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SEPTEMBER 2016



From the Pastor

Rev. Libby Rollins

As I sit down to write this I am stunned by how short the time we have left together as partners in ministry really is. My list of “lasts” is growing short. Just a few more days in the office, only two more Sundays to worship with you, only one more time to feast at the communion table with you, and a much too short list of opportunities to visit and fellowship. This is the part of my job that is by far the hardest.

But even now, as our time winds down, I don’t want to say “Goodbye.” Instead, I want to say other things, and first among them is “Thanks!” I cannot thank you enough for the support, kind words, and care you have shown me over these past two years. You welcomed me in grand style with a fabulous reception and have made every day here one of joy. We have shared great worship and fellowship. We have lifted our voices in song, joined our hearts in prayer, put our heads together to problem solve and brainstorm. It has been an honor to be called your Pastor and I thank you for giving me that opportunity and making it such a joyous time.

Something else I want to say is “Good

Work!” We have done a lot together over these past two years – you participated in the mission study process, spent six months focusing on reaching out and welcoming new members, and addressed various issues as they arose. We’ve said goodbye to some members and supported families during a time of loss, and welcomed new members and baptized children along the way. We’ve tried to give a new spin on some old things and stepped out to try some new things. Our partnership has been a productive time.

I also want to say “Keep it going!” While we’ve done good things together, the list of what needs to be done is far from complete. Keep thinking in new ways. Keep the creative juices flowing. Keep reaching out to draw new people in. Keep making improvements to your building. Keep up the good work!

Lastly I want to say “You’re in good hands.” Your session has worked hard to make sure that all of your needs for pastoral care, weekly worship, and church business will be met between my leaving and the new Pastor’s arrival. They have thought of everything in

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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!

- ◆ Ron Sobel (Sept. 3)
- ◆ Betty Howard (Sept. 5)
- ◆ Fran Alwood (Sept. 6)
- ◆ Joyce Jordan (Sept. 13)
- ◆ Michelle Elich (Sept. 22)
- ◆ Dick Hartman (Sept. 27)
- ◆ Christina Saunders (Sept. 27)
- ◆ Zach Super (Sept. 27)
- ◆ Allison VanPeeren (Sept. 28)



Please Pray for:

- ◆ Pam Askew
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Anne Faszewski
- ◆ Karen Osee's Family
- ◆ Greg Ryan
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Karen Zekert

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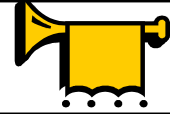
MILITARY

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

Thank you for your service!



News Briefs



I am very pleased to be representing the Presbyterian women this year as Moderator. This extraordinary group of ladies meets the second Monday of each month through May. The first meeting for the year will be held on September 12th, at 7:30 in the parlor. I encourage any women not already a member to join us for meaningful bible study, fellowship, and always delicious refreshments.

Lisa Morrison

Angels needed!

Our church has been faced recently with a number of replacements and repairs that have overwhelmed our budget. These include the church sign replacement (\$5,200) and the mansard roof replacement (\$1,400). Sticking keys on the sanctuary organ have become chronic and necessitates replacement of the keyboard module at a cost of \$5,600. In addition, repair of the rotten portico roof on the Apple Tree entrance, will require an estimated \$2,500.

Please be in prayerful consideration to provide help with these expenses. Every little bit helps to relieve the stress on our reserves funds. Please make checks payable to SPC with building fund in the memo line.

Yours in Christ,

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.

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.



Hello and Goodbye Reception—September 11, 2016

The Presbyterian Women will host a “Hello and Goodbye” reception following the worship service on September 11, 2016. This reception will honor officers rotating off and coming into active service on that Ordination and Installation Sunday.

The reception will also thank the Reverend Libby Rollins for her two years as our Interim Pastor as she prepares to leave us on September 15th. Since her arrival two years ago, Libby has guided us through a discernment process which has led to a renewed vision statement, encouraged us through a study course in Unbinding our Hearts, and put us in a position to seek a new pastor for our church. She has become a much loved and vital part of our church and we will hate to see her depart. We do rejoice that the church to which she has been called as an interim is only five minutes from her house, so, after four years of commuting to Green Acres in Portsmouth and to our church in Suffolk, both she and her Toyota van will get a break. Come and let Libby know how much we appreciate her ministry to us.

Members are requested to bring finger foods for this reception.

