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May 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings to you and happy Easter! I would like to share some reflections on worship as I write to you on Easter Monday morning. But first let me tell you about a humorous and unexpected situation that took place at our Easter Sunrise service.

It was almost 6:30 a.m. and our church courtyard was filled with people in lawn chairs from the three participating congregations: Central United Methodist, First Baptist Church Shelby, and Shelby Presbyterian. Suddenly, there were excited voices and giggling and people scurrying to get out of the way. The automatic sprinkler system had come on. Several people covered the sprinkler heads, the best they could, until the system could be shut off. Some said it served as a renewal of our baptismal vows; others said, tongue-in-cheek, that it was about time the Baptists among us got sprinkled. It was a beautiful service and the sprinklers did not dampen the spirit of celebration. It was an Easter Sunrise service those present will not soon forget.

Now, for a few reflections on Easter worship. Worship, of course, is the heart of our life together, and Easter is at the center of our worship. Could you imagine Christian worship without Easter? The apostle Paul could. In I Corinthians 15.14 he states, *"if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain."* This is the reason we gather for worship each Sunday, the first day of the week – because every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. The empty cross at the front of the sanctuary is a powerful symbol of the resurrection hope that is ours as believers.

Many thanks to our Chancel choir for the beautiful Easter music as they presented Schubert's *Mass in G* at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Thanks, also, to Frank Love and Homer Haworth who played trumpet at both of these services.

Looking ahead, worship at Shelby Presbyterian Church this month begins with our High School Youth Sunday services on May 1st and concludes Memorial Day weekend with our first combined 10 a.m. service. This summer schedule continues through Labor Day weekend. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. during the summer.

Don't miss the article in this newsletter about the Prayer Trios. It makes Sunday morning worship so much more meaningful when we really know one another and are praying for each other as a church family.

May God bless you during this Easter season!

Luke Harkey

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME I AM AMONG THEM . . .

In Matthew 18, Jesus promises to be with us. That's one of the great miracles of Stephen Ministry. When a Stephen Minister meets one-to-one with his or her care receiver, Jesus is present too. He brings the power of his transforming love, and the peace, healing, and comfort that only God can give.

If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Kathy Wilson at 704-482-5322.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, May 3, at 10:00 am in the home of Annelle Kelly, 2013 Fairview Road.

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday morning, May 3, at 11:30 in the home of Joyce Boyette, 224 Vauxhall Drive. A light lunch will be served. RSVP Joyce at 704-482-4105.

1900 Circle will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 pm in the home of Donna Simmons, 711 Mayo Street.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to join this group the first Thursday of each month. We will meet Thursday, **May 5**, at 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for Dutch-treat breakfast and program.

SPECIAL OFFERING

On Mother's Day, May 8, an offering will be taken for The Presbyterian Homes. This offering provides assistance to older adults in need at the three Synod-sponsored retirement communities. The Presbyterian Homes has shown its worthiness of our support over the years through its exemplary service and quality care. With the growth in the older population and the increases in the cost of caring for older adults, The Presbyterian Homes is a very relevant and worthwhile mission to support.

SPECIAL THANKS

. . . to Larry Hibschman who has for the second year shown up each week to mow and weed-eat the church lawn.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 1

Worship led by Senior High Fellowship

8:30 am in Ellis Hall

11:00 am in Sanctuary

All are invited to attend this special occasion in the life of our young people.

JOIN US

**IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MAY
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	Meat	Program
May 4	*SubSandwiches	Ellen Carscaddon: Rainbow Connection
May 11	*Fried Chicken	Plants of the Bible with Emile Gebel
May 18	*Ham	Chancel Choir
May 25	*New Member Recognition/Family Picnic	with Andy the Uptown Hot Dog Chef

*Bring side dishes & homemade desserts---
completely peanut free please – \$3/adult; \$1/under
12; \$10/family max.

May 25 will be the last supper/program until Sept.

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

2011 SENIOR CELEBRATION

The Shelby Presbyterian Youth Committee would like to invite everyone to come and be in the midst of a light-hearted and joyous celebration for our Class of 2011 Seniors on Sunday, May 15. The evening will begin at 5:45 with dinner in Ellis Hall for the Seniors and their guests. At 6:45 we will move into the sanctuary along with our church family for a power point presentation and uplifting best wishes for our Seniors.

This is an opportunity for our church family to share in a fun and exciting time for our 2011 Seniors. We have watched these children grow up and we hope we have nurtured them well. Now, please be in attendance as we send the Class of 2011 on their way.

