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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

AUGUST 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

If you receive this newsletter before Sunday, July 30th, remember that one of the missionaries we support, Jo Ella Holman, will be speaking in church at the 10 a.m. service. Jo Ella has also been invited to speak to the Covenant Class in the back parlor at 9 a.m. where all are welcome. If we outgrow the parlor we can always move to Ellis Hall! Jo Ella serves as a PC(USA) missionary in the Caribbean. We help support her financially, and pray for her each time we gather for worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about her ministry and the people she serves in Christ's name.

That same Sunday, 16 members of our Shelby Presbyterian mission team will be visiting our sister church, Monte los Olivos, in Las Animas, Guatemala. We received a letter from the pastor, the Rev. Jose Maria Sapon, telling us how much they are looking forward to our visit and reminding us that they pray for us each time they gather for worship. He has also asked me to preach that Sunday. I will be preaching on a theme in Scripture that has become the motto of our partnership, "Juntos en Cristo" (together in Christ). Our text is Galatians 3.26-28: *"So in Christ you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

One of the challenges we face as Christians is to see that the tie that binds us together as Christians is stronger than even family ties or national loyalties. This is something that our sisters and brothers in Guatemala really seem to understand! Note: 6 members of our team will return to Shelby on July 29th; the other 16 will return on July 31st. Please remember us in your prayers.

On Sunday, August 13th we will welcome our new youth director, Sydney Davis. Sydney is a scholar-athlete at Gardner-Webb University with a vibrant Christian faith and a strong background working with youth. Please plan to attend the reception for Sydney after the 10 a.m. service on August 13th.

On Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th the annual congregational retreat will be held in Montreat. This is a wonderful time for Christian fellowship. The theme for this year's retreat is "the fruit of the Spirit," the same theme for our summer long "Kid's Camp." The Rev. Len Byers will preach here in Shelby.

Whether you are at home or far from home this summer, may the Lord protect you and bless you that you may be a blessing to others in Christ's name.

Luke Harkey

**REMEMBER:
KIDS CAMP EVERY SUNDAY
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3**

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are going "to camp" each Sunday this summer through Sept. 3. Don't forget to wear your "camp-type" clothes to church and plan on having some fun, singing songs, doing skits, and learning more about the "fruits of the Spirit!" After Moments With Children, our children "head out to camp" – located in Ellis Fellowship Hall. There are SPC counselors who have lots of camp fun planned for them. Weather permitting, "camp" ends on the playground when the worship service is over.

MEN'S FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

There are two opportunities for all men to join with other men from Shelby Presbyterian Church for food and fellowship. Come to breakfast or lunch or both!

●**First Thursday, August 3**, 7:00 a.m at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

●**Fourth Thursday, August 24**, 12:30-1:30, lunch and fellowship at Joe's Place (upstairs in private dining room), 209 S. Lafayette Street.

**ATTENTION
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
"Sundays with Sydney"**

starting Sunday, August 13,
at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Come meet our new
Youth Director - Sydney Davis.
Refreshments will be provided.

All middle and high school students are invited.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

It's been a wonderful summer at Rainbow Connection and now it's time to look ahead to our 2017/2018 school year.

Our Rainbow staff will return on August 29th to start setting up their rooms. We'll have CPR on August 31, followed by Open House that evening at 6:00 PM. The children will come for their first day on Tuesday, September 5th.

Our Fours/Fives classes are full, but we do still have a limited number of openings in the Toddlers, Two and Three year old classes. If you know of a family who needs the loving, learning environment of Rainbow Connection, please send them our way! Rainbow Connection: 704-487-7075

Thank you for keeping the Rainbow staff, families and children in your prayers.

-Becky Dorsey, Director

BOOK BAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Cleveland County Public Schools begin their new year on Monday, August 28. As you shop during summer sales, pick up some extras when shopping for your children and grandchildren. Marion Elementary School asks for our help in making sure all their students start the year with the proper supplies and a sturdy book bag. A list of needed supplies may be found in the narthex or online at www.clevelandcountyschools.org.

If you would prefer not to shop, but to make a contribution for the purchase of supplies for the children, you are invited to make your check payable to SPC and mark it for school supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 1:30-6:00 p.m., in Ellis Hall. If you would like an appointment or would like to help with check-in, refreshments, or in some other way, please call Debi McDaniel, 704.477.0419, or email her at debimcdaniel4@gmail.com.

