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## Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to express appreciation to all who helped make our church services during the Christmas season so special. Thanks to the Chancel Choir, to each member of our church staff, to our officers, and to the many members who participated and helped behind the scenes. This was the first year for the Sunday morning children's pageant and for the service of Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. Both of these were well-received as were the Chancel Choir's presentation of Handel's *MESSIAH*, and the Christmas Eve candlelight communion service at 11 p.m.

For December 26th there was one Sunday morning service, which was scheduled for 11 a.m. The first white Christmas since 1947 caused most area churches to cancel Sunday services. Shelby Presbyterian Church, however, did have a worship service that morning. One challenge was figuring out how to get the word out. Information was put on the church website ([www.shelbypres.org](http://www.shelbypres.org)) and an email was sent to all those on the church list. If you did not get an email, this means you are not on the current list. Please help us update our church records by sending an email to [jane@shelbypres.org](mailto:jane@shelbypres.org). In the event of a cancellation, the church will continue to use the following media outlets: WBT-TV Channel 3; WCNC-TV Channel 6; WSOC-TV Channel 9, and Cleveland Headline News in addition to the website. I can also be reached by phone at 704-477-7838.

By now everyone on the church mailing list should have received the announcement that effective February 6th there will be two worship

services each Sunday: a contemporary service at 8:30 a.m. in Ellis Hall and a traditional service at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The summer schedule with one service at 10 a.m. begins Memorial Day and continues through Labor Day (more on this later). The prospect of suspending the 8:45 a.m. traditional service after twenty-five years is deeply disappointing for some of our most faithful members. Please do not hesitate to speak to me as pastor, or to any member of the Session about how this change affects you and your loved ones. Please keep our church family in your prayers during this time of transition.

May God bless us during the coming year, that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, serve the needs of others, and do all to the glory of God.

**Luke Harkey**

## JANUARY WORSHIP & PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 2	8:30 a.m. Buddy Jackson 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Luke Harkey
January 9	8:30 a.m. Susan Bell 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Dr. John Billinsky
January 16	8:30 a.m. Luke Harkey (Communion) 8:45 a.m. Susan Bell 11:00 a.m. Luke Harkey
January 23	8:30 a.m. Luke Harkey 8:45 a.m. Bonnie Sanford 11:00 a.m. Luke Harkey
January 30	8:30 a.m. To Be Determined 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Luke Harkey

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sarah Circle met January 4 in the home of Susan Coiner.

Martha/Mary Circle met January 4 in the home of Molly Brownlee.

1900 Circle will meet Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Donna Simmons, 711 Mayo Street.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: HOLD THE DATE

Thursday, February 24, will be a very special evening you will not want to miss. Find out details in the February newsletter!

## JOIN US IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY 6:00 Meal – 6:30 Program

... 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.

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO "GO GREEN" BRING PLATES, CUPS & SILVERWARE FROM HOME WHEN ATTENDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER.

Date	Meal	Program
Jan. 5	*Calabash Chicken	Epiphany Celebration
Jan. 12	*SubSandwiches	HomeWork Club/ Food Ministry
Jan. 19	‡Covered Dish	Hospice
Jan. 26	*Ham	Bingo

\*\$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.

‡See next article "What Is A Covered Dish Dinner?"

## WHAT IS A COVERED DISH DINNER?

There will be "covered dish dinners" on Wednesdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 23, and 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.

## JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for January "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*" 2 Cor 5:17 (#5 on Seeds of Faith CD)

For great, scripture based music that both parents and kids will love- check out Seeds Family Worship CDs! The lyrics are God's own Word, straight from the NIV. It's the perfect way to sing, dance, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord, while planting His Word forever in your heart and mind!

Seeds Family Worship songs are available on iTunes and at [www.seedsfamilyworship.com](http://www.seedsfamilyworship.com).

## OCTET SUPPER GROUPS

Our Octet groups are underway. If you signed up and have not been contacted, please phone or email Lori Titus, 704-406-9331, [patbilscot@yahoo.com](mailto:patbilscot@yahoo.com).

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES

... to Judy Neville and family on the death of her father, John Adams, on January 1, 2011 in Douglasville, GA.

... to Bill Jobe and family on the death of his father, Allen Jobe, on January 3, 2011 in Forest City, NC.

**Thanks to you \$1,030.00 was received for the Presbyterian Home for Children from our Thanksgiving Offering.**

## MEMBER CARE

The Member Care Committee's goal is to extend love and care to all of our Shelby Presbyterian Church Family. You are encouraged to contact Margie Trivett, Chairperson, and any member of the committee with situations needing attention.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Cornelia Barnett	Nellie Loy
Frances Campbell	Frances Macomson
Shirley Carothers	Andy & Jane McCarter
Claire Carter	Rachel McInnis
Jerry Dail	Ashley McIntyre
Seth Denton	Betty Mitchell
Debbie Ferrell	Tom & Mary Louise Moss
Frances Forney	Holly Petrilli
Kathy Gardner	Maude Reid
Barbara Gebel	Julia Robinson
Jean Hamner	Joyce Ruark
Ann Harry	Art Schulz
Jerry Jackson	Ruth Schweppe
Jean LeGrand	Margaret Smevog
Stuart LeGrand	Janine Vollmer
John Leonell	

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children/youth each month. During January, pray for our Tenth and Eleventh Grade youth.

