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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Dear Friends,**

*"Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love." Ephesians 6:24*

I don't know how many times since Spring I have said, or heard others say, "Where does the time go?"

That is an unanswerable question, I guess. At any rate, the long, hot summer will quickly give way to Fall and a whirlwind of activity will begin here at Shelby Presbyterian Rainbow Connection, under the direction of Becky Dorsey, will begin their thirty-ninth year of operation. What a blessing to the children who attend as well as to each of us as a part of this ministry. Our Food Ministry continues to provide meals each Monday and Thursday in Ellis Hall. If you are searching for a way to help others, volunteers are always welcome.

Sunday, September 2, is our last Sunday for one worship service. On September 9, 8:30 and 11:00 services will be in the sanctuary. Also Sunday School Music Makers will meet at 10:30 in the upstairs music room.

**To kick off our new year, we will have Rally Day at 9:45 during the Sunday School hour on September 9.** A very special thank-you to those who have so willingly agreed to serve as teachers and facilitators. Your willingness to serve our church is commendable.

Sunday, September 16, we will once again observe Heritage Sunday. There will be an 8:30 service in Ellis Hall. At 10:30 there will be a Piper Concert outside, followed by Kirkin' O' the Tartans at the 11:00 service.

September 23, following the 11:00 service we will honor and celebrate Jane Szymborski as she retires after 40 years as our church secretary!!!! She has touched so many of us in so many ways and can always find an answer for our unending questions. Although it is a bittersweet day, we want her to know how much she is loved and cared about by our church. We will miss her sweet smile, her professional personality, and the dedication that she has shown for forty years! Please make plans to be here to wish her well in her retirement.

Please remember that we are committed to serve our Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
**Linda T. Ware**

**Two worship services resume**  
**Sunday, September 9**  
**8:30 and 11:00 –**  
**both in Sanctuary**  
**due to use of Ellis Hall for Rally Day!**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will resume meeting weekly on September 25. We meet each Tuesday from 11:15-12:00 in the Back Parlor. Join us as we explore the coming Sunday's Scripture and pray together. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke at 704.487.8503 or [harkeyml@gmail.com](mailto:harkeyml@gmail.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Every Shelby Presbyterian Woman is considered an important person for the work of women in this congregation and our Presbytery of Western North Carolina! Just imagine the awesomeness of women committed to ministries that women do already, and yet can join together to make an even greater impact on the challenges we face in Shelby and around the world. Every woman is invited and encouraged to join a circle. Contact information for each is below if you have questions.

**Martha/Mary Circle** will meet again this year on the first Tuesday of the month. Their first meeting will be Tuesday morning, September 4, at 11:30 in the home of Nancy Blackley, 505 S. Washington Street. A light lunch will be served. RSVP Nancy at 704-484-2964 or [nancyblackley@gmail.com](mailto:nancyblackley@gmail.com). Nancy is the contact person for this circle.

**Deborah & Sarah Circles** will meet together for lunch and study this year on the second Tuesday of the month. Their first meeting will be Tuesday morning, September 11, at 11:30 in the fellowship hall at the church. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. Pat Byers will lead a study on the 2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study book, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, by Amy Poling Sutherland. Books have been ordered and are available in the church office or you can pick up at the first meeting. Pat, 704-477-1260, is the contact person for this circle.

## 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, September 6**, 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

● **Fourth Thursday, September 27**, at 1:30 for lunch and fellowship at Joe's Place, 209 South Lafayette Street.

## DIRECTORY CHANGE

Jean Hamner has a new mailing address: 10800 Hob Nail Court, Potomac, MD 20854-2559.

## JOIN US

### IN ELLIS HALL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5**

**6:00 p.m. Meal – 6:30 p.m. Program**  
**\$3/adult; \$1/under 12; \$10/family max.**

Wednesday Night Suppers begin for the fall on September 5. 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.

### CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT IS

. . . an opportunity to pause midweek,  
. . . to build new relationships,  
to strengthen existing friendships,  
. . . and to glorify God through  
intergenerational activities, worship,  
and programs that help us grow in our faith.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Program</u>
Sept. 5	*Chicken Tenders	<i>Meet Miranda: Our New Church Office Administrator</i>
Sept. 12	*Ham & Turkey SubSandwiches	<i>Prof. Joseph Moore: Conversation about the Covenanters in Early Presbyterianism</i>
Sept. 19	*Barbecue	<i>Luke &amp; Carolyn Harkey: Pictures &amp; Stories from Israel</i>
Sept. 26	*Pizza	<i>Jim Twyne: "What's New About Our Pipe Organ?"</i>

\*Bring side dishes & desserts --- **peanut free please.**  
Child care is available for infants-four year olds.

## ♪ SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC MAKERS ♪

Mark your calendar - Sunday School Music Makers will resume on September 9 at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will gather to sing, play percussion instruments and explore new ways to make music to praise God. Each Sunday, SSMM will meet from 10:30-10:45 as a closing for Sunday School. Anne Langley will be the leader. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

## ♪ CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS ♪

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate God's wonderful creation this summer.

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room and will continue on September 5 at 7:10 p.m. We will sing some very exciting anthems this fall. If you have thought about joining the choir, this would be a great time to start! The choir will welcome you with open arms! If you have any questions, PLEASE feel free to call me (704) 472-2915. I hope to see you Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>!!!

—Amy Allen

## 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](mailto:margieabt@carolina.rr.com) or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Jack Breen	The James Family
David Carpenter	Rebecca Jones
Karen Carpenter	Janet Kovac
Myra Carpenter	Peggy Lattimore
Conway Carter	David LeGrand
Lacey Chambless	Faye & Glenn McCants
Charles & Jennifer Clyatt	Joe Miller
Susan Coiner	Betty Monteith
Rip Collins	Tom Moss
Ed Cushman	Judy Neville
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Sandy Poston
Val Donaldson	Joyce Ruark
Louis DuBois	Audrey Shimmel
Joyce Haydon	Jim Simmons
Fred & Joan Hunt	Kevin Walker
Watt Jackson	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 September, pray for our **Sixth Grade:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe; **Seventh Grade:** Whit Beam, Lillian Moore, James Petrilli, Lawson Taylor; **and Eighth Grade Youth:** Parker Dixon, Kate Fletcher, Silas Hamilton, Walton Moore, Ben Rybnicek, Dylan Steeves.

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES GO OUT FOR . . .

†Mystie Brotherton and family on the death of her father, Hugh Garland Becton, on August 18, 2018 in Rolesville, North Carolina.

## SAVE A LIFE.

Learn about CPR and the use of an AED. Most people who suffer cardiac arrest do so with other people present. If we are to save lives, we must begin CPR immediately. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.

The Safety and Security Task Force urges each member of our church to learn the techniques of performing CPR on infants, children, and adults and the use of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator.) There are many youtube videos available to you. I suggest the following: “Dr. Oz Shows How to Use a Public Defibrillator” which also includes how to do adult HANDS ONLY CPR. Cincinnati Children’s Hospital sponsors a youtube on “How to do CPR on a child (Ages 1-12 years).” When you Google “infant CPR,” you will have a choice of several youtube videos. I have reviewed a number of them and all are good.

This fall we will offer CPR courses for our congregation. We also plan on a “CPR-AED 101” Wednesday night program.

—Doug Boyette



**NEWS FROM  
RAINBOW CONNECTION**

It's almost "Rainbow Time" again! On September 4, Rainbow Connection will begin our 39<sup>th</sup> year as a mission of Shelby Presbyterian Church. We are eager to get started, anticipating another wonderful year of loving and learning.

As always, we are thankful for all this church does for our Rainbow staff, children and their families. Your prayers and encouragement make the staff feel very appreciated. Through your generous gifts to Rainbow, we are able to provide scholarships for children who otherwise may not be able to attend. Your friendly attitude makes the Rainbow families feel welcome in this church.

Rainbow children and staff are also blessed to have the love and support of SPC staff. Thank you Pastor Luke, Ms. Linda, Ms. Jane, Ms. Miranda, Ms. June, and Ms. Chrystal for all you do for Rainbow Connection!

