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April 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

As we mentioned this past Sunday, our church is facing a major problem with our heating system. The Session has approved a proposal to replace the hot water pipes from the boiler room to the sanctuary, the chapel, and the education wing (Sunday school and Rainbow Connection preschool). The existing pipes have major leaks (up to 60 gallons per hour) that cannot be repaired because of their location under the concrete foundation. These pipes must be shut off and new insulated pipes installed. This will be a very expensive repair. Please keep our church and our officers in your prayers as they work to solve this problem before next fall when heat is needed.

Mark your calendars for Middle School Youth Sunday on April 3rd at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and for Senior High Youth Sunday on May 1st at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. A reception will follow the 11 a.m. service on both Sundays. For our church family these services are a highlight of the year. By your presence you demonstrate your support for our young people, just as you did when you promised to pray for them and encourage them as young disciples of Jesus Christ when they were baptized. Special thanks to Buddy Jackson, our youth coordinator, who will be preaching on Middle School Youth Sunday, and to our youth committee, advisors, teachers, sponsors, Scout leaders, and all who work with our youth. Pray for them and express your appreciation for their commitment to Jesus Christ and to our youth.

I encourage you, if your schedule allows, to join us at the weekly community Lenten services at noon each Wednesday at Aldersgate UMC. Lenten and Holy Week programs at Shelby Presbyterian

include Bible study and the annual children's Easter egg hunt on April 6th at 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross on April 10th at 7 p.m., a Passover Seder meal April 13th at 6 p.m., a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 21st preceded by a covered dish supper at 6 p.m., and a Good Friday service at noon on April 22nd. Again this year we have invited First Baptist and Central Methodist to join us in our courtyard for an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on April 24th. Chaplain Len Byers from CRMC will preach. Remember to bring lawn chairs, flowers for the flower cross, and plan to stay for Hot Cross buns in Ellis Hall following the service. I'm looking forward to the special Easter music presented by our Chancel Choir at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on April 24th. We have a wonderful choir that has been working very hard in preparation for our celebration of Christ's resurrection.

This year, Spring break coincides with Holy week, so some of our members will be away. If you are traveling, I encourage you to find a church where you can celebrate Holy week and Easter. I would love to see bulletins from the churches you visit if you could sign your name and leave it in the church office or my mail box at church. If you are in town during Holy Week please remember the Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday April 19th and encourage others to participate by giving blood, preparing snacks, or helping to host the drive. Also, look for opportunities to invite friends and family to join you as your guests for Lenten and Holy Week events at your church.

May God bless you during this Lenten and Easter season.

Luke Harkey

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, April 5, at 10:00 am in the home of Betty Bowling, 107 Park Circle.

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, April 5, at 11:30 am in the home of Lyn Huston, 406 Country Club Lane. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP Lyn, 704-476-0033.

1900 Circle will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm in the home of Donna Simmons, 711 Mayo Street.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Note Change of Venue this Month!!!

All men are invited to join this group the first Thursday of each month. On Thursday, **April 7**, they will meet at 7:00 a.m. **at the Life Enrichment Center**, 110 Life Enrichment Boulevard (off Hwy. 18 North) for breakfast and a tour of the new facility.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER LILIES

As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 24 (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - \$10 each - to be placed in the church, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that check be made payable to "Presbyterian Women." Turn your form and check into the church office **by April 7**. **We have to put in our order with the greenhouse by this date. We cannot guarantee lilies after this date.**

Yes, I (We) would like _____ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter Sunday.

Enclosed is \$_____ (\$10 each).

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

JOIN US

**IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN APRIL
6:00 pm Meal – 6:30 pm Program**

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT IS
... an opportunity to pause midweek,
... to build new relationships,
to strengthen existing friendships,
... and to glorify God through
intergenerational activities, worship,
and programs that help us grow in our faith.

Date	Meal	Program
April 6	*Ham	<i>Bible Study</i> <i>Luke Harkey</i>
April 13	*Calabash Chicken	<i>What is a</i> <i>Seder Meal?</i>
Thursday		
April 21	•Covered Dish	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Worship Service</i>
April 27	*Pizza	<i>Gardner-Webb Univ.</i> <i>Signing Choir</i>

*\$3/adult; \$1/under 12; \$10/family max. Bring side dishes & homemade desserts --- completely peanut free please. Child care is available for children 4 and under.

