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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**JANUARY 2018**

## Greetings and Peace to You in the Name of Jesus Christ,

The Food Ministry at Shelby Presbyterian Church is not the only food ministry in Shelby. Over the years, several successful programs have taken root and grown. I think this growth is a great illustration of the need for not only the SPC program but for the others as well. In November the SPC program served 77 households made up of 148 individuals of all ages. This included serving lunches on Mondays and Thursdays as well as providing grocery items procured through Second Harvest Food Bank and provided by the local Wal-Mart store. In November, SPC picked up 600 pounds of meat, 1915 pounds of produce, 965 pounds of bread and bakery products, and 780 pounds of a variety of other grocery products. These donations are used to provide food bags to the guests and are the basis of the meals that are prepared. Also, there are periodic food drives that help keep the canned and boxed goods inventory from being depleted. Every little bit helps.

The biggest need that the Food Ministry has is for people. Not more people in need, but people in service. I became involved because I wanted to see how the Food Ministry worked. I found a dedicated group of volunteers that made things happen. They organized, they cooked, they washed dishes, they checked in guests, they vacuumed, they visited with the guests and asked after their welfare. A great team. But like any team, changes happen. There

have been retirements, illness, and job opportunities that have left the ministry with a severe shortage of help. The ministry needs volunteers to be able to maintain the services that are provided. Without volunteers, services will have to be reduced or stopped altogether. It doesn't have to be every Monday or every Thursday. With enough folks coming once or twice a month the ministry would be in great shape. Please prayerfully consider over the holidays as to whether you could give a little time to help. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

**Paul Woodard**

Missions Committee

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

**8:30 am** - Worship in Ellis Hall

**9:30 am** - Fellowship Time

**9:45 am** - Sunday School

**11:00 am** - Worship in Sanctuary

**7:00 pm** - Watch-Night Service with  
Communion in Chapel

**7:45 pm** - Fellowship & Hot Cider

**The Church Office will be closed  
Monday, January 1, for the New Year's holiday  
and Monday, Jan. 15, for the MLK Jr. Holiday.**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Martha/Mary Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Toscanos Bistro. Please RSVP Nancy Blackley, 704-484-2964, or [nancyblackley@gmail.com](mailto:nancyblackley@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.

**Deborah & Sarah Circles** will meet together Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Jo Ann Parker, 911 West Marion Street. Bring your favorite pick-up food. Pat Byers will lead study on the book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, by Rachel Held Evans.

## FIRST THURSDAY WITH SUSAN BELL

Bible Study with Susan Bell will be held Thursday, January 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m., at Central United Methodist Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

## 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, January 4, 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St., for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

- Fourth Thursday, January 25, at **1:30 pm** for lunch and fellowship at Joe's Place, main dining room, 211 S. Lafayette St.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS SHELBY PRES!

*Thank you all for your notes, thoughts, and prayers - they are a great gift and encouragement to me. My health remains much the same but I am learning to live with it. The highlight of my year has been spending time with my family. I think of you often and hold you close in my heart.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Rebecca Jones*

## JOIN US

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Program</u>
Jan. 3	*Pizza	Game Night
Jan. 10	*Barbecue	Missions-Church World Service Blanket Project
Jan. 17	*Chicken Strips	TBD
Jan. 24	*Ham & Turkey SubSandwiches	TBD
Jan. 31	*Pizza	TBD

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

## KFC IS COMING SOON!

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce that KFC is coming soon! On Sunday, January 7, we will kick off a new program - KFC - Kids For Christ! The format will be similar to the Kids Camp program last summer. After Moments with Children (at 11:00 worship), children ages 4 and up will gather in the large classroom upstairs beside the 3-5th grade Sunday School class. Children will learn about the parables of the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Son. Anne Langley will lead the activities with a helper each week. They will read the parables, talk about them, act them out, use costumes, and have other activities to reinforce their message. Linda Ware will organize a craft-activity for each session, and a few songs appropriate for the message will be sung each week.

The children will share their skits during the Moments with Children, hopefully, on a Sunday in February. The Christian Education Committee will then decide whether to continue this ministry through the remainder of the school year.

## ADULT BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

We regret that Anne Langley has resigned as Director of our Adult Bell Choir. If you would be interested in the position, please contact the church office, 704.487.8503.

