary, Stockbridge Middle, and Dutchtown Middle.

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30 Fellowship via Zoom	2 10:00 WBS 7:30 Let's Talk	3	4
5 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship Service in Fellowship Hall	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 7:30 Fellowship via Zoom	9 10:00 WBS	10	11
12 9:15 Sunday School Kids & Adults 11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary	13	14	15 7:30 Fellowship via Zoom	16 10:00 WBS 7:30 Let's Talk	17	18
19 9:15 Sunday School Kids & Adults 11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary 12:00 Youth Group	20	21	22 7:30 Fellowship via Zoom	23 10:00 WBS	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School Kids & Adults 11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary	27	28	29 7:30 Fellowship via Zoom	30 10:00 WBS 7:30 Let's Talk		

Holidays and Observances: 6: Labor Day

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sep 4	Bryan Wharton	Sep 23	Christina Pratt
Sep 6	Richard Maccombie	Sep 24	Michael Bailey
Sep 6	Linda Roberts	Sep 24	James Mobley
Sep 11	Vivian Maccombie	Sep 26	Noah Clipper
Sep 11	James Rutledge	Sep 26	Jason Stanley
Sep 12	Sue Scheer	Sep 29	Sara Moseley
Sep 13	Ron Scheer	Sep 30	Gene Ingram
Sep 15	Gabriel Newsome	Sep 30	Cathy Wegner
Sep 21	Alisa Newsome		
Sep 21	Lin Gailey		

THE SPC SESSION

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session

Discipleship

Aaron Roberts (21)
Paul Szeto (21)

Resources

Terry Holmes (21)

Witness

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

Treasurer

Kim Seal