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# KGPC ENEWS

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Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together

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### Welcome Rev. Jennifer Spivey

Reverend Jenny Spivey will begin her interim pastor call with King's Grant Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 1. She comes to us from the First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville VA in Peaks Presbytery, where she served as Associate Pastor and "bridge" pastor. She graduated from William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and received her Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Missouri. She and her family are happy to be back in Eastern Virginia where they will be closer to her husband's family.

She is married to Clint, also an ordained Presbyterian minister, but not currently serving in parish ministry. He graduated from Old Dominion University, and he is now working as an Environmental, Health and Safety Management System Specialist with General Dynamics. They have two children: Gwendolyn, age 5, and Eleanor, age 18 months.

Jenny lists preaching and worship leadership, communicator, motivator and interpersonal engagement as some of her skills. She also is certified in Clinical Pastoral Education Training, and Interim Ministry Training at the Interim Ministry Network in Richmond.

This summer she attended the Worship and Music Workshop at the Montreat Conference Center in NC, which I can verify as one of the best Worship conferences being offered by our denomination.

I hope you will get to know Jenny and help her to feel welcomed at Kings' Grant during her stay with us.

**Sylvia Maume**  
**Moderator, Worship & Music Ministry**



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## September Birthdays

Sara Aridas, Emma Farley,  
Dennis Balsly, Amy Meeker,  
Georgia Jones, Tony  
Coulborn, Jim Boswell, C.  
Stokes Kirkland, Mike  
Farley, Evan Van Auken,  
Gwen Stevens, Roslyn  
Sliwa, Jill McNulty, Tom  
Dillon, Kelsey Taylor  
Meunier, Drew Carson, Jim  
Aridas, Nicole Swain, Jim  
Poland, Cindy Piasecki, Sue  
Mooney, Danny Swain,  
Bryn Jones, Josef Neuhofer,  
Laurie Duquette, Tom  
Martinette, Gary Harrell,  
Betty Neuhofer, Katie  
Taylor, Kurt Smith, Sam  
Deary, Adrienne Gregory,  
Trish Mayo, Brian Miller,  
Randy Bremer, Norma Link,  
Joe Henry, Robert Larose,  
Paul Morreale, Larry  
Leonard, David VanDeveer,  
Jason McNulty, Emily  
Duquette, Lora Bashford,  
Jennifer Bibbs, Chase Palatt,  
Stacey Comartos, Bob Hall,  
Hillary Sloane, Kristin  
Kirkland, Melissa Bibbs

## September Worship Schedule

September 7 – 11 a.m. worship service (**Communion**) (**Rally Day**)

September 14 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11 a.m. Traditional  
Worship

September 21 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional  
Worship

## Bereavement Committee Information

The Bereavement Committee is part of the Congregational Care Ministry. We have reviewed and tweaked our guidelines to offer support and consistency when there is a death in the family. The following excerpts are taken from those guidelines to share with the whole church so that all members will know our plan of service.

Our Church family ordinarily includes current members, frequent long-term visitors active in the life and work of the church, new visitors contemplating membership in the church, and all who consider King's Grant Presbyterian their church home.

“Immediate family shall include parent (in-law), spouse, and child (in-law) of the church family member (defined above).

Note: At the discretion of the Pastor and Congregational Care Ministry, with input from the Bereavement Committee, these guidelines may be broadened to include someone with special circumstances.

The following choices will be offered when there is a death in the family:

- Childcare in the church nursery at the time of memorial/funeral service.
- Finger food reception in Fellowship Hall following the funeral/memorial service.

OR

- If the family requests, food provided from the Committee fund will be delivered to their home.
- If the family lives outside the local area, arrangements will be made for the family to pick up the food at the church.

When none of the above applies, Committee members will visit and deliver a plant from the Church Family and give support as needed.”



Sept 24 - Fall CHOW  
 Oct 11 - Pig Roast  
 Oct 18 - Blitz Day

## Rally Day 2017

**September 7th**

**“KGPC’s Tapestry: God Weaves Us All Together in  
 Worship, Service, and Community.”**

Rally Day is a special day of celebration for the start of the new church year. This intergenerational celebration kicks off our fall programs: Sunday School classes, Music programs, etc. We invite you to share in the food, fun, and fellowship and to learn of new opportunities at KGPC to join in **KGPC’s Tapestry, as God weaves us all together in worship service, and community.**

Please join us for Rally Day on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We’ll kick off the morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a continental breakfast and fellowship followed by activities and a preview of this fall’s new Sunday School classes.

