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Denominational Update Building on the Foundation

By Alan Hager

As there have been a number of discussions related to the change in ordination standards within the PCUSA denomination and what our response should be as a congregation, one of the sentiments I have picked up on multiple times is the concern that we are potentially changing into a church that is dramatically different than the church we once were. On the one hand, change is a constant dynamic in life and so we should expect a consistently developing nature of our church family. That is a good thing. Change is especially foreseeable as the session fulfills its commitment to seek a new way forward in light of the denominational decision.

But, on the other hand, it is important to stay true to our foundation and build on the good heritage that has been entrusted to us. This, too, is a good thing and the very thing our session is committed to doing as we face the future. I would like to reflect on our vision and core values as a church and the commitment the session has to honoring and deepening this foundation.

Vision Statement: "SPC is a caring community equipping disciples of Christ for worship and ministry in the Reformed tradition."

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Thank you Amy Allensworth

By Patty Kerns, Choir Member and former Choir Director at SPC

After 17 years of faithful service, our talented organist, pianist, and choir accompanist, Amy Allensworth, has stepped down from playing for our services on a regular basis. She promises she will return from time to time to play for special services and events.

While Amy requested we not make a fuss over her departure, I am compelled to let you know how much I admire her as a musician and love her as a friend.

Listening to Amy play a prelude or offertory piece on the piano or organ you might not realize the years of study and training and the hours of weekly practice behind the flawless presentation. While many keyboard players have the technical skill to present a piece, not many can convey the emotion or bring out the intensity of the music as Amy can. And of course few keyboard players can play the piano and the organ, or accompany a choir, all separate technical skills of which Amy is a master.

She is one of the most conscientious musicians I know. Although Amy is very gifted, she continued to practice for every service with dedication and commitment. Over the years Amy played the organ for Sunday services, and accompanied the choir on both the piano and organ. For most of those years the Sunday services included both an 8:15 a.m. service and an 11:00 a.m. service. She also accompanied soloists and played with instrumentalists, and of course, played for many weddings and funerals at our church. Her commitment to our church was evident a couple of years ago when Amy overcame a battle with cancer. We missed her the few months she was home recovering from surgery and treatments, but of course she returned sooner than expected and right back to her practice schedule.

In her tenure at SPC, Amy accompanied the Adult Choir under directors Barry Breeden, Debbie Lord, Shelley Reel, and now Susan Onderdonk. I've heard it told that we musicians can be temperamental, but if any of our directors ever had a moment, our Amy kept a smile on her face and never missed a beat! Most often the choir sang an anthem or two for the service, but several times a year the choir sang a major classical work that Amy played for with other instrumentalists. These special programs required extra rehearsals for the choir and for Amy. And again, our Amy was at the keyboard with a smile on her face and ready for the challenge.

I'm going to miss you Amy, especially those peppy tempos on our favorite hymns! What a blessing you have been to each of us at SPC.

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Mark Your Calendar

- 7/4 - Happy 4th of July!
- 7/6 - SPC Workday - Come Join Us!
- 7/10 - SAM Lunch with Friends
- 7/18 - VBS Starts!
- 7/16 - Mission Trip to Kenya
- 7/26 - Preschool Water Day at SPC
- 7/30 - Gospel Chicken House (SAM Trip)

God Bless America





Denominational Update Building on the Foundation

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Core Values: In striving to fulfill this vision we seek to be a church that is...

Biblical - applying God's Word to every area of life and structuring our life together around its truth. This involves preaching God's Word and focusing on responding to God's revelation in worship. It also includes educational programs and ministries of the church that help people understand more about the Bible and how to live according to its truths, especially encouraging the development of leaders. We will continue to pursue these priorities in the future. We will also submit to the Bible's authority in how we govern our communal life as a church body, including standards for leadership.

