

The Bridge

NOVEMBER 2018



From the Pastor

Rev. Julie Sterling

Stewardship Sunday is just around the corner. Time to make plans and request commitments for the coming year. As we prayerfully pull together our church budget for 2019, I wonder what blessings God has in store for our church. How will God warm our hearts to new ministries? How will God call us to respond to our community? Most important, how will God help us grow in faith and commitment as individuals as well as community. Active stewardship is more than just meeting the budget for the year. It is a response to the word of God. By giving back in faith and love, our perception of our place in this world changes. To quote Andrew Dhuse, "God's will is not an itinerary, but an attitude".

Every year I prepare for Stewardship by selecting a stewardship themed study or reading to use along with my daily devotion. This year I've chosen the book "Treasures of the Transformed Life" by John Ed Mathison. In the introduction, Mathison focuses on a Bible story from Matthew 13:45-46: ***"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."*** In the story, the merchant was actively looking for his treasure. We too actively look for things we desire. The lesson is clear. As people of faith the true treasure is the kingdom of God.

How do we embrace active stewardship? Is it something that we can accomplish filling out our pledge card on Stewardship Sunday or is it something more? If so, what can we do throughout the year to become healthier stewards? Also, how do we change our perspective on giving so stewardship talk is more inviting?

During our October Presbytery meeting, Rev. Deborah Rexrode, Associate General Presbyter and Stated Clerk for Stewardship, Presbytery of the James shared a message in worship titled "Called to Steward God's Church." In her sermon she emphasized stewardship as a part of active ministry that we should engage with throughout the year. She also reminded us that active stewardship involves prayer and study, community building and fellowship, along with personal commitment in response to our life with God.

Good stewardship is transformative. When we actively search for the treasures of the kingdom, we find ourselves growing as Christians and becoming closer to God. Eleanor Powell sums up good stewardship as such: "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

Friends, let us join on this journey of stewardship together. The discipline of giving is

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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)
- ◆ Jeffrey Super (Nov. 5)
- ◆ Maxann Morrison (Nov. 11)
- ◆ Alison Super (Nov. 14)
- ◆ Jackson Zimmerman (Nov. 14)
- ◆ Kelsey Hagwood (Nov. 21)
- ◆ Lonnie Massey (Nov. 23)
- ◆ Sandi Harrah (Nov. 25)
- ◆ Martin Saunders (Nov. 26)
- ◆ Camryn King (Nov. 30)



- ◆ **John & Jeanne Banks**
- ◆ **Al Nash**
- ◆ **Eric Sterling**
- ◆ **Don Berry**
- ◆ **Beverly Biggs**
- ◆ **Anne Bramlett**
- ◆ **Connie Cilley**
- ◆ **Kelly-Grier Costin**
- ◆ **Alice Forrester**
- ◆ **Sandy Hurd**
- ◆ **Carolyn Lackey**
- ◆ **Blake McConnell**
- ◆ **Robert Munro**
- ◆ **Reis Family**
- ◆ **Rick Sommers**
- ◆ **Laura Jane Whitney**
- ◆ **Mary Jane Willis**

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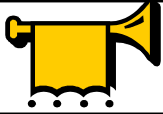
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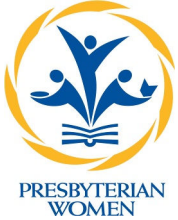
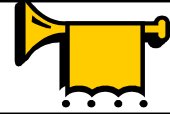
MILITARY

- ◆ **Austin Holland**
- ◆ **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 12 at 7:30 pm.

Memorial Bench

We invite you to stop for a moment of rest and reflection on the wooden bench under the trees near the vegetable garden beds, recently placed there in memory of **Goldie Stewart**, wife, mother and life long believer. And we extend special thanks to **Jack Stoughton** for site selection and preparation, as well as organizing the installation team. We are blessed in many ways!

-Cliff, Diane and Curt

LWW Fundraiser "Thank You!"

Your Living Waters for the World Mission Team thanks you and the other generous folk who made our Fall fundraising events a success. Whether you dished up BBQ, bought yummy desserts, beautified your garden with Fall plants, or made a donation, the LWW Team says "gracias!" for your generous support. The BBQ Dinner and Dessert Auction raised about \$3600 in sales and the Fall Plant Sale netted another \$1,000, totaling nearly \$4,600 for our November installation mission trip.

Gloria a Dios!

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.

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.



Compassionate Outreach



Suffolk Presbyterian Church will be collecting items for a family from Edmarc. The deadline for the Thanksgiving Dinner Basket is Sunday, November 11. The deadline for the Christmas Dinner Basket is Sunday, December 9. An Angel Tree with gift ideas will go up on Sunday, November 4.

Please consider donating some of the following items to the baskets:

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

Support Living Waters for the World while shopping



Shopping online for Christmas? Support Living Waters for the World while you pick out presents.

Without spending an extra penny, you can help provide clean water for families around the world, not just those in Guatemala, whenever you purchase items from Amazon.

If you make two extra clicks, Amazon Smile will forward 5% of your purchase price to Living Waters for the World! That's even better than the 1% donation to your designated charity

Go to the Living Waters for the World website (livingwatersfortheworld.org) and scroll to the bottom, then click on the LWW Amazon link and shop as you normally would.

If you forget to click first, leave your items in your Amazon cart and go back through the LWW link. Your items will be in your basket, ready for check-out with your 5% bonus.

Please be sure to *smile* as you support SPC's favorite clean water mission through Amazon!

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an essential part in our life with God. We are called as Christians to use our time, talents, and tithes to assist God in the work of the church. Ask what you can faithfully do to give of yourself this year. Any gift is a blessing! To quote Woody Allen, "Eighty percent of success is showing up."

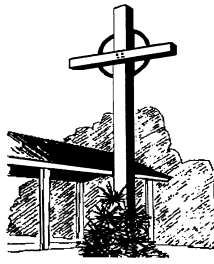
Blessings,
Rev. Julie Sterling



November 2018

Suffolk Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 4!</i></p>  <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE Please submit newsletter articles by Sunday, November 18!</p>				<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>Bridge Women's AA</p>
<p><i>4</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Polling Place</p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Aerobics TOPS</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Bridge Women's AA</p>
<p><i>11</i></p> <p>Veterans Day 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Veterans Day Observed <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Presbyterian Women</p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Bridge Pilot Club</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>6 pm Diaconate Meeting 7 pm Session Meeting</p> <p>Aerobics TOPS</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Bridge Women's AA</p>
<p><i>18</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Aerobics Sister Cities AA</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Aerobics TOPS</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Thanksgiving <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Bridge Women's AA</p>
<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Aerobics AA</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Bridge</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>7 PM LWW Team Meeting</p> <p>Aerobics TOPS</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 AM

WORSHIP

11 AM

Upcoming Events:

November 12—Presbyterian Women

November 14—Diaconate Meeting

November 14—Session Meeting

November 28—LWW Team Meeting



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