Please feel free to visit us at Rainbow Connection. We would love to have you stop by and see what a day at Rainbow is all about. Our hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

-Becky Dorsey, Director



- September 1. . . . . Noah Romich
- September 1. . . . . Lori Wehmueller
- September 2. . . . . Mary Catherine (Beam) Oliver
- September 2. . . . . Beth Coiner
- September 2. . . . . Joy Cushman
- September 2. . . . . Lisa Dodrill
- September 3. . . . . Nat Auten
- September 3. . . . . Holden Bankirer
- September 3. . . . . Davis Kennedy

- September 4. . . . . Amelia Jones
- September 5. . . . . Ellery Bankirer
- September 5. . . . . Len Byers
- September 6. . . . . June Bowles
- September 6. . . . . Clay Burns
- September 6. . . . . Lloyd Clark
- September 6. . . . . Joyce Couey
- September 6. . . . . Angela Hill
- September 6. . . . . Rich Kelly
- September 7. . . . . Stefanie McIntyre
- September 8. . . . . Mimi Martin
- September 8. . . . . Patsy McBride
- September 9. . . . . Skip McCartney
- September 9. . . . . Jill Venable
- September 9. . . . . Marvin Weber
- September 12. . . . . Emily Allen Burroughs
- September 12. . . . . Chuck Lampley
- September 13. . . . . Rex Appling
- September 13. . . . . Cutter Davis
- September 13. . . . . Alice Harrill
- September 14. . . . . Betty Giles
- September 14. . . . . Judy Wiggan
- September 15. . . . . Paul McNeary
- September 15. . . . . Eric White
- September 16. . . . . Carolyn Billings
- September 17. . . . . Miles Beam
- September 18. . . . . Stephanie Taylor
- September 19. . . . . Jane Szymborski
- September 20. . . . . Tristan Ormand
- September 21. . . . . Paul Royster
- September 21. . . . . Kip Smith
- September 22. . . . . Carter Burns
- September 22. . . . . Caja Ormand
- September 23. . . . . Larry Hibschman
- September 25. . . . . Betty Bowling
- September 25. . . . . Kathy Wilson
- September 26. . . . . Tim Neville
- September 26. . . . . Sean Simpson
- September 26. . . . . Will Stites
- September 27. . . . . Keaton Fonvielle
- September 27. . . . . Kaitlyn Kennedy
- September 28. . . . . David Blackley
- September 28. . . . . Layla Bridges
- September 29. . . . . Drew Beam
- September 29. . . . . Walker Borders
- September 29. . . . . Richard Fletcher
- September 29. . . . . Margaret Myers
- September 29. . . . . Elizabeth Schweppe
- September 30. . . . . David Pharr

## CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Braxton Clifton for receiving his Eagle Award in May 2018 and being recognized in church on July 29, 2018. He has graduated from Shelby High School and will spend the next school year in Italy as a part of the Rotary Youth Exchange. Braxton planned and provided leadership for site and landscape improvements at the Dedmon Entrance to the Dover Foundation YMCA recreation fields and walking path. Boy Scout Troop 100 is sponsored by Shelby Presbyterian Church and has been active since 1926.

. . . to Emily and Greg Melton on the birth of their daughter, Mildred Gene "Millie" Melton, born at 3:33 a.m. on August 2, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20½ inches long. Millie has a 3½ year old sister, Grace, and their overjoyed grandparents are Robin and Roger Holland, and super-happy aunts are Annie Holland and Winnie Simmons. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT SPC

Girl Scout Troop 20032 will resume meeting on the first and third Fridays of each month upstairs in the Youth Room from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 21.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [jenniferormand@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferormand@yahoo.com) or 704-466-3865.

—Jennifer Ormand

## CHURCH SURVEY

The long-awaited results of the Shelby Presbyterian Church congregational survey are now available. The full print-out is 19 pages, too large for this newsletter, but it is available upon request from the church office via email. There is also a copy available for use in the church office. The session has been studying the results of the survey and will be using these results in shaping the future and recommending any needed changes. There were 151 responses, a strong result for this kind of survey instrument. Here are a few of the questions and survey results as an example of what you will find in the full document.

Question 2: "During the previous four weeks,

how often have you attended worship services at SPC?

