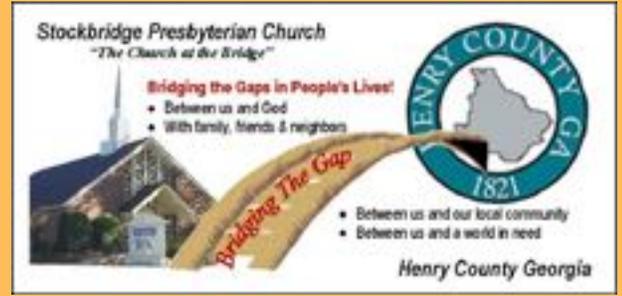


SPC SPOTLIGHT

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From Pastor Kristy

Coming to the office is a time to center myself, get work done, call church members, study, reflect, write, and pray. On my door right now hangs a little reminder of this time of season.

Grateful: I am grateful for the church community of Stockbridge. What a joy it is to get to know you and know your heart for God and for others. I am grateful for the heart for mission and service to those who are the "least of these" around us. I am grateful that saints said yes to using the space for groups to gather and journey as a community like Scouts and AA. I am grateful that we are in a time of gathering together once more in the Sanctuary for worship; after a pandemic and then the old HVAC units needing to be replaced. We still had an opportunity to worship, just in a different way or place. I am grateful for the laughter shared.

Thankful: I am thankful for a God who loves me deeply. I am thankful for this call to serve as Minister and Leader of this church. I am thankful that we had funds to cover the old HVAC units and the generosity that will come to continue to strive for good stewardship of the funds given in the legacy of this community. I am thankful for a family near and far that loves me and supports me.

Blessed: I am blessed and that blessedness is to be a blessing to you all. I am blessed by my Creator, Savior, Friend. I am blessed to be able to care for my family. I am blessed by my call to serve. I am blessed to receive your prayers.

How are you grateful? How are you thankful? And do you acknowledge that you are blessed? Take time to list these blessings in your life throughout the month of November, as you look toward Thanksgiving.

Joyfully,
 Pastor Kristy



SERIES FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 7 Witness - God's command to love each other
 ~Mark 12:28-34
 Rev. Jill Joyner, guest preacher
- Nov 14 Resources - A widow's contribution
 ~Mark 12:38-44
- Nov 21 Christ the King/Thanksgiving
 ~Matthew 6:25-33
- Nov 28 ADVENT - LET THERE BE LIGHT
 Light of HOPE
 ~Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14



WORD FROM WARD

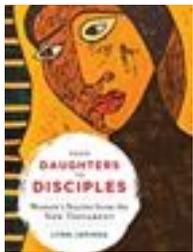
Last Sunday, God provided us with two sweet sisters, Claudia and Sophie Szeto, who beautifully sang the old favorite, "Jesus Loves Me." These children are wonderful, and every Sunday morning we have a Sunday School class for them and others led to join, followed by a choir practice.

Our Sanctuary Choir is rehearsing furtively. Since we haven't practiced in a while, we are purposely filling the anthem slot lately with solos but that is about to change, once we get a few more rehearsals under our belts. BTW, please welcome Jack Shedd into the fold. Now we have a really crazy bass section! Why not try this fellowship? We practice every Wednesday night at 7 pm. We warm-up at 10:30 a.m. sharp, prior to the Sunday morning service. Music readership is not required. All are welcomed.

Finally, I want to thank my dear friend and colleague, Andrea Emmel for covering the accompaniments and service music for us.



The Let's Talk group meeting dates are Thursdays, November 11 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

Praise God! Our AC and Heating issues are resolved and we can now meet in the sanctuary. Next we will need to replenish the emergency funds used to complete the repairs. For those you who wish to still use the offering envelopes, can either see Linda in the office or pick up a box in the narthex.



Discipleship



Children's Sunday School

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



November 21st at 12pm the youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Games, study, laughter, and fun. All grades 6th-12th are encouraged to attend.



The Wired World with Aaron Roberts 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall or on [Zoom Link](#), for those who can't attend in person.

Through the Bible with Jeffrey Cochran at 9:15 am. This class will be meeting in the parlor.



Decorating for Advent Sunday, Nov. 21 after Worship. Join us!



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 3 partner schools. Come and join us!