•Entirely Covered Dish - no charge - See next article!
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING PLATES, CUPS & SILVERWARE FROM HOME WHEN ATTENDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER.

WHAT IS A COVERED DISH DINNER?

There will be a "covered dish dinner" on Maundy Thursday, April 21. Some folks have questioned what this is. This is where church members bring one or more dishes of food to be placed on the tables in Ellis Hall, along with everyone else's dishes of food. Then everyone gets to enjoy each other's cooking. The "rule of thumb" is: bring enough food to feed your family and four more.

Types of food to be shared are: meat dishes, vegetables, salads, fruits, desserts. Whatever you choose to bring. It is also just fine to bring prepared or purchased foods that you pick up at the store or fast food place, like a bucket of chicken. Sharing different foods is part of the fun and fellowship.

Serving spoons are provided along with tea. Just remember to pick up your dish before you leave.

THANK YOU MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

For the second year the Middle School Youth on "Souper" Bowl Sunday collected enough money to buy a refrigerator for the Food Ministry. This was a much-needed piece of equipment, and we are very grateful for this gift.

--Mabel & Morris Lacey for SPC Food Ministry

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, April 10th, you are invited to come to Ellis Hall at 7:00 pm to worship using the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross originated from the practice of Holy Land pilgrims who visited the actual scenes of incidents in the Passion of Christ (Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa, Latin for "The Way of Sorrow"). Many, many Christians visit the Holy Land each Holy Week to intentionally walk the Via Dolorosa. As long ago as the fifth century, devout Christians have meditated using versions of the Stations of the Cross. Holy Week, especially Good Friday, is the day, most often chosen.

Our observance of the Stations of the Cross will be an abbreviated form. We will not include the Rosary prayers. The Stations of the Cross is a devotional way to meditate on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to pray, to listen to/read scriptures, and to reflect on art depicting the scriptures that recall the events of Christ's Passion. The Stations of the Cross is a way to more experientially acknowledge the sufferings and death for **you** personally because **you** are indeed loved that much by our Lord and Savior who did indeed die for us on that first Good Friday.

I hope that you will begin praying everyday that your heart will be opened to receive the love of Jesus Christ, ever more clearly and ever more dearly through recalling His Passion using the Stations of the Cross.

--Bonnie Sanford

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Please bring fresh cut flowers and/or greenery to put on the cross outside on Easter morning for the 6:30, 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. service. Special thanks to Sally Taylor for preparing the cross again this year.

Communion will be served
at the 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
and on Easter morning
at the 8:30 & 11:00 services.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

For the second year, Central United Methodist and First Baptist Churches will join us in the courtyard for our 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service. Coffee, juice and home-made hot cross buns will follow in Ellis Hall. **Please bring lawn chairs.**

OCTET DINNERS SUMMER Sign up before Easter (April 24th)

It is time to sign up for Octet dinners again. It has been great fun so far! We had 6 groups in the winter. We had singles as well as couples and it was all good. The dinners will be once a month May through August. They can be any day of the week as agreed upon by the group. Most of the groups are meeting Fridays or Saturdays.

Please fill out the sign-up sheet and drop at the church office or in the collection plate/basket or email it back. We all need to sign up again so we can reshuffle the groups.

For more information (and to email the sheet back):

Lori Titus--704.406.9331 patbilscot@yahoo.com
Jack Breen--704.481.0460 johnjsbreen@aol.com
Margaret Harry--704.487.4743 mharry@carolina.rr.com
Church Office--704.487.8503 jane@shelbypres.org

OCTET DINNERS SUMMER SIGN-UP

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Do you prefer a specific day of week to meet? _____

Do you want to be paired with anyone? _____

Can you host the first dinner? _____

Any dietary needs? _____

ARE THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR?

Sunday, April 3

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Middle School Youth lead worship; reception to follow 11:00 service

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn at Webbley

Sunday, April 10

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross in Ellis Hall

Palm Sunday, April 17

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Palm branches will be given out at worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:00 pm - Covered Dish Supper in Ellis Hall

6:30 pm - Worship Service in Sanctuary – Nursery provided.

