



grapevine



Sedgefield Presbyterian Church

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April & May 2024



Greetings SPC family and friends,

thinking how grateful I am for the moon's perfect beauty and also, oh! how rich it is to love the world. Percy, meanwhile, leans against me and gazes up into my face. As though I were just as wonderful as the perfect moon.

“The Sweetness of Dogs” by Mary Oliver



I hope by now you have had the opportunity to meet Chloe Grace. She has been with us for three weeks and we think she is pretty darn wonderful. Chloe is a Cavapoo, which is a hybrid dog breed — a cross between the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle dog breeds. She is expected to get about 15-20 pounds. She was born Jan 6, 2024. Outgoing, playful, and curious is the best way to describe her. There is a puppy bed, toys, and water bowl always available for her in the church office. Chloe loves coming to the church to greet those who come by to volunteer or just to visit. She loves when Gordon teaches her how to walk on a leash and when Karen holds her during meetings. Chloe enjoyed sharing licks and meeting the little ones in our preschool program.

The idea to bring a puppy on staff came from my friend Rev. Michelle Funk from Heidelberg Union Church in Pennsylvania. Last year Muggles (also a Cavapoo) joined Heidelberg to assist in ministry. This past February Muggles passed his therapy dog testing. Muggles goes with Rev. Funk on hospital and homebound visits of church members. He is also a regular at church events and worship. The church members of Heidelberg have sent encouraging words to SPC welcoming Chloe to therapy dog ministry.

I am appreciative of the support and enthusiasm our church has had in welcoming Chloe to SPC. The session was excited when I shared the idea of this ministry with them. The children came up with the idea to raise money in helping to name her. The children offered 5 names and the top money votes were Chloe with Grace as a close second, so the name was picked by the church. And \$125 was raised to help in ministry for those who are experiencing homelessness. I hope to begin dog therapy training with Chloe in the next four to six weeks so that she is equipped for ministry. Chloe says to please come by the church office and give her belly rubs and scratches behind her ears. I look forward to keeping everyone updated along the journey.

Peace,
Pastor Kim



(l) Chloe Grace is introduced to Helen

(r) She has decided it is ok to snooze during class!



(r) Chloe Grace meets some of the preschoolers during their playtime.



Happy Birthday to:
April

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3. Travis Huddleston | 19 Andrew Barker |
| 4 Jennifer Messer | • Lisa Cook |
| 5 Julia Hayes | • Scott Hall |
| 7 Kate Cook | 20 Sharon Turcot |
| • Valsa Lawrence | Tanner Dorman |
| David Butler | 23 Conner Gehling |
| 10 Linda Price | Hub Gehling |
| 12 Ryan Priddy | 27 Vincent Bottjen |
| Bradley Priddy | |



Happy Anniversary to:

- April 12** 
Nancy & Bob Halpin
- May 13**
Karen & Doug Younts
- May 26**
Julie & Jim Gehling
Jenny & Scott Ritter

- May**
- | |
|--------------------|
| 12 Margit Howell |
| Josh Price |
| 13 Frances Wolfe |
| 14 Gray Huddleston |
| 18 Maggie Stout |
| 22 Neil Dorman |
| 27 Colby Alexander |

April	Lay Reader	Usher(s)	Infant Care	Church School
7	Ben	Hadleys	Maiya	Morgan
14	Jef		Maiya	Karen J.
21	Linda		Maiya	Karen Y.
28	Barbara Haynes		Maiya	Suzanne

WORSHIP



ASSISTANTS

April Elder on Call: Meghan



May	Lay Reader	Usher(s)	Infant Care	Church School
5				Norma
12 Mother's Day				
19				Morgan
26				

May Elder on Call:

This Month's Highlights

- Every First Sunday, Pennies for Hunger, Communion
- Every 4th Sunday, Benevolence Basket passed,
- Every Tuesday evening, Boy Scout Troop 8 meets

Sunday, April 7..... 2nd Sunday of Easter; Bread for the World Sunday

Saturday, April 13 Sunday Serve preparation, 10-12 in kitchen

Sunday, April 14... 3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20 Plant Sale; Young Adults' BBQ

Sunday, April 21... 4th Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 22 .. Earth Day

Tuesday, April 23 . Women's dinner at Box Seat, 6 pm

Saturday, April 27 Sunday Serve preparation, 10-12 in kitchen

Sunday, April 28... 5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 18.. Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, May 12..... 7th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost

Wednesday, May 22. Preschool Graduation/Program 11 am

Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday

Monday, May 27 ... Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28 ... Women's Dinner

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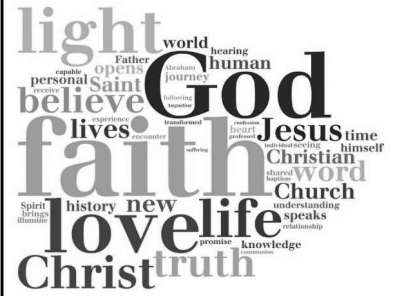


Elders

Session Class of 2024:
 Karen Johnson
 Tim Saunders

Session Class of 2025:
 Meghan Hadley
 Zoe Dillard

Session Class of 2026:
 Drake Mitchell
 Ellen Morton





Continue to keep in your prayers:

God calls us to be a praying people. Being in a faith community together, we join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers

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

Phil Martin
The family of Kay Perry
Evelyn Ezell
(grandchild of a friend of Sharon Gray)

Sonya Charters
Paul Rikert
Billy O'Brien
(Britt Styers' husband)

Marilyn Taylor
(Kelsy Mitchell's grandmother)

Ralph Doss
Chris O'Leary
Pete McMillian
Kasey Redfern
Ned McMillian

Shirley Bell
(Sheryl Bell's mother)

Ross Ramsey
(Diane Weeks' father)

Daniel Wilkerson
(Tim's nephew)

Lee Oliver
Faye Brown
Classie Meredith
Jack Hester
(Kathy Saunders' father)

Helen Boyer
(Karen Johnson's mother)

Joann Smith



*The budget here is very sound.
 Donations come from all around.
 Offerings keep going up!
 Like an overflowing cup.
 "Giving extra" — that's the rule.
 There's too much money —
 April Fool!*

An original poem by FMC member Pastor Ralph J. Mineo of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Baltimore, OH.



Our Earth Care Committee has asked that kids (and adults) draw pictures representing Earth Day to be used in our Earth Day corkboard display. Drawings can be brought to the church office during the week or bring them on Sunday and we will collect them! These can be coloring pages or original drawings and they can be any medium: pen, pencil, crayon, marker, paint, collage, anything!



On April 20th SPC will be holding a Plant Sale!



Spring has sprung and that means it is time for the Earth Care Committee (ECC) annual plant sale in honor of Earth Day

Date of Plant Sale: Saturday, April 20th Time: 8-1

Proceeds go to support Earth Friendly Projects. Items we hope to sell this year include a variety of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable seedlings, and garden art. We need your help to:

- Divide and donate perennials you may have (let the church office know if you need someone to dig them for you)
- Donate plants or anything gardening you may have
- Grow plants from seeds.
- Spread the word to gardening friends.
- Volunteer! Opportunities will be available closer to the date
- Come to the sale

ECC asks that you bring any plants you have for us on April 17th, 18th and 19th. We will be sending out reminders as time gets nearer. The most important thing right is that your seeds are planted and ready to go!

When flowers begin to pop up it can only mean one thing that spring is finally on its way. Spring is a great time to share some of these plants with the **Earth Care Committee** for our annual earth day plant sale, April 20th. Below I have listed a few Passalong Plants that you won't even miss if you share with us from your own garden.

Bee balm, spiderwort, cleome, yarrow, obedient plant, hardy begonia, ferns, hosta, cosmos, rose campion, lambs ear, elephant ears, hens and chickens, beautyberry, daylilies, weigelia, hydrangea, iris, lenten rose, coral bells, pachysandra, columbine, aucuba, epimedium, foam flower, lily of the valley, just to name a few. Plants will look better if dug and potted a couple of weeks before the sale. Don't forget to call the office if you need someone to dig for you. Happy Spring!!!



SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREE YOGA CLASSES

SUNDAYS
9:45 - 10:30 AM



CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Yoga for all levels of experience.
Come in the front door, and meet us in the gathering area.

4216 Wayne Road, Greensboro, 27407
Questions? Call or text 336-707-9980



Children's CHURCH



We are excited for the
our new refurbished
Children's Sunday
School classroom!

Thank you to all who
helped make the space
fresh and clean.



Adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 9:45am in the parlor for Sunday School!