Answer: 4 times 36 (23.84%) 3 times 39 (25.83%) 2 times 29 (19.21%) 1 time 25 (16.56%) 0 times 22 (14.57%)

Question 3: "During the previous four weeks, how often have you attended Sunday School classes...?"

Answer: 4 times 18 (10.8%) 3 times 19 (12.58%) 2 times 25 (16.56%) 1 time 12 (7.95%) 0 times 76 (52.32%)

Question 4: "How satisfied are you with Shelby Presbyterian Church?"

Answer: Very Satisfied 57 (40.43%) Somewhat Satisfied 65 (46.10%) Somewhat Dissatisfied 15 (10.64%) Very Dissatisfied 4 (2.84%)

Question 9: "Do you feel that your spiritual life is stronger now than it was 2 years ago?"

Answer: Much stronger 21 (15.44%) Somewhat stronger 47 (34.56%) About the same 54 (39.71%) Not as strong 14 (10.29%)

Question 13: "In the past 6 months, have you invited any friends, neighbors, or newcomers to visit the church?"

Answer: Yes 54 (42.19%) No 74 (57.81%)

Question 16: "Would you be willing to change the church's worship or music ministries if it attracted new people to the church?"

Answer: Definitely yes 56 (43.8%) Probably willing 56 (43.8%) Probably not 14 (10.9%) Definitely not 2 (1.6%)

Question 17 "Would you like the church to become smaller, stay the same size, or become larger?"

Answer: Become much larger 16 (14.1%) Become somewhat larger 96 (75%) Stay same 14 (10.9%) Become smaller 0 (0%)

Question 18: "Please indicate your gender"

Answer: Female 72 (58.06%) Male 46 (36.29%) Prefer not to specify 7 (5.65%)

Question 19: "To what age group do you belong?"

Answer: 45-64 52 (41.94%) 65-74 32 (25.81%) 35-44 13 (10.48%) 75 or older 13 (10.48%) Prefer not to specify 10 (8.06%) 25-34 3 (2.48%) 13-17 1 (.81%) 18-24 0 (.0%)

Question 20: "Do you have children living at home?"

Answer: Yes 36 (29%) No 88 (71%)

## PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF

JULY 31, 2018

The beauty of the "High Country" around Banner Elk was marvelously evident to the 172 church members attending Presbytery at Lees-McRae College. President King promised that under his leadership this college would have a "strong and vital spiritual presence" - a welcome reminder that the PCUSA has promoted a vigorous campus Christian ministry. All were also warmly welcomed by Feild Russell, pastor of the host church, celebrating 125 years of service. Moderator Melvin Meares prayerfully convened the meeting, as all recited Presbytery's mission statement:

*SEE, We are the Body of Christ,  
We covenant to  
Strengthen Congregations  
Equip Disciples  
Engage in Mission*

The Presbytery was led in a service of Word and Sacrament by Carol Steele - who highlighted Jesus' engaging and listening to all people and not pre-judging them on incomplete information. She was ably assisted by Dwight Christenbury and Eric Wall, who helped all sing some new hymns from "Glory to God." Carol's fine leadership was a good recognition that many of our ministers are not pastors of a congregation but serve in a variety of effective ministries.

To plan for future staffing to support our mission, the General Council recommended a contract (which was approved) to work with Pinnacle Leadership Associates to plan future staffing to equip our Presbytery to fulfill its mission. As explained by Council Chair Susan Denne, the main work will be done by a Discernment Team of ten leaders of Presbytery, working closely with Pinnacle.

The Church Leadership School is designed for people who want to grow in faith and knowledge in leadership in their church. Commissioned Pastors are, ruling elders who have taken a two-year course on church basics and serve many of our smaller membership churches. A recent graduate, Sally Beghtol, was commissioned by Presbytery to serve as a Minister of Pastoral Care for the Trinity church in Hendersonville. On behalf of the Church Leadership School, Allen Smith recognized other recent graduates: Ray Combs (Sweetwater), Rick Leissner (Morganton), Ron Lessard (Forest City), Douglas and Mary Noble (Crossnore) and Bruce Rasmussen (New Hope, Asheville).

