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Dear Members and Friends,

This year Easter Sunday falls on April 1st, a day we know as April Fools Day. I cannot help but think of Paul's admonition in I Corinthians chapter 1 that we are called to be fools for Christ. That might give us something to consider during this season of preparation called Lent.

Here are some other possibilities for our Lenten observance:

- Bake pretzels. Did you know that this has been a Lenten practice since the fifth century? Why? The pretzel was a reminder to pray, as many believers devoted extra time to personal and public prayer. They made dough of flour, salt, and water, which they shaped in the form of two folded arms. In appearance much like the soft pretzels of today, the crossed arms of the pretzel were to represent a believer at prayer – with forearms criss-crossed and palms on the shoulders. In Germany, bakers called these *bracellae*, from the Latin meaning "little arms". Later this was shortened to *brezel*, then *pretzel*. It was customary to eat pretzels only during the Lenten season!

- Set aside special times for prayer. Each Friday during March from noon until 1 p.m. the chapel at Shelby Presbyterian will be open for prayer with a member of the Spiritual Life Committee present. If you are unable to join us in the chapel, you may still be able to set aside some time during the Friday lunch hour to pray wherever you are. And don't forget that the last Friday in March is Good Friday with a noon-day service of scripture and

hymns. It is a time to reflect on what makes Good Friday "good".

- Give something for Lent. The tradition of giving up something for Lent was to give time for more important things: to have more time for prayer, meditation on Scripture, and acts of compassion and service. Where might you make a difference? How about writing a letter or making a phone call to encourage a friend or family member? Or perhaps you could volunteer to spend a morning at our Food Ministry or helping in the community. You might also ask at the church office for a "fish-box" to set aside coins for the Easter offering, the One Great Hour of Sharing.

- Consider entering into a relationship of spiritual direction. Our session has encouraged church members to give prayerful consideration to spiritual direction with the Rev. Al Sproull. To find out more, contact Al directly at 909-801-4438 or al.sproull@gmail.com. This can be an invaluable way to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May the season of Lent be for each of us a time for spiritual growth as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Luke Harkey

P.S. If you would like to help bake Hot Cross Buns for Easter Sunday morning, please contact Jeanne Spragins, 704-482-0468, jeannespragins@gmail.com for the recipe!

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to participate in a time of prayer during the first four Fridays in March which leads up to the Good Friday service on the fifth Friday in March. The Chapel will be open each Friday from noon until 1 p.m. for you to stop in to pray for our world, our nation, our community and church, and our families. If you cannot come to the Chapel, you are urged to stop just where you are and spend time in prayer as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. A member of the Spiritual Life Committee will be present for each prayer session in the Chapel.



LENTEN STUDY SUGGESTIONS FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Show Me The Way by Henri Nouwen

40 Days With Jesus: Celebrating His Presence
by Sarah Young

Lent and Easter: Wisdom of G. K. Chesterson,
daily readings, Chesterson quotes, scripture, prayer,
and actions items, 120 pages

The Cross Walk: A Lenten Study for Adults by
James W. Moore, 7 chapters, 70 pages

*On the Road Again: A Faith Journey, Lenten
Study for Adults* by James W. Moore, 7 chapters, 70
pages

*The Common People Heard Him Gladly:
Lenten Study for Adults* by James W. Moore, 7
chapters, 70 pages

Lent and Easter: Wisdom from Henri Nouwen,
quotes from Nouwen, Scripture, prayer and action
items, 112 pages

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter,
daily readings from Merton, Chesterton, Yancey,
Tolstoy, Pascal, Nouwen, and others; each reading is
5-10 pages, 400 pages

D365 Online PCUSA devotional now featuring
Lenten devotionals; available in the App store at no
charge; daily devotionals sent to your device.

*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Lenten
Devotional,* daily devotional sent to your device at no
charge; available in the App store at "devotionals-
advent and lent" or go to PTS website and sign up for
the devotions.