April 7th: David Boger on being
Presbyterian in the Bible Belt

April 14th: David Boger on being
Presbyterian in the Bible Belt

April 21st: Earth Care Team talk about
Earth Day

April 28th: Beth McKee-Huger talk about
advocacy work in Greensboro for
Affordable Housing



SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



The preschool children are ready for spring! Leprechauns and Easter bunnies filled our March days. We also had a nice visit from Cat in the Hat. Always love celebrating Dr. Seuss.

The classes have enjoyed music with Stephen. They love their train whistles!



We had a very successful spring fundraiser. Thanks to all those who purchased seeds.

Spring pictures will be April 17

New mulch for the playground will arrive in May! On May 22 at 11 am, we will have our Spring Program/Graduation.

We are currently enrolling for the fall. Please contact me for a tour and registration information.

We are thrilled to have our summer program again this summer and we are officially full. |
The summer program runs through June and July. Lots of fun!





CHURCH CONNECTION

PARENTS!!

Has your child begun or returned to college or military service? Please make sure we have their current contact information so we can continue to send cards and packages to them.



MARCH 24, 2024

John 12:12-19. ¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"



WOMEN'S DINNER

All women are invited to join the group for dinner at 6 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

April's dinner will be Tuesday, April 23, 6 pm at Box Seat. Restaurant.

May's dinner will be Tuesday, May 28, 6 pm Location to be decided.



Sunday Serve continues to serve approximately 100 less fortunate friends downtown at Center City Park twice a month. Tents, sleeping bags, and backpacks are a constant need if you have any. **We do meal prep every other Saturday morning in our kitchen at 10:00AM and would love for you to stop in and see how the process works.**



We have a long, black women's coat hanging in the hallway past the kitchen. It has been there for at least a month. Also, there is a brown and burnt-orange wrap next to the lost and found box in the office. In the lost and found box, there are at least 3 pairs of glasses, a cell phone, several sets of keys, and other miscellaneous items.

The Lost & Found Box is in the church office, on the bookshelf, to the left as you enter the doorway from the foyer. **THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN HERE A LENGTHY TIME. THEY WILL BE EITHER DISCARDED OR DONATED AFTER MAY 31, 2024.**



What is the Benevolence Basket?

For many years our church has received an offering the 4th Sunday of each month which is used to assist those in need in our community with, utilities, food, water, and an occasional bus ticket so that someone can join a family member in another state so they don't remain homeless in Greensboro.



How do we know who needs assistance?

We partner with Greensboro Urban Ministry, Mustard Seed Community Health, FaithAction International, Greensboro Police Department, GCAN (Guilford County Congregational Assistance Network), Sedgefield Elementary School, and Jamestown Presbyterian Furniture Ministry.

We rely on our partner agencies to verify and validate the needs before they bring the requests to us and to other churches.

How much assistance has our church provided in 2024?

Since January 1, we have provided assistance to 9 families with rental (\$500 —1 family), utilities ((\$1664.92— 6 families), bus ticket to California (\$389.04—1 person) and 1 food pantry—(\$200) for a total of \$2753.88. We currently have approximately \$2660 remaining in the Benevolence fund.

Because of increased housing costs, utilities, food, and other living | expenses and no increase in wages, the needs in our community continue to grow. Thank you to all who continue to support the **Benevolence Fund !**

* The Summer Lunch/BackPack programs are funded primarily from a gift left in a will from a supporter who lived in Charlotte, NC, and other contributions to these 2 programs.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

SUNDAY APRIL 7

Encourage your children to participate in the craft, "All God's children need food" during their Sunday School time.

Please sign three letters to our representatives in Congress asking them to support the Farm Bill..

Take home an additional three letters for friends or family members to sign and place them in the offering plate the next Sunday, April 14.

Please remember these words of encouragement from Bread for the World: "With your help, we can reach the people with the power and resources to make hunger a problem of the past."

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING of LETTERS

Put your faith into action with Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!

As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger.

Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.

By taking part in Bread for the World's 2024 Offering of Letters, you will help support domestic and international nutrition programs that offer a hand up to families and a brighter future for children.

Your letter matters. Combined with others from your church, campus, or organization—and joined with the voices of thousands of advocates across the country—your letter or email is an expression of faith and hope, urging U.S. decision makers to pursue a world without hunger. God uses these letters to change hearts and minds, and again and again, Bread for the World wins help and opportunity for our neighbors who face hunger.