Evangelical/Reformed - building on the heritage of the reformation we will teach the key doctrines of reformed faith. We will celebrate the grace of the gospel and God's initiative in advancing His kingdom in the world through joyful, Christ-centered worship and the ministries of the church. Likewise, we will seek to bless our community and future generations of the church by preserving God's truth and continuing the legacy of reformed teaching. Consistent with reformed doctrine we will promote ministries that encourage responsible living in the world, particularly helping people bring renewal and biblical teaching to their work and areas of vocation.

Missional - fulfilling God's mission for our church in our community and around the world by sharing the good news that salvation is in Christ and Christ alone. This takes place through prayer, financial giving, and direct participation in mission efforts. It involves an "outward" focused vision to meet our neighbors where they are and engage them through all the ministries of the church. It also includes involvement in church planting and preparing for the future of the church through supporting seminaries and ministerial students- ministries we will continue to pursue in the future. We will also seek to be a blessing to our community through sacrificial service in meeting the tangible needs of the area.

Family Focused - lifting up biblical principles regarding the family and supporting the needs of families in our church and community. We do not intend to be pure by avoiding the world around us or casting judgmental statements towards individuals and groups who do not share our convictions. We desire to be gracious in meeting people where they are, even in the midst of brokenness. But we will also be clear in addressing the family issues of our day from a biblical perspective including the nature of marriage as one man and one woman, the need to refrain from sexual activity outside of marriage, and the importance of godly leadership in the home.

Connectional - being part of a Presbyterian form of government with significant participation in ministry together with other reformed churches. We value being in a structured relationship where there is accountability and mutual support. This includes the Presbyterian model of electing leaders and a collegial relationship between elders and pastors. It also involves sharing core beliefs and values with those who are partners in ministry.

As you can see, there is great potential for us to be true to our vision and core values as we navigate the road ahead as a church. Certainly there will be a degree of change, as there must be for any healthy group, but there will also be a commitment to the core foundation and relationships that make SPC such a special church family. And any change that might be envisioned will be integrated with the goal of preserving our good heritage as best as possible.

Don't forget to check the church website for important information on denominational matters. If you have thoughts or concerns you would like to relay to the session, please speak to me or any member of session. We are grateful for your continued prayers.

Presbyterian Women Celebrate Their Birthday

The SPC Women's Circle celebrated with a Birthday luncheon on Tuesday, May 17. Three of our church members blessed us by sharing their talents and testimonies. Debbie Kindig spoke about her trip to Haiti and shared pictures in a slideshow presentation. Sarah Flinn displayed some of her artwork and gave hand painted cards to all the ladies that attended. Lori McCown shared her textile crafts and told us about them. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fellowship. We're excited about beginning again in September—we can't wait to see what this next year will bring!



Pictured above from left to right: Sarah Flinn, Joyce Talley, Shirley Bazey, Shirley Westveer, Peggy Hazelwood, Peggy's guest, Donna Nickens, Carolyn Miller

Cogitating on the Confessions

By Session

The Westminster Confession of Faith, written in 1646, is designed to help us better understand our God and our faith. While not the infallible, it seeks to summarize the key themes of the Bible, the complete and inerrant word of our Lord. We invite you to read and study this month's excerpt from the confession, review its associated scripture, and mediate on God's completed covenant with us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Westminster Confession

Chapter 7.1 - 2: Of God's Covenant with Man

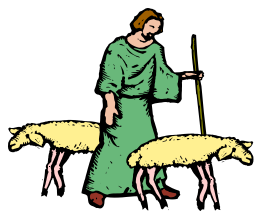
The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of Him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He has been pleased to express by way of covenant.¹

The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works,² wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity,³ upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.⁴

Curious to learn more? Just ask the Adult Ministry Team or Pastor Alan Hager for more info!

Deacons Corner ***A Chance to Serve***

By Kathy Lyall



“ Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

— Matthew 25: 37-40

When I was asked to serve as a deacon, several thoughts went through my mind. My husband, Richard, and I had joined SPC in 2003 and attended church regularly, but had not attended any Sunday school class, been involved with any committee, or helped in any capacity. Who even knew who I was? Why would they consider me for such an important position? Would I be able to serve the members of the congregation faithfully? As I contemplated my decision, I remembered how the congregation reached out to me in my times of need.