Presbyterians Today magazine has a Lenten
devotional series in the current issue or available for
purchase at the PCUSA website for \$4.50.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday
morning, March 6, at 11:30 in the home of Joyce
Boyette, 224 Vauxhall Dr. Please RSVP Joyce, 704-
482-4105 or jboyette@carolina.rr.com.

Deborah & Sarah Circles will meet together
Tuesday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. on the kitchen side
of Ellis Hall. Bring your own lunch. Dessert & drinks
will be provided by Sue Breen. Pat Byers will lead
study on *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, by Rachel
Held Evans.

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, March 1, 7:00 a.m. at Ken &
Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St., for breakfast
and sharing prayer concerns.

● Fourth Thursday, March 22, at **1:30 pm** for
lunch and fellowship at Joe's Place, main dining
room, 211 S. Lafayette St.

FIRST THURSDAY WITH SUSAN BELL

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in becoming a member of Shelby
Presbyterian Church? New Member Classes will be
held during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,
on March 4, 11, 18, 25 in the Pastor's Study. New
members will meet with Session to be received into
membership on Tuesday evening, March 20. A New
Member Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 25,
immediately following 11:00 worship. If interested in
becoming a member or if you would just like to know
more about Shelby Presbyterian, please attend on
March 4 or contact the church office if unable to
attend but interested.

**JOIN US
IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MARCH
6:00 Meal – 6:30 Program
\$3/ADULT; \$1/UNDER 12; \$10/FAMILY MAX.
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 4 & UNDER**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Program</u>
March 7	*Ham & Turkey Sub-Sandwiches	Montreat: Past & Present Come hear plans for this year's church retreat
March 14	Chicken Pot Pie Sides/Desserts Optional; All proceeds will go to the Walter & Florence Perry Scholarship Fund.	Lenten Bible Study with Luke Harkey
March 21	*Pizza	Child-Friendly Bible Study with Luke Harkey plus KFC & SSMM: Parable of the Lost Coin
Thursday March 29	*Barbecue	<i>Maundy Thursday Worship Service</i>

*Bring side dishes & desserts--completely peanut free please.

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 or the church office, 704-487-8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Lucy Bolick	Fred & Joan Hunt
Andy Brown	Watt Jackson
David Carpenter	Rebecca Jones
Karen Carpenter	Rebecca's grandfather Ivan
Myra Carpenter	Mollie Ley
Bill Chambless	Pearl Lieurance
Lacey Chambless	Lisa McLaurin
Charles Clyatt	Faye & Glenn McCants
Jennifer Clyatt	Joe Miller
Susan Coiner	Betty Monteith
Rip Collins	Tom Moss
Ed Cushman	Judy Neville
Joy Cushman	Sandy Poston
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Joyce Ruark
Eddie Deas	Serena Scott
Bob Hart	Jimmy Underwood

- 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
- Martha Sommers in Malawi
- 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 March, pray for our children in Fourth Grade: Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Steven Morgan, Emerson Taylor; Fifth Grade: Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe; and Sixth Grade: Whit Beam, Lillian Moore, James Petrilli, Lawson Taylor.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO . . .

†Al Sproull and family on the death of his brother, Leslie Wayne Sproull, on January 31, 2018 in Pennsylvania.

EASTER LILIES

As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1 (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - **\$15 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 it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church". Turn your form and check into the church office **by Noon on March 19** or drop it in the offering plate by then.

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

Enclosed is \$_____ (**\$15 each** payable to SPC).

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I guess the old saying about *"time flies when you are having fun"* holds true. It is difficult to believe that we are now in the season of Lent, and Easter will soon be here too. We want to give you some important dates that have been set for the upcoming months.

On March 4 @ 11:00 service, KFC (Kids for Christ) will present the parable of the Lost Sheep.

On March 21, @ Wednesday night program, we will present the parable of the Lost Coin.

On March 25, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt in our courtyard. In case of inclement weather, we will move to Ellis Hall.

The last day for KFC and Sunday School Music Makers will be April 29, 2018.

Kid's Camp was a great success last year, so we plan to continue that this year. It will take place in Ellis Hall after the Moments with Children each Sunday. We will begin on May 27 and end on September 2. Please join us each Sunday as we learn about the "Bee-Attitudes".