Remember it's a time of fun, laughter, and best wishes.

JOIN US FOR CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Another 90-day prayer series will begin in May that encourages members to incorporate more prayer into their daily lives and develop prayer partnerships as a way of increasing personal relationships within the congregation as well as strengthening those relationships already present. The booklet *Pray Daily: Igniting Our Passion for God* will be used. The Spiritual Life Committee now invites all members and friends of Shelby Presbyterian Church to share in prayer.

The plan for carrying out this 90-day activity is as follows:

1. **May 1st** - Affirmation of Prayer-- An opening gathering will take place in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. (during the Sunday School Hour) where the power of prayer is affirmed and at which time groups of three will join together as a prayer trio. While groups can consist of members who know each other, you are encouraged to partner with members you might not know. These trios will join together for the 90 days of congregational prayer.

2. **May 2nd - July 31st** - Prayer Trios-- Following the Affirmation of Prayer service, each trio will meet weekly at a mutually agreed on time to complete a Bible study. These meetings should take place face to face, but can take place in the format decided on by the trio. The trios will also complete each day's prayer activity in the book. These activities consist of reflecting on a scripture verse, responding to the verse, and praying about concerns.

3. **July 31st** - Celebration of Prayer-- A closing gathering for praise and a time at which participants sing hymns and members are encouraged to share how God answered prayers.

If you don't already have a book, the cost of the book is \$5.00. Please call Luke Harkey or Mary Conner if you have questions. You can call the church office to sign up to join other members of Shelby Presbyterian Church on this prayer journey, email Mary Conner, mconner10@carolina.rr.com, or place the tear-off below in the offering plate.

Registration for Prayer Trios

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 1 - Senior High Youth Lead Worship

8:30 Worship Service in Ellis Hall
9:45 Affirmation of Prayer (Trios) in Chapel
11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Ellis Hall

May 8 - Mother's Day

8:30 Worship Service in Ellis Hall
Susan Bell will preach.
11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary
Luke Harkey will preach.
Special Offering for Presbyterian Homes
Middle School Youth & Leaders will cover all nurseries.

May 15

8:30 Worship Service in Ellis Hall
11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary
High School Seniors are recognized and receive Bibles.
5:45 Dinner for Seniors & Family in Ellis Hall
6:45 Senior Celebration in Sanctuary – All invited!

May 22

8:30 Worship Service in Ellis Hall
9:45 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in Ellis Hall for everyone
11:00 Worship Service in Sanctuary
Confirmation Class will be confirmed, with reception to follow.

May 29 - 1 Worship Service through Labor Day

8:30 am Fellowship Time in Ellis Hall
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service in Sanctuary
Lemonade reception to follow

**All are invited to the
Rainbow Connection Graduation
Tuesday, May 17
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Ellis Hall**

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from college this Spring. We would like to congratulate them in the June newsletter.

SESSION MEETING NOTES

Notes from the April 19, 2011 Session meeting were not available at press time.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES

. . . to the family and friends of Jerry Dail who died April 1, 2011. Jerry had been a member of SPC for 62 years.

. . . to Phil Dunford and family on the death of his wife, Ginny, on April 1, 2011. Rev. Phil Dunford, 181 Briarwood Lane, Forest City, NC 28043.

. . . to Carolyn Jackson and family on the death of her husband, Jerry Jackson, on April 2, 2011. Jerry had been a member of SPC for 8½ years.

. . . to Annette and George Wray on the death of their son, Stuart Wray, on April 7, 2011.

. . . to Stuart Schweppe, David, John III and Mark Schweppe on the death of her mother and their grandmother, Frances Macomson, on April 10, 2011. Frances had been a member of SPC for 64 years.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Joey & Alyson Gray have moved to 408 Hawthorne Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

John Leonell has moved to 303-2 Pinkney Street, Shelby, NC 28150; phone 704-487-6873.

Sherry Young has cancelled her land line. Her cell phone number is 704-692-0908.

WANT TO RIDE THE CREEPER TRAIL?

Join the group on May 21-22. Everyone is on their own to find a campsite at first come, first serve Bear Tree Campground in Virginia. We'll catch the 12:30 shuttle. We're using the Blue Blaze Bicycle Company. Good idea to get a camp site first then bikes this time of year. All can be googled for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Ann Ballenger and Mark Schweppe who were married April 16, 2011 in Davidson, NC.

