

AUGUST 2026
SPC SPOTLIGHT

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Thoughts from Pastor Kristy

Renewal

When I said yes to God's call to bring me to SPC 5 years ago, I was clear in my call that I would do 1-2 weeks in service to the greater church. This typically means I will go to Montreat as a leader of some sort. I have been a small group leader, part of the planning team, and one time a mom with time at Montreat.

It is not a vacation or retreat to be a small group leader, it is work that is taxing physically, mentally, spiritually. But it is also incredibly fulfilling to pour into the lives of almost 30 people for a week of intense bible study and connections.

This year the theme was Wonder and Wander where we challenged young people to be curious; ask big and real questions about God, faith, and scripture.

At the end of the week you share affirmations with each other and I want to share with you one.

"The insight you have to our scripture this week really will stay with me and I appreciate how much care you put into making this small group feel like a safe, positive, and welcoming environment."

I was amazed at the love poured back to me as I poured into these young people. I was enthralled with them and excited about what God is doing across this country in showing immense love for others through mission, service, and faithful living.

Over 800 kids last week sang of God's love and were challenged to live Micah 6:8.

On August 14-16 I will be returning to Montreat for a Women's Conference to further give my time to God for renewal.

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
"The Church at the Bridge"



Bridging the Gaps in People's Lives!

- Between us and God
- With family, friends & neighbors



- Between us and our local community
- Between us and a world in need

Henry County Georgia

All services are Livestreamed on YOUTUBE.

<https://www.youtube.com/@StockbridgePresbyterianAV/streams>

WIRED WORD

with Aaron Roberts 9:20

In person in Fellowship Hall or

Zoom Link,

This looks at Current Events and ways for scripture to speak to what questions and realities we live with today.

Congregational Meeting August 23rd



Sermons in August

Aug 2 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Matthew 14:13-21 "Something from Little"

Aug 9 Psalm 85:8-13, 1 Kings 19:9-18 "Small Whispers"

Aug 16- Guest Preacher -James Mobley

Aug 23 Psalm 133, Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 "Even Still"

**Aug 30- Guest Preacher-Tyler Brock
Calvin Center Program Director**

Mission Giving

The Little Free Library and Pantry are sitting in the Education Building Parking Lot.

We are in need of items that are pop-top or easy for those living in their cars.

Look on the Giving Tree in the Narthex for any items needed.



**“Wear your T-shirt day”
September 6th at Church.
Wear it out and about and
wear it for Yard Sale on
September 12th**

Women's Bible study will resume on
Thurs. once a date is determined



PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

God of Wisdom. Thank you for the opportunity to learn. We are grateful for the generations before, those now, and those to come to have spaces to come together to learn not only academic wisdom but collective learning in classroom spaces. Be with our schools, wrap your love around them as they start a new year. Lift up the teachers with a fresh sense of care and love towards students of all abilities. Be with the administration in their duties of support and guidance. Be with the parents as they entrust their children to learn, to safety, to growing as young persons. Guide the students most all to know they are beloved children, to know there are people who care deeply about their lives, and to know they are capable to doing their best in this year to come. Amen.



**Another
wonderful
Brunch
Church
Thank you
for all
those
doing
music this
summer.**

Session Insights



Stated Meeting June 14, 2026

Clerk's Report :

Communications: The Session received no communications in May 2026.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed. The May 2026 Profit and Loss statement and Treasurer's Report were reviewed along with committee meeting minutes.

Resource Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Witness Committee and Discipleship Committee:

No issues or Recommendations

Pastor's Report:

Kristy provided the session with the time frame she would be absent. She will be at Montreat 18-25 of July and 14-16 of August. She will be on vacation Aug. 28-30. Replacements for both pulpit and Music are in place. She will be out of the office next week but available by email or phone. She also updated the health of several members.

Old Business:

The Session agreed to not have a second meeting in June 2026.

Aaron briefed the Session on the renewal of church property insurance.

New Business:

The Session was updated on the process being developed for the use of the proceeds from the property sale. Resource Committee will present two policies to Session at the August 2026 stated meeting that will provide the foundation for the investment strategy.

There being no further business to conduct, Rev. Ray closed the meeting with prayer.

Per Capita Contributions

Each year we contribute to the denomination and that is split up between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly
This year is \$32.26 per member

Financial Report for July 2026

Income \$12,577.10
Expenses \$15,073.91
Net -\$2,496.81
as of 07-29-26
Sale of Land
\$350,000.00
May 2026



TCC = Transformation Covenant
Church

AUGUST 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Witness 1:00 TCC	3 7pm AA meets	4 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	5 5pm Karate	6 7pm AA meets	7 5pm Karate	8 10am FA meets
9 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Session meeting 1:00 TCC 3pm Fellowship Hall reserved	10 7pm AA meets	11 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	12 5pm Karate	13 7pm AA meets	14 5pm Karate	15 10am FA meets 10am - choir
16 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Resource 1:00 TCC	17 7pm AA meets	18 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	19 5pm Karate	20 7pm AA meets	21 5pm Karate	22 10am FA meets
23 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Session 1:00 TCC	24 7pm AA meets	25 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	26 5pm Karate	27 7pm AA meets	28 5pm Karate	29 10am FA meets
30 9:15 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 1:00 TCC	31 7pm AA meets					



Happy BIRTHDAY



Pray4Schools

August 1st 9am

**Smith-Barnes
Elementary**

Aug 5	Edna Fisher
Aug 6	Jo Linda Ingram
Aug 10	Monica Coutin-Baxter
Aug 15	Sarah McQuade
Aug 19	Janna Szeto
Aug 22	Linda Hodges
Aug 23	Sophie Szeto
Aug 24	Elle Roberts
Aug 29	Gerald Taylor



THE SPC SESSION

Earline Smith (26)	Betsy Sierra (26)
Paul Szeto (26)	Aaron Roberts (28)
Suzie Pritchitt (26)	Stephanie Philips-Ayoola (26)

Jim Beisner, Clerk of Session
Thomas Baxter, Treasurer

**Church Office is open
Tuesday-Thursday
9am-2pm**

Our Community Partners

AA- Meets every Monday & Thursday at 7pm
Boy Scouts meets Tuesdays 7pm
Girl Scouts every other Sunday 3pm
FA (Food Addicts)-Saturday at 10am

Young Learners After School Academy -
coming soon

Sober Living- comes weekly for clothes
Joseph's Pantry Clothes Closet
Smith-Barnes Elementary -School Debt

Per Capita Contributions

Each year we contribute
to the denomination and that is
split up to
General Assembly, Synod, and
Presbytery
This year is \$28.80 per member

**Brunch
Church
Sunday
Oct**

THROUGH THE BIBLE
with Jeffrey Cochran
at 9:20 am.
This class meets upstairs
in the room at the
end of the hall.

Lives Between

Click Youtube link. or search Stockbridge
Presbyterian on Youtube.

Audio only on SPOTIFY

FELLOWSHIP
from 9-9:20 am Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE

Thank you to all who
volunteer their time, talent,
and treasure this
time and always.

Special thanks to the choir
for beautiful music this
season. To our children
and youth who were our
acolytes and to all our
church family opening their
hearts to God.