Please continue to remember all of our children and youth in your prayer as they continue their spiritual journeys.

-Linda Ware, Christian Educator

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Debra Blanton for receiving the Paul Limerick Volunteer of the Year Award at the Cleveland County Chamber awards banquet on January 25, 2018.

. . . to American Restoration (Mason Venable) for receiving the Small Business of the Year Award at the Cleveland County Chamber awards banquet on January 25, 2018.

. . . to Claudia and Jon Wall on the birth of their son, Carson Scott Wall, on February 14, 2018 in Greenville, NC. He weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. and was 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long (in NICU but doing well). Carson has a 3 year old sister, Reagan, and their proud grandparents are Amy & Marty Allen.

. . . to Ashley Aylmer and Fitzhugh McMurry III on the birth of their daughter, Emerson Meadow McMurry, on February 21, 2019 in Shelby, NC. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and her proud grandparents are Adele and Tom Aylmer.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

February was a busy time at Rainbow Connection! We took field trips to the new police station and the post office. We celebrated Valentine's Day and Pirate Day. Ms. Joy Shuford taught us how to care for our teeth. The most fun activity of all was the Winter Olympics at Rainbow!

Our staff planned games and activities for the children to learn about the countries of the world coming together to celebrate. The children marched down the hallways with flags of the world, led by our torch bearers. In the fellowship hall, we rode bobsleds and did the luge. We practiced curling and tossed beanbags through the Olympic rings. We all received gold medals for our outstanding efforts! There is a cute video on our Facebook page. Please check it out!

We had our annual Parent's Night Out on February 10. There were a good number of children in attendance. Many of the SPC youth volunteered to help, serving the children of Rainbow and SPC. The children loved having them here and the staff greatly appreciated the extra help. Thank you youth!

March is registration month at Rainbow Connection. Registration for our 2018 Summer Program and for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on March 19th for Rainbow and SPC families. We will open registration to the general public on March 26. This year we have been blessed with full classes, so if you know of someone who might be interested, please have them come by or call soon to make sure they get a spot.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

-Becky Dorsey, Director

EASTER EGG HUNT



Our Shelby Presbyterian Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 in the church courtyard from 3:00 until 4:00. All you need to bring is your Easter Basket in which to put your eggs. We will have refreshments! Looking forward to a fun afternoon! In case of inclement weather, we will move to Ellis Hall.

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

March 1 Sharon McInnis
 March 2 Damon Burroughs
 March 3 Gloria Jobe
 March 3 Jon Pharr
 March 4 Adele Aylmer
 March 4 Shields Fletcher
 March 4 Alex Haydon
 March 5 Tyler Burns
 March 5 Erin Carter
 March 6 Hal Bryant
 March 6 Mary Kelly
 March 6 Jake Taylor
 March 7 John Ogburn
 March 8 Anna Greer
 March 8 John Haskell
 March 8 Olive Pharr
 March 9 Jack Breen
 March 9 Carol Williams
 March 10 Carolyn Gaston
 March 10 Tom Moss
 March 10 Margaret Schwappe
 March 10 Nathan Wright
 March 11 Judy Pearson
 March 12 Parker Dixon
 March 12 Betty Hager
 March 12 Ted LeGrand
 March 12 Rachel White
 March 13 Nancy Hendrix
 March 13 Cheryl Sisk
 March 14 Nancy Blackley
 March 14 Pat Wilkison
 March 15 Anna Langley
 March 15 Thomas Neville
 March 15 Reagan Wall
 March 16 Joe Henderson
 March 16 Reece Ware
 March 17 Libby Jackson
 March 18 John Auten
 March 19 Bob Eddins
 March 20 Frances Evans
 March 21 Jonathan Bridges
 March 21 Chris Burns
 March 22 Conway Carter
 March 22 Meredith Teddy
 March 22 Laura Wheeler
 March 22 Wendy Hannah Wright
 March 23 Sue Breen
 March 23 Don Bridges
 March 23 Gordon Hamrick
 March 25 Carol Bridges
 March 25 Kate Fletcher