John Pea, chair of the Committee on Ministry, recognized ministers who have served 25 years (John Frye, Lee Kruse), 50 years (Jim Cockerham, Sam Hale, Charles Swan) and 60 years (Hayden Britton, David Kaylor, Harry Philips, Graham Wood), as well as Dent Davis, Priscilla Durkin and Tom Nelson, who are entering honorable retirement. Betsy Ray, from the Black Mountain church, who has almost finished her preparation to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament, was commissioned to serve the Old Fort congregation. Roger Wise was re-commissioned to serve the Fletcher church.

Other actions of this important Presbytery meeting were:

- Re-elected Cam Murchison to another three-year term as the Stated Clerk.
- Elected Ruling Elder Dick Larson as Moderator of Presbytery for 2020, serving as Vice-Moderator in 2019.
- Enrolled Brett Gudeman from the Black Mountain Church as a Candidate for the ministry.
- Highlighted the outstanding work of two congregations: Unity and Montreat.
- Heard the reports of our commissioners to the recent General Assembly: Hal Bennett, Samantha Gonzalez-Block, Mimi Michael, and Roger Rizk.
- Attended a workshop on South Sudan, led by Bill Lowrey.
- Reviewed the membership and worship attendance statistics of all congregations.
- Dissolved the West Avenue and Ellenboro congregations.
- Received for study and future action a draft "Child-Youth-Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy."
- Congratulated the Crossnore church on its centennial anniversary, and the Brittain church on its 250th anniversary.
- Learned the schedule of Mission Co-workers Leslie Vogel, Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez.
- Gratefully thanked the Disaster Assistance Team that went to West Virginia last May, and learned from Bob Abel about future mission trips to Lumberton and Fayetteville NC.
- Heard from Marie Palacios about the fine work of the Guatemala Partnership, and from Anne Morgan about the good work of the Peace and Justice Committee.
- Learned about upcoming Youth Events, and about a Pastors' Retreat on September 17-19, 2018 in Montreat.
- Heard from our General Presbyter Bobbi White about the wonderful health and educational work in Malawi supported by PWNC, as well as the notable accomplishments of the Waldensian, Waynesville and Sherrill's Ford Churches.

-James Aydelotte, scribe

## MARION SCHOOL BACK PACK FOOD MINISTRY

As the school year begins, Shelby Presbyterian Church will again provide food for the weekends for students identified as at risk for having inadequate nourishing food over the weekends. We work with the social worker and the school secretary to see that each week food is provided for the social worker to distribute. The cost is \$5-\$6 per child per week. We usually sponsor 10 children (or more if the need arises.) We need \$60 per week for 40 weeks or \$2400 per year. Please send your donations to the church office with a notation "for the food back pack ministry." Thank you for your support.

-Joyce and Doug Boyette

## NEWS FROM FOOD MINISTRY

If you have extra fresh produce, Food Ministry can give it away or incorporate it into the meal on Monday and Thursday if you bring it to the church by 10:00 either day.

## NOTE RECEIVED

Dear SPC Friends,

*Thirteen years ago, when we were getting ready to go to Winston-Salem for Tom to have a stem cell transplant, Gretchen Campbell made a late-night visit to bring Tom a prayer shawl and a prayer for healing and hope. That afghan and prayer have been with us all these years as a symbol of this congregation's ministry of caring.*

*It is a source of comfort to me to be a part of this family of faith. Thank you for all your kindnesses—cards, messages, visits, food, hugs and all your continuing thoughts and prayers during Tom's illness and since his death.*

*With gratitude,  
Barbara Blackburn and family*

## STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Please keep our church in prayer during this stewardship season. Please review your organ fund renovation pledge as you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment to Shelby Presbyterian Church. This year Consecration Sunday is October 14.

## AUGUST 2018 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### August 5

Received ..... \$ 12,041.00  
5¢-A-Meal (total August) ..... \$ 237.28  
Worship Attendance ..... 105

### August 12

Received ..... \$ 8,254.98  
Worship Attendance ..... 115

### August 19

Received ..... \$ 4,127.00  
Worship Attendance in Shelby ..... 63  
At Church Retreat in Montreat ..... 45

### August 26

Received ..... \$ 5,526.39  
Worship Attendance ..... 112

## UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Needed ..... \$120,000.00  
Received as of 8/26/2018 ..... \$111,998.02

## 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 RECEIVED IN AUGUST

. . . to the **Martha Blackley Organ Fund** in memory of Tom Blackburn, Margie Haworth, Lisa Pressly's mother, Colin Richards.

