

The Bridge

APRIL 2019



From the Pastor

Rev. Julie Sterling

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a Congregation, we are developing our Lenten discipline through the Daniel Plan and the Walk to Jerusalem. In the coming weeks we will be hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will hear about just a few of these individuals over the coming weeks — in bulletin inserts and minutes for mission. These stories will help us to see the faces of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

I'd like to invite you to visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your gift helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the people and projects who receive this support. We will have Gracie Fish banks to collect change for OGHS. This offering will be given to our children's Sunday School class to support a mission of their choosing from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue. Last year the children were able to help 4 or 5 kids with school supplies.

That brings me to the challenge, which also relates to our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. I challenge each of you to give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering — you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. So I hope that you'll join us on Palm Sunday and that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Yours in the love and grace of Jesus Christ,

Rev. Julie Sterling

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)
- ◆ Timothy Price (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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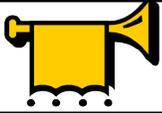
- ◆ Jeanne Banks
- ◆ John Banks
- ◆ Paul Chapman
- ◆ Al Nash
- ◆ Gary Williams
- ◆ Howard Bird
- ◆ Anne Bramlett
- ◆ Kelly-Grier Costin
- ◆ Linda Dilday
- ◆ David Drames
- ◆ Family of Ginger Goodman
- ◆ Sandy Hurd
- ◆ Karen Jarvis
- ◆ Antonio Jefferson
- ◆ Jeremy Jennings
- ◆ Steve Jones
- ◆ Mary Joyner
- ◆ Mike Lackey
- ◆ Dolores and Cliff Lane
- ◆ Miriam Mazariegos
- ◆ Brink Nelms and his wife Cathy
- ◆ Tony Phan
- ◆ Family of Brenda Preston
- ◆ Lucille Reddell
- ◆ Beverly Shockley
- ◆ Jeff Snow
- ◆ John and Sue Stansel
- ◆ Davy, April, Ian, & Willow Walker
- ◆ Mary Jane Willis
- ◆ Alonzo Wilson
- ◆ Shay Wood

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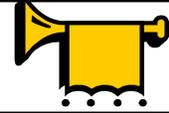
MILITARY

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

Thank you for your service!



News Briefs



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The next **Presbyterian Women** meeting is on Monday, April 8 at 7:30 pm.



From Your Deacons:

Join us for a birthday luncheon after our church service on Sunday, May 5th. We will be honoring those in our congregation who were born in March, April, and May! All are invited to celebrate with those having birthdays! We will be serving Mexican... Make your own tacos, with salad, dessert, and drinks!! Share in the fun and fellowship sponsored by the Deacons.

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.



Easter Egg Hunt

Come and join the fun at Suffolk Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am, 410 N. Broad St., Suffolk, VA. All children and their friends are invited to join in the Easter Egg Hunt, with stories, refreshments, and small prizes.



Donations of wrapped candy would be appreciated! Please check the labels for any peanut ingredients and bags that have peanut butter candies in them, because some children have peanut allergies. Donations of candy will be collected each Sunday, March 31 – April 14. There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations. We always appreciate your help!!

“Rain or Shine”

Thank you very much, Diaconate, SPC

Come and Join Us for Easter Fun!!

About the Seder Meal

The Seder meal is celebrated on Maundy Thursday and reflects the Passover meal. It was the last meal Jesus ate before his death.

Six Parts of the Seder Plate:

Beitzah: The Roasted Egg is symbolic of the festival sacrifice made in biblical times. It is also a symbol of spring - the season in which Passover is always celebrated.

Chazeret: Lettuce is often used in addition to the maroras a bitter herb. The authorities are divided on the requirement of chazeret, so not all communities use it. Since the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb "with unleavened bread and bitter herbs" uses the plural ("bitter herbs") most seder plates have a place for chazeret.

Zeroa: The Shankbone is symbolic of the Paschal lamb offered as the Passover sacrifice in biblical times. Some communities use a chicken neck as a substitute. Vegetarian households may use beets.

Charoset: Apple, nuts, and spices ground together and mixed with wine are symbolic of the mortar used by Hebrew slaves to build Egyptian structures. There are several variations in the recipe for charoset. The Mishna describes a mixture of fruits, nuts, and vinegar.

Karpas: Parsley is dipped into salt water during the seder. The salt water serves as a reminder of the tears shed during Egyptian slavery. The dipping of a vegetable as an appetizer is said to reflect the influence of Greek culture.

