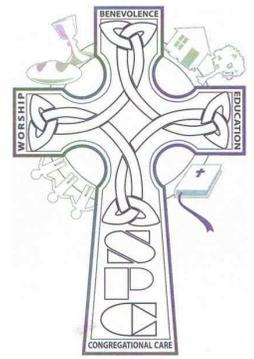


Sedgefield Presbyterian Church



Responding gratefully through service in our community,
worshipping our Creator and working to alleviate hunger in our neighborhood.

January Grapevine



"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener." ~John 15:1

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings!

It is the first day of 2018, and this evening Brent and I had a quiet dinner with our daughter. I asked Kate what her resolutions were for the New Year. Her response was great because it has been my response for the last couple of years. She does not have any resolutions, so that when she fails to keep them, then she will not feel disappointed in herself. After many years of resolutions not making it past the needed 21 days to become a habit, I always felt disappointment. Some resolutions were probably not realistic and others just did not stick.

I do think we would miss a perfect opportunity to reflect on our past and dream about our future if we did not take time in this season to think about 2018. This is the season to reflect and dream. As I reflect, I am so grateful for our church offering love and hope to so many in our Sedgefield and Greensboro communities. We have turned strangers into neighbors and offered some loaves and fish to feed the multitudes. I hope that we will continue this work in 2018. I am grateful how we take care of one another and hope we will continue to do it even more and better. We have set and prayed for each other. In 2017 we also made great

improvements to our building. We have brightened up the walls with paint and added LED lighting inside and outside. I hope that we will continue to be good stewards of our building. In December, our session approved a capital campaign to raise funds (\$45,000 total) for two projects: roof repair and kitchen re-modeling. More information to come after our January session meeting.

I do covet your prayers for my trip to Nicaragua. Three years ago I made my first trip there with Wake Forest School of Divinity and always hoped to go back and the opportunity came within my clergy cohort group. We will be working with AMOS and going into a rural community to help them set up some basic health care protocols and teaching some healthy living habits. Here is a picture of three years ago when I was working with the children on washing their hands. I can't wait to share with you my stories and pictures from this year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

So maybe just one New Year's Resolution; to not wait until less than 24 hours to write my pastor's letter. Thank you always Geraldine for your patience.

New Year Blessings, Kim





- 4 Brenda Alderson
- 7 Diane Brazelle
Edna Hutton
- 10 Sheryl Elms
Norma Matto
- 12 Carmen Atwater

- 14 Zoey Martinez
Stanley Ashworth
- 15 Sean Montgomery
- 17 John Atwater
Brandon Dietz
Nick Dietz
- 18 Shani Lester
- 19 Julie Mitchell
Knight
- 27 Jason Mitchell
Taylor Mitchell
- 28 Lisa Miller
- 31 Paul Angelo
Kim Priddy



15 Sandra & Bob Mitchell
Barbara & Andy Bucior, Jr.

Worship Assistants

January	Lay Reader	Infant Care	Extended Session
7 Communion-Traditional Team A	Charlotte Stone	Janice Butler	Karen Johnson
14	Roger Brown	Norma Matto	Shani Lester
21	Jim Gehling	Diane Weeks	Gin Reid Hall
28	Bob Halpin	Linda Price	Suzanne Thacker

Communion Servers:

Team A: Bruce Bingham, Zoe Dillard, Fred Brown, Gene Lester, Gin Reid Hall

Team B: Jim Gehling, Laura Campbell, Jef Morgan, Myra Montgomery, John Stone/Linda Price

January Greeters & Ushers: Chip & Geraldine Burch

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Elders

Session Class of 2018: Bruce Bingham,
Fred Brown, Laura Campbell

Session Class of 2019: Zoe Dillard,
Jim Gehling, Jef Morgan

Session Class of 2020:
Gin Reid Hall, Gene Lester,
Myra Montgomery



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

We will begin a study of climate change in mid-January. Our first question will be "Why study climate change in a Sunday School class?"



Church School for Children

Children are invited to join us for worship, and then following the **Pennies for Hunger** collection, children in preschool-grade 5 are invited to go to Church School for a special time of education.



