

THE SUFFOLK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Scroll

NOVEMBER 2016

## Fall Celebration

Sweltering heat succumbing to cooler temperatures, foliage turning crimson and burnished gold, geese flying in noisy formations, early arriving sunsets - these are just a few of the unmistakable signs of fall's arrival. I'm glad, because I really love this season.

This is the season when we play thermostat "hokey pokey" to adjust for cool nights and warm days. We celebrate when our favorite football team wins and become philosophers when they lose. Warm soups replace cold sandwiches. Colorful Living Waters for the World pansies and glorious 'mums' adorn many of our gardens. We clean up yards and check out heating systems in preparation for the certainty of winter.

We take care of personal homes but church and spiritual homes also need our attention...

Fall is also the time for our Stewardship season when we recommit to the care of our church and its ministry. How we take care of our church's ministry is related directly to the health of our relationship with God. Stewardship may conjure up imagery of financial "stuff": budgets and dollars, tithes and pledges, income and outgo. But perhaps we should look closer.

Stewardship is about being intentional about acknowledging all that God has given us. In fact all we have is from God. In your time of prayer, say "thank you, Father," for loving us and for the undeserved gift of saving grace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we accept this reality, then we are ready to become faithful instruments of his will. Indeed, when we do so, then giving back a portion of our gifts of money, time and talent become not a burden, but a joy.

In the next several days you will receive by mail additional information in preparation for Stewardship Sunday, November 6. A special time will be set aside during worship to bring forward our tithes, gifts and pledges. Following worship, please join me for a informal Celebration luncheon featuring soup, salad, bread, dessert and fellowship.

Fall IS a great time of the year!

Grace and Blessings,

*Jack Stoughton*

Elder for Administration, Finance and Stewardship

## 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!**

- ◆ Beth Keever (Nov. 2)
- ◆ Jeff Persons (Nov. 5)
- ◆ Jeffery Super (Nov. 5)
- ◆ Maxann Morrison (Nov. 11)
- ◆ Alison Super (Nov. 14)
- ◆ Jackson Zimmerman (Nov. 14)
- ◆ Kelsey Kershner (Nov. 21)
- ◆ Lonnie Massey (Nov. 23)
- ◆ Sandi Harrah (Nov. 25)
- ◆ Martin Saunders (Nov. 26)
- ◆ Camryn King (Nov. 30)



### **Please Pray for:**

- ◆ John & Jeanne Banks
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Anne Faszewski
- ◆ Greg Ryan
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Stella Zaja
- ◆ Karen Zekert

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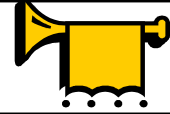
**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

- ◆ **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



The next **Presbyterian Women** meeting is on Monday, November 14 at 7:30 pm.

Please join us for a **Fall Church Cleanup Day** on Saturday, November 5th from 9- 12. Tools, supplies and refreshments will be provided. Let's get the church looking good for the people coming in to vote in the presidential election!



### Ringling in Advent

Save the date - Sunday, Nov. 27- 4 PM!

Suffolk Prez is hosting a handbell concert by the Virginia Handbell Consort. Under the direction of Al Reese, the Virginia Handbell Consort is celebrating its 20th anniversary of handbell ringing throughout Tidewater. This Christmas themed concert will be a wonderful relief from Thanksgiving turkey and football and a tremendous way to get into the Christmas spirit. The concert is free and open to the public.

This neighborhood event has been a year in the making and will provide a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to visit Suffolk Prez. Look for more publicity information in the coming weeks.

Visit VHC at their website, <http://www.vhcbells.org/>.

*Jack Stoughton*

### 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.



## Transitional Ministerial Responsibilities

Before our interim minister, Libby Rollins, left to accept a call as an interim minister at another church, the Session approved a plan to ensure that our church can continue to meet our ministerial responsibilities through January 1, 2017. The Pastor Nomination Committee has been diligently and faithfully working to discern God's will in the selection of our next minister. Progress is being made and the PNC continues to request your prayers and support.

At this point, we have now fully implemented a temporary plan to meet our church's ministerial needs. This plan includes using two ordained Presbyterian ministers to share these duties.

The **Rev. Larry Ugarté** has been kind enough to agree to lead our Sunday worship services between October 2 and January 1. Larry has also agreed to moderate any congregational meetings during this period, if needed. A brief biographical sketch is included below.

The **Rev. Lou Ventura**, who is a former member, elder, and dear friend to all of us at SPC, has agreed to work with our Diaconate in meeting the pastoral care needs of our congregation. Lou will be on call for any medical emergencies, hospital visits, and home Communion. She is available to officiate at a funeral service, if needed. Lou has also agreed to moderate our Session meetings. Lou is currently the full-time minister at Franklin Presbyterian Church.

We are indeed blessed and grateful that these two individuals have been so willing to work with us during this period of transition. The agreements between our church and both of these individuals will continue until January 1, 2017. If more time is needed, there is an option to extend the agreements, provided all parties agree.

I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they assist us in our continuing efforts to serve our Lord.

*Don White*

Chair, Worship Ministry Team

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Born and reared up in Dallas, Texas, Larry Ugarté holds a BA in Social Studies from SMU, an MSW from Pitt, and an MDiv from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. From 1964-1975, he served as an Unrestricted Line Officer in the Navy. Ordained by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley in 1979. Rev. Ugarté went on to serve as a Navy Chaplain, 1979-1988. He then served as Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach. In 2001, he was called as Pastor, First Lutheran Church of Portsmouth (ELCA), a call outside the bounds of the Presbytery. Pr. Ugarté is now Honorably Retired from both the ELCA Synod of Virginia and the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. Nevertheless, he currently serves as Minister of Visitation at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, and as Moderator of the Session at First Presbyterian Church of South Norfolk, Chesapeake. He is expected to be our Pulpit Supply through the end of December. Larry and his wife, Cynthia, live in Virginia Beach and are the proud parents of two adult children.