Our Tenth Graders are Melissa Blackwell, Lydia Boinest, Alston Bridges, Michael Cheaney, Katie Davis, Tori Beth Harrington, Trey Kittrell, Elizabeth Lampley, Michael Neville, Treven Persing, Erin Riggs, Alex Self, Wesley Smith, Jake Taylor, Andrew Wehmueller.

Our Eleventh Graders are Dennis Beam IV, Shem Blackley, Lacey Chambless, Holly Conner, Jon Blake Pharr, Evan Smith, Hailey Venable.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There is an interest in renewing the Children's Choir. Before starting an outside search, we would like to determine if there is anyone in our congregation who would like to volunteer to assume the responsibility of Children's Choir Leader. Details of what is involved will be worked out when the availability of a leader is determined. If you are interested, please let Jane, Luke, or Joe Miller know.

--The Personnel Committee

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

. . . to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Katherine Acton, Dwight Brenneman, Carlton Caruso, Lillian Collins, Bitsy Fesperman, C. M. McMurray, Harry Parsons, Susan Seale.

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

. . . to the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of Harry Parsons.

. . . to the Food Ministry Fund in memory of John Adams, Eugenia Jackson.

. . . to the Flower Fund in memory of Helen Davis.

. . . to the Member Care Fund in memory of Marshall Barnes, Dwight Brenneman, Mary Bumgarner, Bitsy Fesperman, Charles Hendrick, Earl Mulder.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen Davis, Bitsy Fesperman, Eugenia Jackson, Susan Seale, Ellnor Schulz.

. . . to the Stephen Ministry Fund in memory of Gertrude Cecil, Eugenia Jackson, Susan Seale, Willie Weatherly.

## HONORARIUMS RECEIVED

. . . to the Benevolence Fund in honor of John and Rowena Barker.

. . . to the Food Ministry Fund in honor of Mabel and Morris Lacey.

. . . to the Heifer Project in honor of Doug Boyette, SPC Staff.

. . . to the HomeWork Club Fund in honor of Joyce Boyette, Ed and Edna Patterson.

. . . to the Inter-Faith Alliance in honor of SPC Staff.

. . . to the Member Care Fund in honor of SPC Staff.

. . . to the Prayer Shawl Ministry in honor of Pat Darty, Sandy Griffin, Patti Thompson.

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 17,  
for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.  
The Rainbow Connection will be closed  
Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 17 & 18.**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER FAVORITE

By popular demand, we are publishing a Wednesday Night Supper favorite. If there has been a dish at Wed. Night Supper that you have really liked and would like the recipe, let us know and we will try to track it down and publish it in the next newsletter.

#### **Shannon Blackley's Spinach Pear Salad (as given to her by Robin Smith years ago)**

##### Salad

1 large bag of baby spinach  
2 pears (I use red or yellow)  
½ cup chopped sugared dates  
¾ cup of pecans

##### Dressing

¼ cup orange juice  
¼ cup red wine vinegar  
½ cup salad oil  
1 Tbsp. brown sugar  
1 tsp. garlic salt  
½ tsp. curry powder  
Salt and Pepper to taste

### SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Lloyd Williams for coming in to Soup Lunch on December 23 and cooking eggs and grits, and helping Fred Blackley and his college-age scouts coordinate and cook and serve sausage gravy and biscuits, eggs and grits to our Soup Lunch guests. Also, we want to thank Winnie Holland for bringing her harp and her friend Tony for bringing his bass and the both of them for playing during lunch. You all made us have a wonderful Soup Lunch meal and celebration!

--Mabel and Morris Lacey

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Does the church office have your e-mail address? If not, you may be missing important reminders/communications from SPC. E-mail [jane@shelbypres.org](mailto:jane@shelbypres.org) with your preferred e-mail address.

### "PSALM"

WRITTEN BY

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

NOVEMBER 10, 2010

Almighty God, Creator of all, Lord of lords,  
You know what is best for me  
You are wise  
You have the power to create the universe  
Your power dwarfs the sun.  
You are there when we lose a loved one,  
You are there when we are stressed,  
and You help us when we are most in need.  
You will be there when the sun loses its shine.  
Trusting in You will allow me to do things I never  
thought possible.

### COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### RAINBOW CONNECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### Mission:

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the business affairs of the Rainbow Connection Preschool and functions as an independent entity subject to review by the Diaconate and Session.

##### Responsibilities:

To meet monthly to review the preschool's financial and enrollment status, to discuss concerns affecting the daily operation of the preschool, to consider proposals for projects and improvements which require coordination of efforts with SPC, and to assist the director with the planning of future events.

Although serving on the Rainbow Connection Board of Directors is not open to everyone, SPC members are invited and encouraged to be involved with Rainbow Connection preschool in other capacities such as serving as a substitute teacher, sharing a special skill or talent with the children, or by volunteering to help at annual fundraisers.

##### For more information:

For more information, please call Ellen Carscaddon at 704-487-7075.

## DECEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

### December 5

Sunday School Attendance. . . . .	123
8:30 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	45
8:45 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	28
11:00 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	160

### December 12 (Children's Pageant, 8:45 a.m.)

Sunday School Attendance. . . . .	113
8:45 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	166
11:00 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	113

### December 19 (Chancel Choir MESSIAH)

Sunday School Attendance. . . . .	106
8:30 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	108
11:00 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	233

### December 26 (SNOW!)

Sunday School Attendance. . . . .	6
11:00 a.m. Worship Service. . . . .	25

## DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December offerings for budget. . . . . \$108,866.04  
In addition, we received these special offerings:

Christmas Joy Gift. . . . .	\$747.00
Heifer International. . . . .	\$3,171.00
Inter-Faith Alliance. . . . .	\$2,338.00
Children's Christmas Projects. . . . .	\$639.00

Our Bookkeeper reports that all bills and benevolences for 2010 have been paid, and our checking account is in the black.

## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

Happy New Year to Everyone! Rainbow Connection was on Christmas break through Jan. 2; school reopened and classes resumed Monday, January 3, 2011. Our holiday socks for food ministry collection was an outstanding success. Rainbow families donated 158 pairs of socks to be distributed to our food ministry attendees during the week of Dec. 20. Thanks to Tonya and Miles Beam for wrapping each individual pair of socks; and to the Rainbow teachers and children for designing and decorating the gift tags.

This Spring, in celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, we will collect items for the Lighthouse Shelter. Projects like these help teach our children compassion for others. Education of young children includes letters and numbers, and equally important life lessons, too.

## PLANNING RETREAT

Officers and staff will be away for their annual planning retreat Friday night through Sunday morning, January 7-9. Worship and Sunday School will be held at SPC at the regular times. Susan Bell will lead the 8:30 service, and Dr. John Billinsky will lead the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

## 2011 FLOWER CALENDAR

A Flower Calendar for 2011 has been posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. If there is a Sunday in 2011 that you would like to reserve, please stop by the bulletin board or call the church office and we'll sign you up.

## CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Kathy and John Gardner on the birth of their granddaughter, Lila Grace Gardner, on December 4, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. Lila's proud parents are Amanda and Bill Gardner.

. . . to Ginny Ward Holderness for being recognized as "Educator of the Year, 2011" by The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. Ginny is married to our former pastor, Jim Holderness, and was our part-time Director of Christian Education during part of their time with us here at Shelby Presbyterian.

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 2 - Did not meet due to holidays.  
Sunday, January 9 - 6:00 p.m. Supper & Program  
Sunday, January 16 - 6:00 p.m. Supper & Program  
Tuesday, January 18 - 6:00 a.m. Youth Ski Trip  
Sunday, January 23 - 6:00 p.m. Supper & Program  
Sunday, January 30 - 6:00 p.m. Supper & Program

*Articles for the February 2011 newsletter  
are due in the church office by January 25.*

## **ARE YOU ON DUTY FOR JANUARY?**

### **9:30 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time**

Jan. 2 Jenny Dickson & Kyrin Billinsky  
9 Melissa & Bill DeVane  
16 Barbara & Glenn Moore  
23 Margie & John Auten  
30 Barbara Hannah

### **Deacons Taking Up & Counting Offering & Ushers**

Ric Daughenbaugh      Becca Schweppe  
Ina Harrington      Penny Clontz  
Margie Trivett

### **Sound Board (8:45/11:00)**

Jan. 2 Mike Alexander/Tom Martin  
9 John Schweppe Jr./Chip Blackley  
16 Mike Goss/Mark Binion  
23 Mike Goss/Mike Alexander  
30 Bill Hoyt/Eric Clontz

### **Worship Guild**

Jan. 2 Faye McCants & Grace Teddy  
9 Marlene Lovelace & Debbie Griffin  
16 Barbara Hannah & Barbara Blackburn  
23 Dick & Betty Bowling  
30 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam

### **Nursery Caregivers + Fran McSwain**

Jan. 9 Stefanie & Greg McIntyre  
16 Nicole & Phil Haydon  
23 Elizabeth & John Schweppe  
30 Amy & D Goforth

### **Children & Worship Leader/Greeter**

Jan. 9 Kimberly Dixon/Catherine Ware  
23 Alison Moore/Kimberly Dixon

### **Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Meals**

Jan. 2 Youth did not meet.  
9 Russ & Sandy Cheaney  
Jim & Darlene Riggs  
16 Buddy & Taylor Jackson  
Chuck & Laura Lampley  
23 David & Julia Persing  
Bill & Delores Blakey  
30 Mason & Jill Venable  
James & Susan Smith

### **Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons**

Jan. 5 Jack Breen & Robert Burns  
Margie Auten & Molly Brownlee  
12 Mary Conner & John Schweppe III  
Martha Noblitt & Adele Aylmer  
19 Chuck Lampley & Joyce Boyette  
Joe Petrilli & Debbie Griffin  
26 Joe Miller & Robin Fichter  
Lance Ware & Jill Venable

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Jan. 2  
9  
16  
23  
30 Lloyd & Lorraine Clark