Pollard’s chicken lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. single worship service. Be prepared to eat, have fun, and to continue weaving the ministries and people of KGPC together.

Dress for the day is casual. Please bring a friend and join us on the 7<sup>th</sup>!

Christian Education and Development Ministry, Worship and Music Ministry, Congregational Care Ministry, Congregational Growth Ministry, Mission Ministry



## BULLYING SEMINAR

Anyone can be bullied. It isn't restricted by age, race, gender, religion or sexuality. It can happen anywhere, from the classroom or sports field to the home, church or the workplace.

Our Presbytery of Eastern Virginia is sponsoring a seminar on BULLYING on Saturday, September 20, at First Presbyterian Church Norfolk, Colonial Avenue in Norfolk. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the seminar sessions run to 3 p.m. The sessions cover a wide range of areas relating to bullying, including what local churches can do. The cost is \$ 10 per person and beverage and lunch will be provided. Registration can be made at the event.



### SESSION NOTES: August 25, 2014

At this unusually long Session meeting, we were happy to have our new Interim Supply Pastor, Jenny Spivey, moderate our meeting, even though her official start date with us is September 1. Amidst the process of moving her family into the neighborhood, enrolling her daughter in school, and all the other craziness that goes with a long distance move, it was good to get to know her better as she moderated this interesting meeting.

We had two invited guests at the meeting, Al Butzer, Pastor of First Presbyterian at the Beach, and Caroline Jinkins, Associate Pastor at First Pres, who visited in her capacity as our liaison with PEVA's Commission on Ministry.

Al joined us to help us begin our discussion of the issue of same-sex marriage and the PCUSA's recent decisions on this matter. Al was a Commissioner for PEVA to the recently concluded General Assembly of the PCUSA, which voted to allow PCUSA pastors to perform same-sex weddings in states where it is legal, and which also voted to recommend a constitutional amendment to our Book of Order to redefine marriage as involving "a unique commitment between two people (traditionally a man and a woman)...". The first vote regarding pastors went into effect immediately, while the constitutional amendment must be approved by a majority of Presbyteries. PEVA will vote on this amendment at its January Stated Meeting. Al explained the makeup and process of the General Assembly and how these votes were approached, and he also pointed out that issues that come before the General Assembly typically arise from congregations and/or pastors at the grass roots level, not from "headquarters" of the PCUSA in Louisville.

As Ruling Elders, Session members have taken a vow to "further the peace, unity and purity of the church", and it is in this spirit that we will continue to study the same-sex marriage issue from a biblical perspective.

Caroline Jinkins was fulfilling an obligation of PEVA's Commission on Ministry by conducting an exit interview with Session on Randy Bremer's interim pastorate with us. All agreed that Randy had provided us with wonderful pastoral care and had done much to stabilize our congregation during his tenure. It was also agreed that the role of Intentional Interim Pastor is hard because, under PCUSA rules, such a pastor is not allowed to accept a permanent call to the congregation he or she is serving, which was the case with Randy. This discussion also included views on where we are in the process of preparing our congregation for a new, permanently called pastor, what work we have left to do in that regard, and an update from Bill Hudgens on the PNC's work.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with more "normal" Session business, which included:

- Noting the receipt of the Statements of Faith from each of the new Ruling Elders. These were highly personal summaries of where these Elders are in their faith walk and are much appreciated by fellow elders on Session
- A discussion of the recent visit of one of our Missionaries, Rebecca Young, and ideas on how we should improve our communications with all of our supported missionaries.
- A detailed description of plans for Rally Day on September 7.

As always, our meeting opened with a prayer, and in this case a wonderful testimony from Sylvia Maume to the fact that God ALWAYS answers prayer, and closed with each participant at the meeting offering a prayer of thanksgiving, led by Jenny Spivey.

