

The Towers Newsletter

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Thank you, one and all, for the beautiful Advent and Christmas season here at SCC. I am grateful for all those who assisted with our Surviving the Holidays Grief Seminar and our Blue Christmas Service and with our potluck on December 11th. It was such a joy to return to an evening cantata and welcome 135 people for this special service of worship. Thank you to the choir, ringers, youth, children, and accompanists who led us and to everyone who helped with the reception after. I also appreciate all those who helped make the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services so meaningful. I am also grateful to everyone who donated flowers to beautify our church during this holy season and those who donated generously to provide toys for children and who contributed to the Fire Relief Fund and Veterans of the Cross mission. It has been a busy season of fellowship and ministry!

Coming Up in January and February

Plan to join us in worship during in January and February. Here is what's coming up:

January 1st - Joyce Trump will be preaching on hope for the New Year

January 8th - we will celebrate Deacon ordination, communion and Epiphany

January 15th –we will celebrate the baptism of the Lord and remembering our baptisms

January 22nd – we will begin a five-part series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking mission and service, Extravagant generosity

Pastor Search Update

The Pastor Search Team met twice in December and complete the initial calls to our pastoral candidates. They have scheduled the second round of interviews for the first weeks of January. Please continue to pray for the Search Team and for our next pastor, whoever he or she may be! We are continuing to trust that God is leading us every step of the way. Until this person answers God's call to SCC, I'm on the journey with you, Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

Go to: [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

[Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe](https://www.youtube.com)

You also find us on:

www.suffolkchristian.org

Facebook

A Note from Board of Deacons:

As 2022 comes to an end, the Board of Deacons would like to thank our entire congregation for your support during this past year. With the help of our Intentional Interim Pastor, Dr. Tracy Hartman, we have discovered the foundation of Suffolk Christian Church, who we are and where we would like to see ourselves in the future. Your attendance and input at our Town Hall Meetings showed the love you have for our Church and its members. Everyone has played a role in the process. As 2023 begins, our Search Team will continue their work and we pray we will have a new Pastor in place in a just a few months. We know God is leading us through every step we have taken. He will continue to guide our Search Team and Pastor Tracy as we head into the final steps of finding the person the Lord has been preparing for us.



Thank you for your continued support. You have been there with us each step of the way.

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for your kind words and encouragement throughout this year. Our church lost 18 church members to death; and each of you were there to support those left behind. We have cried a bit and laughed a lot, but we have all remained strong. Special thanks to Pastor Tracy and the Deacon Board. Alan Garner will serve as the Deacon Chair next year and will need support from each of us.

May 2023 be a year of God's blessings to each of you.
Evelyn

Church Rental

In November, we were approached by Dan Cooke and Doug Hoven, members of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church from Wakefield, VA, to rent space from our church. This Church is a branch of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach. The Wakefield Church currently meets in the home of Doug Hoven. They have grown to 60 members and it is becoming hard for them to meet in a home. These two young men found our building by riding around the Suffolk area. It is their hope to plant a new church in Suffolk. After personally meeting these two fine young men, we knew that again the Lord was working in our church. It reminded us of a Chapter of the "Hopeful Imagination" book we studied back in the Spring.

After many discussions and meetings, the Board of Deacons and the House of Worship Committee felt this partnership would work. We have addressed their needs and our insurance liability. On Sunday, December 18, 2022, these two boards made a recommendation to the Executive Board to contract with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to rent a portion of our Building. The Executive Board has approved this agreement. The Church will use the Baraca Room and Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. We are in the process of finalizing the contract which will be effective around the middle of January. Once this is complete, anyone is welcome to review the contents. If you have any questions, please ask Evelyn Jones, Jim Goben or Alan Garner. We want everyone to know the details so don't hesitate to ask questions. It will be great to see our building opened more often.

Reporting on Missions...

January's Yellow Envelope Mission: SCC FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND

The Board of Deacons has designated our church's Family Assistance Fund to be the recipient of our yellow mission envelope for the month of January. This fund exists to help church members financially during emergency situations and is administered by the pastor, chair and vice-chair of the Board of Deacons. Your support of this fund is greatly appreciated as we try to provide a helping hand to those experiencing trying circumstances. Thank you so much for your generosity in the support of our church family.