Good Friday, April 22

12:00-1:00 pm - Service of Scripture Readings,
Musical Selections & Meditation in Chapel
Church Office will close at Noon.

Easter Sunday, April 24

Bring flowers to put on cross outside.

6:30 am - Joint Sunrise Service in Courtyard followed by coffee, juice and homemade hot cross buns: Bring lawn chairs.

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship Services in Sanctuary
Chancel Choir, Communion and offering for
One Great Hour of Sharing

9:45 am - Sunday School

Monday, April 25

Church Office will be closed.

MEMBER CARE

“God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3

We are sinners and we are broken. We are broken by our own sins and by other people’s sins. We need forgiveness, but we also need healing of our brokenness. God promises forgiveness and healing, for individuals as well as communities and nation, through Jesus Christ. This is good news! Lift up your brokenness, hurts, and experiences of injustice to God and know that in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, you will be healed and made whole.

Prayer: Merciful God, heal us and make us whole. Forgive us for causing brokenness in others and in ourselves. Break the cycle of sin and brokenness through the power of your cross. Through the Holy Spirit use us and our churches as agents of healing in this broken world. Amen.

If you find anyone needing special attention in our church family or beyond, please contact Margie Trivett, chairperson, or any member of the Member Care Committee.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Ed Allison	Jean LeGrand
Cornelia Barnett	Stuart LeGrand
Bill Brooks	Nellie Loy
Frances Campbell	Frances Macomson
Shirley Carothers	Ashley McIntyre
Polly Cary	John Leonell
Sloan Chambers	Betty Mitchell
Joe Chambless	Tom & Mary Louise Moss
Jerry Dail	Holly Petrilli
Seth Denton	Maude Reid
Debbie Ferrell	Julia Robinson
Frances Forney	Joyce Ruark
Kathy Gardner	Ruth Schweppe
Barbara Gebel	Margaret Smevog
Jean Hamner	Janine Vollmer
Ann Harry	David Wiggin
Jerry Jackson	

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children/youth each month. During April, pray for our Two, Three & Four Year Olds:

Drew Dixon	Anna Schweppe
Trey Goforth	Charlie Schweppe
Abby Haydon	Emerson Taylor
Ansley Julian	Wheeler Stuart
Savannah McIntyre	Judd Windham

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Children’s Committee invites our children to an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 6th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the beautiful Webbley Yard. Bring your family to Wednesday Night Supper and the special activity for the children will be the egg hunt! Sounds like great fun! Thanks to Penny Clontz (704- 480-7178) and the Children’s Committee! Following the hunt there will be light refreshments.

When you see Mr. O. Max Gardner around town, tell him thanks for sharing his yard with our children for the Easter Egg Hunt.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

+Sunday, April 3rd meet in Pastor Luke's study at 9:45 a.m. for completion of instruction and review of the Gospel of Luke and questions.

+Sunday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. attend/assist with the Stations of the Cross in Ellis Fellowship Hall.

+Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. participate in the Seder Meal in Fellowship Hall.

+Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. worship in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS

A special thank you to all the women who took leadership roles in the PW Sunday worship! It was indeed a strong witness of faith to see so many women ushers, greeters, choristers, readers, musicians, sermon givers, refreshment servers. It was a great celebration! We rejoice with Jo Ann Richards and her family and the family of Gene Williams in their designation of Honorary Life Members of Presbyterian Women of the PC(USA).

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

If you desire to contribute to disaster relief in response to all the many needs around the world, you may do so by making your check payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church, noted for where you wish to send aid. For example, if for Japan, mark your check "PDA Japan". SPC will combine our contributions and send to the Presbytery for disbursement. Visit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website to choose other places in addition to Japan.

The PCUSA has eight Mission Co-worker Families serving in Japan: Yukiko Altman, Tim & Yuko Boyle, Barbara Jo Easton, William Geppert, Thomas Goetz, Sara McAiley Oba, and Sanford & Emiko taborn, and Bill & Ann Moore (from Black Mountain). For general information about each of these families go to www.gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/mission-connections/find-mission-worker-japan.