Session Reorganizes: New Ministry Team Chairs

At the annual officer’s retreat on August 20, 2016, the Session thanked outgoing elders **Nancy King** and **Maryanne Persons** for their most recent three years of dedicated service and welcomed oncoming elders **Jack Stoughton** and **Gary Williams**.

For the 2016 - 2017 church year, Sessional Ministry Team chairs will be as follows:

Administration/Finance/Communication/Stewardship Ministry Team	Jack Stoughton
Christian Formation Ministry Team	Jackie Meadors
Compassionate Outreach Ministry Team	Gary Williams
Facilities Ministry Team	Rob Saunders
Invitation Ministry Team	Mac Keever
Worship Ministry Team	Don White

The Diaconate

2017
Betsy Butler
Nancy Cisco

2018
Nancy Sharp
Alison Super

2019
Jerolene Crusenberry
Chris Irby

Transition Plans

With the departure of our interim pastor, the Reverend Libby Rollins, Suffolk Presbyterian Church enters another time of transition as we await the successful completion of the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee in finding a new minister for our church.

The Worship Ministry Team of the Session has Identified three areas of pastoral need during this time of transition. These are: 1) A minister appointed by the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry to moderate all meeting of the Session during this time, 2) A minister to assist the Deacons in their ministry of care and concern for our church members, including hospital visitation and bereavement care (if needed) and 3) a minister to fill the pulpit and preach during the regular Sunday morning worship services.

The Worship Ministry Team and its chair, **Don White**, has identified a plan to meet these needs by using two ministers for the transition. The Reverend Lou Ventura, current part time pastor of Franklin Presbyterian Church, can fill the need for a Session moderator and standby pastoral care. Reverend Ventura is a former member of our church and is familiar with our needs and most of our members. Unfortunately for us (and fortunately for Franklin Presbyterian) her commitment to Franklin church will not allow her to preach at our regular worship services, as she will already be preaching in Franklin. Reverend Ventura has agreed to serve as Session moderator and pastoral care standby through the remainder of this year. This term can be extended, if needed.

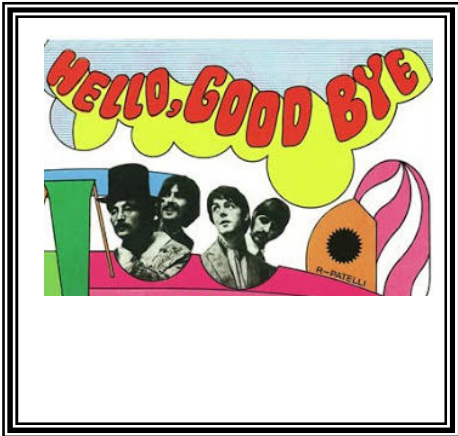
To meet the need for filling the pulpit, the Worship Ministry Team contacted the Reverend Larry Ugarte, who has been filling the pulpit at St. Andrew Presbyterian during their transition time while they sought to call an interim minister. St. Andrew has now found an interim minister and Reverend Ugarte is available and willing to fill our pulpit during our transition time. This will meet our third area of pastoral need and provide some continuity in the pulpit rather than using a number of different pulpit supplies on a Sunday by Sunday basis. Reverend Ugarte has agreed to preach from Sunday, October 2nd through January 1, 2017. This term can be extended if necessary.

The agreements with Rev. Ventura and Rev. Ugarte were approved by the Session on August 20, 2016 and forwarded to the Commission on Ministry (COM) for approval at their September 6th meeting. If the COM approves these agreements as expected, Reverend Ventura will begin her duties on September 16, 2016, immediately following the departure of Reverend Rollins. Reverend Ugarte will not begin preaching for us until October 2nd. Lisa Cross, a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CRE) and another former member of our church, will preach on September 18th and current plans call for a special program during the worship service on September 25th presented by the Living Waters of the World Team. After October 2nd, Reverend Ugarte will continue to preach each Sunday until January 1, 2017. He has also agreed to moderate any needed congregational meetings and to provide the traditional Christmas Eve service.

Our thanks go out to Don White and the Worship Ministry Team for their hard work in finding pastors to meet our transition time needs and to Reverend Ventura and Reverend Ugarte for agreeing to help us through our transition.