Beyond Our Shores: SUPPLY AND MULTIPLY

"Many of you have asked us tough questions in regards to the days to come. To be completely transparent, we are praying daily for wisdom, peace and hope. Currently God has shown His grace and mercy largely on our community and has provided a few opportunities for us to meet the tangible needs of our ministry family. We communicate with our director daily. We have many people entrusted in our care and he is working diligently to meet all of the unique needs. We cannot share specific details, as we have had to make adjustments to living arrangements and other decisions for safety. Please continue to pray for Haiti. Please pray for the gangs to be stopped. They continue to extend their presence outside of Port au Prince and are gaining strongholds throughout the nation. Please pray for the minds of survivors to be protected." Published 12/4/22 on the Supply and Multiply Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE - CAPS NIGHTSTAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2023 – MARCH 8, 2023

Volunteers will be needed for meal preparation and staying with the Nightstay guests at the host church. Our Church will not be hosting this year. We will have more information after January 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla.

Thank You, Amy Peterson.

Amy Peterson, our ministerial assistant, will be leaving her position as of December 29, 2022. Amy has been a dedicated employee and has updated our office programs, our church policies, and our membership roles. Her assistance to Pastor Tracy and the Transition Team, as well as many other boards and committees has been invaluable. Amy also **assisted** Pastor Tracy with our grief program which has been such a blessing to so many of our church members. Join me in wishing Amy the very best in her next endeavor. She will be missed.

We will begin the search for a new ministerial assistant in January. In the interim, Lisa Carraway has agreed to handle the necessary documents that must be prepared each week. She will also be responsible for the Friday email. As Lisa will not be there every day, if anyone is interested in manning the office to answer the phones and greet visitors, please leave your name on the sheets outside the church office or feel to let me know. Things will be a little different during this transition, so please be patient with us.

Thank you again, Amy, for all your assistance over the past 4 years.



Thank you all for your love and support during 2022. God has helped us all through another year. Please pray 2023 will bring us many new blessings at Suffolk Christian Church. God bless you all and Happy New Year!

Priscilla

Game Nights @ 6:45pm

Friday, January 6th

Friday, January 20th



Congratulations to Tyler and Caitlyn on the birth of Ryder Bunch. He was born December 15th. Proud grandparents are Priscilla & Eric Bunch.



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| John Nemish | Jan. 2 |
| Summer Rice | Jan. 3 |
| Andy Cocco | Jan. 4 |
| Bert Young | Jan. 6 |
| Pat Byrum | Jan. 6 |
| Latane Barton | Jan. 6 |
| Phil Thatch | Jan. 6 |
| Caden Fleming | Jan. 6 |
| Ryan Fleming | Jan. 6 |
| Jim Thorsen | Jan. 7 |
| Gary Williams | Jan. 7 |
| Richard Savage | Jan. 11 |
| Jim Shank Sr. | Jan. 11 |
| Muriel Shumate | Jan. 13 |
| Jimmy Judkins, Jr. | Jan. 14 |
| Jason Fanny | Jan. 17 |
| Jane Marie Dailey | Jan. 19 |
| Rylan Ashcraft | Jan. 22 |
| Christopher Topping | Jan. 23 |
| Pat Fowler | Jan. 25 |
| Cameron Worrell | Jan. 25 |
| Kelly Myles | Jan. 28 |
| Ginnie Kinsey | Jan. 28 |
| June Beale | Jan. 30 |
| Debra Carr | Jan. 31 |

Dear Members of Suffolk Christian Church,

Thank you for the allowing me to be part of the SCC Family for the past four years. It's been my honor to share in the good times and bad. We've laughed together and cried together. I take with me wonderful memories and friendships. My love and blessings to each and every one of you!

Amy Peterson



January

A donation to Care and Concern in memory of Irvin Salmon has been given by Robert Whitmore.

A donation to Coats for Community Ministry in memory of Bobby Trump has been given by his family.

A donation to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of Margaret Beamon has been given by Margaret Harry.



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 - \$880.00

June 2022 – CAPS - \$1,065.00

July 2022 – Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$1,542.05

(includes \$772.05 from UK – via video broadcast)

August 2022 – Genevieve Shelter - \$810.00

September 2022 – Neighbors in Need - \$835.00

October 2022 – Sheltering the Homeless - \$956.00

November 2022 – Hurricane Relief - \$1,045.00

December 2022 – Veterans of the Cross - \$780.00



Meditate and journal about how God is doing something new in your life....

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11

Day 3: Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 4: Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 5: Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 6: Isaiah 40:31

Day 7: 1 Peter 1:3

Day 8: Ezekiel 36:26

Day 9: Philippians 2:13-14

Day 10: Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 11: Matthew 7:7-8

Day 12: Acts 3:19-20

Day 13: Isaiah 65:17

Day 14: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15: Malachi 4:2

Day 16: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 17: Colossians 3:9-10

Day 18: Psalm 73:25-26

Day 19: Psalm 23:1-3

Day 20: Romans 12:2

Day 21: Romans 6:3-4

Day 22: John 10:10

Day 23: Isaiah 41:13

Day 24: Philippians 4:6-7

Day 25: Proverbs 16:9

Day 26: Isaiah 60:1-2

Day 27: Psalm 40:1-3

Day 28: Galatians 6:14-26

Day 29: Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30: John 3:16-17

Day 31: Revelation 21:4-5

Questions to ask Yourself: What does He make new? How does He fulfill His purposes in our lives? How is He trustworthy?