. . . to the **Columbarium Courtyard Fund** in memory of Tom Blackburn.

. . . to the **Food Ministry Fund** in memory of Garland Becton.

. . . to the **Legacy Fund** in memory of Tom Blackburn.

. . . to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of Tom Blackburn.

## NEWS FROM CHURCH RETREAT

The 2018 Church Retreat at Montreat was held August 18-19. It was a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal. While there, we enjoyed matching fun facts with participants and wanted to share these findings with the congregation.

### MATCH THE FUN FACTS WITH THE PEOPLE

- ❖ *My favorite sport is rock climbing.*  
Baptiste (French exchange student)
- ❖ *There are 3 sets of twins in my family.*  
Rachel White
- ❖ *I have walked across the Mississippi River.*  
Kathy Wilson
- ❖ *I was in the Shelby Star for "flashing" at church.*  
Jennifer Ormand
- ❖ *We have moved 16 times across 7 states.*  
Luke and Carolyn Harkey
- ❖ *I have never been to the moon.* Fred Blackley
- ❖ *I was born with black eyes.* Tristan Ormand
- ❖ *I was responsible for programing the flight coordinates on a 747 for a flight to London.*  
Steve Sisk
- ❖ *I have camped and canoed on the Boundary Waters of Minnesota.* Barbara Moore
- ❖ *I love to watch birds. I maintain seven bird feeders in the yard.* Holly Petrilli
- ❖ *Waterfalls are my Happy Place.* Nancy Blackley
- ❖ *I grew up in the house that William Faulkner was born.* Jessi Ogburn
- ❖ *I love cats. It's the first thing I talk about in the morning and last thing I talk about at night.*  
James Petrilli
- ❖ *Our family all go by our middle names.*  
The Borders Family
- ❖ *I have hiked several stretches of the Appalachian Trail.* Sydney Davis
- ❖ *My truck got stuck by lightening while I was in it and totaled it completely.* Nathan Simmons
- ❖ *When I was little, I wanted to marry John Denver.*  
Laura Wheeler
- ❖ *I have 5 cats.* Eva Greer
- ❖ *I enjoy playing tennis. I was on Kings Mtn. Middle School team and hope to play at Kings Mtn. High this year.* Mark Petrilli
- ❖ *I am from Delaware and love the Eagles, Panthers and Demon Deacons.* Joe Petrilli

- ❖ *I have a friend who has a red and white plaid suit, just like Norm Sloan's! (NC State former basketball coach)* Larry Wilson
  - ❖ *I am an "Army Brat."* Anne Langley
  - ❖ *My lucky number is 23 because mom, dad, aunt, great uncle and I are all born on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!*  
Lillian Moore
  - ❖ *I ate Miracle Grow as a child.* Winnie Simmons
  - ❖ *I have an animal called a sugar glider named Lux.*  
Anna Greer
  - ❖ *We met working at a summer camp and survived a 500 mile long distance relationship for 3 years.*  
Catherine and Thomas Couch
  - ❖ *I have 2 different colors in my left eye.*  
Madison Ormond
  - ❖ *In grade school, I received an U(nsatisfactory) for talking too much in class. (I was probably too loud also).* Robin Holland
  - ❖ *A tree near my car was struck by lightening, my hands tingled, my arms were numbed and my previously broken radio began working!*  
Ann Pharr
  - ❖ *I love squirrels.* Elise (French exchange student)
  - ❖ *I am the youngest one here.* Elizabeth Couch
  - ❖ *I'm a Florida State Graduate.* Judy Greer
  - ❖ *Pterodactyls are my favorite dinosaur.*  
Grace Melton
  - ❖ *I had to milk the family cow every morning before school and every evening before bed when I was growing up.* Joe Ogburn
  - ❖ *I shook President Gerald Ford's hand.*  
Cheryl Sisk
  - ❖ *I've eaten fugu (puffer fish) and survived!*  
Kyle and Christa Aldinger
  - ❖ *I am scuba certified and have swam with dolphins, nurse sharks and a manatee.* Braxton Clifton
  - ❖ *We dedicated many years of our lives serving people in our community through the SPC Soup Lunch.* Mabel and Morris Lacey
- Be looking for information in the following months regarding next year's retreat.** Make your plans early so you will not miss out on the fun and fellowship. Cheryl and Steve will be making plans for the next retreat and have chosen the theme "Bless Be the Tie That Binds."