☺ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ☺

August 1 Bob Cerwin
 August 1 Jo Ann Parker
 August 1 Darlene Riggs
 August 1 Jim Simmons
 August 4 Harold Bolick
 August 4 Brian Couey
 August 4 Ed Cushman
 August 4 Luke Ware
 August 5 Roger Martin
 August 5 Margaret Thompson
 August 6 Kathryn Bridges
 August 6 Beverly Elmore
 August 6 Lori Stites
 August 7 Amy Goforth
 August 7 Luke Harkey
 August 8 Tonya Beam
 August 8 Tori Beth Harrington
 August 8 Bob Point
 August 10 Ann Beam
 August 10 Rich Coiner
 August 10 Kassi Nicopoulos Smith
 August 11 David Wilkison
 August 12 Bill Sherwood
 August 13 Marty Allen
 August 14 Homer Haworth
 August 14 Steven Rybnicek
 August 15 Suzi Kennedy
 August 15 Rose Underwood
 August 16 Claire Carter Wright
 August 17 John Gardner
 August 17 Jeanne McCord
 August 18 Susan Bell
 August 18 Tyler Dodrill
 August 18 Morris Lacey
 August 18 Lilly McCullough
 August 18 Alex Raudez
 August 20 Dennis Stitzel
 August 21 Dean Butler
 August 21 Matthew Rybnicek
 August 22 Trip Boinest
 August 22 Ansley Julian
 August 23 Victor Kennedy
 August 24 Ed Blake
 August 24 Kyle Persing
 August 24 Tripp Reynolds
 August 24 Lauren Roberts
 August 25 Steve Harrington
 August 26 Harriette Beam
 August 26 Debbie Ferrell

August 27 Gene McSwain
 August 27 Read Monroe
 August 28 Doris Edwards
 August 28 Avery Julian
 August 29 Sandy Brenneman
 August 29 Jan Dedmon
 August 29 Miriam Ash-Jones
 August 29 Sydney Lampley
 August 30 Steven Morgan
 August 31 Carolyn Brooks
 August 31 Marc Byers

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Ann and Andy Brown on the birth of identical twin grandsons, Hudson Andrew Woods and Landon Ben Woods, on June 16, 2017. Hudson weighed 3.13 lbs. and was 17 inches long. Landon weighed 4.11 lbs. and was 18.5 inches long. Their proud parents are Callie and Skylar Woods of Huntersville, NC. Ann reports both boys are home now and doing well and thanks everyone for their prayers!

... to Kristin and Anderson Allen on the birth of their son, Dylan Marcus Allen, on June 27, 2017 in Huntersville, NC. Dylan weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19¾ inches long. His proud grandparents are Amy and Marty Allen.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Betty Giles has moved to 7033 Culpepper Court, King George, VA 22485; Home Phone: 540-625-2221; Cell Phone: 540-207-6016; and email betgiles610@gmail.com

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, August 15

11:30-12:30 p.m. in Back Parlor

Questions?

Contact Pastor Luke harkeyml@gmail.com

CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Ellis Fellowship Hall for Church Family Game Night. Snacks and drinks will be provided. There will be games for all ages!

MEMBER CARE

The goal of the Member Care Committee is to extend love and care to all of our Shelby Presbyterian Church Family. If you find anyone needing attention in our church family, in your neighborhood or beyond, please contact Margie McSwain, Chairperson of Member Care, margieabt@carolina.rr.com 704-484-0585 or the church office, 704-487-8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Kim Angel	Larry Hibschman
Tripp Bowling	Fred Hunt
Anne Boyette	Watt Jackson
Jack Breen	Rebecca Jones
Layla Bridges	Ruth Layng
Linda Burnett	Mollie Ley
John Campbell	Pearl Lieurance
Shirley Carothers	Faye & Glenn McCants
Karen Carpenter	Lisa McLaurin
Myra Carpenter	Joe Miller
Lacey Chambless	Betty Monteith
Charles Clyatt	Judy Neville
Rip Collins	Connor O'Brien
Joey Costner	The Persing Family
Ed Cushman	Sandy Poston
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Joyce Ruark
Marty & Lu Harkey	Helen Turpish

- Troy Goss & all those serving in the military
- Stephen Ministers & their care receivers
- Our brothers and sisters of Monte los Olivos
- John McCall in Taiwan
- Dr. Steve & Alene Burgert in Kenya
- Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean
- Food Ministry
- Rainbow Connection
- Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- All disaster victims
- If you would like to be added to this ongoing prayer list, please contact Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503, jane@shelbypres.org.

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During August, pray for our children in Kindergarten: Walker Borders; in First Grade: Anna Greer, Alex McIntyre; in Second Grade: Madison McIntyre, Madison Ormand, Presley Ware; in Third Grade: Hans Ashford; in Fourth Grade: Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Steven Morgan, Emerson Taylor; in Fifth Grade: Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES GO OUT FOR . . .

†Dennis III, Laura, Drew Beam and families on the death of their father, Dennis Beam Jr., on June 26, 2017.

†William A. Weathers and family on the death of his wife, Marcella Areleena Phillips Weathers, on June 29, 2017. Marcella had been a member of SPC for 28 years.

