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Did You Know? You Have a Role in This Process, Too!

During a season of transition, it can sometimes feel like everything is happening “behind the scenes.” But the truth is: the whole congregation plays an important part in the journey ahead.

Calling a new pastor is not just a committee process — it is a season of prayerful discernment for the entire church family.

So what can we all be doing during this time?

- Pray regularly for the church and its leaders—Pray for Session, the Transition Team, future committees, and for the person God may be preparing to serve alongside our congregation.
- Discern who we are as a church
- What makes our congregation unique? What ministries matter most to us? Where do we see God at work in and through SPC?
- Support and encourage one another
- Seasons of transition can bring uncertainty, excitement, grief, hope, and many questions. Extending grace and patience to one another matters deeply.
- Stay engaged in the life of the church
- Worship, fellowship, mission, Sunday School, and service continue to shape who we are — even during transition.
- Reflect on the future
- What kind of church is God calling SPC to be in the years ahead? What opportunities might God be opening before us?

Most importantly, remember this:

A pastoral transition is not simply about finding “the next pastor.” It is also about discerning who God is calling SPC to be in this next chapter of ministry.

We believe God is already at work among us — and this season is part of that story.

Birthdays

- 5/12 Margit Howell
Josh Price
- 5/13 Frances Wolfe
- 5/14 Grey Huddleston
- 5/18 Maggie Stout
Charlie Williams
- 5/22 Neil Dorman
- 5/27 Colby Alexander



Elder on Call
Diane Weeks

Wedding Anniversaries

May 13

Karen & Doug Younts

May 26

Julie & Jim Gehling

May 26

Jenny & Scott Ritter



A Cheerful Reminder

As we move through this exciting season of transition, the heartbeat of our church remains strong. Our ministries, missions, and daily needs continue to make a meaningful impact. Your ongoing generosity is vital to the good work happening within our church community. Thank you for giving joyfully and helping us maintain momentum!

Elders

Session Class of 2026:

Drake Mitchell
Ellen Morton

Session Class of 2027:

Reece Craven
Chip Burch

Session Class of 2028:

Meghan Hadley
Diane Weeks

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



- 5/3 5th Sunday of Easter; Congregational Meeting; Session meeting
- 5/4 Preschool Ballet; Fellowship Hall, 1 pm
- 5/7 National Day of Prayer
- 5/10 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- 5/14-5/17 NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage #191, Laurel Ridge, NC
- 5/16 Pickleball, SCC, 10 am
- 5/17 7th Sunday of Easter; Communion; Bread for the World
- 5/19 Fellowship Dinner at Breakfast Brunch, 6 pm
- 5/24 Day of Pentecost
- 5/25 Memorial Day
- 5/27 Men's Group
- 5/31 Trinity Sunday ; Reception for Stanley

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

MAY	Lay Reader	Usher (s)
3	Linda P	Mitchells
10	Gehling	Gehling
17	Ruby	
24	Charlotte, Genevieve, Meghan	
31		



*Worship
News*
Worship
begins at
11 am



On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts

2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, May 24, 2026



On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Trinity Sunday is Sunday, May 31, 2026.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
Farewell Reception
— IN HONOR OF —
STANLEY

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST

Join us for a special
worship service
and a
reception to follow
in honor of Stanley,
to share our love with him
and to wish him well in his
journey to Ohio.

FOR MANY MANY YEARS
A FAITHFUL MEMBER
OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SO MANY
Memories

SO MUCH
Love

WISHING YOU
God's Blessings
ON YOUR JOURNEY

Stanley, and his late wife Charlene, have been a cherished part of our church family for many many years.

As he moves back home to Ohio to be near family, our hearts are heavy, but our love for him will always go with him.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND DEDICATION.
You will always be family.

Safe travels, Stanley

You will be missed dearly.



Prayer
LIST

God calls us to be a praying people. Being in a faith community together, we join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers for one another. Continue to keep these people in your prayers.