. . . to Mary and Luke Ware who were married April 16, 2011 at Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

APRIL 2011 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2011 Operating Budget.	\$586,361.00
Needed Weekly.	\$ 11,276.17
Received to Date.	\$174,489.23
Required to Date.	\$191,694.89

April 3

Received.	\$ 6,121.84
5¢-A-Meal (total April).	\$ 107.15
Sunday School Attendance.	138
8:30 Attendance.	52
11:00 Attendance.	133

April 10

Received.	\$ 14,762.19
Sunday School Attendance.	110
8:30 Attendance.	69
11:00 Attendance.	146

April 17

Received.	\$ 7,605.42
Sunday School Attendance.	99
8:30 Attendance.	49
11:00 Attendance.	146

April 24

Received.	\$ 10,220.75
One Great Hour of Sharing.	\$ 1,491.00
+ Children's Fish Boxes.	\$ 92.48
Sunday School Attendance.	84
8:30 Attendance.	157
11:00 Attendance.	306

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN APRIL

. . . to the Building Fund in memory of Jerry Jackson.

. . . to the Food Ministry Fund in memory of Jerry Dail, Jerry Jackson, Frances Macomson, Stuart Wray.

. . . to the Major HVAC Repair Fund in memory of Jerry Jackson.

. . . to the Member Care Fund in memory of John Canipe, Jerry Dail, J. B. Elmore Jr., Frances Macomson, C. M. McMurray, Harry Parsons, Susan Seale, Gene Williams.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jerry Dail, Bitsy Fesperman, Jerry Jackson, Frances Macomson, Harry Parsons, Arthur Schulz, Marian White, Gene Williams, Lloyd Williams.

. . . to the Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund in memory of Frances Macomson, Gene Williams.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES TO BEGIN MAY 1ST !!!

Are you a prospective member (or a long-time member) who would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, about our Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, and about opportunities at Shelby Presbyterian? Do you have a friend or family member who should be encouraged to learn more about Christian discipleship and church membership? Please note the schedule for our May sessions for prospective members:

Sunday, May 1st at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Stories of Faith: Reflecting on Where We've Been" and *"The Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership"*

Sunday, May 8th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"What All Christians Have in Common" and *"What Does the Bible Teach About the Church and Church Membership"*

Sunday, May 15th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Our Heritage at Shelby Presbyterian Church"

Sunday, May 22nd at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Opportunities for Worship, Nurture, Fellowship, and Service"

Sunday, May 22nd
New Members recognized during worship.
New Member Luncheon will follow worship.

Contact Jane in the church office (704-487-8503), Luke Harkey or Bonnie Sanford to express your interest or get more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

A special Sunday School event will happen on May 22 -- 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS CHILDREN & WORSHIP LEADERS MAY 22, 2011

Our Sunday School Teachers and Children & Worship Leaders will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 22. We hope all teachers/leaders can be present and that all of us who are blessed by their work will also be present to speak a word of encouragement and sincere thanks to all these persons dedicated to the teaching ministry of Shelby Presbyterian Church, that so strongly witnesses to the faith and discipleship of our children, youth, and adults.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2011

Our ninth graders, parents, sponsors and SPC staff have spent time together over the past months preparing for Confirmation Sunday, May 22. These young people have read the gospel of Luke and answered related questions, discussed their own faith journeys, attended worship and kept worship journals, revisited their baptisms, looked at Reformed theology and Presbyterian creeds found in the *Book of Confessions*, and much more in anticipation of their Confirmation. They and their sponsors will meet with the Session on May 17. You are invited and encouraged to pray for these young men and women as they mark this milestone in their lives: Morgan Beam, Grant Byers, Ann Huston, Chelsea Lee, Brennan Teddy, Chandler Young. Please come to a reception in their honor following worship on May 22.

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**NEW THE GREEN VBS
GROW IN FAITH. HAVE FUN. CHANGE THE WORLD.**

**JUNE 26-30
6:00-8:00 P.M.**

**CALL PENNY CLONTZ
704-480-7178
TO VOLUNTEER!**

MEMBER CARE

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	Ashley McIntyre
Shirley Carothers	John Leonell
Polly Cary	Betty Mitchell
Sloan Chambers	Tom & Mary Louise Moss
Joe Chambless	Holly Petrilli
Seth Denton	Maude Reid
Debbie Ferrell	Julia Robinson
Frances Forney	Joyce Ruark
Kathy Gardner	Ruth Schweppe
Barbara Gebel	Margaret Smevog
Alison Gilbert	Janine Vollmer
Jean Hamner	David Wiggin
Ann Harry	

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children/youth each month. During May, pray for our Five and Six Year Olds:

Whit Beam	James Petrilli
Parker Dixon	Olive Pharr
Kate Fletcher	Ben Rybnicek
Georgia Greene	Dylan Steeves
Maggie Johnson	Lawson Taylor
Lillian Moore	Woods Windham
Walton Moore	

NOTE RECEIVED

Dear Friends,

We wish to extend to the Church Family THANKS for the many prayers offered for our daughter Janine. She has finished all her surgeries and is doing well. We offer up thanks to God for looking over our family during this trying time and for keeping us safe during our many travels to Florida to support her and her husband.