†Tonya Beam and family on the death of her stepmother, Donna Whitley, on July 12, 2017.

†Grace Teddy on the death of her husband; Jim Teddy Jr. and Susan Teddy on the death of their father, James Edward Teddy Sr., on July 14, 2017. Jim had been a member of SPC for 77 years.

*The Member Care Committee
of Shelby Presbyterian Church*

invites you to a

Birthday Celebration

Honoring

Richard "Dick" Bowles

and

John Campbell

on their 90th Birthday

immediately following

Sunday Morning Worship on

August 20, 2017

in Ellis Hall

Your presence, thoughts and prayers

are the only gifts desired.

*(John will be unable to join us that day,
but the committee will celebrate with him
and deliver your cards and well wishes.)*

KEEP IN TOUCH

Laura Wheeler and Luke Harkey will be part of a group from Presbytery going to Taiwan August 28-September 6. Laura Wheeler will be posting about the trip on Facebook. If anyone wants to follow and is not currently with Laura on Facebook, just send her a request!

SESSION MEETING NOTES

JUNE 20, 2017

Elders present were Jill Venable, Joe Ogburn, Brock Taylor, Lloyd Williams Jr., Sherry Young, Robin Holland, Agaat Den Hertog, Margie McSwain, Nancy Blackley, Jeff Hamilton, Doug Boyette. Elders excused were Ellen Fletcher, Paul Woodard, Kathy Wilson, Anne Langley.

Luke Harkey, Pastor and Moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Doug Boyette lit the Christ Candle. Sherry Young led in singing the hymn "*Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak.*" The affirmation of faith printed in agenda was read in unison, as was the Vision of SPC: **Growing . . . Praising . . . Serving** (Growing as disciples and serving the world's needs for the Glory of God).

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk - Joe Ogburn: •Requested on behalf of our secretary and the clerk's council that all action items and motions to be brought to the session be clearly stated when submitting the committee minutes to Jane. Preferably, the items for action should be emailed to Jane with a clear description of the items at hand. All "information only" items, action items and proposed agenda items are to be submitted to Jane before noon on Tuesday one week prior to the scheduled Session meeting. •Requested that notice of all expenditures approved by any committee are to be sent by the committee chairperson to June so that she is aware of the approved expenditure and the amount of the expenditure and the name of the person or business to which the check is to be written.

Pastor - Luke Harkey: •The blood drive on 6-20-17 held at SPC was a success. •The clerk's council will continue to assign an anticipated amount of time required to discuss each agenda item. Committee chairpersons are requested to indicate how much time will be needed to discuss any submitted agenda item. •Complicated discussions regarding items requiring further study may be referred back to the committee of origin and/or other committees in anticipation of further discussion at the following Session meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Stated Session meeting of May 16, 2017 as attached were reviewed and approved. The minutes of the Called Session meeting

of Sunday, May 21, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEES:

Finance - Jill Venable: •The May 2017 finances have been reviewed and found to be in good order. •Motion to approve \$1000 expenditure from the LeGrand Fund to support Pastor Harkey's mission trip to Taiwan was approved. •Motion to approve \$1000 expenditure from the Cornerstone Fund to support Hunter Young in his continued seminary studies was approved. •Funds to pay for repair of the floor in Ellis Hall will come from the 2017 budget rather than from any special fund. •Guatemala mission trip for SPC members in 2018 will have \$3000 available in support funds.

Mission and Ministry - Luke Harkey: •Jo Ella Holman, PCUSA missionary to the Caribbean, will preach on Sunday, July 30. She will be in the Shelby area for several days.

Spiritual Life - Sherry Young: •The SPC retreat scheduled for August 25-27 has had good response. The theme will be "Fruit of the Spirit." •The committee has sent out the first of what will be a regular mailing to the congregation members asking for prayers for specific needs and concerns as determined at the Spiritual Life Committee meeting.

Worship and Music - Robin Holland: •Request for revision of protocol for the Communion service by intinction was discussed and approved. The choir will be served first. Servers assigned to the balcony will serve persons who require service in the pews. Servers will serve each other after all others have been served. •Request to keep all six candles in use at all services as suggested by the Worship Guild was approved. (No longer will only two candles be used on Communion Sundays.) •Request to have a called Congregational Meeting on October 29 to discuss the needs for repair of the organ and the need to raise \$70,000 to supplement funds already available was discussed. Discussion lead to the request being referred back to Worship and Music with which the Stewardship and Finance committees will work to develop a plan for a successful stewardship and organ funding campaigns.

Prayers of concerns and of celebration were given by Pastor Harkey who then closed the meeting with prayer and the Session members joined in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Ogburn, Clerk of Session, and Doug Boyette, Vice Clerk of Session.

