

# Scroll

APRIL 2017

## SPC Welcomes New Pastor Rev. Sterling to Begin Duties Here May 1

Welcome to our new pastor, the **Rev. Julie Anna Sterling!**

By unanimous vote on March 19, the congregation agreed to extend a call to Sterling, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

She will start her new pastorate in Suffolk on May 1.

A native of Pella, Iowa, Sterling received a Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. She had served as pastor of small congregations in Hebron, Nebraska, and Sigourney, Iowa, before her present call.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee was enthusiastic about selecting Sterling as its nominee. We felt that God had guided us in the search process that lasted for more than a year as we sifted through hundreds of resumes of potential candidates. Sterling's commitment to pastoral care, missions and our Reformed theology resonated with the PNC's sense of what the congregation was seeking.

Suffolk seemed like a good match for her, as well.

"I prayed that I would find a church as loving and supportive as my present call," she said, "and I believe I've found it in Suffolk Presbyterian Church."

She and husband Eric, a Pittsburgh native, are looking forward to moving here with their menagerie of "fur babies" - a dog and four cats. They both enjoy being outdoors, particularly fishing, hiking and taking their rescue dog, Cooper, on long trail runs.

"My husband and I feel truly blessed to be invited to be part of your church family," she said. "We are excited to take this next step in our faith journey with your congregation, the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, and the larger Suffolk community. I truly hope I can help the Suffolk Presbyterian Church grow into the church that God has blessed it to be."

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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



## Birthdays This Month

- ◆ Susie Stoughton (Apr. 7)
- ◆ Janice Thomas (Apr. 8)
- ◆ John Banks (Apr. 10)
- ◆ Mac Keever (Apr. 15)
- ◆ Faye Sobel (Apr. 15)
- ◆ Nick Meadors (Apr. 16)
- ◆ Jayce Hagwood (Apr. 17)
- ◆ Derek Kershner (Apr. 19)
- ◆ Richard Harrah (Apr. 20)
- ◆ Bruce Kidd (Apr. 20)
- ◆ Brady King (Apr. 23)
- ◆ Sarah Jones (Apr. 24)
- ◆ Sherry Matthews (Apr. 25)
- ◆ Jenny Austin (Apr. 28)
- ◆ Paul Chapman (Apr. 29)



- ◆ Calvin & Susie Piland (Apr.1)

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Administrative Assistant



## Please Pray for:

- ◆ John & Jeanne Banks
- ◆ Goldie Stewart
- ◆ Kyle Banks
- ◆ Sarah Bowen
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Jane Hogan
- ◆ Richard Messier
- ◆ Greg Ryan
- ◆ Paul Urie
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Stella Zaja
- ◆ Patty

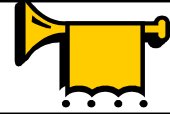
**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

- ◆ 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



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The next **Presbyterian Women** meeting is on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 pm.



### Easter Egg Hunt is Right Around the Corner!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 15** at 10:00 a.m.

Please bring individually wrapped candies to contribute to the fun. Stickers are always good, too! Candy should be brought to church by Sunday, April 9.



### 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.



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The PNC is confident that her ministry among us will bring unimaginable blessings to our church and our community. Her lectionary-based sermons are inspiring, yet easy to understand. In addition to visiting those in need, she strives to develop close relationships within the church and community. Passionate about missions and community outreach, she has been an active participant in community efforts in Buckhannon, including Habitat for Humanity, a cooperative food pantry, and a faith-based organization that works to combat chronic disease.

She has been president of the local ministerial association and active in the work of the Presbytery of West Virginia. She has been a mentor for West Virginia Wesleyan College students, and for the past six months, she has served as a part-time chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon.

The Commission on Ministry enthusiastically welcomed Sterling into the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on March 7. She will be formally installed as our pastor this summer after being received at the July meeting of the Presbytery.

Sunday, May 7 will be Rev. Julie's first Sunday in the pulpit. Please join us for worship and help us welcome our new pastor and her husband at a reception afterwards!

With joy from your Pastor Nominating Committee,

*Michelle Elich, Rob Saunders, Susie Stoughton, Alison Super, & Don White*

## Compassionate Outreach Updates

**Food Pantry**—Thank you to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and SPC for their continued support of our food pantry. Some of our most requested items are: canned fruit and veggies, fruit juice, rice, dry beans, soup, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce with meat, pasta, cream of wheat, infant cereal, grits.

**Scholarships**—Please encourage graduates to apply!

**OGHS**—The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, April 16. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

**5th Sunday**—The 5th Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, April 30.

**Easter Baskets for Edmarc**—Edmarc Hospice for Children is accepting donations for Easter baskets until April 6. If you are able to help, please contact **Gary Williams**.

**Shoes with Heart**—A local group is collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes. Get some spring cleaning done and bring any shoe donations to the church.