Our Christmas Basket project may look a little different this year but we continue to pray how God is leading us to help our community during the Advent season. Please watch for updates from our Witness committee.

Witness



Prayer for those in Nursing Homes. There are many in nursing care we know and love in our families and in our church family. There are also so many others who don't have those special connections anymore. In this month use this prayer as we lift up those in nursing care that have just gotten there and those who have been there a long time.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless especially your children who have grown old. When they can no longer care for themselves, send them loving caretakers who appreciate their wisdom and the richness of their experience. Send your angels to keep them safe as long as they live and to lead them home to you when their work is done. Bless the families of the elderly with insight and good judgment. Send your Holy Spirit to help them make wise decisions, and grant them the patience to care for those who once cared for them. We pray in the name of Jesus.

Love for Nursing Homes Ministry



Items needed:

- Canned Potatoes
- Peas
- Beans, not green
- Soup
- Canned Corn

FUZZY TREE

The Fuzzy Tree will be in the Narthex every Sunday in November. You can help with your donation of socks, gloves, hats, scarfs and PJ. There will also be envelopes on the tree for you to make a monetary contribution.

The items we collect will be sent to Thornwell's Home for Children in Clinton, SC.

Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Session Minutes

Special Meeting - September 12, 2021

Communications:

No communications were received.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Committee Reports:

Resources Committee: July 2021 financial statements were reviewed.

Witness Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kristy shared the joy it has been to be a part of Stockbridge for 3 months now. She is grateful for the care of leadership amidst the pandemic and the care that everyone is putting for the health and safety of the community. Some highlights of the month

- getting to worship in the sanctuary after working to get the congregation in the building with safety procedures.

- The start of a full church worship and education series "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." put together by the Sanctified Art team.

- began goal setting with each committee to dream up the future and how to move forward as a community now and in the hopes of what is wanted when it is feasible.

- visits with church members, especially those in homes that have been off and on lockdown.

- working with Ward and team to hire an organist, get choir back to rehearsing regularly, getting a children's Sunday school started up again.

Old Business: Linda Hodges will receive the application for Paycheck Protection on Monday and will begin processing after coordinating with Jim Beisner.

The Reimagining Task Force Update will address any issues with moving into the sanctuary at their meeting On September 18, 2021.

Technology Needs Update were discussed including building a table station neat Greg's AV setup. No final approval was asked for at this time.

New Business: Elder Nominating Committee nominees include: Arlene Lathrop, Peggy Chase, John Dunn, Sidney Holloway and Jacob Ingram.

Congregation Meeting was approved to be held on October 3, 2021.

Restating Jeffrey Cochran's Sunday School class will occur on October 17, 2021.

Witness proposed a motion to ask the congregation for donations for the Christmas Basket fund. Discussion was held regarding how we could proceed given the current situation and the committee will continue to discuss the issues we may face. The motion carried.

(Session Minutes continued)

Special Meeting - September 26, 2021

Rev. Ray stated the reason for the meeting was to draft the 2022 operating budget for SPC. The committees presented their budgets for 2022 to Kim. Several line items were removed as they no longer were used, and several line items required additional information before they could be finalized. Kim will have the 2022 operating budget ready for Session approval at the next stated meeting on 10/10/21.

Kristy discussed a series of 5 sermons focusing on stewardship beginning on 10/17/21. Each committee will have a opportunity to tell something about their mission work.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7



HAPPY
Thanksgiving



OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING
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NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:00 AA Meeting	2	3 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	4 No Women Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	5	6
7 Daylight saving time ends 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8 7:00 AA Meeting	9	10 5:00 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 WBS 7:00 AA Mtg. 7:30 Let's Talk	12	13
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21 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Decorating for Christmas 12:00 Youth Group	22 7:00 AA Meeting	23	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving! 7:00 AA Mtg.	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	29 7:00 AA Meeting	30				

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- Nov 8 Gene Park
- Nov 9 Sally Smith
- Nov 10 Carrie Keller
- Nov 14 E.G. Mani
- Nov 14 Diana Taylor
- Nov 17 Aaron Roberts
- Nov 20 Mae Blackwell
- Nov 20 Bettye Cochran
- Nov 25 Carolyn Holloway
- Nov 27 Michael Bennett
- Nov 27 Justin Palmer

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 (22)

Treasurer

Kim Seal