

THE SUFFOLK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE/JULY 2016



From the Pastor

Rev. Libby Rollins

Summer is officially here. Memorial Day has passed. The temperatures are rising. The school bell will soon ring for the final time this school year. Children will advance to the next grade. Graduates will move from one school to the next, or from school to career. School buses will stop running and parents will stop packing lunch boxes and checking backpacks. It is commonly thought that life slows down for the restful summer months.

While that may be true in the life of a school, I'm not sure that is true in the life of the church. Yes, summer is unfolding before us, and according to the church calendar, we enter a season called "Ordinary Time," but I'm not sure things here slow down much.

This month we begin our long journey through the season of Ordinary Time, which will last until Thanksgiving. The pulpit hanging changes back to green, and will stay that way for months to come. However, the name "Ordinary Time" was never meant to sound boring or commonplace. "Ordinary" simply refers to Sundays in order, numbered off one by one in the church's calendar, rather than named as festival days or seasonal occasions. Perhaps Ordinary Time is the quintessentially Presbyterian time of the year, with all things done "decently and in order." There's some truth, I suppose, to the notion that Ordinary Time has an everyday quality. After all, the major

festivals and seasons of the Christian calendar are disproportionately clustered around the first half of the year. Our Sunday worship will continue at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday throughout the summer, as there is much to gather to give thanks for, even in this "ordinary time."

In addition to our weekly worship, the Deacons are planning a fellowship event as we go cheer for the Norfolk Tides on Saturday, June 4. The nominating committee will be hard at work selecting new officers for the coming year. Your Session and Diaconate will gather for a time of planning, education, and fellowship at the annual Leadership Retreat. Your PNC will remain hard at work reading PIFs, listening to sermons, and interviewing candidates. And this congregation will continue to reach out and serve the needs of friends and neighbors as they arise. In other words, there will be a lot going on this summer, and I invite all of you to participate in the "ordinary" and "extraordinary" opportunities that arise in this summer. There's plenty of opportunities to gather in the coming months.

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

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

- ◆ Mary Ann Saunders (Jun. 11)
- ◆ Al Nash (Jun. 17)
- ◆ Cody Meadors (Jun. 18)
- ◆ Jackie Meadors (Jun. 22)
- ◆ Alice Persons (Jun. 23)
- ◆ Betty Ann Campbell (Jun. 29)
- ◆ Shirley Sictor (Jun. 30)
- ◆ Sarah Harrison (Jul. 1)
- ◆ Libby Rollins (Jul. 9)
- ◆ Wesley King (Jul. 11)
- ◆ Logan Harrison (Jul. 12)
- ◆ Laura Farmer (Jul. 13)
- ◆ Betty Chapman (Jul. 15)
- ◆ Cliff Stewart (Jul. 21)
- ◆ Jack Stoughton (Jul. 24)
- ◆ Maryanne Persons (Jul. 29)

Happy Anniversary

- ◆ Dick Hartman & Dorothy Lorenz (Jun. 8)
- ◆ Faye & Ron Sobel (Jun. 26)
- ◆ Brooke & Rick Johnson (Jun. 27)
- ◆ Bruce & Nancy Sharp (Jul. 1)

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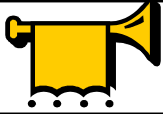
- ◆ Herb Hahn
- ◆ Janice Thomas and family
- ◆ Pam Askew
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Anne Faszewski
- ◆ Lila Florance
- ◆ Paul Hursley
- ◆ Linda Johnson
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Karen Zekert

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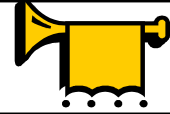
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- ◆ Nick Meadors
- ◆ JB Persons
- ◆ Christian Sictor (Jim & Shirley's grandson)
- ◆ Glenn Smith (Betty Chapman's grandson)
- ◆ Greg Vernon (Joyce Jordan's grandson)
- ◆ Eric Zimmerman

Thank you for your service!



News Briefs



At the May meeting of Presbyterian Women, officers were elected for the next two years.

The officers elected:

Moderator—**Lisa Morrison**

Vice Moderator—**Betty Howard**

Secretary—**Betty Chapman**

Treasurer—**Janice Thomas**

We look forward to their leadership in the coming year.

The next PW meeting is September 12, 2016. Hope all of you will have a great summer!



Choir Rehearsals

Beginning June 2nd, choir rehearsal will be every other week:

6/2, 16, 30, 7/14, 28, 8/11, 8/25 at 7:15 p.m.

September 1st will begin every week as usual.

Take You Out To The Ballgame?

Would you like to go to a Tides ballgame with a group of some of the best folks you could possibly know? Transportation can be arranged if you don't want to drive. The SPC deacons are planning a fellowship night for the ballgame on June 4 when the Tides take on Pawtucket. No further details are available just yet because we don't know how many would like to go. We are working on getting discount coupons for the tickets. If you are interested please let **Sherry Matthews**, (757) 539-2117, or **Nancy Sharp**, (757) 539-4030 know. Bring a friend if you'd like!

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.



Looking Back . . . Looking Ahead: Suffolk Night Stay

It has been a while since December 30, 2015, but for lots of folks that was the beginning date of the 2015-2016 Suffolk Night Stay for 65 homeless individuals who found themselves, for whatever reason, without shelter and food for the winter months. Ten Suffolk churches provided needed facilities for a week at a time (Wednesday evening through the next Wednesday morning) to host the guests. Host churches included: Bethlehem Christian, Cross Pointe, First Baptist, Hillcrest Baptist (2 weeks), Magnolia Methodist, Oakland Christian, Open Door Church, Suffolk Christian, Village Christian Fellowship (2 weeks), and Westminster Presbyterian (2 weeks).