March 26 David Beam
 March 26 Glenn Moore
 March 26 Jeanne Spragins
 March 27 Gracie Blackley
 March 28 Watt Jackson
 March 28 Elliott Welton
 March 29 Jeremy Baker
 March 29 Janice Blake
 March 29 Margaret Harry
 March 30 Mason Venable
 March 31 Susan Teddy
 March 31 Donna Jo Yocum

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICES

Noon Lenten Worship Services began Ash Wednesday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church and will continue through Lent. Services are held in the sanctuary and conclude at 12:30 p.m. after which a soup and sandwich lunch is served in the Epworth Building for \$5. Below is the remaining schedule of speakers and lunch menu:

February 28 - Rev. Pam Bright, Pastor

(Episcopal Church of the Redeemer)

Lunch: Broccoli Cheese Soup,
 Veggie Sandwich, Cookies

March 7 - Rev. Rick Bowling, Pastor

(Westview Baptist Church)

Lunch: Pasta Fajoli Soup
 Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Cookies

March 14 - Rev. Brian Elwell, Pastor

(St. Peter's UMC, Kadash UMC, Knob Creek UMC)

Lunch: Leek & Potato Soup, Sub Sandwich-
 ham/turkey, coconut & pecan Cookies

March 21 - Rev. Fawn Mikel, Director of Discipleship & Outreach

(Central United Methodist Church)

Lunch: Sante Fe Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich,
 Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

March 28 - Rev. Juan Cherry, Pastor

(New Creation Christian Center)

Lunch: Chicken & White Bean Chili,
 Egg Salad Sandwich, Cookie sampler



GREETINGS IN THE LIGHT

This past fall, three hurricanes battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria brought violent winds and severe flooding, and their rapid succession left many people and relief organizations overwhelmed. Your faithful and generous support, however, allowed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to respond with the light of hope in the midst of chaos, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). **Thank you for your support.**

Your gifts provided emergency funding in Texas, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the days after each storm, PDA was on the ground, assessing damage, providing expert support, partnership, consultation and coordination. Impacted congregations received urgent assistance to continue in ministry to their affected neighbors. PDA's response is widening, providing resources for long-term recovery, working with partners to set up volunteer rebuilding opportunities, supporting capacity building and providing support and training for leaders in Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency. Fatigue and hopelessness often cause a second crisis long after the winds subside and the waters recede.

Historic support from people like you ensured a swift response. In Florida, decades of work in partnership and capacity building with the Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) meant that preparation and coordination began before Irma made landfall. Collaboration with presbyteries in Texas provides coordination of disaster response efforts. Ongoing support from Presbyterians means that long-term redevelopment is accomplished as the love of Christ is made visible in all of the affected areas.

Nowhere is the need so pronounced as in Puerto Rico. Throughout the island, the loss of homes, infrastructure and loved ones has touched almost every resident. Many months later, thousands of people still lack electricity and running water. Your support is delivering the light of hope into the darkness of the disaster. From the aid and cleanup on the island, to support for presbyteries in Florida and New England as they receive many Puerto Ricans displaced by the devastation, to long-term rebuilding and development, your gifts have made the church's response possible. Because of your support, PDA is able to support a coordinator

for relief and development efforts in Puerto Rico from the Puerto Rican Presbyterian community. This important step ensures that the work done by the church will be delivered efficiently and effectively and will build capacity should future disasters strike the U.S. territory.

Thank you for sharing the Light with those in need by standing in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Give:

You have been so generous to us and we thank you. You can continue to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work through **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This Special Offering secures PDA's capacity to respond to these and other disasters. Gifts designated to the Hurricanes of the Atlantic can be made to **DR000194**.

Act:

- Contact the PDA Call Center and organize a work team. Call (866) 732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org. Work teams will be needed in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico to assist in cleanup and rebuilding efforts.

