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MARCH 2016



From the Pastor

Rev. Libby Rollins

Can you believe Easter is already almost here? It seems like we just put away all the Christmas decorations and got back in the school routine. Plus with all of the snow, wind, and bitter cold temperatures we've had recently, it's hard to think about Easter lilies, spring flowers, and the buds of new life that burst forth for us in nature.

But it's true, Easter is this month – March 27th to be exact. That means a lot of exciting things are happening for our worship and fellowship this month.

The worship committee is once again offering the opportunity to purchase Easter Lilies to be placed in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone for Easter Sunday. Look for inserts in the bulletin this month if you'd like to buy one.

The Deacons are hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. rain or shine. Come and bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to join in the fun.

And once again this year we will be joining with our neighbors at Oxford Methodist and West End Baptist Churches for joint

worship opportunities during Holy Week. This year's schedule is:

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Worship service at Oxford Methodist Church
Preacher: Rev. Libby Rollins

Good Friday

March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Worship service at Suffolk Presbyterian Church
Preacher: Pastor Glenn Riggs

Easter Sunrise Service

March 27, 7:00 a.m.

Worship at Suffolk Presbyterian Church
Preacher: Dr. Bob Pipkin
Fellowship Breakfast provided by West End Baptist

I hope you will make the time to take advantage of some of these opportunities to enrich this Easter season and most holy time in the life of the Christian community.

Libby Rollins

Where is God calling YOU to serve?

Our Mission – To be a bridge to Christ through faith and service • Our Vision – When SPC is faithful in accomplishing its mission, people will know that Christ is at work in their lives and follow Him. • We Value – Being accepting, caring, outreaching, Spirit-led, and willing to serve



Birthdays This Month

- ◆ Bruce Sharp (Mar. 1)
- ◆ Herb Hahn (Mar. 2)
- ◆ Kristina Super (Mar. 5)
- ◆ Helen Zekert (Mar. 8)
- ◆ Mac Rollins (Mar. 22)
- ◆ Dorothy Lorenz (Mar. 30)



- ◆ Jack & Susie Stoughton (Mar. 7)
- ◆ Matt & Sandi Harrah (Mar. 16)
- ◆ Lou & Ron Ventura (Mar. 20)
- ◆ Nick & Jackie Meadors
(Mar. 22)

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- **mail** to the church address
- **newsletter editor's mailbox in church office**

Editor: Laura Farmer,
Administrative Assistant



Please Pray for:

- ◆ Jeanne Banks
- ◆ Sid Thomas
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Anne Faszewski
- ◆ Jason Goodloe
- ◆ Steve Jones
- ◆ Gwen Liekefet
- ◆ Mary Ann Noland
- ◆ Amy

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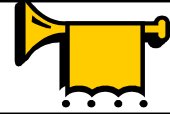
MILITARY

- ◆ Nick Meadors
- ◆ JB Persons
- ◆ Christian Sictor (Jim & Shirley's grandson)
- ◆ Glenn Smith (Betty Chapman's grandson)
- ◆ Greg Vernon (Joyce Jordan's grandson)

Thank you for your service!



News Briefs



Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, March 14th, at 7:30 pm at the church. **Nancy White** will be our Bible leader. Our study will be lesson 7, Streams of Mercy—Forgiveness. **Betty Chapman** will be the hostess. Come join us for Bible Study, good refreshments, and great fellowship.

As of February 17, 2016, 26 pledges were made for \$85,400 towards the Stewardship campaign for the ministries and operations of our parish. What a tremendous response in support of our church. Thank you!

While time for the formal campaign has now ended, new pledge cards are always welcome and accepted throughout the year. If you have not yet turned in your pledge cards in, and would like to do so, there are a few ways you can: Drop the pledge cards in the offering plate, in the office, or mail it to SPC at 410 North Broad Street, Suffolk, VA 23434. Extra pledge cards and envelopes are at the Kiosk in the Narthex.

Administrative Office Hours



Laura Farmer's regular office hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, and Fridays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to contact her directly, please email office.suffolkpcusa@verizon.net.

Moved? New Phone Number? Not in the SPC Directory?

We're trying to make sure our newsletter and other SPC mailings get to the right address. And, we want to make sure we have the right information in our church directory.

So, if you have moved or have a new phone number, please contact **Laura Farmer**, Administrative Assistant, at office.suffolkpcusa@verizon.net or 539-3213.





Easter Egg Hunt is Right Around the Corner!

Come and join the fun at Suffolk Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 am**. Hunt for Easter eggs, enjoy stories, and a snack. Prizes for all! **Bring friends** and join the fun and fellowship!! Rain or Shine!

We would appreciate wrapped candy donations for the eggs. There will be a box in the narthex marked "Easter Candy" beginning March 6th and each Sunday through the 20th. Thank you for your help and support!

Statistical Report for 2015 Approved by the Session

At its February stated meeting, the Session approved and ordered published the statistical report for SPC for 2015. This report is required by the Office of the General Assembly of the PCUSA and is submitted annually by the Clerk of the Session. It is submitted electronically to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and ultimately used by the PCUSA in summarizing trends in the denomination as a whole. This year's report shows that the active membership of Suffolk Presbyterian declined from 100 to 70 with the death of 4 members and the decision by the Session to move 26 members to the inactive membership roll. Of the 70 active members, 44 are female. There are 28 members on the baptized member roll, which is the roll of members who have been baptized as infants or children, but never confirmed to full membership in the church. Average worship attendance declined from 45 in 2014 to 42 in 2015.