## WELCOME MIRANDA

As of August 27, 2018 we have a new face around the church - Miranda Wood! She is our new Office Administrator. Jane will be with us through September to make the transition, but please welcome Miranda when you see her in the office or hear her on the phone when you call. Also, you will get a chance to meet her at our first Wednesday Night Supper on September 5.



**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. Reception will follow in Ellis Hall.

**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.

## ARE YOU ON DUTY IN SEPTEMBER?

### 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

- Sept. 9 Rally Day Food
- 16 Kathryn & Don Bridges
- 23 Nancy Fichter
- 30 Barbara Hannah

### Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

- Spencer Borders, Captain
- Tom Greene
- Warren Julian
- Jennifer Ormand
- Joe Petrilli (Sept. 30 Wiley Smith)

### 11:00 A.M. Worship Liturgist

- Sept. 2 Ben Brooks (10:00 A.M.)
- 9 Carolyn Billings
- 16 Betsy Fonvielle
- 23 Mystie Brotherton
- 30 Tim Zehnder

### Moments With Children

- Sept. 2 Anne Langley
- 9 Jennifer Ormand
- 16 Luke Harkey
- 23 Margie McSwain
- 30 Margie McSwain

### Sound Board

- Sept. 2 Chip Blackley
- 9 Lee Huston
- 16 Joe Petrilli
- 23 John Brotherton
- 30 Greg McIntyre

### Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Sue Breen

### Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Sept. 2 Margaret Harry & Margie McSwain
- 9 Joyce & Paul Couey
- 16 Harriette & Laura Beam
- 23 Judy Greer & Rachel White
- 30 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe

### Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

- Sept. 5 Nancy Blackley & Doug Boyette  
Spencer Borders & Kathryn Bridges
- 12 Brock Taylor & Agaat Den Hertog  
Mary Lampley & Jennifer Ormand
- 19 Jill Venable & Jeff Hamilton  
Beverly Styers & Thomas Couch
- 26 Lloyd Williams & Paul Woodard  
Tom Greene & Barbara Moore

### Sanctuary Flowers

- Sept. 2 Grace Teddy
- 9 Available
- 16 Available
- 23 Available
- 30 Available



## WORSHIP NOTES FOR

### 11:00 A.M. KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE HERITAGE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

**About the Kirkin':** Kirkin' is the Scottish word for blessing. It has come to describe a special service of worship that includes all Presbyterians. Together, we give thanks to God for our Presbyterian heritage and ask for God's continued blessing upon us.

**The History:** The Kirkin' o' the Tartans is of American origin, though based on history and legend in Scotland. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plaid, or any tartan that represented Scots' heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

**As the Legend Goes . . .** This act prompted the stubborn Scots secretly to carry a piece of their tartan with them as they went to church, known as the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. At the repeal of the act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

**The First Kirkin':** The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's.

**The Service:** The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through the carrying of flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans provided protection and economic, political, and social support. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

**The Beadle:** The Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the lectern. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith. The term beadle comes from the Latin term *bedullus*, a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court, which in

this case was the Session. The term *bedullus* proved too cumbersome and over time it was simplified to beadle.

**Carolina Tartan Stoles:** The Chancel Choir is wearing Carolina tartan stoles made by Carolyn Eddins and Betsy Fonvielle. The Carolina tartan was designed in Scotland and adopted as the official state tartan of both North and South Carolina. Both states received their share of immigration from Scotland. The Cape Fear River Valley in particular was home to a large settlement of Gaelic-speaking highlanders. The western region of the Carolinas was settled primarily by Ulster Scots, lowland Scots who migrated to Ireland in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and later to the colonies. The Carolina tartan is based on a design associated with King Charles II of England; he and his father, King Charles I, established the original land grants for the colony named after them.