**Tom Dillon, Clerk of Session**



Dear Saints of KGPC,

Thank you for all of the support and love shown to our family after the passing of Jim’s sister and niece. Thank you for the prayers, meals made, cards sent, visits to the house, words of encouragement, phone calls and text messages, keeping the kids, and coming to Karla and Katharine’s service. This church family is wonderful, and we are thankful to God for how everyone rallied around us. We see God in all of you, and what an awesome God He is!

Love,  
**Becky, Jim, Ryan & Hannah Otto and the Otto and Mihok Families**

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Dear Friends:

I apologize for the long delay in writing to you to thank you for the wonderful food prepared for our family when my Mom passed away. Everything was delicious and a huge help at the reception we had at my brother’s home after the service. It was so nice to have all of the food waiting for us in the refrigerator at church – everything we requested - and it was ready for us to uncover and eat when we needed it.

We are so fortunate to be a part of the KGPC family. We offer praise and thanksgiving for God’s peace and blessings, and for our church family here on earth that provides love, caring, and nourishment for us. We are grateful.

In Christ’s love,  
**Ann Shank**

**Children’s Ministry Morsels**

**Sunday School:** Sunday School resumes on Rally Day, Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. after a light continental breakfast.

**Nursery – Grade 1 Sunday School:** Children from Nursery through 1st grade will continue using the “Spark Lectionary” curriculum. The curriculum follows the lectionary, and it is a great opportunity for families to begin a dialogue about what we are all learning every Sunday. Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade will meet in room 121.

**Grades 2- High School:** The children and youth in grades 2-high school will continue to use the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum which also follows the lectionary. Grades 2-4 will meet in room 119.

**“567” Youth Sunday School and Adventure Program:** “567” is a new program for our 5th, 6th & 7th graders. This will be a combined Sunday School and occasional Sunday evening program that will be led by parents of children in that age group. “567” will meet every Sunday morning in room 118. “567” Youth adventures will be held once a month. Any child in grades 5, 6, or 7 is invited to come and bring a friend.

**Children’s Church:** Children’s Church continues during the 11:00 A.M. service in room 120. This year the children will focus on New Testament lessons and the way Jesus teaches us to live our lives.

**Fall CHOW:** Fall CHOW begins on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and continues through Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The children will use the “Abundant Orchard: Where Faith Grows and Hungry People Are Fed.” Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:15. Dinner is \$4 a person, with a family cap of \$15. Kitchen help is needed.

**Eva:** We continue to sponsor Eva in Malawi, so please consider a birthday donation in your child’s name. What a special way to honor your child and support Eva.

**Remind101:** Look for information on Rally Day about receiving text reminders about all things children at KGPC.

**Join the Youth at the Out  
of Darkness Walk**  
**Saturday, September 6,  
9am, at Mt. Trashmore**

Many of our lives have been impacted by the suicide of someone we knew. The “Out of Darkness” Walk is a national program and has been designed to raise awareness about suicide prevention as well as to remember those whose lives have been cut short by depression and hopelessness. On **Saturday, Sept. 6, the PYF and other members of our KGPC church family** will be joining thousands of others to raise awareness of this difficult subject by walking around Mt. Trashmore. **We invite ALL of our KGPC church family to join us!** There are fliers in the office or contact Julie Seipel for more information. You can register on line ([www.sos-walk.org](http://www.sos-walk.org)) by September 5 or at the walk. Registration is required but there is no fee to join the walk. So, tie on your walking shoes and join our KGPC youth at **8:15am** at Mt. Trashmore because together we can save lives! (Walk starts at 9:30am, but there will be free Chick-fill-A and Starbucks if you arrive by 8:30am). Look for the KGPC crowd on the hill!

**There are many Walks to promote good physical health.**

**This is the Walk to promote good mental health!**



**Kick off the year right with Youth Fellowship!**

**Upcoming PYF events:**

**Saturday, September 6...** Out of Darkness Walk at Mt. Trashmore

**Sunday, September 7...** Rally Day kickoff (No meeting that night)

**Sunday, Sept 13...** Langley Speed Way Adventure... meet at church at 6pm & bring \$5 to get in and \$ for dinner

**Sunday, Sept. 21...** Bake cookies for Kairos/pack candy for college kids

**Sunday, Sept. 28...** Christmas Car Wash & Hot Dog Lunch right after church

Mark your calendars for a marvelous Makemie Woods retreat November 21-23 (Details to come)

**Parents of College Kids:** Please email Julie Seipel ([mseipel@aol.com](mailto:mseipel@aol.com)) with your child's college email and snail mail address.