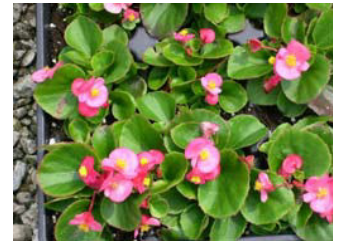
## Living Waters for the World Plant Fundraiser

Spring has finally “sprung”! If you are planning to beautify your home garden with colorful summer annuals, consider supporting the Living Waters for the World mission team’s spring plant sale to supply your plants. Proceeds from the plant sale will be invested in a new LWW clean water installation in Guatemala later this year.

For your selection, we will be offering:

generous 6-inch pots of begonias, petunias, impatiens, and marigolds - market priced at \$4.50 each, or \$4 each when ordering 10 or more; and

8-inch pots of geraniums - market priced at \$5.50 each or \$5.00 when ordering 10 or more.



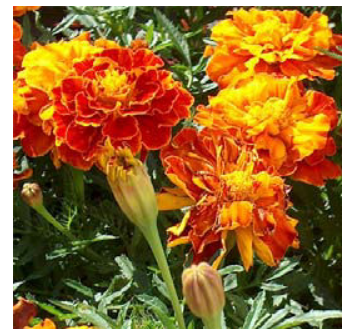
These plants are all healthy, well-established and grown at a highly-respected local wholesale nursery.

Orders will be taken through April 23 with delivery and/or pickup on Saturday, April 29. In the next several weeks, look for ordering details in the narthex, bulletin, and church emails.

For more information, please contact **Jack Stoughton** or **Laura Farmer** (office).

Thank you for your continued generous support of our LWW mission team as we work to bring clean water to the children of Guatemala!

*Jack Stoughton*



## Worship Schedule for April 2017

Rev. Larry Ugarté's temporary agreement with our church ends on March 26. He was aware that we were close to calling a minister and accepted a new temporary pulpit supply position at another church in our presbytery. A reception, hosted by the Presbyterian Women, will be held in his honor on March 26 to express our appreciation for his faithful service during the past six months.

On March 19, a congregational meeting was held following morning worship during which our congregation voted to approve a recommendation from our PNC committee to extend a ministerial call to the Rev. Julie Anna Sterling. Her anticipated starting date will be May 1, 2017.

As a result, our pulpit will be filled during the five Sundays in April by the following individuals:

April 2	Lisa Cross
April 9 (Palm Sunday)	Lisa Cross
April 16 (Easter Sunday)	Walt Hunting
April 22	Lisa Cross
April 29	Linda Smith

In addition to the five Sundays in April, we anticipate continuing to offer joint Holy Week services between West End Baptist Church, Oxford Methodist Church, and Suffolk Presbyterian Church. We are still in the process of making final arrangements, but the tentative schedule is as follows:

Maundy Thursday: April 13 – at Oxford Methodist - SPC minister  
 Good Friday: April 14 – at Suffolk Presbyterian – WEB minister  
 Sunrise Service: April 16 – at Suffolk Presbyterian – OM minister

Time of Services: 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday & Good Friday  
 7:00 am - Easter Sunrise

Note: Lou Ventura has graciously agreed to serve as SPC minister for the Maundy Thursday Service. The Session and Lou have also agreed to extend her temporary agreement concerning pastoral care through the month of April.

*Don White*



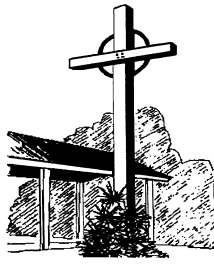
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## Suffolk Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  AA Bridge
2  9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship <b>Holy Communion</b>	3  Aerobics AA	4  Bridge	5  Aerobics	6  7:15 PM Choir	7	8  AA Bridge
9  9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	10  7:30 PM Presby- terian Women  Aerobics AA	11  Pilot Club Bridge	12  6 PM Diaconate Mtg 7 PM Session Mtg  Aerobics	13  7 PM Maundy Thursday (Oxford) 7:15 PM Choir	14  7 PM Good Friday  Suffolk Wom- en's Club	15   10 AM Easter Egg Hunt  AA Bridge
16  <b>Easter</b> 7 AM Sunrise Service 11 AM Worship	17  Aerobics AA	18  Bridge	19  Aerobics	20  7:15 PM Choir  <b>NewsLetter DEADLINE</b>	21	22  AA Bridge
23  9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship	24  Aerobics AA	25  Bridge	26  Aerobics	27  7:15 PM Choir	28	29  LWW Plant Sale Delivery/Pickup  AA Bridge
30  9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship				<i>Join us for a reception to welcome Rev. Sterling after worship on May 7!</i>		





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

## Upcoming Events:

April 10—Presbyterian Women  
April 12—Diaconate Meeting  
April 12—Session Meeting  
April 13—Maundy Thursday  
April 14—Good Friday  
April 15—Easter Egg Hunt  
April 16—Sunrise Service  
April 29—LWW Plant Sale Delivery/Pickup



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