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JULY 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that by the time you are reading this letter our United States congress and our administration will have taken action to put an end to the separation of parents and children detained at our southern border. There seems to be near universal agreement that this practice is unacceptable, and yet it continues.

We are a nation of immigrants as the statue of liberty reminds us. The Piedmont region of the Carolinas was colonized by immigrants from Scotland and Germany. Some came seeking a new life, but many were refugees from religious and political persecution, or from famine and other hardships.

As part of our Heritage Sunday and Kirkin' O' the Tartans observance in mid-September each year, we have heard about the young John Calvin, the father of our Presbyterian form of government, who came to Geneva as a refugee from religious persecution, and later served as pastor to a congregation of French Protestant refugees in Strasbourg. We have heard about John Knox, the fiery preacher who also came to Geneva as a refugee before returning to his homeland to help establish the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. We have learned about the Covenanters, Presbyterians in Scotland who were willing to die for their faith and for religious freedom. Many of these Covenanters became refugees and immigrated to this country, where some like John Witherspoon and James Madison helped to found our new nation and to establish our democratic form of government.

As Presbyterians, concern about immigration and refugees lays at the heart of who we are. It is not only part of our heritage, it is based upon Christ-like concern for peace, justice, compassion, and hospitality for the stranger in our midst. Consider these Bible passages:

Deuteronomy 6:10-13 - *"The people of Israel are made aware that the land had come to them as a gift from God and they were to remember that they were once aliens."*

Deuteronomy 10:18-19 - *"For the Lord your God...loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."*

Matthew 25:31-46 - *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Romans 12:13 - *"The mark of the true Christian: . . . to extend hospitality to strangers..."*

Ephesians 2:11-22 - *"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God."*

The 223rd General Assembly is meeting in St. Louis from June 16 - June 23, 2018. One of the resolutions before the Committee on Peacemaking, Immigration, and International Issues urges us as Presbyterians to:

1. Call upon the Department of Justice (DOJ) to immediately end the newly implemented zero-tolerance policy that is tearing apart families.

2. Call upon the DOJ to reunite parents and children that have been separated as soon as

possible, under the care of the community, not in family detention.

3. Call upon the DOJ to make certain that every parent in custody knows the location of their children and facilitate regular communication between parents and their children until they are reunited.

4. Call upon the DOJ to not use possible reunification with children to force immigrant parents into a concession to plead guilty to a crime in exchange for reuniting with their children.

5. Call upon churches and individuals to advocate for the passage of the Keep Families Together Act in Congress, which would take away the power of the DOJ to continue separating families.

As Christians we must take seriously what the Bible teaches us about immigration, foreigners and the treatment of the stranger; this is not simply a part of our heritage, this is a crisis facing our nation and our world right now.

Consider writing a letter or sending an email to elected officials expressing concern or thanking them for finding a solution. The following prayer is from our 2018 Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Common Worship*:

Holy God, as you have accompanied your people through times of captivity, wilderness, and exile, shelter and sustain all those who flee persecution, oppression, warfare, violence, hunger, and poverty. Open our hearts and homes, our gates and doors, so that they might find safety, peace, and welcome—a place to live in freedom and without fear; through Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. Amen.

Luke Harkey



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 in need of attention in our church family, in your neighborhood or beyond, please contact Margie McSwain, Member Care Chairperson, 704.484.0585, or margieabt@carolina.rr.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Tom Blackburn	Rebecca Jones
Jack Breen	Janet Kovac
Andy Brown	Peggy Lattimore
David Carpenter	Mollie Ley
Karen Carpenter	Rhonda Lingerfelt
Myra Carpenter	Faye & Glenn McCants
Conway Carter	Joe Miller
Charles & Jennifer Clyatt	Betty Monteith
Susan Coiner	Ellis Monroe
Rip Collins	Tom Moss
Ed Cushman	Judy Neville
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Sandy Poston
Eddie Deas	Joyce Ruark
Louis DuBois	Audrey Shimmel
Joyce Haydon	Jim Simmons
Fred & Joan Hunt	Carson Wall
Watt Jackson	Kevin Walker
The James Family	Anne Woodard

- All those serving in the military
- 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 (volcanoes, floods, fires, etc.)
- All victims of violence
- All refugees

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During July, pray for our Infants, Toddlers & Two Year Olds: Elizabeth Couch, Ruby Raudez; and our Three and Four Year Olds: Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Kate McIntyre, Grace Melton, Savannah Raudez.



Did you know that Shelby Presbyterian Church is the first public facility in Cleveland County to have a state-of-the-art "loop" system?

And did you know that with a loop system, persons with hearing loss may have as good a listening experience as persons with normal hearing?