Joe & Barbara Lackey

STEPHEN MINISTRY

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

HELP NEEDED: PLEASE RESPOND!!!

Beginning Sunday, May 29, and continuing through Sunday, September 4, we will have ONE Worship Service at 10:00. Following Worship each Sunday, we will have a lemonade reception. We need volunteers to put out the lemonade, cups and ice and clean up afterwards. If you would be willing to be on the schedule, please call or email Martha Noblitt, 704-482-0858, martha.noblitt@allentate.com, or the church office, 704-487-8503, jane@shelbypres.org.

We thank Chrystal for making the lemonade each week.

MAY MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for May is *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

Philippians 4:8 (Power of Encouragement CD, www.seedsfamilyworship.com)

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT MEDIA COMMITTEE

Mission:

To promote upcoming events in the life of the church for members, potential members, and the community at large.

Responsibilities:

To publicize upcoming events through various formats, including the monthly newsletter, the SPC web page, church signage, and newspaper, television, and radio advertising as needed.

To record the weekly 11:00 a.m. worship service and special services and make them available when requested.

Interested?

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

FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

•WHAT ARE DESIGNATED FUNDS?

Money contributed to the designated funds can only be used for the specific purpose of the fund. Examples of designated funds include Capital Improvement, Memorial, Stephen Ministry, Member Care, Emergency Assistance, Food Ministry (meals on Monday and Thursday and the Grocery Bag Ministry from the church office), Prayer Shawl, Funeral Meal/ Reception, Sanctuary Flowers, and HomeWork Club.

Donors can give memorials to the Memorial Fund, to other designated funds, or to the general operating fund (unrestricted). The Memorial Committee decides how to use the memorial funds, within certain guidelines. If memorials are given to another designated fund, then they are used for that specific purpose only. If you have a question, contact June or Jane in the church office.

•SENIOR THOUGHT

If you and/or your spouse are 70½ plus and are required to receive a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA's, then you have to include this in your taxable income. Congress extended an option to declare all or any portion of these distributions to be directed to a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Your pledge to Shelby Presbyterian could be a CMD and this income would be excluded from your taxable income. Plus, if you do this declaration now, our cash needs don't have to be deferred until December!

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MAY?

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

- May 1 Kyrin Billinsky & Jenny Dickson
8 Melissa & Bill DeVane
15 Barbara & Glenn Moore
22 Margie & John Auten
29 Barbara Hannah (8:30)

11:00 Deacons Taking Up & Counting Offering & Ushers

- Penny Clontz Debbie Griffin Martha Noblitt
Becca Schweppe Lance Ware

Sanctuary Worship Guild

- May 1 Dick & Betty Bowling
8 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
15 Barbara Dixon & Rachel White
22 Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
29 Faye McCants & Grace Teddy

11:00 Sound Board

Schedule not available

Nursery Caregivers + Fran McSwain

- May 1 Catherine & Lance Ware
8 Middle School Youth & Leaders
15 Schedule Not Available
22 Schedule Not Available
29 Schedule Not Available

Children & Worship Leader/Greeter

- May 1 Amy Goforth/D Goforth
15 Mystie Brotherton/Catherine Ware

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

- May 4 Chuck Lampley & Joyce Boyette
Joe Petrilli & Mystie Brotherton
11 Joe Miller & Robin Fichter
Lance Ware & Jill Venable
18 Robin Holland & Larry Wilson
Penny Clontz & Ben Brooks
25 Nancy Blackley & Mimi Martin
Tom Fletcher & Margie Trivett

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Meals

Schedule not available

Sanctuary Flowers

- May 1 Available
8 Available
15 Available
22 Taken
29 Langley Wedding Flowers

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 June 2011 edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office by 4pm Thursday, May 19.

Thanks for your help!

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, May 30,
for the Memorial Day holiday.**