Maror: Bitter Herbs (usually horseradish) symbolize the bitterness of Egyptian slavery. The maror is often dipped in charoset to reduce its sharpness. Maror is used in the seder because of the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb "with unleavened bread and bitter herbs."

Living Waters for the World (8th Annual) Spring Plant Fundraiser

Spring has finally “sprung” and it is time to spruce up your landscape with colorful summer annuals. For the 8th year, SPC’s LWW mission team has for you a generous selection of market-priced annuals. Selections include:

- generous 6-inch pots of begonias, petunias, impatiens and marigolds - market priced at \$5 each, or \$4.50 each when ordering 10 or more; and
- beautiful 6-inch pots of geraniums - market priced at \$6 each or \$5.50 when ordering 10 or more.

These plants are healthy, well-established and grown locally at a highly-respected wholesale nursery. Orders will be taken from Sunday, March 31 through Friday, April 19 with local delivery and/or pickup on Friday, April 28. Be on the lookout for ordering details in the narthex, bulletin and church emails.

Plant sale proceeds will support our new LWW water purification system we installed in Guatemala last November as well as our LWW team’s return to Guatemala to check up on the installation and seek new water operating partners.

Encourage your neighbors and friends to support this mission and fundraiser opportunity. Remember, the plant sale is a great opportunity to tell your neighbor and friends about SPC and its rich history of being a “Bridge to Christ” through LWW and its other mission activities.

Thank you for your generous support of your LWW mission team as it strives to bring clean water to the children of Guatemala!

Jack Stoughton

About the Tenebrae Service

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the “strepitus”; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

*Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

COMMUNITY PASSION WEEK SERVICES

Monday – Friday
April 15-19, 2019
12 Noon

Metropolitan Baptist Church
125 County Street

Guest Preacher
Bishop Harry Cohen
New Covenant Holy Church of America



2019 Community Lenten Services

The Churches of Suffolk are offering a Lenten opportunity to worship together at noon each Wednesday in Lent. Following the 30 minute worship service, you are invited to stay for a complimentary soup and sandwich lunch.

Wednesday, April 3

Oakland Christian Church

(Wesley Chapel/St. John's Episcopal assisting)

5641 Godwin Boulevard

The Rev. Mary Anne Biggs, Pastor

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Steven Blunt

Pastor, First Baptist Church Mahan Street

Wednesday, April 10

East End Baptist Church

1056 Portsmouth Boulevard

The Rev. Wayne D. Faison, Pastor

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Halley

Pastor, Suffolk Christian Church

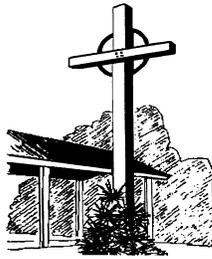


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Suffolk Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Bridge Women's AA
<i>7</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship Holy Communion 3 PM The Daniel Plan	<i>8</i> 7:30 PM Presbyterian Women Aerobics AA	<i>9</i> Bridge Pilot Club	<i>10</i> 7 PM Diaconate Meeting Aerobics TOPS	<i>11</i> 6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir Women's Club of Suffolk	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Bridge Women's AA
<i>14</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship 3 PM The Daniel Plan	<i>15</i> Aerobics Sister Cities AA	<i>16</i> Bridge	<i>17</i> 7 PM Session Meeting Aerobics TOPS	<i>18</i> 7 PM Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal	<i>19</i> 7 PM Good Friday - Tenebrae Service	<i>20</i> 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt Bridge Women's AA
<i>21</i> Easter Sunday 7 AM Sunrise Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship	<i>22</i> Aerobics AA	<i>23</i> Bridge	<i>24</i> Aerobics TOPS	<i>25</i> 6 PM Prayer Group 7:15 PM Choir	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Bridge Women's AA
<i>28</i> 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Choir Practice 11 AM Worship	<i>29</i> Aerobics AA	<i>30</i> Bridge				



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 AM

WORSHIP

11 AM

Upcoming Events:

April 7 & 14—The Daniel Plan
April 8—Presbyterian Women
April 10—Diaconate Meeting
April 17—Session Meeting
April 18—Maundy Thursday—Seder Meal
April 19—Good Friday—Tenebrae Service
April 20—Easter Egg Hunt
April 21—Easter Sunrise Service



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