Several of our members and friends have found this loop system to be an invaluable aid for hearing during worship in the sanctuary. Here are a few comments:

George Beattie: *"Before this I could hardly hear anything. With the new system in the sanctuary, now I can hear everything. It makes a big difference!"*

Dr. Joel Spragins: *"This loop system has been used extensively in Europe and other parts of the U.S. I am so happy that we now have it here at our church. There are no dead spaces downstairs in our sanctuary. I really like it and I am sure others will too!"*

Nancy Bowles: *"The clarity is amazing. My hearing is better in the sanctuary than anywhere else. I would encourage other people needing hearing assistance to take advantage of this wonderful resource."*

So what is a loop system, how does it work, and who might benefit?

Inductive looping is a method by which sound from an audio system is transmitted by a magnetic field and received by hearing aids or cochlear implants. No additional equipment is needed. You just switch on the "T" or "T-Coil" mode.

Several distinct advantages of the loop system are:

- You use your own equipment, not something previously used by others

- You always have your own receiver with you.

- Your T-Coil is tailored to your specific hearing needs by your audiologist

- Your T-Coil is compatible with all loop systems (Note: the Brevard Music Center just

announced their new loop system in time for the summer concert series).

So, if you think you might benefit, be sure to check with your audiologist to have the antenna (T-Coil) in your hearing aid activated. Then, all you need to do is turn it on once you are seated in the sanctuary or other facility equipped with a loop system.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

Kid's Camp is awesome! Please don't miss the chance to learn about the bee-attitudes from the book of Matthew. In July, we will learn what it means to be meek; to hunger and thirst after righteousness; and how to be merciful.

Come buzz around with us for stories, skits, music, games, and activities. Children head to Ellis Hall to begin activities after moments with the children during the 10:00 service. Kids Camp is open to children ages 4 through 5th grade. Kids Camp will continue each Sunday through Labor Day.

Two adults are needed for camp each Sunday. If you would like to help, you may contact Linda Ware, Christian Educator, at 704 487 8503 Ext 227.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

We love summer at Rainbow Connection! We are meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays - just enough to keep us in routine, while still enjoying summer.

This summer we have six completely full classes! We have a Toddler, Twos, Threes, Fours/Fives and two elementary age classes. It's wonderful to have former Rainbow children and older children of the community with us for the summer!

-Becky Dorsey, Director

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

July 1 Lee Bryant
July 1 Ina Harrington
July 1 Peggy Paksoy
July 1 Annette Wray
July 2 Alyssa McNeary
July 2 Hartsel McSwain
July 2 Ruth Zehnder
July 3 Marc Stowe
July 4 Carolyn Eddins
July 4 Ruby Raudez
July 5 Joe Miller
July 6 Adrienne Pearson
July 7 Joseph Henderson
July 8 Kristin Reese
July 9 Debra Blanton
July 9 Myra Carpenter
July 10 Bill Stowe
July 11 Emma Goforth
July 12 Laura Couey Winters
July 12 Anna Harkey
July 12 Marc Smith
July 13 Savannah McIntyre
July 13 Lori Titus
July 14 William Blackley
July 14 Kimberly Dixon
July 15 Graham Phifer
July 16 Erica Vargas
July 17 Jake Appling
July 17 Ann Brown
July 18 Will Dedmon
July 18 Mollie Ley
July 19 Andrea Julian
July 19 Ali Paksoy
July 19 Brennan Teddy
July 21 Forrest Bridges
July 21 Alison Gilbert
July 21 Michelle Williams
July 22 Marsha Daughenbaugh
July 23 Elliot Dodd
July 25 Laura Lampley
July 26 Zack Byers
July 27 Ian Brotherton
July 27 Matt Kelly
July 29 Kathryn Monroe
July 30 Scoot Dixon
July 30 Carol Hibschan
July 31 Alyssa Dodd

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Homer Haworth's apartment number has changed. His address is now: Trinity Oaks, 728 Klumac Rd., Apt. #254D, Salisbury NC 28144.

Agaat Den Hertog no longer has a land line. Please use her cell phone number to be in contact: 704.661.0318.

Mary Parsons no longer has her membership at SPC but is a friend to many here. She has moved to Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215.

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Lane Wilson and Carolyn Powell who were married May 25, 2018 at the home of Lane's parents, Larry and Kathy Wilson.

. . . to Wesley Smith and Hayden Roberts who were married June 9, 2018 in Blowing Rock, NC.

. . . to Julia and Reilly Monroe on the birth of their daughter, Larkin Isabel Monroe, on June 11, 2018 in Richmond, Virginia. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Larkin has a brother, Read, who will be 3 years old in August, and their overjoyed grandparents are Joyce and Doug Boyette.

