

The Towers Newsletter

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Change remains a constant here at SCC, as it does in churches everywhere these days. Some of our changes are joyful and others are harder. After a long search, we joyfully welcome Rebecca Padrick as our new church pianist, but soon we will bid goodbye to our beloved Mary Huber as she moves into retirement. Soon we will joyfully welcome baby James Wilson to the SCC family, even as we say goodbye to our college students and recent graduates as they depart to pursue higher education and careers. Please pray for each of these beloved members, and their families, as they navigate these important transitions.

August will also mark a significant shift in our pastor search process. The transition team will finish their work on the church and pastor profiles this month, and we will vote on the members of our Pastor Search Team. That team will train in early September and begin the search to identify our new pastor. Please continue to pray for this team as they begin their important work, and continue to pray for the person God has been preparing to come and serve and lead among us.

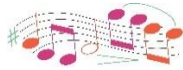
In the meantime, the nominating committee will soon begin their work of identifying those that God is calling to serve in specific roles in the life of our church. Please be praying about how God might be calling you to serve, and be open to saying "Yes!" when God calls.

As always, I'm on the journey with you, Tracy

**There's a special Called Conference August 28th
After church to vote on the Pastoral Search Nominees**



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Music Staff

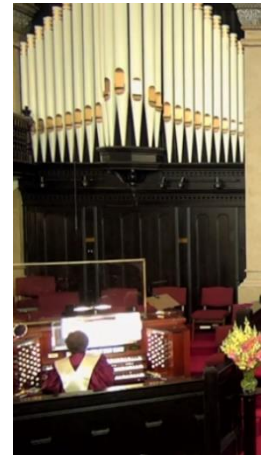
Welcome
Rebecca



On behalf of the Music Committee, I am happy to announce that we have hired a church Pianist. Her name is **Rebecca Padrick**. She will be coming to us from a church in Portsmouth which she has served for 25 years. We are looking forward to her joining us beginning next Sunday morning, June 17. I would like to give Janet and Mary a big thank you for all the shifting around they have had to do up here each Sunday morning while we have been trying to fill this vacancy. We appreciate the extra miles you both have gone to provide us with excellent music

over these past nine months. Sometimes when announcements are made there is some good news and some bad news and unfortunately that is the case this morning.

On behalf of the Music Committee, it is with a very heavy heart that we announce the retirement of **Mary Huber** our church organist who has served our church for the past 35 years. Mary has shown total dedication and love for her job during this time. She has always been available when needed for countless Sunday morning services, cantatas, weddings, and funerals. During this time she has worked with 3 full-time ministers, several interim ministers and 3 choir directors. Her last Sunday will be August 28. We will miss her and wish her the best as she begins her retirement, which she so much deserves. We will honor her Sunday, September 25 at the 11 o'clock worship service, which will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the luncheon on the bulletin board outside the church office beginning Sunday, August 14.



Cheryl Ashcraft, Chairman Music Committee



Staff Development Training



As part of the transition process, our boards and our staff members are updating policies and procedures church wide. This process has included updating our building use policy, our security policy, our personnel handbook, and our constitution (still ongoing) to name a few. Each staff member has been asked to create an essential notebook detailing their job responsibilities, and where appropriate, training one or more others who could step into their roles should the need arise. Amy Peterson, our ministry assistant, has been training a few office volunteers.

On Tuesday, July 19th, Dae Nixon, our financial secretary, continued training Amy to use our financial software. These trainings will help ensure the smooth and uninterrupted workflow in the office. Please be assured that we are sensitive to honoring the privacy and confidentiality of our church members during this process.



Pastoral Search Update...

The Transition team continues to work on the church and pastoral profiles. Their goal is to have these completed by the end of August. Per our Constitution, five boards nominated the following members to serve on the Pastor Search Team:

Deacons: Robert Boyce
Board of Finance: Elaine Abernathy
House of Worship: Douglas Parr
Christian Ed: Ginny Kinsey
Music: Benita Rhodes
Transition Team: Joyce Trump



The following two members have volunteered to serve as the at large representatives:
Lisa Carraway and Alan Garner.

We are grateful that each of these members has agreed to serve in this important role. The Constitution also requires that the church vote on these members. Therefore, we will hold a called church conference following worship on August 28th for the purpose of voting on this slate of nominees.