In April of 2009, my husband was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. People offered to take him to his radiation sessions when I had to work. Members provided meals so that I could devote my time to caring for him. Cards and prayers were sent, many by people who we didn't even know and probably didn't know us. When Richard died in August of 2009, the church organized a reception for after the funeral. The outpouring of love was heart-warming! In 2010 when I had hip replacement surgery, again the church provided support.

Remembering those times I had received so many blessings made me realize God was calling me to serve by giving back. (Acts 20:35) This was my opportunity to praise God and show His love by reaching out to members of SPC who may be dealing with an injury or illness.

Providing a meal for an individual or a family requires very little time (we all have to eat!) and offers the opportunity to meet other members of the SPC family. If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers to provide a meal or help with transportation, please call me at (540) 898-1172 or e-mail me at ral5176ksl@aol.com.



Kids' Korner

By Jan Saylor



Encouraging children to know and experience the God of Wonder.

Family Campout is Rescheduled

August 12 (Friday) 5:30 p.m. to
August 13 (Saturday) 10:00
A.M.



The Children's Ministry Team is sponsoring a Family Campout right here on the beautiful grounds of SPC. Here's the nitty gritty...

- ♥ Set up begins at 5:30, families provide their own food and cooking equipment, tents, sleeping bags, etc. Anyone 18 or under must be accompanied by a parent.
- ♥ Around 8 p.m. we will have a campfire complete with a sing-a-long and s'mores. Bring your guitar or other campfire instrument and be part of the "band."
- ♥ Lights out is at 10:30. Children must sleep with their own family.
- ♥ There will be a sunrise service in the chapel at 7:30 a.m. led by some of our campers.
- ♥ In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on the church website.

There is a sign-up sheet in the children's wing. Please let us know if you plan to participate.



CAMP OUTREACH: Kids! You are God's hands in the World!

Aug. 8 (Mon.) to Aug. 11 (Thurs.)
9:00a.m. to Noon

Registration forms are now available for Camp Outreach! This is a camp for children who are going into 2nd through 5th grade in the fall. There are a limited number of spaces (only 20) so please register soon. The deadline to register is August 1.

Each day the campers will learn lessons about serving God by serving others and God's creation. Areas we plan to touch upon are Haiti, SECA, Micah, the SPCA, praying for those in need, and more. During Camp Outreach plan on learning lots and keeping your hands very busy! After all, YOU are God's hands in this world!!

Pre-School Water Day at SPC

July 26 (Tuesday)

11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.

We'll have all sorts of fun water toys and activities. Bring a lunch and a friend and join us at the church for some wet and cool fun! Please sign up on the sheet that is located on the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

If you have water toys we could borrow, please contact Jan at 898-4673. Thanks!!!



Vacation Bible School

July 18 (Monday) to 22
(Friday)

9:00 to noon

Please sign up by July 8

Adult helpers still needed as well!

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and the lower foyer.

Questions? Call Jan at 898-4673 for info.

Everyone is invited to our closing program on Friday evening at 6:30P.M. Please join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Beware the Flying Squirrels!

Richmond Flying Squirrels v. Trenton
Thursday, July 7 - Fireworks Night!

The Squirrels are a great time even if you're not a huge baseball fan. Lots of fuzzy mascots, between inning entertainment, games, giveaways...and fireworks after the game! Group tickets are just \$7 a person Thursday, July 7. Sign up on the board outside Tim's office or send a FB message/email. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. at the Diamond in Richmond! Car pool from the church at 5 p.m. or just meet us there.



Happy 4th of July!



Fellowship Time July 17

We need 4 (count 'em...4!) students to arrive at church by 9 a.m. on Sunday July 17 in order to help make the coffee and prepare the other goodies for Fellowship Time prior to the 9:30 service. Talk to Megan Judy or Tim Habecker if you can help!