. . . to Brie Hawley and David Blackley who were married in our sanctuary on June 23, 2018. Their address is 213 Raven Rock Dr., Morgantown, WV 26508.

FAITH SHARING

It's Summertime again and we want to continue the "Faith Sharing" segment of our Sunday morning worship service. Please volunteer to speak a few minutes during the service to share what's in your heart. If you wish to join in, sign up for a date that is convenient for you by contacting Sherry Julian, 704.538.5505, or sacjulian@gmail.com.

**The Church Office will close
at Noon on July 3
and re-open July 5 at 8:30.**



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Thank You!

Thank You to all those who helped with this year's Senior Celebration!! We know from experience how much goes into making this night happen—planning, mailing letters, and collecting RSVPs, buying food and decorations, preparing and serving the meal, decorating and setting the tables and Ellis Hall, setting up for the slide show and reception, putting the slide show together, washing and putting away dishes, taking out trash, washing and returning the table linens, etc. As nice as it was to be served this year as we celebrated the Class of 2018, we look forward to rejoining the work force behind the scenes next year, and we invite new folks to share in this rewarding experience. Blessings to those who made this year a reality, including Alexis Aldinger, Adele Aylmer, Nancy Blackley, Spencer Borders, Thomas Couch, Sydney Davis, Richard and Ellen Fletcher, Emma Goforth, Luke Harkey, Alex Haydon, Nancy Hendrix, Robin Holland, Mary Ann LaSelva, Margie McSwain, Emily Melton, Jennifer Ormand, Joe Petrilli, Matthew Rybnicek, David, Ben and Margaret Schweppe, Elizabeth and Daniel Schweppe, Steve and Cheryl Sisk, Liza Smith, Mike and Lori Wehmuller, and Sara Mac Wood. (If we failed to list your name, you are no less appreciated!)

*Sincerely,
John, Mystie, Cassidy, and Ian Brotherton*

Dear SPC Family,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship of \$500 for the seniors this year. I am so grateful for your continual support in all my endeavors, and I am going to miss this place dearly.

*Sincerely,
Sarah Lampley*



September 16 - Heritage Sunday with Kirkin' O' The Tartan
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 23 - Jane Szymborski has announced her retirement as church secretary of Shelby Presbyterian Church effective September 30, 2018. With deep appreciation for her 40 years of service to Christ, this congregation, and community, we are making plans to recognize Jane on Sunday, September 23. Details will follow later.

October 7 - Organ Concert in the Sanctuary by John Alexander, nephew of Mike Alexander, who is the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

May 18-27, 2019 - Luke Harkey will lead a group to the Holy Land. Please let Luke or the church office know if you are interested.



A BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR IS NEEDED.
If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Amy Allen,
704-472-2915
amyrayallen@gmail.com

SESSION MEETING NOTES

MAY 15, 2018

Doug Boyette, Clerk of Session, reported the annual review of Session records on April 28th went well with no exceptions. He summarized the April 24th Presbytery meeting held at Montreat Conference Center. Taiwanese missionary John McCall, and Chrissie Mbewe, the principal of the Ebenezer School in Nkhoma, Malawi gave talks.

Pastor Luke Harkey expressed his appreciation to the church for his opportunity to go to the Holy Land and is looking forward to sharing his experiences.

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting, April 17, 2018 and the Called Session Meeting, April 22, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Christian Education - Anne Langley
•Recommendation to hire a Children's Activity Worker to provide structure and activities for our children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. This person would be employed on Wednesday Nights from 5:30-7:30 (September-May) and Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:30 (September-May). Optional employment would be June-September for Kids Camp. SPC will provide one rotating church volunteer for each time slot. Our Christian Educator Linda Ware and the Christian Education Committee would plan the activities for Wednesday Nights (Sprouts) and Sunday Morning (KFC). All materials would be ordered and organized by the Educator and Committee. This position would provide structure, continuity and an enthusiastic presence for our younger SPC children. The motion was approved in principle and referred to the Finance Committee to investigate the best way to fund the position and to the Personnel Committee to define the position in terms of age and other requirements.

Finance - Jill Venable •: Applications for the Walter & Florence Perry Scholarship have been returned and scholarships will be presented in the near future. •Also, scholarship funds for the Guatemala mission trip in November will come from the Cornerstone Fund.

Member Care - Margie McSwain
•Recommendation to provide up to \$3000 from Member Care Funds for wheelchair accessible van. The motion was approved with the money coming from the Ernest & Addie Moore Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Mission & Ministry - Paul Woodard •Debra Haddock & Laura Wheeler are going on November 8-15, 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala with Presbytery.