Christmas Flowers 2022



Outside Front Wreath is in memory of **Jenny Smith** given by Aubrey

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Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in memory of **Deceased Class Members** given by The Adult Bible Class

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in Honor of **The Trump Family** given by Renee Trump Hensler –
Merry Christmas!

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in memory of **Dot** and **Elvin St. Clair** and **Russell Garner** given by
Lynne and Alan Garner

Upstairs Balcony Wreath is in honor of **Grace** and **Tom Atkins** given by Lynne and Alan Garner

Inside Front Column Wreath is in memory of **Ann Ralph** given by Wendy, Art, Conner, and Bobby

Inside Front Column Wreath is in memory of **John C. “Jack” Harry, III** given by Billie Harry and Family

Side Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Betty Brantley, W. T. “Punk” Brantley, Byrdie and Lycurgus
Barrett, Louise and Dewey Howell, Earl Barrett, Amy Barrett McGahee and Ruth Barrett** given by Betty
Jo Nuckols and Marion Murphy

Hunt Board Arrangement is in memory of **Louise** and **James B. Dailey** given by Jane Marie and Jim Dailey

Piano and Organ Arrangement is in memory of **Martha Harry Young** given by Hubert and Christine Young

Upstairs Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Beverly** and **Janie Aston, Betty Aston McCloud, Ron Aston,**
and **Kathy Aston Parker** given by Their Family

Downstairs Newel Post Swag is in memory of **Luther Dennis** given by Carman, Jim, Lindsay, and Emma

Wreath North Entrance Column is in memory of **Warren, Emma, Jimmy,** and **Larry Rountree** given by
The Bobby Johnson Family

Wreath North Entrance Column is in memory of **R. E., Geneva,** and **Bobby Johnson** given by
The Bobby Johnson Family

Wreath North Entrance Door is in memory of **Martha Harry Young** given by Billie Harry and Family

Wreath North Entrance Door is in memory of **Margaret Harry Heuberger** given by Billie Harry and Family

Wreath Iron Gate Front Entrance is in memory of **Kenny Martin** given by Vicki

Wreath Iron Gate Front Entrance is in memory of **Leslie** and **Evelyn Nelms** given by Vicki

North Foyer Arrangement is in memory of **Jack Byrd, David Byrd,** and **Pamela Conklin** given by
Eloise Byrd and Robin Huffman

North Second Floor is in memory of **Lisa Noel, Mike Jacobs,** and **Lawrence** and **Elizabeth Burnett** given by
David, Barbara, and Michaela

Wreath Beside Office Door is in memory of **Richard E. Saunders, Abram** and **Edla Norfleet, Percy** and **Ida
Saunders, William F. Norfleet, Robert A. Norfleet, Marianna** and **Robert Whitley,** and **Clifton Saunders**
given by Margaret Saunders

Wreath Iron Gate Walkway is in memory of **Corey Achstein** given by Mom and Dad

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Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Deceased Circle Members** given by The Evening Circle

Boxwood Wreath is in honor of **Our Children, Jenny Lynne** and **Matthew Stroup, Sara Beth** and
Taylor Thomason, and **Alana** and **Mark Carollo** given by Lynne and Alan Garner

Boxwood Wreath is in honor of **Our Grandchildren, Brayden Matthew Stroup, Luke Alan Stroup,
Elizabeth Taylor Thomason, Miles Joseph Carollo,** and **Evan Russell Thomason** given by
Lynne and Alan Garner

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Herbert N. Allen, II** given by Nick and Patty Allen

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Homer L. Steiner** given by Nick and Patty Allen

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Sylvia Barnes Bilby** and **Paulette Lassiter Cherry** given by
The Bilby Family

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Forrest Cathey** and in honor of **Mary Jane Cathey** given by
Billy and Barbara Hannah

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **June Fisher** given by Lili McNeil and Barbara Cummings

Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Eddie McNeil** given by Lili McNeil and Barbara Cummings
Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Georgie Lee** and **Frank Abernathy** given by Rob and Elaine Abernathy
Boxwood Wreath in honor of **Doris Cones** given by Rob and Elaine Abernathy
Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Lonnie Cones** given by Rob and Elaine Abernathy
Boxwood Wreath is in honor of **Priscilla Bunch** given by Rob and Elaine Abernathy
Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Paige** and **Bill Redd, Steve Redd, and Mildred Brown** given by Tommy and Cheryl Ashcraft
Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Miss Susie I. Powell, John and Nancy Holland, Lillye I. Holland, and Emma F. Eley**
Boxwood Wreath is in memory of **Mr. and Mrs Billy Cones and My Brother, Bill** given by Mary
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Poinsettias In Memory

