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JUNE 2017



From the Pastor

Rev. Julie Sterling

Blessings friends! It is with great joy that we celebrate this first month of ministry together. This transition to a new home and new church family has been surprisingly calm and I know it is because of the generosity and love we have found in you. We have already made some wonderful friends and we hope to grow in faith in love with our new church; looking to each and every one of you as family.

These past few weeks have been wonderful for my husband and me. It has been amazing to see the excitement in your eyes as we look forward to all the possibilities God has planned for the ministry of this church. I've been taken back by all the strong leaders in this congregation. It is clear that this church is filled with people who live by their faith. I'm especially thankful for the time I have each morning for prayer and reflection. It has been a long time since I've had a call that allows me a Sabbath moment each day. It is a gift that allows me time with God. It is a gift I greatly cherish.

I know this is a busy time for everyone. We are at the end of the school year and things are winding down. The church schedule has

been filled with many events and celebrations. It has been a whirlwind of joyful worship and I'm excited to see what is in store for the summer months. I'm sure we will find creative ways to make God present in our lives and in the larger community.

The greatest blessing I can give to you today is the hope I find the Suffolk Presbyterian Church. I chose to become part of your community because of this congregation's past history of "response" to God's call. You are a church who truly responds to the word. You are a church led by the spirit. Above all, you are a church of love.

I know we will have our challenges as we move forward. There will be times when our path together will be filled with twists and turns. There will be other instances when the Journey doesn't seem clear. We must remember Jesus is with us, even in the quiet moments. I am strengthened by my devotion reading from May 13 from I want to Live these Days With You by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The passage is entitled "I am with you" and lifts up Matt. 28.20. Bonhoeffer reminds us that Jesus

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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

- ◆ 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)



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

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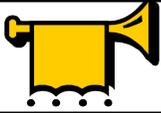
- ◆ John & Jeanne Banks
- ◆ Kyle Banks
- ◆ Sarah Bowen
- ◆ Mary Edmonds
- ◆ Mildred Gray
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- ◆ Greg Ryan
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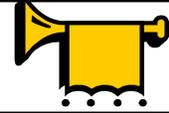
MILITARY

- ◆ 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



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, June 4, 2017 to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect elders and deacons to the class of 2020.

Chauncey sez.....

Chauncey the Churchmouse was heard squeaking at the top of his lungs as he raced up and down the church hallways. "What delectable nibbles!" he squealed.

Crumbs from all sorts of goodies spilled from the kitchen out through the narthex and down the hallway past the parlor, choir room and classrooms after the recent picnic to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. To Chauncey's delight, he feasted on tidbits of burgers and dogs grilled to perfection by Chef **Nick Meadors** and broken bits of brownies, cookies and cakes baked by a variety of Betty Crocker-types. Slivers of broken potato chips made Chauncey delirious!

And best of all, Chauncey overheard musings by **Pastor Julie**, who moved into the pastor's study on May 1, and several parishioners about plans to celebrate often during the summer. Chauncey flashed a huge smile when he heard talk of ice cream and cookies. He'll be watching for news of the next event, ready to pounce on any leftover crumbs.

Then Chauncey disappeared once again, wearing a goofy grin that matched the happy smiles of the picnickers.

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.



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is present in our lives no matter what. "Whether we see him or not, feel him or not, want him or not -that is all the same in view of the fact that Jesus is there with us, that he is simply everywhere we are, that we can do absolutely nothing about it."

I look forward to this time together: for the quiet moments where we learn to grow in grace and understanding and for the times of excitement when we soar! Be prayerful and know that Jesus is with us in this new journey. Be hopeful for all the blessings God has in store for this church family!

Rev. Julie Sterling

Minute for Mission

Attention prayer warriors! Have you ever wanted to learn more about prayer? Maybe you want to fine tune your prayer skills or learn about new ways to talk to God. Suffolk Presbyterian Church is starting a prayer group in June.

Come join us for this new adventure in spiritual development as we gather in prayer for our congregation and larger community. Everyone is invited to take part. **Rev. Julie** will lead us as we explore our understanding and use of prayer:

How does Jesus teach us to pray?
 How do I feel comfortable praying?
 Can I use my gifts and talents in prayer?
 How can I use prayer to help others?

Please let **Rev. Julie** or **Nancy Sharp** know if you are interested in attending. We are working on a schedule that will best fit everyone's needs. We hope to meet for an hour weekly to lift up the prayers of the church. **Rev. Julie** will also have a monthly educational focus that will help you develop your comfort and understanding of the art of prayer.

Noah's Ark: Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

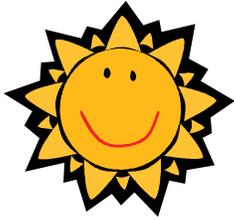
EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

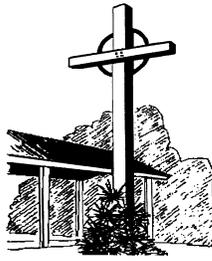
ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Please pass this on to people you want to be blessed.



June 2017
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-----|------------------------|
| | | | | 1 7:15 PM Choir | 2 | 3 AA Bridge |
| 4 10 AM Worship 11:15 PM Congregational Meeting/Ice Cream Social | 5 Aerobics AA | 6 Bridge | 7 Aerobics | 8 7:15 PM Choir | 9 | 10 AA Bridge |
| 11 10 AM Worship | 12 Aerobics AA | 13 <i>Election Day</i> Polling Place Pilot Club Bridge | 14 6:30 PM Diaconate Mtg Aerobics | 15 7:15 PM Choir | 16 | 17 AA Bridge |
| 18 10 AM Worship | 19 Aerobics AA | 20 <i>NewsLetter DEADLINE</i> Bridge | 21 7 PM Session Mtg Aerobics | 22 7:15 PM Choir | 23 | 24 AA Bridge |
| 25 10 AM Worship | 26 Aerobics AA | 27 Bridge | 28 6:30 PM Christmas in June Potluck Aerobics | 29 7:15 PM Choir | 30 | |



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SUMMER WORSHIP
10 AM

Upcoming Events:

June 4—Congregational Meeting/Ice Cream
Social

June 14—Diaconate Meeting

June 21—Session Meeting

June 28—Christmas in June Potluck



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