Psalm 46 *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

HELP NEEDED WITH EASTER LILIES

Anyone available to help place the lilies in the sanctuary (after removing stamens) on Good Friday, April 22nd, please be in touch with Jane in the church office or jane@shelbypres.org. Thank you very much.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As is the tradition at SPC our children have been stuffing their fish coin boxes during these weeks of Lent, using the sharing calendar as a guide to decide on the daily contributions to put in the boxes.. Hopefully this has been a family learning activity; hopefully each day you have prayed about the needs of children and families, even in Shelby, and that you have offered prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings we share each day. **Please return your fish boxes on Easter Sunday or the Sunday following, if you are going away for Easter. Thank you!**

Daily, nearly one billion of God's people quietly struggle with crippling poverty, almost unnoticed by the world. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which we traditionally receive on Easter Day, supports ongoing ministries addressing these urgent needs. This offering began more than 59 years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. Distribution of the offering is 32% for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 36% for Presbyterian Hunger Program, and 32% for Self Development of People.

The gifts we give to One Great Hour of Sharing this Easter will respond not only to the immediate pain of disasters----whenever and wherever they happen during the next year----but also to the long-term conditions that keep people in poverty and hunger. Envelopes will be available during worship on Easter for the adults. God has surely blessed us to be blessings to others, thanks for your gracious contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing.

APRIL MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for April is *"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."* Psalm 40:1-2 (Seeds of Courage CD, www.seedsfamilyworship.com)

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES

. . . to Frances Forney and family on the death of her sister, Margaret Williams, on February 26, 2011 in Statesville, NC.

. . . to Mary Parsons and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Paul Parsons, on February 26, 2011 in Prescott, Arizona.

. . . to Donna Haretos and family on the death of her father, Arthur Schulz, on February 28, 2011. Art had been a member of SPC for 30 years.

. . . to Lloyd and Thomas Williams and family on the death of their mother, Gene Williams, on March 9, 2011. Gene had been a member of SPC for 59 years.

. . . to Donna Simmons and family on the recent death of her uncle.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mission:

The Property Committee is charged with managing the buildings and grounds as well as the physical assets of SPC property.

Responsibilities:

Maintain and repair all church buildings and property in cooperation with the Sexton. Prepare an annual budget for property expenditures and prioritize expenditures. Evaluate and recommend vendors for maintenance and repairs beyond committee expertise.

Interested?

Anyone interested in serving on the Property Committee should call Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503.

WANT TO RIDE THE CREEPER TRAIL? (Notice Date Change!)

Several folks from SPC would like to get up a trip to the Virginia Creeper Trail (bike path) and camping at Bear Tree Campground near Damascus, Virginia on the weekend of May 21-22. Call Chuck Lampley, 704-480-9568, for details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Warren & Andrea Julian
1929 Randolph Road
Shelby, NC 28150
704-406-9288

They have a daughter, Ansley, age 2½. Their sponsors are Harry & Kimberly Dixon. The Julian family lives in Neighborhood Group #1 "Wild, Wild West."

Gene McSwain
P. O. Box 296
Lattimore, NC 29089
704-418-0230

Gene is the fiancé of Margie Trivett and his sponsors are Steve & Cheryl Sisk. Margie & Gene will live at 3044 River Road, Shelby, NC 28152 (after their June 4th wedding) which is in Neighborhood Group 2.

Ann Moody
150 Appian Way
Shelby, NC 28150
704-484-9775

Ann is the sister of Barbara Moore and her sponsor is Bonnie Sanford. She lives in Neighborhood Group #13 "The Lake Dwellers."

James & Susan Smith
2619 Flagstone Court
Shelby, NC 28152
704-482-9165

They have 3 children: Evan age 16 (Grade 11); Alayna age 12 (Grade 6); Molly age 10 (Grade 5). Their sponsors are John & Mystie Brotherton. The Smith family lives in Neighborhood Group #2.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Harvey Hamrick Jr. has moved to 1408 Greenway Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Joe & Barbara Lackey have moved to 4215 Greenfield Place, Boomer, NC 28606.