Our Sunday School Offering is Helping Locally

Again this year, our Sunday School offering is helping to support the emergency assistance fund of SPC. Our congregation is a GCAN (Guilford Congregational Assistance Network) Partner and works with Greensboro Urban Ministry and Salvation Army to meet emergency assistance needs of individuals and families in our community. Please remember your Sunday School offering!



Our youth join the youth of Jamestown Presbyterian each Sunday. Youth Group is all about imperfect teenagers and adults coming together to explore the majesty and mystery of who God is and what God has planned for our lives by connecting scripture with our everyday lives!

It is a safe place!

- It is a place you can bring your questions and doubts.
- It is a place you have a friend and can bring a friend.
- It is a place you can celebrate your greatest joys/accomplishments.
- It is a place you can request prayer for your greatest concerns/struggles.
- It is a place you are valued and cared about.
- It is a place you can have fun.
- It is a place you can rest.



Jan 7th, 14th, 21st - will meet at JPC at 4:30pm

SPC Preschool



We had a wonderful Christmas program at the end of December. The children performed The mini-musical, "The Littlest Christmas Tree." The 3 and 4 year old classes did a fabulous job. Afterwards the parents and grandparents enjoyed light refreshments prepared by our parents on the preschool committee.

January will be full of snowmen and snow discussions. We look forward to using those opportunities for great science lessons!

Korina McGill, Director



We are grateful for the upcoming 2020 class of Elders:

DEFINITION OF RULING ELDER FROM THE BOOK OF ORDER (G-2.0301)

“As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.”



MEET OUR NEW ELDERS

Gin Reid Hall I joined SPC in 1991, shortly after moving to the Sedgefield area and having visited SPC with my two sons for several months. Scott and Blair, my sons, loved the church from the start! Blair was baptized in 1991 by Dr. Jim Wilson, and Scott was confirmed on an Easter Sunday after going through the confirmation process as an adolescent.

The memories I have of SPC are so very many and dear to me. However, I believe one of my favorite memories is one from All Saints Day when I was with the children for Children’s Time in worship. My son, Scott, was probably about 6 years old. I had started off by talking about what kind of people we would call saints. I then asked the children, “Who do you know that you would call a saint?” Scott was waving his hand in the air, and as I called on him to speak, he said, “I know! George Barker!” From then on, we always called George - Saint George!

One of my favorite passages from the Bible comes from I John, chapter 4. The translation of this passage that really speaks to my heart is from The Message translation. Here are a few of the verses I particularly hold dear: “My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. . . .God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us. . .

(Portions of this scripture lesson were read at Scott Hall’s and my wedding.)

Myra Montgomery

Family members: Roger Montgomery (husband), Sean Montgomery (son)

How long you have been at SPC: 15 years

Favorite SPC memory/moment: Singing in our choirs! From special Easter and Christmas music to weekly anthems to singing for funerals and weddings, raising my voice in praise of God touches me very deeply.

Favorite biblical character or scripture (and why if you would like to expand on it): Wow – asking for a favorite scripture is difficult because so many verses are special to me. I’d have to say Isaiah 40:31 (but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.) Why? I have been waiting for years for the Lord to direct me toward his Will for my life, and keep getting “just wait for it! My time is not YOUR time” as an answer. Also, since my accident in 2013, this verse continues to give me hope for healing – both spiritually and physically.

Gene Lester

Family: Shani, Josiah (13) and Samuel (9)

I have been a member at SPC for about 17 years. Shani and I joined the year after we got married.

Special Memories: Our children’s baptisms are special memories. On a funnier note, when Samuel was 2 years old, he ate an azalea flower at the Easter service. I had to leave the service to call Poison Control. Thankfully, the azalea wasn’t poisonous!

Favorite biblical character or scripture: I appreciate Paul’s letters to the Church. As individuals, and as a body of Christ, we can use his teachings to continue growing God’s kingdom.



I give thanks to **Amy Speas and John Stone** who will be in the pulpit for me on January 7th and 14th. I look forward to being back with you January 21st.

Amy Speas is in her final year of the Master of Divinity program at Columbia Theological Seminary and a Candidate under care of Salem Presbytery. She has a passion for connecting people from different cultures to learn and grow together in Christ, and is excited to take that energy into the church upon graduation in May.

