

# Scroll

AUGUST 2016



## *From the Pastor*

*Rev. Libby Rollins*

We all knew this was coming, but that doesn't make it any easier! My contract with you as Interim Pastor will be coming to an end next month and I'll be moving on. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be September 11. It is with such mixed emotions that I think about leaving.

First of all, serving with you for the past two years has been an extreme joy. You have been so welcoming and supportive, and for that, I will forever be grateful. We have laughed, learned, worshipped, and worked hard. And there's been no shortage of great food!! You have been patient with me as I learned your ways and traditions, and even shown grace and forgiveness in the times I didn't get it right. It has been a delight to be your partner in ministry and I will be sad to go. I move on with a heavy heart, wishing I could have seen you to the finish line of this process.

Over the past two years, we've worked hard addressing some issues and planning for your future. We've talked about your needs and your strengths. We've had a congregation-wide study on welcome, hospitality, invitation, and evangelism. We've gone over your budget and

your membership rolls with a fine toothed comb, getting both down to the bare minimum, with the hope that turning around the trends of decline will be a focus for your next chapter of ministry. We've done good work together, but there is still much for you to do.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work and is making good progress. They have read resumes, listened to sermon tapes, and talked with potential candidates to determine the ones they most want to pursue. They will find someone, but it will not be before I leave. Rest assured that your session is working with me to plan for the in between time to make sure that your pastoral needs are addressed. Details will be shared as plans are firmed up in the coming weeks.

We still have six weeks together, but it is not too late for me to start saying thank you, because the list of reasons to thank you is so long. Most importantly, thank you for being a place of welcome, grace, and compassion, not only to me, but also to my family. I was honored to be your partner. It was truly a pleasure to serve with you. There are many

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## 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!

- ◆ Nancy Sharp (Aug. 1)
- ◆ Quincey Zimmerman (Aug. 2)
- ◆ Brooke Johnson (Aug. 10)
- ◆ Caitlin Kershner (Aug. 13)
- ◆ Betsy Butler (Aug. 23)
- ◆ Chris Irby (Aug. 26)
- ◆ Alexandria Meadors (Aug. 26)
- ◆ Susie Piland (Aug. 26)
- ◆ Nancy Bird (Aug. 29)
- ◆ Nancy Cisco (Aug. 30)
- ◆ Jervone Bowens (Aug. 31)



## Please Pray for:

- ◆ Pam Askew
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Anne Faszewski
- ◆ Greg Ryan
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Karen Zekert

## Happy Anniversary

- ◆ Cliff & Goldie Stewart (Aug. 12)
- ◆ Jeff & Maryanne Persons (Aug. 15)
- ◆ Don & Nancy White (Aug. 15)
- ◆ Beth & Mac Keever (Aug. 21)
- ◆ Alison & Jeff Super (Aug. 22)
- ◆ Jeanne & John Banks (Aug. 30)

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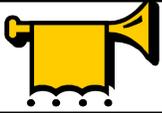
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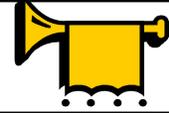
**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

- ◆ **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



### "SPC Gets a New Look"

Yes, you have probably noticed it. The new Suffolk Presbyterian Church sign, that is. Our new sign is more readable and a welcomed improvement over the old, outdated sign on Constance Road. When you drive by in the evening, marvel at how well the backlit sign and marquee stand out. In addition, take notice that the mansard shingled roof with its missing and tattered shingles has been replaced. These two projects were long overdue to improve our street visibility and appearance.

The outlay for these two capital projects came to \$6,600. Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray these expenditures and other needed building renovations. Checks may be made out to SPC with Building Fund in the memo line.

In Christ's love,  
*Jack Stoughton & Jackie Meadors*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office.suffolkpcusa@verizon.net) or 539-3213.





***Operation Inasmuch***  
**Everything's 25¢ Yard Sale**  
*Benefitting Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia*  
**Saturday, September 10**

Sign up in the Narthex to volunteer.  
 Donations needed! Pickup service available!  
 Contact Maryanne Persons for details at:  
 539-7188

## Hello & Goodbye Sunday

Sunday, September 11

*Say "Hello" to a new Sunday School year and  
 "Goodbye" to Reverend Libby Rollins*

- 9:45 Gathering with God - Join us as we welcome a new year of Christian Formation!
- 10:00 Sunday School - Classes for all ages!
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 Reception honoring Reverend Libby Rollins



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good things happening here, and I have no doubt that those will continue, if you wish. It is my prayer that the next chapter of your story will begin soon, as I believe you are poised to move forward. Much love to all of you!