Operation Inasmuch
Everything's 25¢ Yard Sale
Benefitting Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia
Saturday, September 10
8:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Sorting Supper
Friday, September 9, at 6 p.m.
Sign up in the Narthex to volunteer.
Donations needed! Pickup service available!
Contact **Maryanne Persons** for details at:
539-7188



*Say "Hello" to new Church Officers &
"Goodbye" to Reverend Libby Rollins*

Sunday, September 11
9:45 Gathering in the Sanctuary
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Reception

August 2016 Compassionate Outreach Report

Food Pantry: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church continues to deliver 2 grocery carts of groceries each month. Through the combined contributions (SPC and St. Andrew) 35 bags of groceries have been delivered to Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry.

Mission Garden: A total of 230 + pounds of produce have been harvested and delivered to Suffolk Christian Fellowship Food Pantry.

Peace making and Global Witness:

Peace Making will be celebrated during the month of September/October with a peacemaking offering collected on Sunday, October 2, 2016. During the Season of Peace, consider the difference your gift can make to challenges like: Acts of War and Sexual Violence, Democratic Republic of the Congo; U.S. Firearms Violence; and Attitudes of Racism and Prejudice. Envelopes will be provided in the church Bulletin for your contribution.



From Your SPC Diaconate

It is Fall once again and the “crunch bugs”, as my children called them, have put in their appearance. That means the beginning once again of new and exciting things. At the retreat August 20th the deacons started their planning for new and not-so-new projects for prayer, care and concern for our church family. **Sherry Matthews** and **Nancy White** are rotating off of the diaconate “team” to enjoy some time to re-charge their batteries after three years of constant and dedicated work. Thank you ladies for your tireless efforts and great input. As they leave we welcome **Jerolene Crusenberry** and **Chris Irby** as new members of the “team”. We are excited to have them interject their talents as we start the new year.

Please be watching for a bulletin insert that will ask your input on what talents and or hobbies you have and if you might be willing to demonstrate and share that with other members and friends who would like to know more about those talents or hobbies. We know we have some basket weavers, knitters, artists, etc. that would be of great interest. When the insert appears, please fill it out for our information as to what you like to do or might like to learn to do as a hobby. Fun times at SPC!

As of now we anticipate our usual seasonal celebrations and fun, and we’re working on some new things. The deacons will be contacting their “flock” members to say hello and let you know you have them for sharing your joys and concerns. If you prefer they email you, share that with them. If you enjoy talking to them on the phone share that, too.

The diaconate looks forward to a new and great year of church family caring and sharing!

Gulf Flooding 2016



Coast Guardsmen rescue stranded residents from high water during severe flooding around Baton Rouge, LA on Aug. 14, 2016.— Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Giles

SITUATION

Starting August 11, 2016, regions in Louisiana and Mississippi experienced 10-20 inches of rain. FEMA reports that there were 6 fatalities, over 8,000 people in shelters and over 10,000 residential and commercial structures affected.

PDA RESPONSE

PDA has reached out to the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Presbytery of Mississippi to offer assistance. Six National

Response Team members will deploy to the Presbytery of South Louisiana to do assessments, and two will deploy at the request of the American Red Cross to provide Disaster Spiritual Care. An initial grant and a church damage grant has been sent to the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

Partnered with PDA, the group Washington Emergency Recovery Ongoing Cadre (W.E.R.O.C.) focuses on the needs of residents within Washington Parish. The weekend floods have nearly exhausted the organization's resources. The group has spent the past three months helping get people back into their homes from March flooding.

“Now we're back to square one. We spent all of the funding we had to take care of the needs from the last flood including replacement of furniture and appliances,” said Joe Kelley, CEO of W.E.R.O.C. “We're trying to find funds to get these folks back to their homes again.”

Kelley says the biggest problem will be the emotional and spiritual counseling needed for those who are now going through this a second time in as many months.

TO MAKE A DONATION:

Online: Go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and follow the links to donation

By Check: Make check payable to: Presbytery of Eastern Virginia

Memo: Gulf Flooding 2016 DR000191

Mail to:

Presbytery of Eastern VA
801 Loudoun Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23707

Special guest from Guatemala to help celebrate 10th anniversary of clean water mission



Come, meet **Miriam!**

For years, you have heard our Guatemalan travelers talk about **Miriam Mazariegos**, our intrepid guide, advisor, interpreter, and all-around good friend. Now, you can meet this special lady who has been our Living Waters for the World in-country coordinator since 2009.

Miriam will be in Suffolk for SPC's 10th anniversary celebration of our church's efforts to help provide sustainable clean water systems in El Progreso, Guatemala. You will have two opportunities to see **Miriam** on Sunday, Sept. 25 - during our 11 a.m. worship and at a fund-raising barbecue dinner and dessert auction at 5:30 p.m.