- Jan Brown
- Kelly, Davis & Frank Stewart (Ned McMillan's friends)
- Roger Montgomery
- Jessica Mitchell
- Craven family
- Valsa Lawrence
- Gordon Johnson
- Serena Drumgoole
- Kelsey Gills
- Pete McMillan (Ned McMillan's brother)
- Joan Ryan (Barbara Haynes's sister)

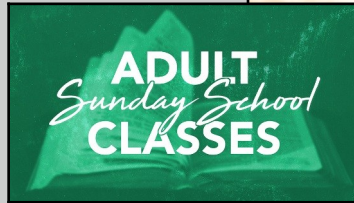
- Sharon Ritter Eriksson (Scott's sister)
- Debbie Jones (friend of Kym Stone)
- Scott Barker
- Dee Dee Lewis (Sonya Charter's daughter)
- Kasey Redfern
- Ned McMillian
- Daniel Wilkerson (Tim Saunder's nephew)
- Lee Oliver
- Classie Meredith
- Judy Spillers (sister of Teresa Caine)
- Glenda Neal (friend of Teresa Caine)

FAITH FORMATION



All children are welcome to join us for worship in the sanctuary.

After the **Time for Children**, they are invited to leave with their teacher for a special lesson and/or craft.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

QUESTIONS [?] Jesus ASKED

Timeless Questions. Personal Faith. Deeper Discipleship.

Jesus asked questions that changed lives—and still do today.

MAY 10
“What Are You Looking For?”
 John 1:35–39
 We all search for something. Explore what Jesus' first question reveals about our longings, purpose, and spiritual journey.

MAY 17
“Do You Want to Be Made Well?”
 John 5:1–9
 Jesus asks a surprising question to a man who has been stuck for 38 years. Discover what true healing—and change—can look like.

MAY 24
“Do You Love Me?”
 John 21:15–19
 After failure, Jesus restores Peter with a simple question. A powerful lesson on grace, love, and following Jesus for a lifetime.

SUNDAYS
MAY 10, 17, 24

LIBRARY

10:00AM – 10:45AM

Come for the questions. Stay for the fellowship. Leave encouraged.

National Day of Prayer

May 7
 “Pray without ceasing... give thanks in all circumstances”
 (1 Thessalonians 5:17–18)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

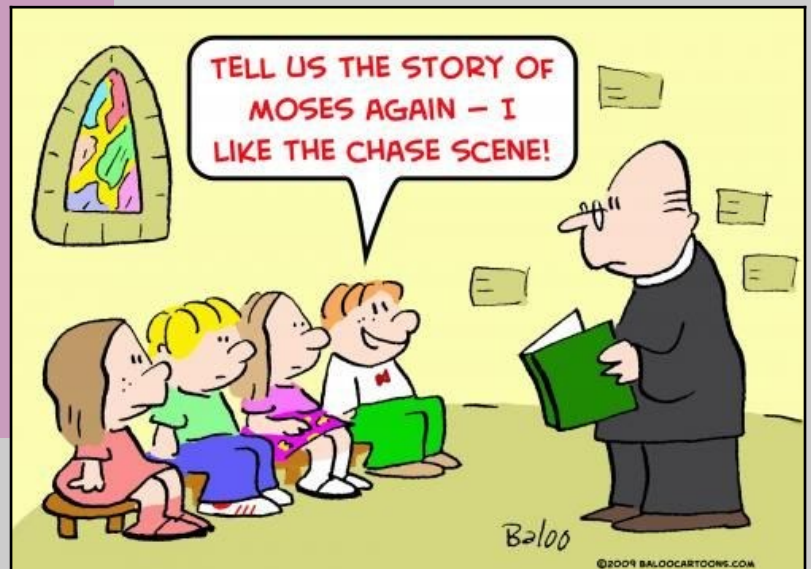
SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL!



Consider linking your VIC card to code 3278. This way, each time you shop at **Harris Teeter** and purchase **Harris Teeter brand products**, a percentage of your purchase will go to Sedgfield Preschool.





CHURCH CONNECTION

Our congregation keeps up with our youth that are currently in college or starting life's journeys by sending cards one month and a "goodie" box or gift cards the other month.

We have 7 kids on our list this school year. Letting our young



people know that we care about them is one of the church's most important ministries. Please let Linda Price know if you'd like to help.