## 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, 704-484-0585, [margieabt@carolina.rr.com](mailto:margieabt@carolina.rr.com) or the church office, 704-487-8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Kim Angel	Carolyn Gaston
Jack Breen	Fred Hunt
Karen Carpenter	Watt Jackson
Myra Carpenter	Rebecca Jones
Bill Chambless	Mollie Ley
Lacey Chambless	Pearl Lieurance
Charles Clyatt	Faye & Glenn McCants
Jennifer Clyatt	Sandy McGeachy
Susan Coiner	Joe Miller
Rip Collins	Betty Monteith
Ed Cushman	Tom Moss
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Judy Neville
Eddie Deas	Sandy Poston
Betty Early	Joyce Ruark

- All those serving in the military
- Stephen Ministers & their care receivers
- Our brothers & 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 (hurricanes, floods, fires, etc.)

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During January, pray for our Infant-Five Year Olds: Catherine Couch, Eva Greer, Addison Julian, Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Lilly McCullough, Kate McIntyre, Grace Melton, Tristan Ormand, Ruby Raudez, Savannah Raudez.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Erica Vargas, our nursery assistant, who graduated December 16, 2017 from UNC-Charlotte with a degree in child development.

## NOTE OF THANKS

*I'm writing on behalf of the board of directors at Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families to say thank you! Your church's contribution only helps to continue and improve upon the amazing work being done at such a very special place. Please pass along to your congregation our deepest appreciation!*

*Thank you,  
Katie Moore*

## DIRECTORY CHANGE

After more than 60 years, Dot Roark has closed her post office box. Please direct all mail to her home address: 703 Phillips Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

For those using envelopes, they are available for you to pick up at the church in the hallway behind the sanctuary (across from the conference room). Be sure to get your box - they are arranged in alphabetical order. If you use offering envelopes and cannot find your box, please let the church office know.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN DECEMBER

... to the Flower Fund in memory of John, Sue, Jack and Andrew Fleming.

... to the Legacy Fund in memory of Jim Teddy Sr., Jim Teddy Jr.

... to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dennis Beam Jr., Josie Bowles, Grethel Boyette, John Campbell, Ned Freeman, Marty Harkey, Paul Taylor Jr., Jim Teddy Jr.

... to the Music Fund in memory of Shirley Carothers.

... to the Organ Fund in memory of John Campbell, Ned Freeman, Jim Teddy Sr., Jim Teddy Jr.

... to the Anne Potts Boy Scout Fund in memory of Jim Teddy Jr.

... to the Organ Fund in honor of the Cushman family and in gratitude to Bert and Joy Cushman for their invaluable contribution to the music program of our church over the years.

... to the Organ Fund in honor of Susan Coiner.

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2021, and Deacon, Class of 2021. There are 5 positions available for Elder and 5 positions available for Deacon.

Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- (1) Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- (2) Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- (3) Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Place your recommendation(s) in the offering by January 7, take or mail it to the church office, or use e-mail to [jane@shelbypres.org](mailto:jane@shelbypres.org) by Jan. 8.

<b>NOMINATION FOR ELDER</b>
Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because:
_____
_____
_____
<b>NOMINATION FOR DEACON</b>
Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:
_____
_____
_____

Below is a list of 2018-20 officers:

**ELDERS**

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Nancy Blackley	Jeff Hamilton	Trip Boinest
Doug Boyette	Robin Holland	Betsy Fonvielle
Agaat Den Hertog	Anne Langley	Margie McSwain
Brock Taylor	Lloyd Williams Jr.	David Schweppe
Jill Venable	Paul Woodard	Jeanne Spragins

**DEACONS**

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Spencer Borders	Thomas Couch	Carolyn Billings
Kathryn Bridges	Tom Greene	Anne Kennedy
Mary Lampley	Warren Julian	Brett Niblack
Jennifer Ormand	Barbara Moore	Joe Petrilli
Beverly Styers	Heidi Steeves	Wiley Smith

**Turn in your suggestions by January 8 to the church office or place in offering plate by January 7.**

**DECEMBER 2017 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**December 3**  
 Received . . . . . \$ 13,819.24  
 5¢-A-Meal (total Dec.) . . . . . \$ 253.41  
 Sunday School Attendance . . . . . 76  
 8:30 Attendance . . . . . 43  
 11:00 Attendance . . . . . 160