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS is July 18 - 22 at the church, 9 to noon each day. There will also be a "closing program" on Friday night. Teenage "helpers" are in high demand! To volunteer fill out a blue *VBS Volunteers needed* form from the bulletin board outside Tim's office, then give it to either Tim, Jan, or Megan!

July



3	Sunday School	11 a.m.
10	OTE Ligonier Departure (from Battlefield ES)	10 am
	Sunday School	11 am
17	Youth Fellowship Time	9 am
	Sunday School	11 am
18-22	Vacation Bible School	9 am-noon
23	Maine Mission Trip Departure	4 am
24	Sunday School	11 am
30	Maine Mission Trip Return	7 pm
31	Sunday School	11 am

Know When to Go!



Middle School OTE:

We leave July 10 from Battlefield Elementary School. Be there no later than 10 a.m. Look for the BIG BUS.

We return to SPOTSYLVANIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Thursday, July 14 b/t 4-5 p.m. (We'll call as we get close.) Follow the packing list! Don't pack your spending money... keep it on your person. We will stop for lunch on way to camp.

High School Mission Trip:

We leave from SPC Saturday, July 23 at 4 a.m. and return Saturday, July 30. Bring your packed bag to the church on Friday, July 22, between 5 & 6 p.m.



Session Highlights Stated Session May 16, 2011



By George Firehammer

- Approved request by John Conway to allow a fundraiser using the internet and PayPal for Kenya Karbaruri missions provided Finance approves and can arrange a separate fund to receive funds.
- Church Planning Calendar Session was held after services on June 5th.
- Approved replacement of sanctuary roof upon receipt of approved bid and next Session's meeting approval. Bids have been in range from \$17 to \$21,000.00 for a 25 year roof.
- Approved concept of Grove City College's traveling choir to visit SPC - details to be arranged.
- Approved Paul Nickens to replace Peter Burke as Assistant Treasurer upon Peter's moving to Richmond.
- Finance will make use of 2 credit cards for Jan Saylor and Susan Onderdonk in a trial basis to be used with authorization from their respective elders. There will be no connection to their individual SS numbers since this a religious organization.
- Approved baptism request for Richard James Rogucki & Mikayla Grace Rogucki, son & daughter of Joseph A & Christine C Rogucki to be administered by Rev. Hager on June 12th during the 09:30 service.
- Approved transfer request for Kimberly Rose (Rae) Cottle to McLean Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA.

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)

By Bill Mickelson

We will have a lot of exciting events planned for SAM. Come join us for the fun and fellowship of being a senior!



Sunday July 10 - SAM Lunch with Friends:

Join fellow members and friends at **Supreme Buffet & Hibachi Grill** for our monthly gathering. This luncheon is the second Sunday of each month (unless otherwise noted) and provides great fellowship and food. No reservations needed. Tables will be held until 12:45 p.m., so please arrive early. Any questions call Martie Levere at (540) 220-4847 and **remember we welcome new faces so please come join us!!!**

Sunday August 14 - 12:30 p.m. "All Shook Up" at Riverside Dinner Theater:

The ever-popular songs of Elvis Presley are showcased as a 1950s Midwestern young girl's dream of adventure and an unexpected visit by a leather-jacketed, guitar-playing drifter help a "straight-laced" small town discover the magic of romance and the power of rock 'n roll. The story line revolves around 24 featured Elvis hits. Join us for a return to the glory days of rock 'n roll, bobby soccer's, and "cruising". The cost of our group rate is \$46.00 pp which includes: dinner, show, gratuity and tax. Make your reservation by writing a check made out to "Lee's Hill 55 Club" for \$46.00 pp or \$92.00 pc and place in the communication box in the Narthex, put in Bill Mickelson's Elder Box or mail to him at 9410 Dalmahoy Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22408.