Prayer of the Day

God of love,

We gather this day to worship you;

to hear your word proclaimed,

to pray for our neighbors;

near and far;

and to offer the gift of our voices

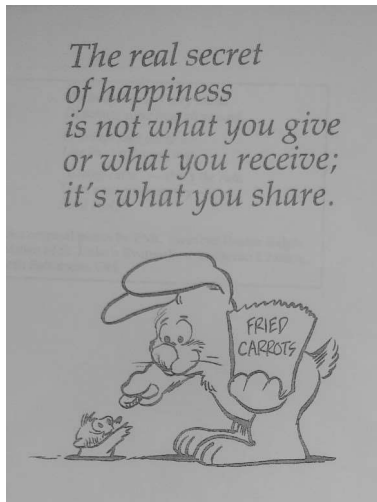
—and our words

so that children around the world

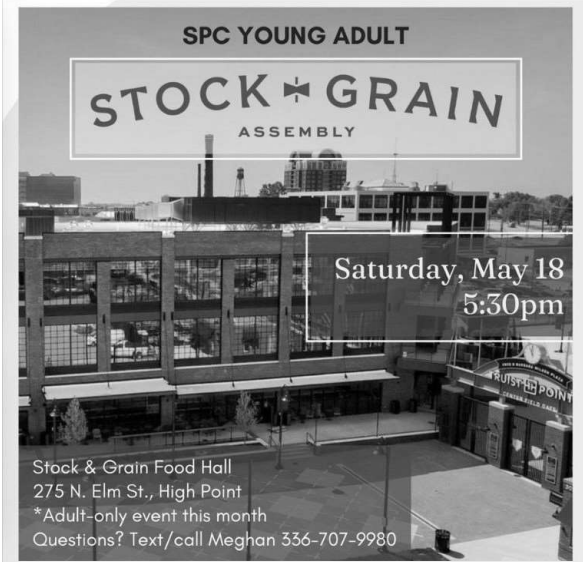
have enough nourishing food

that they will thrive.

Amen



The real secret of happiness is not what you give or what you receive; it's what you share.



How to participate in Offering of Letters

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger.

Please take a few minutes to write your members of Congress. Urge them to help families and children experiencing hunger and poverty—no matter where they live.

Sample letters can be found to print or send by email at cf.bread.org.

URGENT!

Benevolence Fund With the increased need for assistance with rent, utilities, and water bills, more requests from Guilford Congregational Assistance Network (GCAN) and GUM are anticipated. Please continue to contribute to our Benevolence Fund as you are able. Thank you for your continued support of this very important ministry!!

Thank you!

Michael Adams and Hannah McGuire are graduating from UNCG and will no longer be with us in the fall. Their last Sunday is April 28th. We've been part of their journey for 2 years. Please give them a special thank you when you see them!

Upcoming Music

April 14th: Chancel Choir
"This is the Day"

April 28th: Youth Choir
"Get on Board, Little Children!"



Pajé on djembe for Palm Sunday



Lower Voices for Palm Sunday

Light/Shadow

From the Director of Music

I am so thankful for the leadership and dedication of everyone who has been involved in making music. From the congregation singing hymns to the choir participating in extra rehearsals, it has been a very full month! And yet, the music has been incredibly beautiful. It has been a joy for me to be a part of and to then share with you all!



Good Friday joint service with Hinshaw United Methodist Church



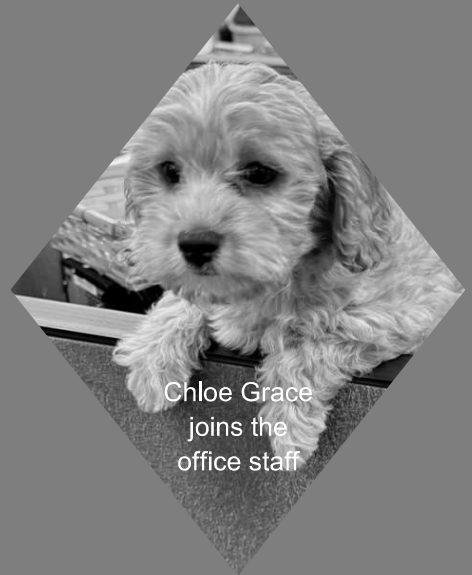
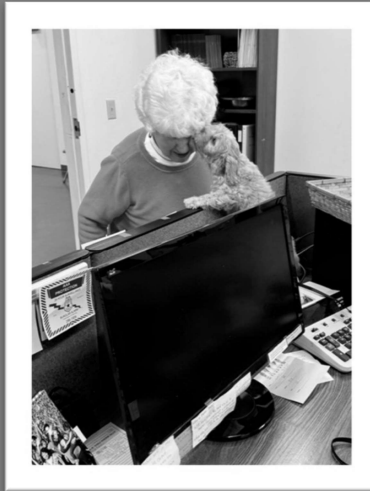
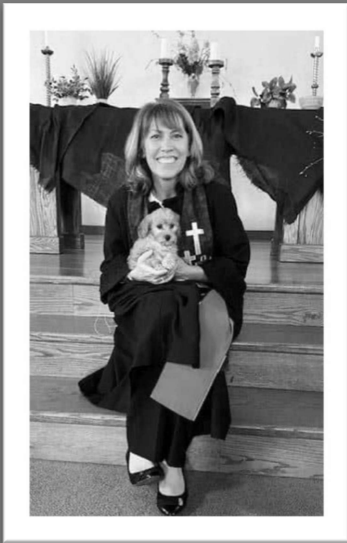
Youth Led Choir Anthem