Ruth Gibbs Sykes given by Joyce Ralph
Margaret and Bill Simons given by Billie Harry and Family
Callie and Jack Harry given by Billie Harry and Family
Robert and Rachel Ellis given by Jan Ellis
Fannie and Albro Ellis given by Jan Ellis
Evelena Ellis and Mary Virginia Ellis Vick given by Jan Ellis
Bill and Jane Ellis given by Jan Ellis
Nather Crutchlow Gray and Nancy Crutchlow Coley given by Jan Ellis
Charles C. Johnson given by Audrey S. Johnson
Elizabeth and H. T. Walker given by John and Ginnie
Pearl and Eddie Kinsey given by John and Ginnie
Bill Walker given by John and Ginnie
Mary Sue Rawls Parker given by Sue Burton
Beverly Stuart Burton given by Sue Burton
Earl Martin given by The Family
Earl Martin given by Michelle
Our Parents, J. T. and Dorothy Judkins and Alfred and Genevieve Aegerter given by Jim and Gloria Judkins
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Nick and Belle Allen given by Nick and Patty Allen
Mary Donnan Debranski and Megan Debranski Kelhart given by The Nemish Family
Herbert and Jo Ann Briggs given by Jimmy and Sharon Fanny
Clinton and Christine Fanny given by Jimmy and Sharon Fanny
Robert and Mary Drew given by Tommy and Rita Queen
Terry and Tremilla Drew given by Tommy and Rita Queen
Claude and Danise Queen given by Tommy and Rita Queen
My Parents, Margaret and Earl Rountree given by Benita Rhodes
Paul Robinson given by The Bilby Family
Vivian Darden Rountree given by The Bilby Family
Irvin Salmon given by Claudia Salmon
Hilda and Winston Meade given by Claudia Salmon
JoAnn Wills given by Claudia Salmon
Henry and Munya Mugabe given by Jay and Tracy Hartman
Dudzirai Chimeri given by Jay and Tracy Hartman
My Dad given by Lisa and Andy McLaughlin
Granddaddy given by Mary Blythe McLaughlin, Meredith McLaughlin and Danielle Donley
Mary Jane and Bud Writtenberry given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones
Marie and Jobie Jones given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones
Rodney Brown given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones



Buddy Heath given by Betty and Curtiss Johnson
Steven Brenwalt given by Betty and Curtiss Johnson
Louise Bradshaw given by Mary Lou Bradshaw and Family
Our Father, David Parker and **Our Brother, Billy Parker** given by The Family
Mildred and **C. C. Bracy** given by Diane and Charlie Mathias and C. C. Bracy
My Wife, Bonnie Bracy given by Her Husband, Claude
Lee Vesely given by Lili McNeil and Barbara Cummings
Crystal McNeil Carey given by Lili McNeil and Barbara Cummings
Lonnie Cones given by Doris Cones
Sarah Fletcher
Anna Goode Turner and **Mr. and Mrs. Z. Turner**
Margaret Beamon given by Her Children

Poinsettias In Honor

My Devoted Friend, Nancy Pichel given by Alice Stuck
My Devoted Friend, Lisa Carraway given by Alice Stuck
Priscilla Bunch given by Audrey S. Johnson
Michael and **Carmen Halley** given by John and Ginnie
Jody, Steve, Charlie, Summer, Lucca, J. M., and **Gwynne** given by John and Janet
Dr. Tracy given by Frances and Bill Carr
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Our Mother, Mary Parker given by The Family **Doris Cones** given by
The Myles Family

Poinsettias In Memory/Honor

In Memory of **Forrest Cathey** and in Honor of **Mary Jane Cathey** given by
Their Daughters, Patricia, Donna, and Barbara
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January 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Joyce Trump leading worship  | 2 | 3 1:00pm Saints Alive | 4 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 5 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 6 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6:45pm Game Night  |  |
| 8 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 11:00am Deacon Ordination | 9  | 10 1:00pm Saints Alive 1:00pm Food Pantry | 11 6:30pm Board of Deacons 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 12 10:00am Thursday Crafters 10:00am Prayer Team 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 13 11:30am Meals on Wheels | 14 |
| 15 9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Deacon Dinner | 16 | 17 12:00pm Saints Alive Potluck 1:00pm Food Pantry | 18 6:30pm Board of Finance 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous | 19 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 20 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6:45pm Game Night | 21 |
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