Personnel - Jeff Hamilton •Brief outline of the process for replacing Jane. Applications have been received and interviewing will begin.

PneuMatrix - Jeff Hamilton •The PneuMatrix group is meeting the first Thursday of each month by video conference with program leaders.

Worship & Music - Jeanne Spragins •Update on organ and choir director: The Zimmer Company is currently voicing the newly installed pipes and Walker Electric will come in the next few days to complete work on the digital components. Amy is recovering well from both her surgery and vision issues. •Cost estimates to install hand rails on the lower steps in the chancel should be in by the end of the week. •Sherry Julian has agreed to organize faith sharing talks for the summer months.

Update on Church Survey - Jeff Hamilton
•The results of the survey were distributed to Session and will be reviewed for discussion at next month's meeting. Jeff said information from the survey will be useful in the PneuMatrix project.

JUNE 2018 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

June 3

Received \$ 8,767.98
5¢-A-Meal (total June) \$ 186.46
Worship Attendance 120

June 10

Received \$ 13,255.86
Worship Attendance 105

June 17

Received \$ 5,074.00
Worship Attendance 112

June 24

Received \$ 4,648.44
Worship Attendance 109

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Needed \$120,000.00
Received as of 6/25/2018 \$105,367.02

WALTER & FLORENCE PERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The congregation has met the challenge for the Walter & Florence Perry Scholarship Fund. If you have made a pledge, please send to the church office or drop in the offering plate at your earliest convenience.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN JUNE

. . . to the **Blackley Organ Fund** in memory of Carolyn Gaston, Margie Haworth, Colin Richards, Jim Taylor.

. . . to the **Choir Fund** in memory of Colin Richards.

. . . to the **Columbarium Courtyard Fund** in memory of Jim Taylor.

. . . to the **Ernest & Addie Moore Ministers' Discretionary Fund** in memory of Josie Bowles, Nell & Joe Harand, Bill LeGrand, Betsy Martin, Dot & C. M. McMurray, Anne & Jim Taylor, Henry Weathers Jr.

. . . to the **Food Ministry Fund** in memory of Jim Taylor.

. . . to the **Legacy Fund** in memory of Jim Taylor.

. . . to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of Margie Haworth, Colin Richards, Jim Taylor.

. . . to the **Blackley Organ Fund** in honor of Luke Harkey.



The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44BC as July was the month of his birth.

Before that, it had been known as Quintilis (fifth) as it was the fifth month in the old calendar.

Until the 18th century, the word July in English had the stress on the first syllable and rhymed with duly or truly.

No month ends on the same day of the week as July unless it is a leap year, when January does so.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JULY?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Thomas Couch, Captain
Carolyn Billings
Kathryn Bridges
Tom Greene (July 29 Wiley Smith)
Barbara Moore (July 1 Brett Niblack)

Worship Liturgist

July 1 Debra Haddock
8 Carolyn Jackson
15 Margie McSwain
22 Carolyn Billings
29 A member of the Clifton family

Moments With Children & Kid's Camp

July 1 Margie McSwain
8 Margie McSwain
15 Linda Ware
22 Linda Ware
29 Andrea Julian

Sound Board

July 1 Joe Petrilli
8 Chip Blackley
15 Lee Huston
22 John Brotherton
29 Greg McIntyre

Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Joe Ogburn (July 2 Debi McDaniel)

Sanctuary Worship Guild

July 1 Marlene Lovelace & Lori Wehmueller
8 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
15 Margaret Harry & Margie McSwain
22 Joyce & Paul Couey
29 Harriette & Laura Beam

Sanctuary Flowers

July 1 Available
8 Hartsel McSwain
15 Sherry Julian
22 Available
29 Available

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary <i>Communion by Intinction</i> <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 2 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	3 12:00 Church Office Will Close 6:30 Spiritual Life	4 Independence Day SPC CLOSED	Food Ministry 5 7:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Ken & Mary's 8:30 Church Office Re-Opens 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 5:00 PneuMatrix Task Force 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	6	7
7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Eagle Scout Award Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 9 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	10 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 MOM'S Club 12:00 Personnel 2:00 Clerk's Council 5:30 Security & Safety	11 5:00 Member Care 5:00 Possibility that Property will meet!	Food Ministry 12 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 12:00 Finance Committee 6:00 Media Committee 6:30 PneuMatrix in Morganton 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	13	14
8th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 16 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	17 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 6:30 Session	18 4:00 Newsletter Articles Due in Church Office	Food Ministry 19 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	20	21
9th Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 23 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	24 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection	25	Food Ministry 26 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	27	28
10th Sunday after Pentecost 29 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Eagle Scout Award Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 30 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	31 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection Presbytery of Western NC at Lees-McRae College				