Amy grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Wake Forest University. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro and spent 17 years in the financial services industry prior to sensing a call to ordained ministry. In her spare time, she enjoys tennis, running, hiking, and yoga classes, and spending time with family and friends all over the world.

Our Christmas Eve offerings provided \$519.81 to Greensboro Urban Ministry.

It is not too late to get your 2018 Commitment Card into the church office.

Numbers thus far:

52# total giving units

44# pledge cards received

\$110,000 Pledged for 2018

\$140,000 Pledged for 2018 Goal



Please pray for.....Nancy Lenker, Classie Meredith, JoAnn Smith, and Charlene Ashworth.

Pray especially for the many victims of violence, victims of hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes, and our country in this time of uncertainty. Pray for Karen Johnson's friend Donna Tuten, on the death of her son. The grandmother and siblings are especially struggling.



Note: Prayer requests should be sent to the church office at office@sedgefieldpresbyterian.org.

News

From Congregational Care



Church Connections

A great team of volunteers send notes and goodie packages to our young adults after their leave home for college or military.

Volunteers for January & February are: Charlotte Stone, Ashley Hyers, Laura Campbell, and Nancy Campbell.



PARENTS, We know how often your students' addresses change! Please be sure to keep the church updated each time they move or their P.O. box number changes so they don't miss out on their packages and notes.

Please send these addresses to Lindaprice452@gmail.com



Food Wheel

Attention Ladies!!

We still have some empty spaces on our Food Wheel Volunteer List. **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY.**

Contact Laura Campbell at lacampbell7@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

January Leader(s): Julie Gehling
Team: Sonya Charters, Ana Atwater, Ashley Hyers



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

These volunteers take a package of Equal Exchange Coffee and information about SPC to first-time visitors.

January Volunteers

- 7 Jef & Billie Morgan
- 14 Parker Lynch
- 21 Jef & Billie Morgan
- 28 Chip & Geraldine Burch



Women's Dinner Out!



Our January dinner will be on **Monday, January 22 at 6:30**. The location is the Box Seat Restaurant. The Box Seat is located at 5006 High Point Rd # E, Greensboro, NC 27407. Plan to join us and it's fine to bring a woman friend!



Yoga

Every **Thursday**
evening at **6:00 PM**

In the Gathering Area



Christmas Angels

"I was an angel and look at my new clothes and boots!" The 5th grade girl in Mrs. Debra Hufschmitt's class was so excited when she came to school on the last day before getting out for Christmas holidays. With much excitement she proudly showed her new clothes to her teacher as she continued to rub the sleeve of her new blouse. She told her teacher she had never had a long sleeve shirt before. Her mom had picked up the gifts from church for her children on Monday before they got out of school on Wednesday and apparently had let her children open some of their gifts. According to her teacher, this new outfit made her student feel very special. Mrs. Hufschmitt said that in her 19 years of teaching she had never seen a child so excited over new clothes and how they made her feel.

Our angel tree made it possible for 15 children from our partner school and 4 children from FaithAction to experience Christmas joy because of the tremendous support of 30 members from our congregation who purchased gifts of clothing, books, special wishes and filled a stocking for each child. Cash contributions enabled each family (8) to receive a \$50 gift card to Food Lion. Our Father Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal and Hinshaw United Methodist Church provided gifts of clothing, special wishes, books, stockings and food for an additional 24 children.

Since our partnership began with Sedgefield Elementary School a number of years ago, the Benevolence Ministry Team has requested names of children to be on our "Angel Tree." Each Christmas, Carla Farrington, SES Guidance Counselor, Vivian Ilima, Interpreter for SES, and teachers choose families who have very limited incomes and would not be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Together, with the help from Our Father Lutheran and Hinshaw United Methodist since 2010, approximately 200 children from SES have experienced Christmas joy from the "Angel Trees". All Saints Episcopal joined the group this year. (Prior to 2010 our congregation adopted families each Christmas from Greensboro Urban Ministry Pathways Center for homeless families.)

The Benevolence Ministry team is very grateful to our congregation for helping make Christmas very special for many children and their families in our community!. Sometimes we never know the joy and excitement that a simple gift can bring to a student and her teacher! .