While all churches in the area do not have a suitable church building layout to meet the needs for hosting that didn't stop many of them from helping in other ways. They provided transportation for the guests from the downtown area bus stop to the host church, volunteered for staying one or more of the shifts or duties at a host church, and/or provided meals. We, at Suffolk Presbyterian Church, provided dinner each Tuesday evening, breakfast each Wednesday morning, and a grab-n-go meal for Wednesday's lunch. To quote several of the host church coordinators, "SPC's meals for the last night of the host week were wonderful. Our folks were getting tired by then and it allowed them to relax about meal preparation/serving for the last night as they completed other 'hosting details'. It was nice to have another church support our efforts."

Churches that did not host but supported in other ways included: Ebenezer United Methodist, Family Harvest (Manning Road), Harvest Assembly, Hiz Hands Puppet Ministry, Holy Neck Christian, Liberty Springs Christian, Main Street Methodist, Southside Baptist, Suffolk Presbyterian, and St. Marks Episcopal. These are the churches that were reported at the final wrap-up session for the SNSP year.

Your deacons (**Betsy Butler, Nancy Cisco, Sherry Matthews, Nancy Sharp, Alison Super and Nancy White**) want to thank all of the congregation for your enthusiastic and generous support of this ministry. We thank the Compassionate Outreach Team of the Session for giving us the opportunity to help Suffolk Presbyterian Church participate in this effort. On those bitterly cold days and nights it was comforting to have a way to reach out to some members of our Suffolk community that needed a helping hand.

If SPC participates during the winter of 2016-2017 we hope you will help in some way. If you can volunteer for a shift at the host church, the information for contacting the coordinator can be furnished. If you have not been able to help with meals when your flock leader (your deacon) called and would like to participate in some way, please let your deacon or any one of the deacons or **Nancy King**, current Compassionate Ministry Team chairman, know. There are so many ways to help.

Below is a summary of the statistics for the 2015-2016 SNSP (13 weeks):

Total number of different guests: 65	Total number of stays for total: 1070
Number of males: 37	Number of females: 18
Number of children: 11	
Provided hotel 2 nights for 16 people (transportation issue due to bad roads)	
Number of host churches: 11	
Number of churches providing transportation: 7	

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40 NIV

May 2016 Compassionate Outreach Report

Scholarships:

The Willis-Volper Scholarship applications have been received, read, and four students from Suffolk Public Schools will each receive \$3,000 (\$1,500 /year for 2 years). A huge thanks to **Mary Ann Saunders, Fran Alwood, and Cliff Stewart** for their diligence in reading the applications and making the selections. The announcement of the recipients will be made at the senior awards night at each of the high schools. **Fran Alwood** will present to one student at King's Fork High School. **Mac Keever** will present to two students attending Lakeland High School. **Nancy White** will present to one student at Nansemond River High School.

Food Pantry:

Thanks to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Suffolk Presbyterian, the Genieve Shelter has received 13 bags of groceries and Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry 33 bags totaling 46 bags. The Genieve Shelter recently contacted the church with a plea for perishable groceries. Through the funds in our hunger grant we (Suffolk Presbyterian) were able to provide loaf bread, sausage, hamburger, eggs, milk, potatoes, onions, chickens, apples, and oranges.

Living Waters:

Mary Ann Saunders, Skip and Chris Irby, and Nancy Cisco have completed their course work at Clean Water U and are ready to proceed with the program.

The Living Waters Plant Sale: 359 plants sold with a net of \$717.46.

Thanks to **Jack Stoughton** for coordinating. Thanks, too, to **Don and Nancy White, Rob Saunders, Nancy Cisco, and Susie Stoughton** for delivering.

Nancy King

Dear Suffolk Presbyterian Church Family—and you are a very dear church family—who were there for Sid and me constantly during his illness, showing kindness and concern and offering support in so many ways; visits, calls, cards, food to name a few. How can I thank you enough?

The service on Monday were all that my family could want. Everything was perfect, thanks especially to Libby, Dorothy, and Don; and the reception was beautiful and bountiful—thanks to the wonderful women who prepared the food and manned the kitchen.

I am humbled by the love and generosity of such caring people.

Thank you. Thank you.

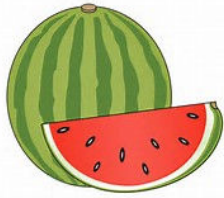
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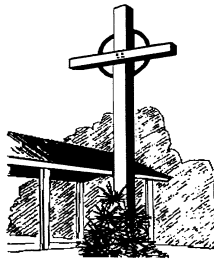
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<i>5</i> 10 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>6</i> Aerobics AA	<i>7</i> Bridge	<i>8</i> 7 PM Diaconate Mtg Aerobics	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Care-A-Van	<i>11</i> AA
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>The deadline for the August edition of The Scroll is Wednesday, July 20.</i></p>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>10 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Aerobics</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Care-A-Van</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AA</p>
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**SUMMER
WORSHIP**
10 AM

Upcoming Events:

June 4—SPC Night at The Tides
June 8—Diaconate Meeting
June 15—Session Meeting
July 13—Diaconate Meeting
July 20—Session Meeting



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