**December 10**  
 Received . . . . . \$ 8,539.00  
 Sunday School Attendance . . . . . cancelled due to snow/ice  
 8:30 Attendance . . . . . cancelled due to snow/ice  
 11:00 Attendance . . . . . 148

**December 17**  
 Received . . . . . \$ 11,437.40  
 Christmas Joy Offering . . . . . \$ 489.00  
 Sunday School Attendance . . . . . 72  
 8:30 Attendance . . . . . 27  
 11:00 Attendance . . . . . 185

***As of December 18, 2017:*** 112 Financial Pledge Cards for the 2018 budget have been received that total \$482,785.40. We have received 72 Pledge Cards for the 2018-19 Organ Fund that total \$66,220.00. Please give prayerful consideration to bringing or mailing your card(s) to the church office as soon as possible. Cards are available in the narthex or in the church office.

**UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND**

Need . . . . . \$120,000.00  
 Balance as of 12/15//2017 . . . . . \$ 76,953.33

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

January 2	Ben Brooks
January 2	Elaine Cerwin
January 2	Anna-Drake (Yourick) Davis
January 2	Patrick Dickson
January 4	Hannah Appling
January 4	Melissa Blackwell
January 4	Betty Mitchell
January 5	Sherry Julian
January 6	Tom Jones
January 6	David Kennedy
January 7	Shem Blackley
January 7	Jay Bridges
January 7	Lilly Hamilton
January 7	A. J. Nicopoulos
January 7	Catherine Strain
January 8	Betsy Clifton
January 8	Thomas Couch
January 8	Ben Schweppe
January 9	Ellis Monroe
January 9	Mystie Brotherton
January 10	Anna Grace McCullough
January 10	Holly Petrilli
January 11	Sandy Cheaney
January 11	Annie Holland
January 12	Mike Alexander
January 12	Margaret Winstead
January 13	Anne Kennedy
January 15	Mark Buse
January 15	Lloyd Williams Jr.
January 16	Greg Melton
January 17	Edna Patterson
January 17	Linda Ware
January 18	Mary Beam
January 18	Katie Borders
January 18	Alex Martin
January 20	Randy Sweeting
January 23	Jordan McIntyre
January 24	Ellis Noblitt
January 24	Julia Persing
January 25	Jon Brownlee
January 25	William Noblitt
January 26	Judy Greer
January 26	Greg McIntyre
January 28	Bonnie Sweeting
January 29	Paul Couey
January 29	Clay Griffin
January 29	Julia (Boyette) Monroe
January 29	Stephanie Romich
January 30	Kellye Yourick
January 31	Tripp Weathers
January 31	Ed Webb

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JANUARY?

**9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time**

Jan. 7	Beverly Styers
14	Agaat Den Hertog
21	Kathryn & Don Bridges
28	Nancy Fichter

**Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers**

Laura Carter, Captain	Ina Harrington
Sandy Cheaney	Phil Haydon
(Jan. 14 Thomas Couch)	Debi McDaniel

**Sound Board**

Jan. 7	Chip Blackley
14	Joe Petrilli
21	Lee Huston
28	John Brotherton

**8:30 a.m. Worship Liturgist**

Jan. 7	Dan McLaurin
14	Julia Persing
21	Jeff Hamilton
28	Susan Bell

**11:00 a.m. Worship Liturgist**

*Not Yet Scheduled*

**Offering Counter with Bookkeeper**

Debi McDaniel

**Sanctuary Worship Guild**

Jan. 7	Harriette Beam
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*Other weeks are not yet scheduled.*

**Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons**

Jan. 3	Jeff Hamilton & Robin Holland Thomas Couch & Tom Greene
10	Anne Langley & Lloyd Williams Warren Julian & Barbara Moore
17	Paul Woodard & Trip Boinest Heidi Steeves & Carolyn Billings
24	Betsy Fonvielle & Margie McSwain Anne Kennedy & Spencer Borders

**Sanctuary Flowers**

*All Sundays in January are available!*

**2018 FLOWER CALENDAR**

A Flower Calendar for 2018 is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. If there is a Sunday in 2018 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.