## Compassionate Outreach

Suffolk Presbyterian will once again participate in the “**Coats for the Community**” project. The Suffolk Christian Church is coordinating this project along with the Suffolk Salvation Army.

The following are needed: Infant through adult size coats and jackets...Children through adult size sweaters and sweatshirts...Hats, scarves, mittens and gloves...Adult Extra Large size coats and jackets are always needed.

Please bring any of these items to the church and place them in the box provided in the narthex by **Sunday, January 8, 2017.**

Suffolk Presbyterian Church will also be adopting a **Christmas Family** through Edmarc. Stay tuned for more information! We will also be supporting the **Edmarc Holiday Shopping List**. Items needed are:

Frozen Turkey or Ham	Stuffing	Canned Veggies
Marshmallows	Refrigerated or Frozen Rolls	Flour
Evaporated Milk	Pie Crusts	Cranberry Sauce
Roasting Pan & Bag	Rice	Sweet & White Potatoes
Juices	Cheese	Jell-O Pudding
Hot Chocolate	Celery, Onions & Carrots	Applesauce
Reynolds Wrap	Sandwich Bags	Paper Towels
Coffee & Tea Bags	Mayonnaise & Mustard	Salad Dressing
Cake Mix & Frosting	Salt, Pepper & Sugar	Canned Pumpkin
Butter	Spaghetti & Sauce	Macaroni & Cheese



*Looking for another way to give back? Consider starting a new tradition with a **Reverse Advent Calendar**.*

*The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27 and lasts 28 days.*

*Please contact **Gary Williams** with any questions.*

## Together Again!

I am so pleased to once again be a part of the ministry of Suffolk Presbyterian! Most of you probably know that the SPC Session has contracted with me to provide pastoral care for you, while **Rev. Larry Ugarté** will be preaching each Sunday. I think this arrangement will work well until you call a pastor who can love you on a full-time basis.

I am working closely with the Diaconate to stay aware of your pastoral needs, and plan to attend each of its monthly meetings. I also will be moderating the Session meetings each month, and hope to attend at least some of the upcoming church events. If you have any pastoral needs, please notify your flock leader or the Diaconate Moderator **Nancy Sharp**. She will get me engaged immediately.

I am continuing as Franklin Presbyterian's full time pastor, so I am not far away. Since I left Suffolk in August 2013, I have remained on your mailing list, so I have continued to be informed of the events in the life of the church. You each hold a special place in my heart, and I am delighted to once more be among you in ministry—even if it is only part-time.

Joyfully in Christ,

*Lou*

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## Church Flowers for Sunday Worship

On behalf of the Worship Ministry Team, I would like to thank the many people that have provided flowers for our Sunday worship services. These flowers are often given in memory/honor of individuals or to recognize a special event such as a birthday or anniversary.

Since we depend on the generosity of church members to provide these flowers, I would like to remind the congregation of the process to order church flowers for a specific Sunday:

- A "Flower Calendar Chart" is posted in the narthex. You may sign-up for a specific Sunday by writing your name next to that date.
- If you wish to give the flowers in "honor" or in "memory" of someone, please note that person's name. If you are recognizing a special event, please note that on the flower chart.
- **Janice Thomas**, a member of the Worship Ministry Team, will use this chart to place flower orders with Johnson's Gardens who will deliver the flowers to our church.
- Johnson's Gardens has agreed, at this time, to charge \$40.00 per arrangement. They will bill the church based upon the number of orders placed.

We ask that you provide the church with a check for \$40.00. Please make the check out to Suffolk Presbyterian Church and note on the check that it is for "worship service flowers." The check can be placed in the offering plate or given to **Laura Farmer**, our church administrative assistant.

Thank you to all who are willing to participate and to **Janice Thomas** and **Laura Farmer** for their assistance in coordinating the process.

*Don White*

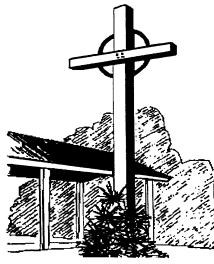
Chair, Worship Ministry Team



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6!</i></p> 		1 Bridge	2 Aerobics	3 7:15 PM Choir	4 Care-A-Van	5 9 AM to 12 PM Fall Church Cleanup Day AA
6 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12 pm Celebration Luncheon <b>Holy Communion</b>	7 Aerobics AA	8 <b>Election Day</b> Pilot Club Bridge	9 6 PM Diaconate Mtg 7 PM Session Mtg Aerobics	10 7:15 PM Choir	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	12 AA
13 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	14 7:30 PM Presbyterian Women Aerobics AA	15 Bridge	16 Aerobics	17 7:15 PM Choir	18 Care-A-Van	19 AA
20 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship <b>NewsLetter DEADLINE</b>	21 Aerobics AA	22 Bridge	23 Aerobics	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	25 <b>Office Closed</b> Care-A-Van	26 AA
27 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 4 PM Virginia Handbell Consort Concert	28 Aerobics AA	29 Bridge	30 Aerobics			



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:45 AM  
**WORSHIP**  
11 AM

## Upcoming Events:

November 5—Fall Church Cleanup Day  
November 6—Celebration Luncheon  
November 9—Diaconate Meeting  
November 9—Session Meeting  
November 14—Presbyterian Women



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