The report also addresses the racial ethnic composition of the congregation, the age group distribution of the members, the number of people involved in the Sunday School program and financial data about the church budget. A copy of the statistical report is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for anyone who wishes to check it out.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes will be in the church bulletins for contributions to be collected on March 27. Your contribution makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

February Compassionate Outreach Report to Session (2016)

Volper-Willis Scholarship: The scholarship application with cover letter has been submitted to the Scholarship Hub located on the Suffolk Public Schools website. From this site all seniors and guidance counselors, within the Suffolk Public Schools System, have access to the scholarship. **Betty Howard** will personally visit each school to speak to the senior's guidance counselors encouraging students to apply. The completed applications are to be mailed to Suffolk Presbyterian Church (postmarked by midnight April 1, 2016).

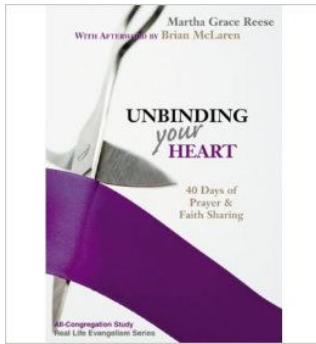
Suffolk Night Stay: Deacons continue to organize weekly responsibilities to assure SPC provides and delivers supper, breakfast, and lunch every week.

LWW: **Rob Saunders, Jack and Susie Stoughton** will travel to Guatemala February 28-March 4 to inspect the current water system in El Paso de los Jalapas and consider possible sites for future installations.

Food Pantry: Thanks to the generosity of the members of St. Andrew Presbyterian and Suffolk Presbyterian we have been able to distribute 47 bags of groceries to the Geneive Shelter and Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministries.

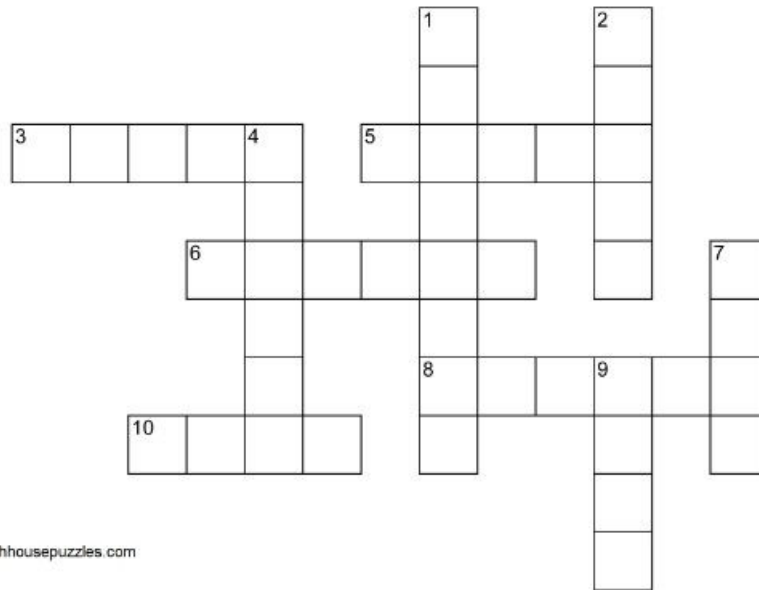
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Nancy King



UYH Groups:
 March 1, 8, & 15—Tuesday Group
 March 3 & 10—Thursday Group
 March 6, 13, & 20—Sunday Group
 March 7 & 14—Monday Group

Easter



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ACROSS

- 3 This was left behind in the tomb
- 5 Jesus died on this
- 6 The body of Jesus was prepared after his death and they put what on it
- 8 Holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising
- 10 Jesus died on a cross for our what

DOWN

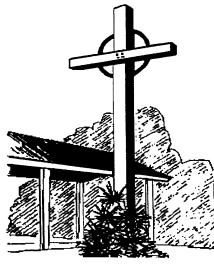
- 1 Mary thought Jesus was this
- 2 Who rose from the dead on the third day
- 4 This was folded up in the tomb
- 7 She looked in the tomb to find Jesus gone
- 9 Jesus was placed in this after his death

WORD BANK: Cross, easter, gardener, jesus, linen, mary, napkin, sins, spices, tomb.

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Suffolk Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Remember to "spring forward" one hour on Sunday, March 13!</i></p>		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
		<p>7:30 PM UYH (Jane's House)</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>Aerobics</p>	<p>5:45 PM UYH 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p>Care-A-Van</p>	<p>AA</p>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM UYH Holy Communion</p>	<p>9:30 AM UYH</p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p>7:30 PM UYH (Jane's House)</p> <p>Pilot Club Bridge</p>	<p>7 PM Diaconate Mtg</p> <p>Aerobics</p>	<p>5:45 PM UYH 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p>Care-A-Van</p>	<p>AA</p>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<p> Daylight Savings Begins</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM UYH</p>	<p>9:30 AM UYH 7:30 PM Presbyterian Women</p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p>7:30 PM UYH (Jane's House)</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>7 PM Session Mtg</p> <p>Aerobics</p>	<p>7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p>Care-A-Van</p>	<p>AA</p>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<p>9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:30 PM UYH</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p>Bridge</p>	<p>Aerobics</p>	<p>7 PM Maundy Thursday (Oxford UMC) 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p>7 PM Good Friday</p> <p>Care-A-Van</p>	<p> 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>AA</p>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<p>Newsletter DEADLINE</p> <p><i>The deadline for the April edition of The Scroll is Sunday, March 20.</i></p>	
<p>7 AM Easter Sunrise Service 11 AM Worship</p>	<p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p>Bridge</p>	<p>Aerobics</p>	<p>7:15 PM Choir</p>		



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM
WORSHIP
11 AM

Upcoming Events:

March 9—Diaconate Meeting
March 14—Presbyterian Women
March 16—Session Meeting
March 24—Maundy Thursday (Oxford UMC)
March 25—Good Friday
March 26—Easter Egg Hunt
March 27—Easter Sunrise Service



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