



Sedgefield Presbyterian Church

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"Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabbonil' (which means 'Teacher'). Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her." - John 20:16-18

Dear SPC Family and Friends,

I absolutely loved it! On Sunday, July 14th, there were eight of us girls in the pulpit. When I was their age (preschool and elementary), I had never seen women in the pulpit. The young ladies helped to read scripture from the past week's Vacation Bible School. They were nervous and said they had "butterflies" in their stomachs, but they were brave and read their parts beautifully.

It was a powerful and inspiring moment to see these young girls stepping up with such courage and grace, reminding us all of the importance of encouraging and supporting the next generation of women leaders.

This year, for the first time, we have a woman's name on the November ballot for President, V.P. Kamala Harris. Please note, this article is not about endorsing any candidate, but about celebrating the visibility of women in leadership roles. If we do not see women in leadership, our little ones may struggle to envision themselves in those roles.

Many times I have been challenged by those who believe that the Bible says women should not preach or lead in church simply because they are women. When I was younger and naive, I wrestled with my own calling into ministry. It wasn't until my late twenties that I saw women in the pulpit and in ministry leadership roles, and I thought, yes, there is a place for my voice. I believe that to fully understand the Bible, we need to hear from as many voices as we can. We are all created in the image of God and therefore, each voice matters.

Mary Magdalene was told by Jesus to go and proclaim his resurrection. She was the first to witness the risen Christ and the first to announce the good news to the disciples. Her story is a powerful reminder that God calls and equips women to share God's message of hope and redemption.

In our own congregation, we see the importance of this every day. Our young ladies, standing in the pulpit and reading scripture, are following in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene and countless other women who have boldly proclaimed the Gospel throughout history. Their courage and enthusiasm inspire us all to be more inclusive and supportive of all in ministry.

May the young ladies in our church continue to proclaim the good news, confidently and joyfully. And may we continue to be a safe place for all voices to tell of God's love. Let us nurture and empower all, ensuring they know there is a place for their voices in the church and beyond. As we move forward, let us remember that the body of Christ is enriched by diverse voices and perspectives. By embracing and encouraging the leadership of women, we reflect the inclusive love of God and the boundless reach of Jesus' message.



August Birthdays

- 1 Cynthia Wages
- 2 Kathy Slomka
- 3 Diane WeeksRoger Montgomery
- 6 Frank Dew
- 12 Classie Meredith
- 13 Emily Mitchell
- 15 Carly Eklund

- 17 Craig Hensel
- 18 Sam Morton
- 19 Thea Hadley Daniel Berry
- 26 Morgan Hayes Paul Durant
- 30 Rosalino Matto
- 31 Jenny Ritter Fred Brown



Happy Anniversary to:

August 3 Myra & Roger Montgomery

August 8 Charlotte & John Stone

Worship Assistants

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AUGUST	Lay Reader	Usher(s)	Infant Care	Church School	Refreshments
4	David	Bruce	Maiya	Hailey	Kim
11	Zoe	Bruce	Maiya	Hailey	Karen & Linda
18	Meghan	Ritters	Maiya	Hailey	Diane
25	Linda	Barbara	Maiya	Hailey	Frances & Leisa



This Month's Highlights

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

Sunday, August 4	11th Sunday after Pentecost
Tuesday, Wednesday, August 6, 7	Summer Lunch
Sunday, August 11	12th Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday, August 17	YA Pool Party
Sunday, August 18	13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 25	14th Sunday after Pentecost
Tuesday, August 27	Women, dinner Blue Rock
Thursday, August 29	Preschool Open House, 6:30







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
Billy O'Brien (Britt Styers' husband)
Chris O'Leary
Pete McMillian
Kasey Redfern
Ned McMillian
Shirley Bell (Sheryl Bell's mother)
Daniel Wilkerson (Tim's nephew)
Lee Oliver
Faye Brown
Classie Meredith
Jack Hester (Kathy Saunders' father)
Helen Boyer (Karen Johnson's mother)
Joann Smith
Judy Spillers (sister of Teresa Caine)

Glenda Neal (friend of Teresa Caine)

Sharon Turcot

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

Elders on Call:

AUGUST Karen Johnson

Session Snippets

- Each committee will be working on committee policies this fall.
- Repairs & renovation team will give an update on Sunday,
 August 11th following worship
- On recommendation of the personnel committee, the session agreed to extend a contract to Baker Lawrimore as our new music director.
- Drake is working with plumber and concrete person on sidewalk, making sure all leaks are taken care of.
- Budget was approved by session for repair and renovations.



Here are some suggested Summer book reads:

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese Florida by Lauren Groff

Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair by Christian Wiman

A Gracious Plenty by Sheri Reynolds

The Women by Kristin Hannah

The Garden is a good news bad news sto-

ry. The Tomatoes and Peppers have been doing well but the Cucumbers and Squash haven't amounted to much, couldn't take the early heat.' we gave them plenty of water. However, we have provided a modest amount of Tomatoes and Peppers to the Our Father Lutheran and Groometown Methodist food pantries and more are on the vines.



The Greenhouse structure is up with some adjustments, potting table, and shelving for completion.

We may be ready in the Fall for plant starts for the winter garden. After we get everything organized in the Greenhouse we will open it up for the congregation to use and help for the Annual Plant sale on/or close to **Earth Day, April 22**.

Seek Perfection Embrace Imperfection Jef Morgan





We had a very successful Summer Program during June and July with 20 children enrolled. The children learned about many topics which included sea life, things that hatch and even the Olympics!