Zuzana Rybnicek has moved to 406 Williamsfield Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

ADDRESS FOR TROY GOSS

First Lieutenant Goss, Troy
MWSS 272
MP
Unit 77151
FPO AE 09510-7151

SESSION MEETING NOTES FEBRUARY 15, 2011

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Elders present were Nancy Blackley, Joyce Boyette, Jack Breen, Robert Burns, Robin Fichter, Richard Fletcher, Robin Holland, Chuck Lampley, Mimi Martin, Joe Miller, Ali Paksoy, John Schweppe III, Jeanne Spragins, Larry Wilson.

Elder excused was Mary Conner.

Also present were pastor Luke Harkey, Joe Ogburn, Dean of the College of Elders, and Deacon Adele Aylmer. Elder Tom Martin and Tom Aylmer were also in attendance.

Order of the Day: Dr. Harkey led the group in prayer for the newly elected officers, Adele Aylmer and Mimi Martin. The Session was then briefed by Elder Jack Breen, chairman of the communion committee, reviewing the various aspects of serving communion. He said it would be helpful to have more help in setting up and cleaning up after communion.

The Session then adjourned to the back parlor where Elder Chuck Lampley led the group in a 'word share prayer' devotional, based on John 13: 34-35, which was discussed in small groups followed by prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Elder Jeanne Spragins reported that she had been notified of a training session for clerks of session. She plans to attend on March 19, 2011 in Gastonia. Vice-Clerk Joe Miller plans to attend a similar session this year.

Dr. Harkey addressed the Fifth Sunday services with John Knox, Ryburn Memorial, and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches. It was suggested that the Worship and Music Committee discuss ways to increase attendance. One suggestion was that the choir of the host church sing at the service.

Dr. Harkey announced that the Red Cross blood drive had been held in Ellis Hall that afternoon

and the goal of 18 pints of blood had been met. He suggested we consider partnering with another organization to increase participation in future blood drives. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at our church.

Dr. Harkey reported that an Emmaus Walk for men will be held on April 1-3, 2011. Doug Boyette will be the lay director and Dr. Harkey is on the staff. The Emmaus Walk for women will be held April 8-10, 2011. The Presbyterian Women's Sunday service will be on March 20, 2011. Grace Boyer will preach.

MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 stated Session meeting was made, seconded and approved.

COMMITTEES:

PERSONNEL: Elder Joe Miller proposed that the March Session meeting be devoted to the process of filling our staff vacancy. He stated that he thought it was premature to involve the entire congregation at this time but that our committees could explore and discuss the vacancy at their meetings. We should consider what the position now requires, what resources we have at present, and what staff we need to fulfill the mission of the church and our role in the community. Could we better utilize volunteers, part-time staff, or 'yoking' with other Presbyterian churches in our area. Elder Miller said we could chart the answers to these questions as we explore various possibilities. Ultimately it is the duty of the Session to direct the search.

COLLEGE OF ELDERS: Joe Ogburn, Dean of the College of Elders, presented the calendar of meetings for this year: March 27, 2011; June 12, 2011; September 25, 2011; December 11, 2011.

MEMBER CARE: Elder Nancy Blackley invited all elders who are interested in serving communion to homebound members to attend a training session on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 after the church supper. On Communion Sundays the elements are blessed during the service then taken to homes by groups of two or three elders. A script is provided for the home service. In November thirty members were served, and in January thirty-two were served.

MEMBERSHIP: Elder Nancy Blackley announced that classes for new members are being held on Sunday morning. There will be a called Session meeting on Sunday, February 20, 2011 in Dr. Harkey's office at 10:30 am to receive new members.

MISSION AND MINISTRY: Elder John Schweppe III stated that the committee was meeting next week to discuss the application of the Interfaith Alliance for a \$8000 grant from Presbytery to come from the Five-Cents-A-Meal fund. It would be used to aid in establishing a new shelter for Homeless Men, which is estimated to cost \$1,000,000. The state of North Carolina is providing one half of the cost and the North Carolina Baptist men are providing the labor. All but \$150,000 has been raised. After discussion the Session voted to endorse the application.