Easter Sunday Service

We have more music coming in April before we head into the summer season, culminating with the Youth Choir singing "Get on Board, Little Children" (featuring a secret, special guest!).

Come join us!



Chloe Grace joins the office staff



Chloe Grace



A new friend has joined us at SPC!
Meet **Chloe Grace!**
We raised \$125 in donations with our naming vote for her!
She will soon join Kim on her ministry visits.



When you have a split household, only one will be happy in the end..



YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG FAMILIES
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BBO Party!
APRIL 20 11AM-1PM
Sedgefield Presbyterian
4216 WAYNE RD, GREENSBORO, NC 27407

\$5 PER ADULT
\$3 PER CHILD

MEET US AT THE PLAYGROUND FOR AN ADULT AND CHILDRENS PLAYDATE! FUN, FOOD, DRINKS & MUSIC PROVIDED.
QUESTIONS? TEXT MEGHAN @ 336-707-9980



APRIL 10
is the
ANNIVERSARY
of the day
Marissa Duffield
joined us at SPC!
Welcome her when
you see her!

Thank you from
Sonya Charters

Thank you so much for
the beautiful Valentine card.
It brightened up my day
and I enjoyed all the
colored hearts and finger
tracing. You did a really
great job and I appreciate
your remembering me.
Love to you all,
Sonya
How did you know candy
kisses are my favorite?



February 12, 2024

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$633.00 to Mustard Seed Community Health on February 9, 2024 in honor of John Stone. Because of support like yours, we can continue to provide quality healthcare to low-income individuals and families in need of our services.

We are kicking off the new year and are seeing the usual influx of patients with winter-related illnesses coming in to be seen by Dr. Mulberry. Our Community Outreach Team and Clinical Social Worker are active in the community, providing additional services to patients with food-related illnesses or behavioral health issues. Generous donations of healthy food items have allowed us to help provide patients and their families facing food insecurity with needed groceries.

We would not exist without the support of our community and people like you. It's important that we are here for this moment and other moments in our patient's lives that call for compassion and caring during sickness. When you support Mustard Seed Community Health, you are providing hope for a healthy future for so many of our neighbors.

Thank you again for your donation. Please let us know if you have questions about our programs and community impact. You are making Greensboro a more robust, healthier community.

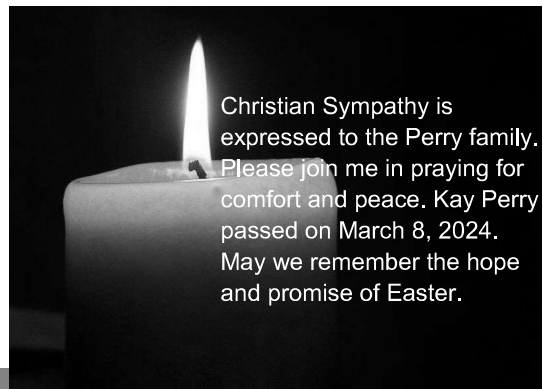
In partnership,

Christine Odom Ringuette
Executive Director
Mustard Seed Community Health

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. Mustard Seed Community Health is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, EIN #46-4980081

Love
you all !!!

To Karen + my SPC family
Thank you so much for
the food Karen delivered.
It was a life saver since
I needed much help so
no one had time to prepare
meals. All of it was
delicious and appreciated.
Thanks SPC
Daddy, Sonya



Blessing of the Charlie Wray
Memorial Tree
Sunday, March 17, 2024



FaithAction ID Drive



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