After the Search Team is confirmed, they will meet to elect their own officers and schedule a time for Tracy to train them in early September. They will begin the search for our next pastor shortly thereafter. Please continue to be in prayer for the Transition and Pastor Search Teams in the days ahead.



"The next meeting of the **Care and Concern Committee** will take place on September 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at church. We hope you will consider joining us at this meeting to learn more about the services this Committee provides to our church congregation. We meet only twice a year. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Care and Concern, feel free to contact Elaine Abernathy or Claudia Salmon. We hope to see you at our September meeting."

Elaine Abernathy Co-Facilitators of
Claudia Salmon Care and Concern

Applesauce (Individual Cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts; Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottles



Reporting on Missions....

August's Yellow Envelope Mission: Genevieve Shelter

The mission we are supporting for the month of August is the Genevieve Shelter. This very worthy organization strives to provide a safe refuge and supportive environment for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. It is a very local mission, serving Suffolk, Franklin, Smithfield and the counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton and Surry. All services, which include information, education and training, focus on ending the cycle of violence. And all services are free to their clients. We hope you will contribute to this life-saving mission.

Beyond Our Shores:

*Thank you for your donations to help Shear (pronounced Shay-ear) who is the child in Haiti we are helping. We have provided financial assistance to provide physical therapy for him, as well as a needed orthopedic brace. Please continue to pray for his improved ability to walk and that his therapist will be able to continue to travel from St. Marc to Monwi, where Shear lives.



A Step Back In Time

Suffolk Christian Church (SCC) was founded in 1860 by the Reverend William Brock Wellons, D.D. (1821-1877). In Surry County 66 years earlier, the Reverend James O'Kelly broke away from the Methodist Episcopal Church to found the Christian Church based on Five Cardinal Principles:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ as the only Head of the Church.
2. The name Christian to the exclusion of all party and sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our only creed, and sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety, the only test of church fellowship and membership.
5. The right of private judgment, and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

*Grief Support Group,
Wednesdays, September 7*

We are offering a grief support group on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., beginning September 7th. We'll be working together to support each other as we journey through our own grief. Even if your loss is not recent, you are welcome. Please email the church office at suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



Happy Birthday !!!!

Allen Clements	Aug. 1
Sergio Galan	Aug. 1
Donna Henderson	Aug. 1
Beverly McGahee	Aug. 1
Dana Bilby	Aug. 1
Jean Saunders	Aug. 4
Joan Harrell	Aug. 4
Bill Bailey	Aug. 4
Julie Masters	Aug. 8
Thomas Queen	Aug. 9
Lee Trump	Aug. 9
Betty Johnson	Aug. 9
McKenna Myles	Aug. 1
Edward Roberts	Aug. 1
Tracy Hartman	Aug. 1
Mary Emily Dailey	Aug. 2
L.H. Byrum Jr.	Aug. 13
Gin Staylor	Aug. 13
Chloe Underwood	Aug. 15
Mary Ralph	Aug. 16
John James	Aug. 17
Diane Mathias	Aug. 18
Joe Simmons	Aug. 18
Rachel Bradshaw	Aug. 20
Joey Briggs	Aug. 23
Brian Saunders	Aug. 23
Susan Judkins	Aug. 23
Barbara Griffin	Aug. 25
Corky Harry	Aug. 27
Jim Mann	Aug. 27
Cathy Nelms	Aug. 28
Renee Hensler	Aug. 31



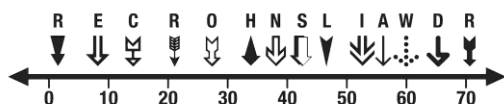
If anyone would like to join the Board of Ushers, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office! You may also sign up on the bulletin board to be a greeter or worship leader!



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



Like
56 21 71 28 60 42

in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV



Suffolk Christian Church Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm
Tracy.Hartman@suffolkchristian.org
suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com
Daenixon@gmail.com
Pbunch121@gmail.com



A donation to the General Fund in memory of Jack Harry,
Margaret H. Heuberger, and Martha H. Young
has been given by Jim and Paige Hill

A donation to the General Fund in memory of James
"Jim" M. Culliton, Jr. has been given by Jim and Paige Hill

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Margaret H.
Heuberger has been given by David and Ames Tillar

A donation to the Building Repair and Maintenance Fund in
memory of Jo Ann and Herbert Briggs has been given by
Jimmy and Sharon Fanny