PRESBYTERY LIAISON: Elder Richard Fletcher reported on the Presbytery meeting on January 29, 2011. Dr Harkey, Elders Jack Breen and Richard Fletcher, and Educator Bonnie Sanford represented our church. There was much discussion of the proposed amendment to alter the ordination standards. The amendment to change the language of the ordination standards was approved by a vote of 144 to 99. Before this can become a change to the *Book of Order* it will require the approval by a majority of the 173 Presbyteries in our denomination.

Elder Fletcher gave a report on upcoming Presbytery events, including training for Clerks of Session, Stewardship committee training in June, and a sexuality retreat for middle school students and parents.

The next Presbytery meeting will be in April to consider the proposed Belhar confession and changes to the form of government.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Elder Robin Fichter, a member of the board of Black Mountain Home for Children, announced that on the second Wednesday of each month there is an open forum in which students are able to address the staff about their concerns. On April 13, 2011 she is attending this forum and she invited any interested persons to attend with her. She also said there is now a facility for independent living for college students who consider this their home.

Elder Richard Fletcher reported on the progress of repairing or replacing the church's Heating and Air Condition system. Another inspection will be made before deciding which course of action to take. Richard also addressed questions about the lights on the steeple. Various options will be explored to restore the lighting.

Elder Robert Burns suggested that the Finance Committee survey all the projects which

need to be addressed and explore the possibility of a future capital campaign.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER: Dr. Harkey adjourned the meeting and led the Session in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Spragins, Clerk of Session.

SESSION MEETING NOTES FEBRUARY 20, 2011

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 10:40 a.m. in Dr. Luke Harkey's office.

Elders present were Nancy Blackley, Robin Fichter, Mimi Martin, Joe Miller, Jeanne Spragins, and Larry Wilson.

Elders excused were Joyce Boyette, Jack Breen, Robert Burns, Mary Conner, Richard Fletcher, Robin Holland, Chuck Lampley, Ali Paksoy, and John Schweppe III.

Also present were Warren and Andrea Julian, James Smith, and Dr. Harkey. The Session was called to order after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Order of the Day: Acceptance of new members

Dr. Harkey welcomed the Julians and asked them to share their faith journeys. He then asked them the formal questions regarding joining the church, to which they responded affirmatively. There was a motion and a second that they be accepted into our family of faith. The motion carried. Dr. Harkey expressed our joy that they have become a part of our church.

Adjournment with prayer: Dr. Harkey then closed the meeting with prayer and the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne G. Spragins, Clerk of Session.

SESSION MEETING NOTES FEBRUARY 27, 2011

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 10:40 a.m. in Dr. Luke Harkey's office.

Elders present were Nancy Blackley, Richard Fletcher, Robin Holland, Joe Miller, John Schweppe III, and Larry Wilson.

Elders excused were Joyce Boyette, Jack Breen, Robert Burns, Mary Conner, Robin Fichter,

Chuck Lampley, Mimi Martin, Ali Paksoy, and Jeanne Spragins.

Also present were Warren and Andrea Julian, Gene McSwain, Ann Moody, James and Susan Smith, and Dr. Harkey. The Session was called to order after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Order of the Day: Acceptance of new members

Dr. Harkey welcomed Gene (affirmation of faith), Ann (transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Hammond, LA) James and Susan (affirmation of faith) and asked them to share their faith journeys. He then asked them the formal questions regarding joining the church, to which they responded affirmatively. There was a motion and a second that they be accepted into our family of faith. The motion carried. Dr. Harkey expressed our joy that they have become a part of our church.

Adjournment with prayer: Dr. Harkey then closed the meeting with prayer and the Right Hand of Fellowship was extended.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph R. Miller, Vice Clerk of Session.

SESSION MEETING NOTES
MARCH 22, 2011

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the back parlor at the church.

Elders present were Nancy Blackley, Joyce Boyette, Robert Burns, Mary Conner, Robin Fichter, Richard Fletcher, Robin Holland, Chuck Lampley, Joe Miller, Ali Paksoy, John Schweppe III, Jeanne Spragins and Larry Wilson.

Elders excused were Jack Breen and Mimi Martin.

Also present were Pastor Luke Harkey, Educator Bonnie Sanford, Youth Representative Lacey Chambless, and Joe Ogburn, Dean of the College of Elders.