OCTET DINNERS

OCTOBER 2017 - MAY 2018

GROUPS OF 6 TO 8

**DINNER & FELLOWSHIP AT A MEMBER'S HOME
(AT YOUR HOME JUST FOUR TIMES IN A YEAR!!!)**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 23

To encourage Christian fellowship (and enjoy good food) within our church family, we are forming Octet Dinner groups. Each group will meet once a month for dinner and fellowship at a member's home. The groups will meet the entire year so that if a group is just too busy one month, they can just skip a month and continue the next month. Details regarding menus and schedules will be coordinated within the group at the initial dinner. Each month, a different member should host the dinner. It works best if the host arranges the main course and assigns others to bring salads, sides, and desserts. Dinner does not need to be fancy! **KEEP IT SIMPLE!!!**

This provides a great opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship, spirited conversation, and good food within small groups with our church family. You can request to be in a group with friends if you like! Be sure you both fill out forms. You can email the information to patbilscot@yahoo.com or drop off the form at the church office or put in the offering plate.

For more information, contact:

Lori Titus 704-406-9331 patbilscot@yahoo.com

Church Office 704-487-8503 jane@shelbypres.org

Octet Groups of 6 to 8

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Would you be able to host the initial dinner for your group? Yes or No (circle)

I want to be in a group with _____.

RALLY DAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 10, for Rally Day! This will be a day of celebration to kick off the 2017-2018 Sunday School Year. The Christian Education Committee is planning a special program for all ages.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

This Fall The Rev. Alden "Al" Sproull will lead a discussion on Spiritual Direction as it relates to the reformed tradition as well as the greater church. Discussion will be held during Sunday School for four consecutive weeks beginning September 17.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17th at 11 a.m. for our annual Heritage/Homecoming service. For the fourth year we will celebrate our Presbyterian heritage with a special service known as the Kirkin' O' the Tartans. You do not have to be from Scotland to appreciate the sacrifices made by our Presbyterian ancestors. Their perseverance and dedication led to the establishment of Presbyterian congregations here in North Carolina and across the country. In the service we ask God's blessing on the families, organizations, and districts represented by the tartans and on all who share and celebrate our Presbyterian heritage.

THANKS & BACK-UP NEEDED

We thank John Schweppe Jr. for making sure all church doors are unlocked early on Sunday morning. When he isn't available, David or John III take over. However, once in a while all the Schweppe family are out of town at the same time. Therefore, it would be nice to have a few people on call to make sure church is unlocked on Sunday morning. Call Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503, if you would like to be on this list.

We also thank Sandy Brenneman and Marty Allen for making sure doors are all locked upon leaving on Sunday.

JULY 2017 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2017 Operating Budget \$543,199.00
Needed Weekly \$ 10,249.04

July 2

Received \$ 22,402.75
5¢-A-Meal (total July) \$ 205.42
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance 108

July 9

Received \$ 12,084.14
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance 123

July 16

Received \$ 4,653.26
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance 143

July 23

Received \$ 4,532.00
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance 98

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Need \$120,000.00
Balance as of 7/20/2017 \$ 57,503.33

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN JULY

. . . to Food Ministry Fund in memory of Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Guatemala Mission Fund for Bibles & Vitamins in memory of Fran McSwain.

. . . to the Organ Fund in memory of Dennis Beam Jr., Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dennis Beam Jr., Josie Bowles, Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Back Pack Ministry to provide for one back pack of food for one child each weekend of the school year in honor of Joyce & Doug Boyette.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS ARE BACK IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday Night Supper begins for the fall on September 6. Please make every effort to attend. This presents a wonderful opportunity to get to know your church family better! Whether you are an 8:30 or 11:00 church goer, we can all join together for fellowship, fun and food every Wednesday night.

Sometimes we will be silly, sometimes we will learn something – but we will always feel God’s presence as we worship and play together.

Look for the upcoming Wednesday night events and programs in the September newsletter.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN AUGUST?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Jennifer Ormand, Captain
Sandy Cheaney (Aug. 6 & 13 - Beverly Styers)
Phil Haydon
Thomas Couch
Tom Greene

Acolyte

Aug. 6 Mark Petrilli
13 Mark Petrilli
20 Mark Petrilli
27 *Not Yet Scheduled*

Worship Liturgist

Aug. 6 Ben Brooks
13 Darlene Gravett
20 A Member of the Clifton Family
27 Marlene Lovelace

Moments With The Children

Aug. 6 Jennifer Ormand
13 Linda Ware
20 Pat Byers
27 Anne Langley

Sound Board

Aug. 6 Chip Blackley
13 Joe Petrilli
20 Lee Huston
27 Jim Teddy Jr.

Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Margie McSwain

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Aug. 6 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe
13 Harriette Beam
20 Marlene Lovelace
27 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah

Sanctuary Flowers

All Sundays in August are available.