Saturday, August 20 - Church Wide SAM sponsored Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall:

Save your blood until then. Please mark your calendars to donate blood at Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 20. Contact Vicki Kidd to schedule your appointment (540-785-5870) or kiddv1@verizon.net). Remember to prepare for the blood donation by eating foods containing iron and by drinking plenty of water. Why not ask a friend or family member to join you?

Sunday September 18, 3:00 p.m. - SAM Picnic

Mickelson's - Family Ties - Put this on your calendar and plan to attend. In spite of the summer heat, think of the cool days ahead and join us for our SAM fall picnic at the Mickelson's Lake House at Lake Land'or in Ladysmith, VA - a 40 minute ride from SPC.



General Fund Income Statement Summary

For the month ending May 31, 2011

	Budget	Current YTD
Revenues		
Donations General Fund	\$634,207.00	\$250,571.14
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$258.97
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues/General Fund	\$634,207.00	\$250,830.11
Expenses		
Total Personnel Expenses	\$330,594.00	\$137,431.24
Total Operating Expenses	\$233,850.00	\$82,196.70
Total Benevolence Expenses	\$69,763.00	\$30,976.78
Total Expenses	\$634,207.00	\$250,604.72
Net Income (Loss)	\$0.00	\$225.39
Change for Change		\$163.37

A Letter from the Pilsons

Dear Session,

Annie and I have arrived safe and sound in California, and we are beginning to feel settled in here after a few weeks of adjustments to life on the west coast. I wanted to write you in order to express my heartfelt thanks for the internship which SPC was able to provide over the winter. I learned a great deal during my time with your congregation and appreciate deeply your willingness to allow me to use and test my gifts at SPC. I also want to thank you for your generous honorarium which has provided for our needs during this time of transition.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek to honor and serve the Lord Jesus Christ here in California and eventually in Taiwan. We appreciate being able to keep in touch regarding the various ministries and needs of SPC through the prayer emails and congregational updates, and we sincerely look forward to visiting and worshipping with you whenever we are able to return to Virginia.

In Christ,
Eric Pilson



REMINDER...UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

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Remember to prepare for the blood donation by eating foods containing iron and by drinking plenty of water.



Why not ask a friend or family member to join you?



JULY

Birthday List

- 1st ~ Cheyenne Peyton
- 2nd ~ Ginny Clevenger, Alma Jones, Carri Franklin, Abby Wiles, Dave Phelps, Sydney Phelps, Jennifer Taylor
- 3rd ~ Bev Vesolich, Libby Snow
- 4th ~ Yvonne Soltes
- 5th ~ Jim Bolen, Ayden Sappenfield
- 6th ~ Seth Penick, Sue Pauling, Kathy Casey, Shirley Clower, Rylan Clarke
- 7th ~ Alan Hager, Willie McGown, Jennifer Eaton
- 8th ~ Andrew Gaul, Erin Hill, JJ Jordan
- 9th ~ Ray Scott, Kyle Richardson, Addison Christopher, George Sypsomos
- 10th ~ Bryan Forsing, Lori McGlothlin, Christopher Black, Kendra Brown, Laura Palmer
- 11th ~ Brian Mercer, Michael Mercer, Cullen Stevick, Jim Weber, Bryan Heath
- 12th ~ Keith Soltes
- 14th ~ Bob Eldridge, Brandon Hill
- 15th ~ Tom Glessner, Ryan Bradley
- 17th ~ Louise Motsko
- 18th ~ Brianna Wilson, Sandra Roberts
- 19th ~ Joan Beck, Ben Carter
- 20th ~ Sam McCown, Chris Thorpe, Dani Williams
- 21st ~ Spenser Bolen, Cheryl Erndle, Christine Batchelor, Millie Albert
- 22nd ~ Gordon Phillips
- 23rd ~ Bridget Phillips, Bridget Heath
- 24th ~ Bill Anderson, Bradley Burns, Patrick Young
- 25th ~ Bettie Brown, Emily Smith, Dan Erndle
- 26th ~ Addie Burrow, Jane DePalma, Pat Hill
- 27th ~ Dennis Sumner, Bobby Eldridge
- 29th ~ Jeff Glessner, Bill Lyons, Jan Saylor, Bob Albert, Patrick Camm
- 30th ~ Sarah Jane Carter, Chester Petry
- 31st ~ Evelyn Way, Julia Pena



ATTENTION!!

