



Sedgefield Presbyterian Church



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

August Grapewine

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

Greetings!

I grew up on the shows Sesame Street, Captain Kangaroo, and Mister Rogers. They provided education, character building, and entertainment in each episode. I was so excited when I heard that they had made a documentary of Mister Fred Rogers and his show. In all honesty though, I did not have a full appreciation for the scope of his ministry and dedication to teaching children the tough subjects of war, divorce, race, etc. He was truly dedicated to children knowing that they are a 'beloved' child of God. He also provided an example for adults on how to be an advocate for those who do not have a voice.

My favorite scene in the documentary was when Mister Rogers was asked to appear before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee to defend \$20 million in funding for National Public Television. The funding was at great jeopardy of being reduced to \$10 million. A nervous Fred Rogers addressed an abrasive committee chair Senator John Pastore (D-RI) and the audience with a six-minute testimony about why his show was important. At the conclusion of six minutes, the entire \$20 million was granted.

Mister Roger's action reminds us how to answer the call for justice. We find what is important to us, what we care deeply about, and what speaks to our heart. Mister Rogers cared deeply about children and what they were witnessing in the world. He worked and listened to children and understood their inner needs. He taught each one who watched his show that the neighborhood expression that we should embody is **care** for one another.

This summer I have witnessed our church care for the children of Colt Run Apartments (the former Westgate Apartments). It is amazing that after seven years that we still have friends who enthusiastically show up ready to play and hug children for three days a week for five weeks. These children know that there is a community of neighbors who love them and care for their well being. I think Mister Rogers would be proud of our message and ministry. I am grateful to serve alongside a church who cares so deeply for our children.

Blessings,

Kim Priddy



August Birthdays

2	Kathy Slomka	25	Brent Priddy
3	Diane Weeks		Laura Campbell
	Roger Montgomery	26	Stacy Burch
5	Rob Alderson		Morgan Hayes
12	Classie Meredith	30	Rosalino Matto
13	Emily Mitchell		Sarah Reed
15	Carly Hensel Eklund	31	Jenny Ritter
17	Craig Hensel		Fred Brown
18	Kay Perry		

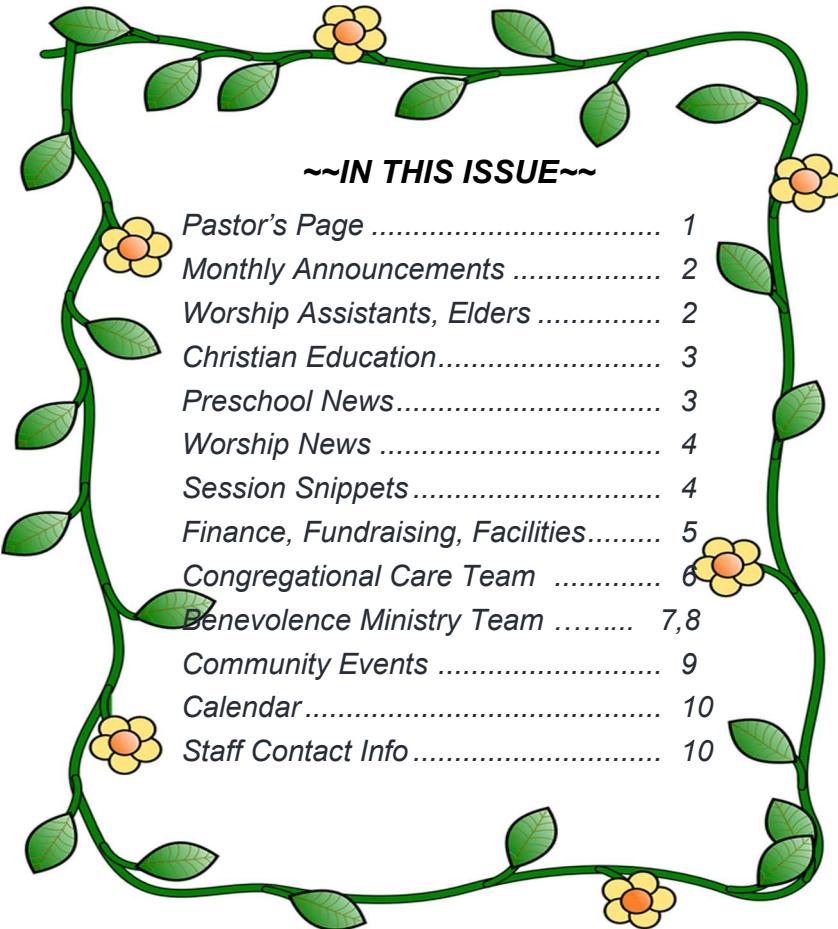
Happy Anniversary

3	Myra & Roger Montgomery
8	Charlotte & John Stone
19	Brenda & Rob Alderson

Worship Assistants

August	Lay Reader	Infant Care	Church School
5 Communion; Intinction	Gene Lester	Norma Matto	Karen Johnson
12	Myra Montgomery		Suzanne Thacker
19	Jef Morgan	Charlotte Stone	Gin Reid Hall
26	Linda Price	Diane Weeks	Shani Lester

August Greeters & Ushers: Chip and Geraldine Burch



Communion Assistants:

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

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



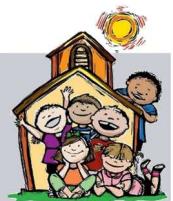
Adult Sunday School

Adult
Education

Watch this space in
September's Grapevine
for an announcement of
Sunday School classes to
come!



SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATES FRIENDS NEAR & FAR AND GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD



Continuing our summer lesson, the children will learn about Jesus' friends, church friends, and friends across the world. As we move into August, there will be time to explore "God's Wonderful World." During this time, we will talk about plants (at least one visit to our Servant Garden!), nature's seasons, creatures, and caring for God's earth. Exploring friendships and the wonders of God's world often brings us closer to God.



Attention All Youth-

We will begin youth group
September 9th- details to
come.

Also this year we will be offering a Confirmation Class to all our 7th-12th graders. An email will go out to the parents with details.



With gratitude, we invite the children to join us in the beginning of worship, followed by this engaging time of faith and learning.

A special THANK YOU to our church school leaders and infant caregivers who devote time to nurturing the children each Sunday!

Pennies for Hunger



The collection buckets are passed on the first Sunday of each month. Other times, you can find the buckets near the pulpit; donations are accepted at any time!



Our
Servant Garden



Our newest UNCG student, Ahmani, who is working with us in the Servant Garden, pictured with some of the veggies harvested to give to local food-banks. Ahmani is studying Public Health at UNCG.



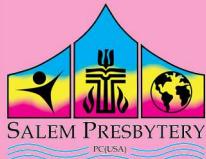
Zoe Dillard and Jef Morgan pictured with our students who worked in the Servant Garden at the UNCG OSL Gold Madallion Leadership Challenge Ceremony held in May .



"Becoming Acquainted with the Radical Jesus"

So often we make Jesus into such a nice guy that we can't imagine how he would end up crucified. The Jesus of the Bible turned the world upside down and demonstrated in his life what "*thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*" looks like.

Come join us and learn what it means to follow this radical Jesus. Mondays 6:45-8 pm , September 10 - November 12 at SPC. Bring a friend!



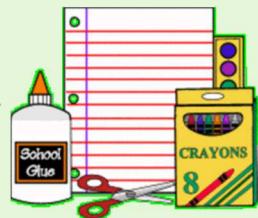
Next Salem Presbytery Meeting
is at Forest Hills Presbyterian
Church in High Point on
August 18th at 9am.

Reminder that we return to our regular schedule on Sunday September 9th- Sunday School and 11am Worship



Our new church year begins September 9! Blessings of the Backpacks and donations of school supplies for our Preschool and Sedgefield Elementary School.

Our church would like to say a prayer of blessing, guidance, wisdom, and protection over our children for the start of a new school year.



We will be Singing and Voting to End Hunger on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 PM at Westminster Presbyterian church. Choirs will lead us in singing our hopes and dreams for ending hunger, as we also hear from area congressional candidates about how they will vote to end hunger! Please mark your calendar and plan to come join us!



Continue to keep in your prayers: Classie Meredith, and JoAnn Smith; for the many victims of violence here and abroad; and our country in this time of uncertainty.



Add to your prayers: The family of Lee Adkins, former minister of our church. Rev. Adkins was SPC's first minister and died recently; Shani Lester's family on the death of her grandfather;

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

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin their work soon to prayerfully discern the leadership of our church. Committee members are: Jim Gehling, Zoe Dillard, Tricia Hayes, John Atwater, and Linda Price. Ruling Elder Class of 2021 and Nominating Committee Information will be coming out soon to begin to collect thoughts and names to nominate for elder.

According to the Book of Order - G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

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.

Perspective Elder:

- They reflect the love of Christ in their lives.
- They have already shown their commitment by investing themselves actively and regularly in the church's life through worship, stewardship of talent and resources, fellowship, and service (teaching, caregiving, work with children and youth, music ministry, outreach, committee work, etc.)
- they are able to commit to a three-year term. The Session meets monthly, at 8:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, with occasional called meetings at other times. Each elder serves on a ministry team which meets as needed. Elders will communicate regularly to the congregation about the work of their committee through The Grapevine or "minutes for mission"; serve communion monthly and for special services during the year; extend a welcome to visitors and new members; attend at least one meeting of Presbytery during their term.
- They will pledge to pray for the church and for God's will.
- They are cooperative in spirit, open to new ideas, willing to learn from others, dependable.