January 2022 - Church Family
Assistance - \$615.00

February 2022 - Meals on Wheels -
\$785.00

March 2022 - Western Tidewater Free
Clinic - \$840.00

April 2022 - Winter Shelter - \$750.00

May 2022 - SCC Scholarship - \$830.00

June 2022 - CAPS - \$995.00

July 2022 - Crisis Pregnancy Center -
\$640.00

Sunday, September 11th Cookout
For the First Responders



We will be having a cookout for the First Responders of our city on Sunday, September 11th, from 12:00noon – 3:00 pm. We are encouraging church members to stay after church and join the First Responders for lunch this year. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will need people to help set up, cook, provide items and help during the day. We would need to be at the church no later than 9:00 am to set up for the cookout. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



Saturday, November 5th
Mark Your Calendars

More details in the September Newsletter



We are happy to announce our church nursery is now available for Sunday school and the 11:00 am worship service. Kelly Myles has agreed to volunteer in the nursery, however, we need more volunteers to help. If you can help in the nursery, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

August 5th & 19th

6:45 pm



Halloween Party for the Children

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Trunk-a-Treat

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 29th

More to come in the September newsletter!

COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN SUFFOLK

I attended a Members' meeting on Monday, July 18th, of the CAPS organization. CAPS is continuing to help many families in Suffolk, however, unfortunately, they are not able to help everyone. They will be having their annual fundraiser Sunday, September 18th. There is a copy of the flyer in the newsletter which gives all the details. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Priscilla Bunch. Submitted by: Priscilla Bunch

**PICK UP
A
PLATE OF
BBQ**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
11-2
PICK UP ONLY**

CAPTAIN BOB'S

BBQ, Fried Chicken, Coleslaw,
Hushpuppies, Mac 'n cheese

\$13.00

Pick up at
Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church
3488 Godwin Blvd
Suffolk, VA 23434

Support the
Coalition Against Poverty
in
Suffolk

Purchase tickets through any CAPS member church
or call the office at 757-935-5497
Purchase online at www.capsuffolk.org/bbq

A cartoon illustration of a pink pig wearing a white chef's hat and a white apron over a red shirt. The pig is smiling and holding a silver serving bell in its right hand. The background of the flyer is yellow with a red speech bubble containing the date and time.



Day 1:	Proverbs 13:20	Day 16:	Romans 12:18-21
Day 2:	Proverbs 16:28	Day 17:	1 Corinthians 1:1-8
Day 3:	Proverbs 17:17	Day 18:	Luke 6:27-31
Day 4:	Proverbs 18:24	Day 19:	1 John 4:7-8
Day 5:	Proverbs 22:24-25	Day 20:	Romans 12:9-10
Day 6:	Proverbs 27:5-6	Day 21:	Colossians 3:12-14
Day 7:	Proverbs 27:9	Day 22:	Philippians 2:1-4
Day 8:	Proverbs 27:17	Day 23:	2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 9:	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Day 24:	Romans 15:5-7
Day 10:	John 15:12-14	Day 25:	John 17:20-23
Day 11:	1 Thessalonians 5:11	Day 26:	1 Corinthians 1:10
Day 12:	Romans 12:15-17	Day 27:	1 John 4:11-12
Day 13:	Job 6:14	Day 28:	Romans 12:13-14
Day 14:	1 Peter 4:8-10	Day 29:	1 John 4:19-21
Day 15:	Hebrews 10:24-25	Day 30:	Ephesians 4:1-6
		Day 31:	Proverbs 31:25-31

I encourage you to read the scripture each day and meditate for 10 minutes on the scripture you have just read. Enjoy each day to the fullest!

Children's Wednesday Morning










August 3rd & 17th

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

The children have been having a blast at Wednesday morning bible study. We will have Wednesday morning bible study time for children from beginning **kindergarten** – to completing **5th grade** on the dates above. We will have a bible story, craft, snack, and game time. Come join us! Please contact Priscilla Bunch if you have any questions. Please let Priscilla know if your children will be attending. Parents: You are more than welcome to drop your child or children off and enjoy some “free” time to yourself.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00pm Saints Alive	3 10:00am Children's Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous Bible Study 	4 10:00am Thursday Crafters	5 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6-8:45pm Game Night	6
7 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	8 	9 1:00pm Saints Alive 3:00pm Food Pantry	10 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	11 10:00am Thursday Crafters 	12 11:30am Meals on Wheels	13
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28 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Called Church Conference 	29	30 1:00pm Saints Alive 3:00pm Food Pantry	31 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	