Now it is Back to School time! We are looking forward to the new school year. We would like to welcome our new families to the preschool and so thankful for our returning ones.

Open House will be Thursday, Aug. 29th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. First day of preschool will be Tuesday, September



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! WATCH OUT!

Chloe Grace had a busy summer. Her favorite was VBS! She loved singing and playing along with the children and learning of God's love. Her second favorite thing was receiving a gift from an O'Henry magazine. And finally she started therapy training at Dogtown. She needs help practicing

sitting and coming. You all bring her so much joy on Sundays!



HUMANS ARE A DOG'S BEST FRIEND

In his hand is the life of every creature

~Job 12:10













CHILDREN'S CHURCH MADE 40 TOILETRY KITS!

These kits contain various items such as toothbrush, toothpaste. shampoo, soap, and a washcloth.

MANY THANKS to the children in Children's Church for putting these together.











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The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers Psalm 24:1-2

July 19, 2024

Sedgefield Presbyterian Church Attn: Clerk of Session 4216 Wayne Rd. Greensboro, NC 27407

Dear Partners in God's Ministry,

Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the summer. On our liturgical calendars this is "ordinary time". I hope you and the leadership of your congregation can take time to catch your breath, and give the choir, the committees and the session a well-deserved break.

We give thanks for your faithful and extraordinary support of Presbyterian mission and ministry. The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and around the world. Thank you, once again, for your witness to the Great Commission and your support of Presbyterian ministry and mission beyond your congregation. You are a valued partner.

Please let me know how I can assist you in your mission efforts. Feel free to call, write or email with any questions, ideas or suggestions that you may have. I'm here to walk alongside you in our shared mission.

Yours in Christ,

Sy Hughes

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Women's

tellowship dinner



Join us this year to support our local immigrant and refugee communities. This cherished event aims to uplift the voices of our immigrant and refugee neighbors while celebrating the rich diversity of our community. The day will be filled with dynamic performances and engaging family activities.

He offers peace beyond our circumstances, joy beyond our expressions, wisdom beyond our understanding, and accomplishments beyond our abilities.



Remember
We return to our
regular woship
time of 11:00 am
in September



Save the date!

Saturday, August 17 - Pool Party (with kids) Sunday, September 22 - TBD (without kids) Saturday, October 19 - Pumpkin Patch Fun (with kids)



Above: The ladies enjoyed a delightful afternoon at **Distractions Art Entertainment**, where they indulged in pottery painting together. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, get creative, and enjoy each other's company.

We are excited to announce that registration is open for our 4th Annual Clay on the Green Foundation Charity Golf Tournament!! It will be October 21st at Alamance Country Club in Burlington. Over the last 3 years we have been able to donate over \$95,000 in honor of Clay's name to help

fund Ewing Sarcoma cancer research. We are very grateful and hope we can continue to raise money with your help!!! Please visit our website and consider donating or registering!! Thank you so much!

www.Clayonthegreenfoundation.org #TeamClay #CANCERSUCKS







Morgan Haynes is in a play, *Impressionism*, at the Stephen D Hyers Theatre this month.

Impressionism is set in the small art gallery of Katharine Keenan, where she and her assistant Thomas Buckley, have been hiding from a world that has shattered them. Thomas has been hurt by what he's seen behind the camera as a world traveling photojournalist, and Katherine has been disappointed by incredibly failed relationships.

The New Yorker says:

Sit back and enjoy the play's brazen sweetness and openhearted humor.

A group from SPC are going on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:30. Tickets are \$20, and Barbara Haynes can get tickets for anyone I nterested.

For more information,

see <u>www.creativegreensboro.com</u> or feel free to call Barbara at 561-818-1181.



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On Tuesdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm EDT, Aug 20-Nov 5

or

On Tuesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm EDT, Sept 10-Nov 26

*On Mondays 10:30am-12:30pm EDT, Sept 23-Dec 9
(*This is an affinity group for people of color.)

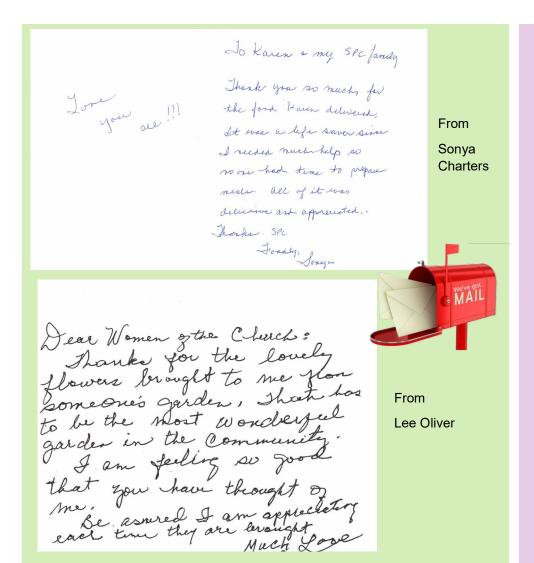


For more Information & registration: www.thepoiseproject.org/afa-2024

Or contact Monika Gross monika.gross@thepoiseproject.org 828-254-3102



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Shania Clark and daughters, Nola Ruth & Charlie

and

Kelsy Mitchell wife to Drake and mother to Kinly & Kayden





Proceeds Benefit Local Hunger Projects 2 Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink \$6 \$ 6.00!

Every Tuesday

(January—November)

11:30 am —1:30 pm

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