Nominating Committee:

Each year, the congregation elects a Nominating Committee to make recommendations for the upcoming class of Elders and for other needs during the year. According to The Book of Order (G-14.0202b), *nominations shall be made by a representative committee of active members of the church, which shall include both women and men, giving fair representation to persons of all age groups and of all racial-ethnic members and persons with disabilities who are members of that congregation. At least 2 members shall be elders designated by the session, one of whom shall be currently on the session and serve as moderator of the committee. ... Other members of the committee, in sufficient number to constitute a majority thereof (exclusive of the pastor), shall be chosen by the congregation or by such organizations within the church as the congregation may designate.... The pastor shall be a member of this committee, serving ex officio and without vote. The nominating committee shall be chosen annually and no member of the committee shall serve more than 3 years consecutively."*



KITCHEN UPDATE



Our kitchen is amazing and beautiful! It is 95% complete and I hope you all have stopped by and poked your head in when you have had the opportunity. We will



have an unveiling soon. Thank you to all the hands and hearts who have made our kitchen a reality. I can't wait to see how God will use our kitchen for ministry .

News

From Congregational Care



Church Connections

A great team of volunteers send notes and goodie packages to our young adults after they leave home for college,



PARENTS! PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW IF YOUR STUDENT IS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS SPRING.



WELCOME To our first-time visitors! These volunteers greet our visitors and give them information about our church and a package of

Equal Exchange coffee.



August Volunteers

5 Bruce Bingham
12 Chip & Geraldine Burch
19 Jim & Julie Gehling
26 Jef & Billie Morgan

Do you have any information you'd like to see on this or any other page in our newsletter?

Please send submissions to the church office before the last Tuesday in the month for inclusion in that month's Grapevine!

Food Wheel



Attention All Cooks!

The volunteers on this very important ministry prepare and deliver food to those who are ill, who have had a death in their family, or are recovering from a medical procedure.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Laura Campbell at lacampbell7@gmail.com.

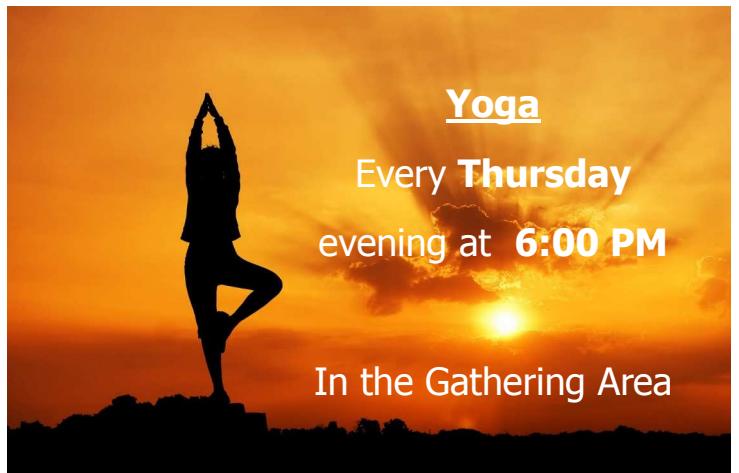
Thank you to those who serve. We welcome more volunteers, men or women, to join this group.

August Leader(s): Laura Campbell

August Team: Billie Morgan, Carol Reed, Kathy Saunders, Shani Lester, Jenny Ritter

Yoga

Every **Thursday**
evening at **6:00 PM**
In the Gathering Area



Women Dining Out in August

Location to be decided.



**Benevolence
Ministry
News**

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV



The SPC kitchen renovation is almost complete and the Cooking Matters team could not be more excited!!!

We will begin our Cooking Matters venture here at SPC with a Cooking Matters Reunion for all graduates of our program over the past 5 years. The event will be held on **September 9 from 4:30-6:30 pm**. All Cooking Matters volunteers are also invited to this day of celebration. Please let us know if you would like to help out with this event.

Our first Cooking Matters for Families course in our newly renovated facility will be on Tuesday evenings this fall from September 17 to October 30. Volunteers are needed each week for set up, class helpers, childcare, and clean up. Let us know if you're interested in volunteering in any of these areas.

Current Cooking Matters Wish List:

- Pizza Cutters
- Wire Whisks
- Cheese Graters
- Cutting Boards
- Measuring Spoons
- Cooking Spoons
- Spatulas
- Hot Pads & Pot Holders
- Dish Towels
- Cookie Sheets
- Pizza Pans
- Plastic Food Storage Containers (to send food home with participants)
- \$25 Food Lion Gift Card (to be used as door prize at Reunion)



Contact Ana Atwater at ana@theatwaters.com to find out how you can participate in the Cooking Matters ministry at SPC. For more information on the Cooking Matters program, visit www.cookingmatters.org.