Congregational Care



Join Us for Fellowship Dinner

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH | 6:00 PM



4623 W. GATE CITY BLVD. | GREENSBORO



Sedgefield Presbyterian Church

A Curated Christmas

A boutique holiday market featuring a collected mix of classic, vintage-inspired, and thoughtfully crafted Christmas décor—curated with care and intention.



CHRISTMAS SALE PREP IS BEGINNING!

Join us on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM in the back "Christmas Room" as we begin preparing for our Christmas Sale! We need all levels of crafting skills — from beginners to seasoned crafters.

We'll be:

- ✂ Making items from scratch
- ✂ Repurposing donated treasures
- ✂ Refreshing and decorating items
- ✂ Creating unique Christmas gifts and décor

Come enjoy fellowship, creativity, and fun as we work together to make this year's church fundraiser a success!



As the cost of living has increased significantly this past year for so many in our community, state and country, most families are simply struggling to have enough food, pay rent, utilities, and gas if they are lucky enough to have a car. Many of the families we help through our emergency assistance fund have only one person with an income, usually the mom. Escalating costs will only increase the challenges

they already have. About 20 years ago our Session approved receiving an offering for Benevolence/ emergency assistance ON the 4th Sunday of each month. These 4th Sunday contributions and additional gifts to the **Benevolence Fund** enable the Benevolence team to provide assistance when the requests come from our partner agencies.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE 4th SUNDAY BENEVOLENCE OFFERING. | ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

Food Collection for Area Families

Jamestown Presbyterian Church (JPC) has requested our assistance in providing rice and beans (dried or canned). These are needed for their **Easter food boxes**.

The spaghetti sauce given by our congregation and preschool helped fill more than 100 boxes for Thanksgiving.



In 2025 JPC gave 450 food boxes at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to families from Church World Service, New Arrivals, Hanes Inman School, Jamestown Elementary and Colfax Elementary.

Our Father Lutheran continues to need staple food for their food pantry!

Baskets are available outside the office and the sanctuary for your contributions.

Thank you for your help in providing food for the Jamestown Presbyterian Church and Our Father Lutheran food ministries!



THANK YOU
Volunteers

Thank you to all who collected food for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Spring Food Drive at the Jamestown Food Lion.

Our church collected and delivered 1280 lbs of food and \$122 to GUM Food Pantry. Our church has participated in the GUM Food Drives since 1987 when they began food drives.

Spring Food Drive at Food Lion on April 17.

Rt., Food Lion Manager and Customer



You lost your job, your car was repossessed and you were evicted from sub-standard housing and you have two elementary school boys. You are now homeless. What do you do?

This was January 9, 2026.

Fortunately, you have an online counselor (who lives in another state) who was willing to spend time finding an organization in Greensboro that could assist you—**Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM)**. GUM reached out to our church and to **Westminister Presbyterian Church (WPC)** for assistance with a hotel stay because the GUM shelter for homeless families—**Pathways**—had a waiting list that was months long. We were contacted because both churches have emergency assistance funds and have provided assistance for many years. After 6 weeks in Drury Inn and Fairfield Inn (WPC and SPC shared the expenses), Pathways was able to make a room available for this family.

This mom will get a degree as a pastry chef in May. During her 10 weeks in hotels, she diligently searched for a job that would give her the opportunity to be with her boys after school and was unable to find one.

Now some good news ... she has been awarded a 6 month internship at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville to work on her culinary skills as a pastry chef. She began her internship on April 28th after arranging for her boys to live with her sister here in Greensboro while she is in Asheville.

So, does SPC's monthly Benevolence Basket make a difference? Absolutely!!

Because of her online counselor, GUM, assistance from our church, WPC and mom's perseverance, she is moving forward for stability for herself and her family.

Thank you for your continued contributions to the monthly Benevolence Basket!!



Please continue to support the BENEVOLENCE BASKET!

Requests for assistance to churches from GUM are coming more frequently since they had to temporarily eliminate rental assistance because of lack of funds.



Alert! Costs have risen for our Backpack Program, This year the cost has increased from \$200 to \$240/year. Please help if you can! Checks can be made out to SPC marked for Backpacks.



Food Pantry **FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY NEEDED**

Baskets are provided outside the sanctuary and office for food donations. Cash contributions are welcome. Please mark checks for Food Pantries and someone from the Benevolence Team will shop.