**About John Knox:** Before he became a leader of the Reformation in Scotland, John Knox served as a bodyguard. During worship he stood in the front of the church holding a claymore sword to protect the pastor during those dangerous times.

**About the Protestant Reformation:** The Reformation was begun in Germany in 1517 by Martin Luther who insisted on grace and faith in Jesus Christ alone as the heart of Christian faith. John Calvin, guided by the Bible and Luther's example, helped to establish the Protestant Reformation in Geneva. This included a church governed by elders (presbyters), which became known as Presbyterian. From Calvin's Geneva, Presbyterianism spread to Scotland, and then to the United States, among many other places around the world. John Knox would describe his experience in Calvin's Geneva as "the most perfect school of Christian piety."

**About the Scots Confession:** On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first Reformed confession of faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. "The Scots Confession," as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. This was the birth of the Church of Scotland, a church governed by elders, which became the parent of Presbyterian churches around the world.

**More on the Scots Confession:** The 25 Chapters of the Confession spell out a contemporary statement of the Christian faith as understood by the followers of John Calvin during his lifetime. Although the Confession and its accompanying documents were the product of the joint effort of a committee, its authorship is customarily attributed to John Knox.

**The Book of Confessions:** The Scots Confession is an official standard of the Church of Scotland, but was never meant to stand alone. It was approved along with other Catechisms, confessions and a Book of Common Order. Similarly today, the Scots Confession does not stand alone. It is part of the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions that expresses the faith of the church in specific times and places throughout history.

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 2</b> Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Pat Byers will preach. Last Sunday for Kids Camp	<b>3</b> Labor Day  Church CLOSED	<b>4</b> 9:00 1 <sup>st</sup> day Rainbow 11:30 Martha/Mary Circle in home of Nancy Blackley 6:00 Mission & Ministry 6:30 Spiritual Life 7:00 Worship & Music	<b>5</b> 5-Membership Committee 5-Property Committee 5:30 Christian Education 6:00 Supper & Program 7:00 Youth Committee 7:10 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> Food Ministry 7:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Ken & Mary's 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 12:00 Finance Committee 5:00 PneuMatrix Task Force at GWU 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>7</b> 	<b>1</b> <i>World Day of                      Prayer for the                      Care of Creation</i>  <b>8</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9</b> <b>Communion Served</b> 8:30 Worship in Sanctuary 9:45 Rally Day in Ellis Hall 10:30 S.S. Music Makers 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary K & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Receive Bibles 5:00 Diaconate	<b>10</b> Food Ministry  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>11</b> 10:00 MOM'S Club 11:30 Deborah & Sarah Circles in Ellis Hall 12:00 Personnel 5:30 Safety & Security	<b>12</b> 9:30 Rainbow Committee 2:00 Clerk's Council 5:00 Member Care 6:00 Supper & Program 7:10 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> Food Ministry 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  2:00 Food Ministry Network 5:30 Water to Wine Committee 6:00 Media Committee 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>14</b> 10:00 Set up for Kirkin'	<b>15</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 16</b> <b>Heritage Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship in Ellis Hall 9:30 Fellowship Time 9:30 Kirkin' Rehearsal 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 S.S. Music Makers 10:30 Pipers & Drum on lawn 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kirkin' O' The Tartans/ Reception	<b>17</b> Food Ministry  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>18</b> 4-Newsletter Articles Due  6:30 Session	<b>19</b> 6:00 Supper & Program  7:10 Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> Food Ministry  10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>21</b> 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 20032	<b>22</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 23</b> 8:30 Worship in Ellis Hall 9:30 Fellowship Time 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 S.S. Music Makers 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary Retirement Celebration for Jane Szyborski following worship	<b>24</b> Food Ministry  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>25</b> 9-10:00 Rainbow Parent Coffee/Conversation  11:15 Bible Study	<b>26</b> 6:00 Supper & Program  7:10 Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> Food Ministry  10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  1:30 Men's Lunch Fellowship at Joe's Place  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 30</b> 8:30 Worship in Ellis Hall 9:30 Fellowship Time 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 S.S. Music Makers 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary 6:00 New Officer Training						