**Cooking Matters is a six lesson course provided free of charge to low income families in our community. Participants learn about nutrition, cooking, and grocery shopping for healthy meals on a tight budget.*

August 25th at SPC—9 am—4 pm

FaithAction ID Drive

We will again host a FaithAction ID drive Saturday, August 25th. This will be the third ID drive we've had the opportunity to host.



FaithAction with the support of the Greensboro Police Department, launched the **FaithAction ID initiative** in the summer of 2013, providing identification for ANY RESIDENT in our community who may not have access to government issued forms of ID and for ALL those who support the mission and work of FaithAction. Since this time they have held over 30 ID orientations and drives in partnership with law enforcement, health agencies, faith communities congregations, and alongside our FaithAction ID Network partners we have now delivered over **10,000 ID cards to individuals representing over 40 different nations, and over 60 cities throughout North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Ohio** – from West African business owners to new families from South and Central America to a grandmother born 80 years ago in rural North Carolina whose birth records no longer exist, to local faith leaders and city council members who support a diverse and inclusive community. For more information, check out the website at http://faithaction.org/services/id_initiative/



2018 Summer Lunch Program at Colt Run Apartments



Our Summer Lunch Program continues through the second weeks of August. We have had to change our schedule a bit to avoid downpours, but we have had great response from the children. They love to see us coming! We've been visited by firefighters, police officers, drummers and many others. We'll tell you all about it in the September Grapevine.



“Blest be the tie that binds”

We never know when what we have done in the past may appear in our future. For example, in 1989 Jo Williams pieced together quilt blocks discovered on a shelf in her (then) home church of Crestwood Presbyterian in High Point. The quilt squares featured the embroidered signatures of church members in 1949 and was prominently featured as a part of the church history display during their fortieth anniversary celebration.

Fast forward to the present, where our own Pastor Kim was part of the Presbytery committee facilitating the closing of Crestwood (renamed Christ) Presbyterian. The quilt had once again been discovered tucked away and

without a home. Pastor Kim learned the quilt's history from Myra Montgomery (Jo's daughter) and presented the quilt to Jo during worship on July 22. Certainly, a physical reminder of the ties of Christian love stitching together Crestwood / Christ Church to Sedgefield Presbyterian.

SUMMER BOOK READ

Please don't miss out on the opportunity for community discussion on the book, *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The author shares her personal and moving adventure of finding herself in the story of race. Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

August 13th, 6:30pm at Lutheran Church of Our Father (chapters 1-20)

September 12th, 6:30pm Sedgefield Presbyterian (chapters 21-46)

Light refreshments will be served.

All of this is in anticipation of a community conversation with Debby Irving, on **September 17** at 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro.



Children! Summer camp at All Saints!
Please consider attending VBS across the street on August 13-17. Ages from 3 years—5th grade are invited. \$25 registration fee includes lunches and snacks.

You will be studying Plant Stories from the Bible and participating in water play, songs, and art. Scholarships are available.



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

Wine to Water Mission Trip

Dear Sedgefield Presbyterian Family,

Thank you for all the support for my recent Wine to Water Mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where I had the opportunity to be a part of clean water efforts. Families there choose between consuming unfiltered, unsafely stored rain water (and getting sick)...or spending scarce funds on bottled water. The local made water filters mean they don't have to choose. The rain water is treated and safe once it passes through the filter. (I'm holding the filter I made in the photo!) The filters fit inside the white buckets in the picture. The families come to a class on how to use the filter system and keep it in good condition. We also did some data collection from families who have had the filters for a while now. The people are so grateful and report they are sick less often. It was inspiring to hear right from them what a difference the water systems make in their lives. There was a dedicated kids' day where we connected with the youngest members of the community in the universal language of play and smiles and hugs and fun.

This experience meant the world to me. I can't wait to see where this leads. I want to do more. Again, many, many thanks to my church family for helping make this possible.
Anna Matto



From the family of Louise Simmons, wife of Bernie. Both were long-time members of SPC. They had lately been residing in Florida, where Bernie still lives.

Louise Arrington Simmons

April 7, 1925 — May 1, 2018

Thank you for all your prayers, love, and support during our loss. Louise is greatly missed. She was an amazing woman!

All our Love,
The Simmons Family



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Summer Lunch Continues through August 9 each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11:30—1 pm	2 6 pm Yoga	3	4
5 Pennies for Hunger; Communion	6	7 Summer Lunch Continues through August 9 each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11:30—1 pm	8	9 6 pm Yoga	10	11
12	13 6:30 pm Book Discussion #1 at Lutheran Church of our Father	14	15	16 6 pm Yoga	17	18 9 am Presbytery Meeting Forest Hills, HPNC
19	20	21	22	23 6 pm Yoga	24	25 9 am—4 pm FaithAction ID Drive
26 Benevolence Basket; Youth at Potter's House	27	28	29	30 6 pm Yoga	31	

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