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



The Earth Care Committee regrets that we will not be able to plant, maintain or harvest the Servants Garden this summer. We would like to offer to church members use of the garden. Some or all the beds are available for your family to use. Please contact Zoe Dillard if you are interested as she will be the point person.

Happy Gardening!

~When you see them, please give a big "thank you" to the members of this committee for the hard work and yummy vegetables they have grown and shared with us for many years. Jef Morgan, Zoe Dillard, Frances Wolfe, Ruby & Gordon Johnson. Apologies if I've missed anyone. ~Ed.



In case you haven't noticed, the column outside the office entrance has been repaired and it looks great!

BEFORE



AFTER

SPRING PLANT & TAG SALE

The annual **Earth Day plant and Tag sale** was a huge success. We made almost six thousand dollars. The money will be spent on earth-friendly projects for the church and a portion donated to the Benevolence Committee. Our success would not have been possible without the generous donation of plants by Jane Wray via Greensboro Shrub Nursery. Adding to our success were the many items donated by so many of you for the Tag sale portion of our sale.

Thanks to all that:

- donated plants from their own gardens.
- helped with set-up and tear down
- helped with getting the word out with the sale
- set out signs in the neighborhood and sent Facebook messages.
- helped during the sale itself.
- shopped.

We met many excited shoppers. One couple only purchased a couple of items but gave us extra as a donation. Another lady purchased items then went home and dug plants and brought them back for us to sell.

Lots of work and lots of fun.



BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY

SPC will participate in the **World Refugee Day Item Collection** again this year. Collection Bags will be available soon in the Gathering Area. Please support this important City of Greensboro mission . Contact Shania Clark with questions.



Refugee Collection




CITY OF GREENSBORO
WORLD Refugee Day
ITEM COLLECTION

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR REFUGEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS!
WHEN: JUNE 20, 2026
WHERE: HESTER PARK
SPONSORED BY **Interfaith IMMIGRANT JUSTICE**

ITEMS NEEDED:
Baby Wipes
Diapers
Diaper Cream
Petroleum Jelly
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Hand Sanitizer/Wipes
Hand Soap
Shampoo/Conditioner
Skin Lotion
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene Pads (No Tampons)
Powder Laundry Soap (Less than 6lbs.)
Dish Soap
Sponges
All Purpose Cleaner

No bulk sizes, No sample sizes, Nothing used or previously opened

To order from Amazon and ship directly to Westminster Presbyterian Church, scan the QR Code.



Coalition members/groups should designate a collection space within their building. Items should be delivered to Westminster Presbyterian Church (3906 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410) during the following time:
Friday, June 5: 1-5pm
Sunday, June 7: 2-4pm
Tuesday, June 9: 4-6pm

For questions, please email Kara Ruffin at kararuffin@gmail.com or text (336) 681-

Be devoted to one another
in brotherly love
Romans 12:10



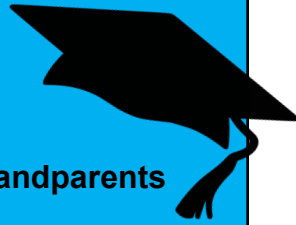
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DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

~JOHN WESLEY

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class of



Calling All Parents and Grandparents of 2026 Graduates!

As graduation season approaches, our church family is eager to honor students who are reaching this significant milestone. Each year, we take time to recognize high school and college graduates, celebrating their dedication, achievements, and the promising futures ahead of them.

If you have a graduating senior in your family—whether from high school, college, or a technical program—we invite you to include them in our upcoming Graduate Recognition Sunday. This special event allows our congregation to pray for graduates, support them, and remind them that they are embraced by a caring community.

Please contact the church office at office@sedgefieldpresbyterian.org or reach out to Linda Price at 336-707-7792 to let us know who should be honored.

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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



COMING SOON

Our worship time will change to **10:00 am on Sunday June 7**
Pickleball is happening again on **June 20 and July 11 at 10 am**
Father's Day is June 21
July 4th celebrations are fun and LOUD! Protect your pets
Prepare for **Vacation Bible School July 13-17**—Volunteers will be needed



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