**Calling all local college-aged students/PYA**

**We will be having a Sunday School class for our PYA's (Presbyterian Young Adults) on Sunday mornings in room 118 during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) beginning September 7. Join us as we examine how God calls us to deal with issues that face Young Adults in the world today!**



**CIRCLES:** KGPC has three Circles. Every Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Circles are open to all women of the church and will all be studying the same book. This year we will delve into the lives of Jesus' disciples in the book The Thirteen Disciples by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The books will be available and donations to help cover the costs are welcome. You can also get this book on your electronic devices through Amazon.

**LYDIA CIRCLE**

The first meeting of the year of Lydia Circle will be Tuesday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lorraine Jordana, 637 West Kingston Lane, VB, 486-6507. Please call her if you need a ride. Study books will be available prior to this meeting.

**EVE CIRCLE:** Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:15p.m. at church in the Parlor. Study books will be available soon. Bring a friend.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE:** This is the morning Circle and will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Our books will be available soon.

**CIRCLE LUNCHEON:** We will continue our Circle luncheon gathering on Tuesday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. following the Elizabeth Circle meeting. ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. Those who would like to prepare and serve lunch, please contact Julie Seipel or Donna Perry. Please RSVP to Donna or Julie by September 8.

## **Adult Ministry**

### **Sunday School:**

#### **Feasting on the Word - Various Facilitators**

Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. You will enter Bible study and worship bringing with them this variety of views. *Feasting on the Word* engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts.

#### **He said what? The Red Line Sayings of Jesus - David Anderson**

In this class, you will explore and discuss the "red lined" sayings of Jesus from the New Testament. The red lettered words in the bible are the words spoken by Jesus.

### **Small Group Studies:**

**Lunch Bunch:** This small group meets Mondays at 12:15 in the conference room. Bring your lunch and unravel the wisdom we find in the Bible and each other. Join us on Sept. 8 to determine what we would like to study.

**Men's Breakfast:** Come & enjoy a hot, homemade breakfast with the men of the church. This group gathers in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday morning at 6:30A.M.

**Kerygma:** This group meets every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30am in the Parlor. Join our dynamic discussions and bring your coffee. Watch the bulletin for start date.

**Wednesday Night Women's Study:** this group meets most Wednesday evenings at 7:30p.m. Open to all women of the church. Watch for start date.

**Moms Group:** Open to moms of all ages, this group meets on Thursdays at 1pm. We will begin meeting on September 18 and will determine what our next study will be that day. Come share the joys of motherhood with other KGPC moms. Babysitting is provided.

**BOOK CLUB** meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us Tuesday, September 30 at 7pm in the Parlor as we discuss our September book, Dear Abigail by Diane Jacobs and Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright. Our October book is Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. Contact Julie Seipel if you need a book. All are welcome.

### **Golden Guys & Gals**

The Golden Guys and Gals will meet Wednesday, September 17th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a pot luck luncheon. Rev. Jenny Spivey will be invited which will be a wonderful opportunity get to know her as she begins her interim ministry with KGPC. The 50th Anniversary history will be shown. Plan to attend for an interesting program and bring a dish to share. Look forward to being together as our new program year begins.

**Preview of coming events:** The October 15th luncheon program will feature our own Janet Phelps and a presentation of "Music – The Soul of Worship" and background on the new Presbyterian hymnal.

### Home Communion

We are now well into a ministry providing Communion to homebound members of the church. Contact is made prior to the first Sunday of the month with those known to be homebound most likely to request Communion brought to them by a team of elders on the same Sunday the congregation in worship receives Communion. If you or a member you know might like to have a visit to bring Communion to them, contact Ellen Hill (523-2448) to get on the schedule.



### Help Wanted Sign Changer Needed

A volunteer (or volunteers) are being sought to help change the message on the sign that is at the corner of the property. Jill McNulty has faithfully changed our messages for the past 5 years.