- Ensure your congregation supports One Great Hour of Sharing. PDA and its partner ministries, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, are able to share the love of Christ with those in need because of widespread church support through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Pray:

God our Light,

Be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains, now follow the light of your love toward recovery and rebuilding. Thank you for the generous response of the church. May these gifts of support overflow more than floodwaters, to grow your work of healing and rebuilding and bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. *Amen.*

For more information, visit presbyterianmission.org/pda.

In the Light,



The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

SESSION MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 16, 2018

PneuMatrix Committee is currently being formed by Paul Woodard and Doug Boyette.

Luke Harkey discussed his upcoming trip to the Holy Land.

The following dates will have guest sermons: Joan Martin – January 28, 2018 John McCall; February 25, 2018 Joan Martin; May 6, 2018.

February 11, 2018 is next communion. Sign-up sheet was passed.

Jill Venable discussed the budget. The budget was balanced by using some carryover from the end of 2017. Although pledges were a little short, the Finance Committee feels it will work out. The trend seems to be in an upward direction. Luke Harkey pointed out that the congregation has stepped up as needs arise. Most churches at this time are having some financial stress. The 2018 budget was passed.

Finance Committee recommends that we accept credit card payment for pledges. Approval was asked for a donation option via PayPal. This was approved.

A \$1000 donation from the LeGrand Fund was approved by the Finance Committee for John McCall. This included \$500 for his travel and a \$500 honorarium.

Scholarship challenge for graduating seniors was presented to the congregation and response so far has been for about \$5000 in pledges. This is a good response in a short time.

If organ pledges are fulfilled, there should be enough to pay for the full renovation.

A new member class will be held in March.

Martha Sommers will have the program on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Rev. John McCall will preach at 8:30 and 11:00 services on February 25, 2018. The SPC soup lunch served a total to 113 individuals in December.

2017 Statistical report was approved.

Water to Wine Grant is in application process (Member Care will match this grant if it is approved). Session approved applying for this grant. More information will be forthcoming.

Look for and solicit from the congregation ways to reach out to Neighborhood Groups and contact inactive members.

Jeff Hamilton announced that the Cleveland County Rescue Mission will have a banquet fundraiser on March 16, 2018. More information to come.

PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF

JANUARY 27, 2018

"This Presbytery is our home!" proclaimed Joseph Taber, pastor of one of the host churches, to 174 worshipers at our meeting in Lowell. *"It is a community of communities, united to serve the King of kings."* But as Bobbi White, our General Presbyter, reminded us, that worship must also include reaching outside our buildings to all others, telling our faith stories to our social contacts, and being willing to change - really change - in response to the needs of society.

This 115th meeting of our Presbytery began with an inspiring service of Word and Sacrament in Lowell's lovely sanctuary, led by Joseph and Elder Sally McGinnis from the co-host Union church. The service also commemorated all the ministers and elders who in 2017 had moved on to the Church Triumphant.

Some of the important Presbytery actions, ably guided by Moderator Melvin Meares and newly elected Vice-Moderator Lauren Vanacore, were: •A budget of \$970,919 for 2018 was approved, which included modest raises for the staff; •Malawi Mission Co-Worker Martha Sommers was introduced; •Rick Leissner cleverly put his report on Christian Education into poetry; •Allison Greene Simmons, from the Gastonia First church, was enthusiastically enrolled as a Candidate for the ministry; •Sarah Grace Montgomery, a Candidate from Southeastern Illinois Presbytery, preached a fine sermon on John 4, and after examination, was joyfully approved for ordination and installation as the associate pastor of the Brevard-Davidson River church; •Jill Isola, the new pastor of the Northminster church, was warmly welcomed; Col. Joey Byrd, Command Chaplain of the U.S. Army Central Command in Sumter SC, and long one of our Presbytery's validated ministers, spoke of his work as an army chaplain. He was accompanied by his wife, Carol Byrd, pastor of the Laurens church in Trinity Presbytery; •The Marion church proposed an overture to the upcoming General Assembly

concerning possible support or opposition by any entity in the PCUSA for candidates running for public office. It was carefully reviewed by a committee (Jerry Ragan, Janet DeWater, and Jamie Hodges) and others, and after good debate, was approved; •Kathryn Anne McGinnis, from Hickory First, was elected as our Youth Advisory Delegate for the 2018 General Assembly; and the continuing good work of the Guatemala Partnership was celebrated.