The Session was called to order by Dr. Harkey after it was established that a quorum was present. Elder Larry Wilson gave a Lenten devotional, followed by a prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Youth Representative Lacey Chambless announced that in April and May there will be two services led by the youth. She also said a youth band is being organized.

Elder Richard Fletcher of the Worship and Music committee submitted for Session approval two requests for visiting ministers to officiate at weddings

in our church. Catherine Langley and Thomas Couch are to be married in the sanctuary on May 28, 2011. They asked that the Reverend Delores Langley be invited to officiate, along with the Reverend Allen Huff. They also requested that approval be given to serve communion during the service. After discussion both motions were approved. Sally Noblitt and Campbell Barnett are to be married in the sanctuary on June 4, 2011. They requested that the Reverend Margaret T. Almeida be invited to officiate. After discussion the motion carried.

Dr. Harkey asked the Session to approve a letter of endorsement for Fran McSwain to go to Guatemala on a mission trip with our presbytery and to represent our church at our sister church in Guatemala June 1-7, 2011. Motion carried.

It was announced that an Acts 16:5 Initiative meeting is to be held on March 26, 2011, in Morganton, NC. Dr Harkey, Sandy Brenneman and Ben Brooks, chairman of the Long Range Planning committee, will attend.

MINUTES OF RECENT MEETINGS:

Minutes of the congregational meeting (January 23, 2011), the called Session meetings (February 20, 2011, and February 27, 2011), and Stated Session meeting, (February 15, 2011), were voted upon and approved.

COMMITTEES:

PROPERTY: Elder Richard Fletcher announced there are problems with the hot water system. Chairman Bill Hoyt and the Property Committee had the system evaluated by Craig Champion from McKnight, Smith, Ward, Griffin Engineers, Inc. of Charlotte, NC. There was discussion of repairing or replacing the existing system. A motion was made to authorize this firm to begin engineering drawings to repair the heating system and also to direct the property committee to make a list of any other anticipated repairs to the church property. This was seconded and the motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Elder Joe Miller suggested that our planned discussion of the church's personnel needs be postponed until the next stated meeting. We will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

Dr. Harkey asked that the Session meeting be closed with silent prayer for those on the church prayer list, other named individuals, and for our denomination.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Spragins, Clerk of Session.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER . . .

In I Thessalonians 5, Paul writes, *“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.... Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”* God has called us all to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Kathy Wilson at 704-482-5322.

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Shem Blackley for receiving his Eagle Scout award during the worship service on February 27, 2011.

. . . to Emily & Robert Greer on the birth of their daughter, Anna Carol Greer, on March 8, 2011 at 10:19 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10.5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Judy Greer and Larry Greer.

. . . to Bonnie Sanford on the birth of her granddaughter, Laurel Kimiye Novak, on March 12, 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Laurel’s proud parents are Amy & Jake Novak and her big brother, Stan, is 1½.

. . . Ann Aspnes and Kirk White (son of Rachel White and the late Howard White) who were married March 12, 2011 in Fearington Village, NC.

. . . to Farah May Rajani & Jonathan Walter Bridges who were married March 26, 2011 in Biscayne Park, Florida. Their address is 115 N.E. 3rd Ave, Apt. 612, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.

SHELBY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive will be held in Ellis Hall on Tuesday, April 19, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Please bring photo identification.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Pray continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN MARCH

. . . to the Building Fund in memory of John Weatherly.

. . . to the Food Ministry Fund in memory of Arthur Schulz, Gene Williams, Margaret Williams.

. . . to the Member Care Fund in memory of Arthur Schulz, Gene Williams.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Arthur Schulz, Ellnor Schulz, Gene Williams.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Weekly bulletin information should be turned into the church office no later than Noon each Thursday unless otherwise specified in the previous week’s bulletin due to vacation, holidays, etc. If turned in after Noon on Thursday, there is no guarantee information will be included in that Sunday’s bulletin.

Articles for the May 2011 edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office by 4pm April 21.