Miriam will speak at both occasions. While she's fluent in English, she will be glad to entertain you in Spanish as well.

She knows first-hand the needs of the people in her country. She is grateful for all the help in providing a healthier life style for the children and families in Guatemala.

Tickets for the fund-raiser (advance sales only) are \$15 a plate for barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans and hush puppies. See any of our LWW mission team members or contact **Jack Stoughton** at (757) 934-3057 or **Skip Irby** at (757) 651-8887 by Sept. 21.

Skip, who trained in "101" (administration) at Clean Water U this spring, will auction off yummy desserts of all sorts (likely some Tres Leche cakes as well as some All-American apple pies). Sign up in the narthex to provide your special dessert for the auction.

At the dinner, you can also place your order for our semi-annual plant sale (mums and pansies to be delivered in early October). You could win a similar plant or some authentic Guatemalan items as door prizes.

Proceeds from the celebration dinner and plant sale will help fund SPC's next Living Waters for the World mission trip, tentatively planned for late fall or early spring.

Mark your calendars now to help celebrate SPC's successful, ongoing mission and come, meet **Miriam**, who has helped us provide clean drinking water in two villages in Guatemala!



—Susie Stoughton

detail and made all the arrangements to set you up for as smooth a transition as possible. Also, your PNC is still hard at work discerning who God is leading to Suffolk. Continue to pray for and support them as they work through the search process.

So I'll say a lot of things – “Thanks!” “Good Work!” “Keep it going!” and “You’re in good hands!” But we’ll save that G-word for another day!

Libby Rollins

Blessing of the Bags

Sunday, October 2 at 11 a.m.

Settling into a new venture with the new school year? Use a bag for your work, school, or hobbies? We're sending SPC church members and those with new beginnings into the new year with our prayers and blessings! We'll have a special dedication during the Children's Sermon.

Bring your backpack, briefcase, diaper bag, craft bag, luggage or other carryall to be blessed!



Blessing Sunday

Sunday, October 2

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Welcoming Rev. Ugarte & Intergenerational Faith Event -
"Abram: Called & Blessed"

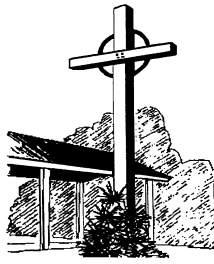
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
including the **Blessing of the Bags**
Bring a bag representing your ventures to be blessed!



September 2016

Suffolk Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>*Tickets for the LWW fund-raiser on Sept. 25 (advance sales only) are \$15 a plate for barbecue, cole slaw, baked beans and hush puppies. See any of our LWW mission team members by Sept. 21.</i></p>				<p><i>1</i> 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> AA</p>
<p><i>4</i> 10 AM Worship Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>5</i> Labor Day Office Closed Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>6</i> Bridge</p>	<p><i>7</i> Aerobics</p>	<p><i>8</i> 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>9</i> 6 PM Sorting Supper Care-A-Van</p>	<p><i>10</i> 8 AM to 12 PM Yard Sale AA</p>
<p><i>11</i> 9:45 AM Hello & Goodbye Sunday 11 AM Worship 12 PM Reception</p>	<p><i>12</i> 7:30 PM Presbyterian Women Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>13</i> Pilot Club Bridge</p>	<p><i>14</i> 7 PM Diaconate Mtg 7 PM Session Mtg Aerobics</p>	<p><i>15</i> 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>16</i> Care-A-Van</p>	<p><i>17</i> AA</p>
<p><i>18</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>19</i> Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>20</i> NewsLetter DEADLINE Bridge</p>	<p><i>21</i> Aerobics</p>	<p><i>22</i> 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>23</i> Care-A-Van</p>	<p><i>24</i> AA</p>
<p><i>25</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship *5:30 PM LWW BBQ Dinner & Dessert Auction</p>	<p><i>26</i> Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>27</i> Bridge</p>	<p><i>28</i> Aerobics</p>	<p><i>29</i> 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>30</i> Care-A-Van</p>	



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**SUMMER
WORSHIP**
10 AM

11 AM Worship Begins
September 11

Upcoming Events:

September 9—Sorting Supper
September 10—Yard Sale
September 11—Hello & Goodbye Sunday
September 12—Presbyterian Women
September 14—Diaconate Meeting
September 14—Session Meeting
September 25—LWW BBQ Dinner & Dessert
Auction (*purchase tickets by 9/21*)

October 2—Blessing Sunday



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