Newsletter articles for the August newsletter **MUST** be turned in by **July 15** to Sheila Miller at spcoffice@spcontheweb.org



SPC Servant Schedule ~ July 2010

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Psalm 100:2



July	3	10	17	24	31
Opener	Chuck Penick	Kevin Brooks	Lyne Shackelford	Jim Jordan	Rich Hicks
Closer	Jim Bolen	Jim Bolen	Jim Bolen	Jim Bolen	Jim Bolen
Offering Counters	Neal Semich John Kindig	Jim McCown Hope Goitia	Courtney McKane Eric Watkins	Lynn Meier Robin Woodard	Paul Nickens Dick Ridge
Fellowship Time Hosts	Missions Jay McGhee	Discipleship Class Stan Huie	Middle School Youth Tim Habecker Megan Judy	Worship Committee Andy Dorman	Fellowship Committee John Kindig
Flowers Sanctuary (S) Narthex (N)	Pete & Donna Gaul (S)	Pete & Donna Gaul (S)	Bill & Barbara Hagmaier (S)	Kevin & Sue Brooks (S)	Jim & Martha Dow (S)
9:30 a.m.					
Greeters Front Door (FD) Outside Stairs (OS) Fellowship Hall (FH)	Courtney McKane Holly Biller Vicki Kidd	Bill Hagmaier Barbara Hagmaier John Longenecker	Jeanne Koch Chris Vaughan Laurie Walter	Anne Longenecker John Longenecker Emily Flanagan	Holly Biller Vicki Kidd Courtney McKane
Nursery Infants	Betty McConnell Julie Floyd Angie DeYong	Betty McConnell Annie Moran Patsy Greenstreet	Betty McConnell Jordan Shilling Tanya Shilling	Betty McConnell Adrienne Clarke Bobbie Almassy	Betty McConnell
Communion Servers	Team I: Rick Spindler*, Jim Weber, Kathy Casey, John Conway, Patty Lyons, Bob Liebau, Gregg Woodard * = Team Captain				
11:00 a.m.					
Greeters Front Door (FD) Outside Stairs (OS) Fellowship Hall (FH)	Sandy Dorman Roy Hazelwood Phil Shaw	Rose Campbell Carolyn Miller Sam Burgess	Jeff Shrum Martie Levere Dawn Phillips	Emily Shaw Lyne Shackelford DA Miller	Cathy Pritchett Chris Kraynak Cathie Kraynak
Ushers					
Lay Reader	9:30— Seth Wagner Gabe Dickson 11:00—Cole Hoppe Anna Mellott	Kathie Lilley	Bob Eldridge	Patti Kerns	George Lamont
Nursery	Anna Mellott Patty Mellott	Anna Mellott Kendle Kossie	Anna Mellott Jamie Tatum	Anna Mellott Gillian Willis	Anna Mellott
Jr. W.A.Y. 3 yr.—K5	Charlotte Kidwell	Bridget Petry	Bridget Benedict		
The W.A.Y. 1 st – 5 th Grade	Jo Habecker	Sue Brookes	Debbie Herman	Patty Lyons	
Communion Servers	Team I: George Firehammer*, Bill Mickelson, Jim Bolen, Scott Corbin, Dave Clark, Bob Eldridge, Vern Hallock, Margie Huie, John Kindig, Marti Levere, Dick Ridge, Donna Ridge, Doug Shilling, David Way * = Team Captain				
Acolytes	Benjamin Herman Erin Cronce	Corey Longenecker Phillip Matthews	Micah High Christian High	Benjamin Herman Erin Cronce	Corey Longenecker Phillip Matthews