Thanks for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Please mark your calendars now for **Sunday, May 22nd** for a special Sunday School event -- our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast! We will be gathering in Ellis Hall at 9:45 to spend the morning together as we honor our teachers that have led our Sunday School classes all year. There will be no Sunday School on this morning, but instead we will have a great opportunity for a church-wide gathering --some good food, and great fellowship!! (For those classes who may like to meet instead, please feel free to fix a plate and then head to your class!!) Any questions, please contact Molly Brownlee at 704-482-7560 or mbrownlee@carolina.rr.com.

REMINDER: Sunday, May 29th begins our Summer Schedule of Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:00 a.m. Make Sunday School and Worship regular events for your and your family!

RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

March was a very busy month at Rainbow! We hope everyone enjoyed our Art Show. Our little artists were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase their talents. Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us for our lunch fund raiser. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Rainbow Scholarship Fund.

On March 23 we celebrated our 100th Day of School. We all donated various items (like mailing envelopes, dishwasher detergent, after-school snacks, etc.) to make our 100-item pile. All items were donated to the Lighthouse Shelter for Homeless and Abused Women and Children.

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is now underway. There are many openings available, so please continue to refer children our way. It is such a wonderful reflection upon Rainbow and Shelby Presbyterian that not only do parents enroll siblings from year to year, but now we are finding our early graduates are returning with their children! That is truly a mark of a wonderful program.

Rainbow Connection will be closed for Easter break April 18-25, and re-open on Tuesday, April 26. From all of us at Rainbow, our best wishes for a truly Blessed Easter.

MARCH 2011 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2011 Operating Budget.	\$586,361.00
Needed Weekly.	\$ 11,276.17
Received to Date.	\$135,529.03
Required to Date.	\$146,590.21

February 27

Received.	\$ 8,725.72
Sunday School Attendance.	146
8:30 Attendance.	69
11:00 Attendance.	203

March 6

Received.	\$ 8,011.29
5¢-A-Meal (total March).	\$196.49
Sunday School Attendance.	125
8:30 Attendance.	54
11:00 Attendance.	173

March 13

Received.	\$ 21,584.46
Sunday School Attendance.	112
8:30 Attendance.	55
11:00 Attendance.	148

March 20

Received.	\$ 12,362.92
PW Birthday Offering.	\$ 243.00
Sunday School Attendance.	120
8:30 Attendance.	58
11:00 Attendance.	168

March 27

Received.	\$ 7,775.58
Sunday School Attendance.	103
8:30 Attendance.	43
11:00 Attendance.	159

A WORD FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Are you thinking about giving to the church through stock donations? Check with your broker to see if they charge fees for these contributions. Some brokerages do not charge for contributions to non-profits. If they do, ask if commission can be waived.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN APRIL?

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

April 3	Kyrin Billinsky & Jenny Dickson
10	Melissa & Bill DeVane
17	Barbara & Glenn Moore
24	Margie & John Auten

11:00 Deacons Taking Up & Counting Offering & Ushers

Margie Trivett	Joe Petrilli	Ben Brooks
Jill Venable	Molly Brownlee	

11:00 Sound Board

April 3	Roger Holland
10	Kip Smith
17	Randy Sweeting
24	Lance Ware

Sanctuary Worship Guild

April 3	Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
10	Faye McCants & Grace Teddy
17	Marlene Lovelace & Debbie Griffin
24	Barbara Hannah & Barbara Blackburn

Nursery Caregivers + Fran McSwain

April 3	Elizabeth & John Schweppe
10	Jennifer & Caja Ormand
17	Cindy & Mitch Johnson
24	Kimberly & Harry Dixon

Children & Worship Leader/Greeter

April 3	Heidi Steeves/David Steeves
10	Stefanie McIntyre/Greg McIntyre

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

April 6	Mimi Matin & Richard Fletcher
	Mystie Brotherton & Becca Schweppe
13	Jeanne Spragins & Ali Paksoy
	Mystie Brotherton & Margie Trivett
21	Maundy Thursday
	Jack Breen & Robert Burns
	Margie Auten & Molly Brownlee
27	Mary Conner & John Schweppe III
	Martha Noblitt & Adele Aylmer

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Meals

Schedule not available

Sanctuary Flowers

April 3	
10	
17	Palms: Joyce Boyette & Bonnie Sanford
24	Easter Lilies (orders due by April 7)