*Libby Rollins*

## August Compassionate Outreach

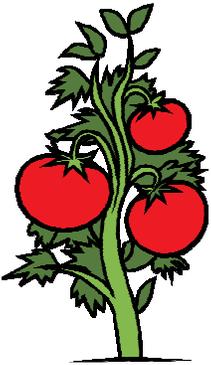
### *Scholarship Awards:*

Four graduates of Suffolk Public Schools have received college financial assistance from scholarship funds established by two sisters who were members of Suffolk Presbyterian Church.

The \$3,000 scholarships, awarded from combined funds of the Willis-Volper endowments, were announced at the 2016 awards ceremonies at the three Suffolk public high schools. The scholarships provide \$1,500 a year for the first two years of post-secondary education.

The funds were given by Violet Volper Pond and her husband, the late C.B. Pond, Jr., in memory of her daughter, Brenda Beamon Willis, and by Edith Volper Buttafoco in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Volper.

This year's recipients are: Katelynn Lail Morrison of King's Fork High school; Stephanie Galarza of Nansemond River High School; Cameron Gregory and Kiera Rountree of Lakeland High School.



### *Mission Garden:*

Our mission garden has produced approximately 90 pounds of produce that has been delivered to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry. The folks at the center are VERY APPRECIATIVE upon receiving the fresh vegetables. A huge thank you to all of our "garden angels."

Nancy King

## Search for New Pastor Continues

The search goes on!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work for six months. After reading more than 100 PIFs (Pastor Information Forms), we have conducted interviews via Skype with five candidates. Now, we hope to arrange face-to-face interviews with some of those individuals so we can get to know one another better.

We are not only interviewing candidates, but they are interviewing us as well. There is no "perfect pastor" or "perfect church," though the pairing that God has in mind will be a perfect match.

We have received PIFs (much like resumes) from pastors from all parts of the country, ranging in age from their 20s into their 80s, with men outnumbering women. Some have had little experience; others have spent years in pastoral ministry. Many have served large churches; some have cared for smaller congregations. They have attended seminaries across the U.S., some Presbyterian and some associated with other denominations.

We have found many excellent pastors, dynamic preachers and caring individuals. But finding the right pastor for Suffolk Presbyterian Church in 2016, the pastor that God has chosen to lead our congregation as we begin the next phase of our ministry, is a time-consuming, complicated task. The process takes a lot of prayer and discernment.

That's where you come in.

On behalf of the rest of your PNC - **Michelle Elich, Rob Saunders, Alison Super, and Don White**, I urge you to pray daily that God will help us and our next pastor find one another in a timely manner.

To God be the glory!

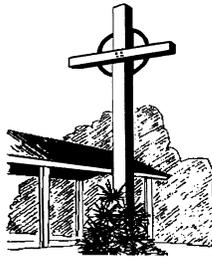
*Susie Stoughton, PNC chair*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>  Aerobics AA	<i>2</i>  Bridge	<i>3</i>  Aerobics	<i>4</i>  7:15 PM Choir	<i>5</i>  Care-A-Van	<i>6</i>  AA
<i>7</i>  10 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>8</i>  Aerobics AA	<i>9</i>  Pilot Club Bridge	<i>10</i>  Aerobics	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>  Care-A-Van	<i>13</i>  AA
<i>14</i>  10 AM Worship	<i>15</i>  Aerobics AA	<i>16</i>  Bridge	<i>17</i>  5:30 PM Officer Training  Aerobics	<i>18</i>  7:15 PM Choir	<i>19</i>  Care-A-Van	<i>20</i>  Officer's Retreat  <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b>  AA
<i>21</i>  10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Officer Training	<i>22</i>  Aerobics AA	<i>23</i>  Bridge	<i>24</i>  Aerobics	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>  Care-A-Van	<i>27</i>  AA
<i>28</i>  10 AM Worship	<i>29</i>  Aerobics AA	<i>30</i>  Bridge	<i>31</i>  Aerobics			



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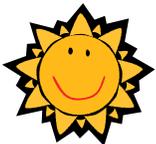
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**SUMMER  
WORSHIP**  
10 AM

## Upcoming Events:

August 17—Officer Training  
August 20—Officer's Retreat  
August 21—Officer Training

September 10—Yard Sale  
September 11—Hello & Goodbye Sunday



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