

JULY 2026  
**SPC SPOTLIGHT**

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*Thoughts from Pastor Kristy*

**Celebration and Lament**

As Christians, as Americans, as people in this time and place we hold many things to be true all at once. This year every where you go there are signs of 250 years as a country of Independence as a nation.

I hold celebration and lament for this. As an American in 2026 I am grateful to be part of a nation that values the democratic process where all are intended to have a voice and a vote for their elected leaders and for the laws put in place for the good of the whole. I am grateful for service men and women who have worked to keep our country from limited attack and serve to keep us safe inside this country and in the world.

I lament the lives that were broken in order to get to where we are. I lament the Native peoples who lived here and are living here today that have been pushed aside and deeply wounded for the sake of expansion. I lament the lives that were stolen from Africa and used to build plantations and on their bodies became wealth and prosperity. I lament the people who fought with their lives for freedom and to have a voice where those words spoken at the pledge were not for them for a long time and still there are those fighting for "liberty and justice for all."

I celebrate and lament because that is what God calls us to do. This is written in the Psalms, in the prophets, and in words of Jesus and apostles. So as we celebrate the birth of this nation may we remember what it cost so many others. With gratitude and confession. With humility and hope for restoration and redemption we celebrate without taking for granted what it took to get here.

**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.**

**BRUNCH CHURCH**  
**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 11AM**

**Sermons in July**



**Sermon Series: Like a Child**  
**(using picture books)**

**July 5 Book: The Forgiveness Garden**  
**John 8:1-11, Ephesians 4:31-32**

**July 12 Book: White Flour**  
**Numbers 27:1-11, Matthew 25:31-46**

**July 19- Guest Preacher Angela Boyd**  
**Wyatt (Candidate of Presbytery)**

**July 26 - Growing into Greatness**  
**1 Kings 3:5-12, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**



## 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.



## PRAYER FOR THE NATION

God of the Nations, you have placed us in this young nation of dreamers, of vast difference, of culture, of people. We are from East, and West, North, and South. We lift up those who came before us. For the land that was cultivated, for the peoples that have been harmed and forgotten. We lift up those who fought for peace and freedom. We pray, O God, for the future of our country. For leaders, citizens, immigrants, and refugees. Be with those who are crying out and with those who are giving aid. Be with those making decisions and those who are affected by those decisions Amen.



# Session Insights

Stated Meeting May 17, 2026

Clerk's Report :

Communications: The Session received an email dated April 17, 2026, from Laura Richardson expressing her concerns over some of the wording and meaning of the Statement of Inclusion adopted by the Session.

Resource Committee:  
No issues or recommendations.

Witness Committee and Discipleship Committee:  
No issues or Recommendations

Pastor's Report:

Kristy discussed the status of church members (their health) and friends needing prayers. She talked about her Calvin Trip which led to a discussion regarding finding a way to enable our youth members to attend Camp Calvin. The possibility of using Church funds to help offset the cost for parts was discussed and a motion was introduced and approved to establish a scholarship program for this event.

Old Business:  
The Session agreed to not have a second meeting in May 2026.

New Business:  
The Session ratified an email vote on 3/22/26 approving submitting a grant request prepared by Pastor Kristy to improve and upgrade our playground and 5/12/26 approving the baptism of La'Kayla S. Helms on Sunday 5/17/26. Pastor Kristy led a discussion regarding Statement of Inclusion concerns Laura Richardson had brought to the Session. The discussion regarding upcoming church insurance policy renewal was deferred due to Aaron being excused.

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



## Per Capita Contributions

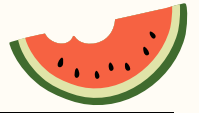
Each year we contribute to the denomination and that is split up between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This year is \$32.26 per member

## Financial Report for June 2026

Income \$14,518.58  
Expenses \$16,051.56  
Net -\$1,532.98  
as of 06-30-26  
\*Sale of Land\*  
\$350,000.00  
May 2026

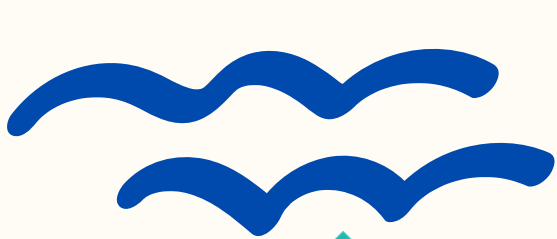


# JULY 2026



TCC = Transformation Covenant Church

| SUNDAY                                                                                                         | MONDAY             | TUESDAY              | WEDNESDAY        | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY           | SATURDAY                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                |                    |                      | 1<br>5pm Karate  | 2<br>7pm AA meets  | 3<br>5pm Karate  | 4<br>10am FA meets<br>Parking Lott will have guests from 4 <sup>th</sup> of July festivities |
| 5<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:00 Witness<br>1:00 TCC                                          | 6<br>7pm AA meets  | 7<br>7pm Boy Scouts  | 8<br>5pm Karate  | 9<br>7pm AA meets  | 10<br>5pm Karate | 11 10am FA meets                                                                             |
| 12<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:30 Session meeting<br>1:00 TCC<br>3pm Fellowship Hall reserved | 13<br>7pm AA meets | 14<br>7pm Boy Scouts | 15<br>5pm Karate | 16<br>7pm AA meets | 17<br>5pm Karate | 18 10am FA meets                                                                             |
| 19<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:30 Resource<br>1:00 TCC                                        | 20<br>7pm AA meets | 21<br>7pm Boy Scouts | 22<br>5pm Karate | 23<br>7pm AA meets | 24<br>5pm Karate | 25 10am FA meets                                                                             |
| 26<br>9:15 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>12:30 Session<br>1:00 TCC                                         | 27<br>7pm AA meets | 28<br>7pm Boy Scouts | 29<br>5pm Karate | 30<br>7pm AA meets | 31<br>5pm Karate |                                                                                              |



*Happy* BIRTHDAY



**Pray4Schools**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> 9am**

**Smith-Barnes  
Elementary**

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| July 1  | Amy Roberts     |
| July 10 | Krimson Mani    |
| July 10 | Jo Price        |
| July 12 | Julius Wagner   |
| July 14 | Paul Szeto      |
| July 15 | Carolyn Francis |
| July 19 | Piet Huggins    |
| July 20 | Sydney Holloway |
| July 25 | Mike Seal       |

## 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**