Some special future meetings are:
•PneuMatrix Launch, February 3 in Morganton;
•Faith and Sexuality Youth Retreat, February 17 in Montreat;
•Spirituality Retreat with Lisle Garrity, March 9-10 in Flat Rock;
•High School Service Retreat, March 16-17 in Black Mountain;
•Presbyterian Women, April 14 in Warren Wilson;
•Next Presbytery Meeting, April 24 in Montreat; and, after that meeting:
•Sacred Trust Relational Boundaries, April 24 in Montreat.

Don Scofield offered our Prayers of Intercession, particularly lifting up Eddie Deas, who has been compelled by serious illness to give up his position as Moderator-elect. After the Moderator's blessing, the Presbytery adjourned for a good fellowship lunch and journey home.

-James Aydelotte, scribe

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
WEST VIRGINIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRIP
MAY 20-26, 2018**

This Spring, the Missions Committee will be offering a mission trip to West Virginia to help with flood recovery. This spring's trip is to an area that already experiences high levels of poverty. In June of 2016, West Virginia experienced 2 days of heavy rain, resulting in what has been called a 1,000 year flood. Twenty-four people lost their lives. A state of emergency was declared in 44 counties and the Elkview River crested 27' above normal. Our principal work in previous trips has been putting up drywall and getting it painted so that residents can get back into their homes again.

We will be working with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps, Inc. (WVMAW), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and staying in the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church in Greenbrier County.

Below is an overview of the trip from WVMAW:

*WVMAW is a long term recovery agency that is an arm of the WV Presbytery disaster response. We book week long groups for long term recovery projects, and have project managers who lead and teach and keep materials on site. Most groups arrive on Sunday and leave the following Saturday. We are flexible in that some cannot stay the full week, so you can choose how many days would work for your team. The cost is \$250 per person for the week, and we can break it down to daily working day rate (\$62.50/day). **Dates: Sunday, May 20 – Saturday, May 26, 2018; Cost: \$250 per person for the whole week; cost will be prorated for those staying less than the full week. The Missions Committee will be covering the cost of food for the week. Bring money for supper on Wednesday evening. Registration forms are available from the Presbytery Office through the PWNC website. Questions may be directed to Bob Abel (blabel@frontier.com).***

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Please bring fresh cut flowers and/or greenery to put on the cross outside on Easter morning for the 7:00, 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. service. Special thanks to Sally Taylor for preparing the cross again this year.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us in the courtyard for our 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service. Coffee, juice and homemade hot cross buns will follow in Ellis Hall. **Please bring lawn chairs and a flower for the cross.**

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

If you are into social media, the Media Committee has set up an Instagram account for our church. You can follow the church by searching for Shelby Presbyterian or Shelby_pres. Keep informed on upcoming events and view our shared photos and videos. If you know of a scheduled event at the church and want to share it, please send your information and picture to use for the post to jane@shelbypres.org and she can forward to Ina Harrington. Thanks Ina!

FEBRUARY 2018 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2018 Operating Budget \$568,665.00
Needed Weekly \$ 10,935.87

February 4

Received \$ 20,669.23
5¢-A-Meal (total Feb.) \$ 1,035.00
Souper Bowl of Caring Offering \$ 765.34
Sunday School Attendance 51
8:30 a.m. Worship cancelled due to ice
11:00 a.m. Worship count not taken

February 11

Received \$ 10,338.02
Sunday School Attendance 84
8:30 a.m. Worship 84
11:00 a.m. Worship 124

February 18

Received \$ 12,164.75
Sunday School Attendance 88
8:30 a.m. Worship 42
11:00 a.m. Worship 125

February 25

Received \$ 4,470.82
Sunday School Attendance 77
8:30 a.m. Worship 42
11:00 a.m. Worship 119

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Needed \$120,000.00
Balance as of 2/25/2018 \$ 95,185.02

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY

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

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

. . . to the Organ Fund in honor of Barbara
Blackburn.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11!
Don't forget to spring ahead one hour.
You don't want to be late for church!

MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP PLEDGE REPORT

Needed by April 1, 2018 \$29,000.00
Pledge Commitments Received \$11,372.00
Please submit the form below in the offering plate or
directly to Jane in the church office. Thanks for
considering.

I am interested in participating in the Walter and
Florence Perry Scholarship Challenge.

Name _____

Amount \$ _____



**MAKE SURE THESE
HOLY WEEK EVENTS
ARE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

Palm Sunday, March 25

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

3:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm - Supper in Ellis Hall

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

Good Friday, March 30

12:00-1:00 pm - Service of Scripture Readings,
Musical Selections & Meditation in Chapel

**We need help placing the Easter Lilies following the
service. Meet us in the Sanctuary!**

Easter Sunday, April 1

Bring flowers to put on cross outside.

7:00 am - Sunrise Service in Courtyard followed by
coffee, juice and homemade hot cross buns:
Bring lawn chairs & a flower for the cross.

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

9:45 am - Sunday School

Monday, April 2

Church Office will be closed.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MARCH?

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

March 4 Beverly Styers
11 Agaat Den Hertog
28 Kathryn & Don Bridges
25 Nancy Fichter

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Mary Lampley, Captain (March 4, 11, 18)
Warren Julian, Captain (March 25)
Barbara Moore
Anne Kennedy
Brett Niblack (18th Heidi Steeves; 25th Joe Petrilli)
Wiley Smith (March 25)

Sound Board

March 4 Chip Blackley
11 Joe Petrilli
18 Lee Huston
25 John Brotherton

8:30 a.m. Worship Liturgist

March 4 Dan McLaurin
11 Julia Persing
18 Youth Lead Worship
25 Jeff Hamilton

11:00 a.m. Worship Liturgist

March 4 Sydney Davis
11 Larry Wilson
18 Youth Lead Worship
25 Mystie Brotherton

Kids For Christ (KFC)

March 4 Parable of Lost Sheep at 11:00 worship
11 Anne Langley & Stefanie McIntyre
18 Anne Langley & Emily Holland
25 Anne Langley, Nancy Fichter & Elizabeth Schweppe

Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Lori Titus

Sanctuary Worship Guild

March 4 Harriette & Laura Beam
11 Judy Greer & Rachel White
18 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe
25 Marlene Lovelace & Lori Wehmuller
29 Harriette Beam

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

March 7 Lloyd Williams & Paul Woodard
Barbara Moore & Heidi Steeves
14 Trip Boines & Betsy Fonvielle
Carolyn Billings & Anne Kennedy
21 Margie McSwain & David Schweppe
Spencer Borders & Brett Niblack
Thursday 29 Jeanne Spragins & Nancy Blackley
Kathryn Bridges & Joe Petrilli

Sanctuary Flowers

March 4 Tom, Mimi & Alex Martin
11 Available
18 Available
25 Palms

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Three of us have agreed to de-clutter and organize the church library. We will be eliminating duplicate and out-of-date material, but—not to worry—we won't discard important historical books or documents. However, if you know of material that must be kept, please let the church know by emailing jane@shelbypres.org. Free books and other material will be available on a bookcase outside the library door, so come by and check it out. Eventually there will be a donation box available as soon as we have room for more material.

Susan Bell Darlene Gravett Jim Simmons

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YOUTH PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord, Teach me a new freedom.
Freedom to reject comparison
And to embrace uniqueness.
Freedom to cut ties with greed
And feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence
And feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts
And to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity
And to embrace grace.
Lord, at this time of Lent,
Thank you for the freedom you bring. Amen.

AN ADULT DAILY PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord, I will turn, Turn my face towards you.
I will lay before you the desert areas I hide
And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.
I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits
And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love.
I will draw back from the harsh pull of media
And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit.
Lord, today I turn my face towards you.
I will turn To soak in your words of life,
To rest in the warmth of your love,
And to bathe in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