Thank you,
Sedgefield
Presbyterian

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Honor Cards

During Advent and Christmas a number of honor cards were available for our congregation to purchase. This is a great way to remember someone special to us and help one of our Benevolence Ministries or another ministry in our community/world. Thank you to all who purchased honor cards!

Honor Card contributions:

- Greensboro Urban Ministry - \$350
- Back Pack Ministry - \$80
- Cooking Matters - \$75
- Animal Rescue Foster Program - \$30
- Christmas Eve Offering - \$519.81
- Bread for the World - \$5 – plus \$95 from the Benevolence Fund



Would you like to remember someone on a special occasion? These honor cards will be available throughout the year on a table in the Gathering Area outside the sanctuary. Please consider purchasing one of these cards (\$5/card) to remember a birthday, anniversary, Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day or another special day. All of these ministries need funding throughout the year!

2017 BENEVOLENCE FUND REPORT

In the last verse of the Christmas Carol, “I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, we sing “the wrong shall fail, the right prevail”. Christians are called to do the “right” thing and help those experiencing poverty in our community from being evicted from their homes, having their utilities disconnected or not being able to heat their homes. Emergency assistance funds at Greensboro Ministry (GUM) and Salvation Army are limited and they have to turn to Greensboro Congregational Assistance Network (GCAN) churches to provide additional assistance after the need has been verified.

Because of your support to our Benevolence Fund and our partnership with GCAN, in 2017 we were able to provide emergency assistance to 33 families (\$4720.29) in our community.

Benevolence Expenses:

\$4720.29	emergency assistance for rent, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, water, gasoline, emergency housing, food
100.00	Bread For The World contribution
338.23	food for FaithAction ID Drive and Stranger to Neighbor Gathering
100.00	contribution to Sedgefield Elementary for special “Music Ways” program
55.61	shelves for Benevolence room
100.00	Sheetz gift card for preschool family (family has a child in our preschool who has to travel weekly to Chapel Hill for special treatments and parents have very limited income.)
<u>69.14</u>	Spring Health Fair at Sedgefield Elementary (fruits/veggies)
 \$5811.55	 Total

We have approximately \$1600 in the Benevolence Fund to begin 2018. Extremely cold temperatures will increase the need for utility assistance. THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who contributed in 2017. Your contribution of any amount does make a difference! An offering to the Benevolence Fund is received the 4th Sunday of each month and each Sunday in the Adult Sunday School.

We welcome ANYONE who would like to be a part of the Benevolence Ministry Team! Please contact Zoe Dillard if you are interested. If you have questions, comments or if you know of a ministry you would like the Benevolence Team to address, please contact one of the members—Ana Atwater (Cooking Matters); Janice Butler; Zoe Dillard (Chair); Karen Furman(Backpacks,336.294.6403); Pajé and Helen Jernigan; Jef Morgan (Servant Garden); Ellen Morton; Charlotte Stone. Check your church directory for phone numbers and email addresses.

EVENTS

Mark your Calendar



SPC Winter Weather Plan

The white stuff has already fallen and created a winter wonderland, so it only seems appropriate that we talk about our snow plan. If (or when) it snows and we have to adjust church and programs, please check WFMY News2, our website and Facebook page for information. Always do what is best for you and feels safe.

HOT DOG TUESDAY

EVERY Tuesday (January-November)
 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
 Hinshaw United Methodist Church
 4501 W. Gate City Blvd.
 (formerly High Point Road)
BENEFITS LOCAL HUNGER PROJECTS



\$5 —2 hot dogs, chips, drink

Hot Dog Sales will begin again Tuesday, January 16

Please continue (or begin) to save your qualifying box tops for Sedgefield Elementary. Click on the following link, choose Media Center, then click on "Box tops" for more information.



http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Sedgefield_Elementary/About_Us



Blessings for which we are grateful:
 our UNCG students and Luke working in our Servant Garden!



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 6 pm Yoga	5 Kim away through Jan. 14	6
7 Communion; Pennies for Hunger	8	9	10	11 6 pm Yoga	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	16 Hot Dog Tuesday begins at Hinshaw UMC	17	18 6 pm Yoga	19	20
21	22 Women's Dinner at Box Seat	23	24	25 6 pm Yoga	26	27
28 Benevolence Basket Youth at Potter's House	29	30	31			

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