The sign needs to be changed every Monday-Tuesday. Volunteers need to be fairly strong to be able to lift the heavy door overhead and at times, must be able to endure cold weather. Barbara Smith creatively words the sign and the volunteer places the letters on the board (a good speller is preferred). Please contact Barbara Smith ([smith-five@cox.net](mailto:smith-five@cox.net)) or Jill McNulty ([JillandNeal@cox.net](mailto:JillandNeal@cox.net)) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

## COME RING WITH US!

**CHANCEL BELLS and KING'S BELLS** both have openings if you are interested in becoming part of the Music Ministry. Chancel Bells has one opening (Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm beginning 9/18) and King's Bells has two openings (Fridays, 9:00-10:00am beginning 9/19).

Call Janet Phelps.

#### ♦**CHERUB CHOIR**

3 years old - 1st grade  
Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:00pm  
Beginning 9/24/14

#### ♦**RAINBOW CHOIR**

2nd – 6th grade  
Wednesday, 5:00 – 5:45pm  
beginning 9/24/14



#### ♦**CHANCEL BELLS**

Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30pm  
Beginning 9/18/14

#### ♦ **KING'S BELLS**

Friday, 9:00 - 10:00am  
beginning 9/19/14

#### ♦**MUSIC TEAM**

Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:15pm  
beginning 9/3/14

#### ♦**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:00pm  
Beginning 9/3/14

#### ♦**LITTLE MAESTROS** (*Registration required*)

18 - 30 months approximately,  
Morning classes on Wednesdays 9:55 – 10:35am  
Session I October 8 – November 12  
When Wednesday class is filled, a Thursday class is added.

#### ♦**KING'S ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS** (*Registration required*)

2 1/2 - 5 years, Morning classes in Music, Art & Dance  
Wednesdays & Thursdays, beginning September 3/4, 9:00 – 11:30am

**All those interested in any of these groups, please contact:  
Janet Phelps 340-2840 ext.13, Director of Music Ministries,  
[j.phelps@kgpc.org](mailto:j.phelps@kgpc.org)**

## Cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry

Our KGPC Kairos team members (Dan Duquette, Mike Farley, and Joe Baden & Myreta Hobert) need for 150 doz. Cookies **each** (that's 600 doz. cookies) for this fall's Kairos weekend. The men need the cookies by Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Myreta needs them in early October. Homemade chocolate chip or oatmeal should be prayed over and packaged one dozen to a quart size Ziploc bag. Look for the sign-up sheet on Rally Day.



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## The Church Vegetable Garden

The **vegetable garden** at King's Grant Presbyterian Church is more commonly referred to as the **Garden of Eden**. Members of the garden form a committee and are known as **Sharecroppers**. This committee serves as a team in the church's **Nurture Ministry**.

The Sharecroppers are responsible for maintaining the garden and growing the vegetables. Any member of the congregation may be a Sharecropper. The **primary Purpose** of the Garden of Eden is to provide vegetables to those in the congregation who, for one reason or another, may be unable to provide fresh vegetables for themselves. The vegetables which remain will be given to one or more of the charitable organizations which are recognized by church's **Outreach Ministry** or may be made available to other members of the congregation. A secondary purpose of the Garden of Eden is to give the children, and others, in the church, the opportunity to learn how God provides for us and to see how vegetables are grown and harvested.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS

It's a real joy to deliver much needed school supplies contributed by KGPC's caring congregation to Lynnhaven and Malibu Elementary Schools and Seton Youth Shelters. As you shop for your children and grandchildren, please make extra purchases for needy children and bring to the box in the Connection Point by Rally Day, Sept. 7th. There will also be a box in the Fellowship Hall on that day. Thank you.

## **Kings Grant Mission Ministry**

**Let's go "Outside these Walls"!  
Blitz Day: Saturday, October 18**

**Come and be Christ's Hands and Feet to others!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our fall Blitz Day, Saturday, October 18. No experience needed, just a willing spirit. Lots of jobs for folks of ALL ages and abilities! Look for task specific signups in the Connection Point on Rally Day. Contact Brian Miller for more information

