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JULY 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

Several members have asked what is happening during this time of transition. My retirement is scheduled for September 15th, which is Heritage Sunday with the Kirkin' o' the Tartans. I have asked Elder Paul Woodard, our Clerk of Session, to bring you up to date on next steps.

Luke Harkey

Here is his letter:

Greetings in Christ. Well, summer is here and we all have plans to enjoy it however it best suits us, whether it's traveling or staying around the house. Many of you will have only occasional attendance at church this summer. I bring this up because you may not be aware of the activities going on around the church while you are away. Your church officers are busy in a number of areas this summer. For example, there are plans to have the tile floors cleaned and polished. You might have noticed that the lights in the sanctuary have been replaced with more efficient LED bulbs, and they all match! Arrangements are being made to have the carpet and the chairs cleaned in Ellis Hall. Also, a new projector is being installed so that there will be a reliable means of showing presentations by mission groups and guests, and for use by the 8:30 service. And there is a search for a new pastor.

Recently, I wrote about the work that had been done to create a mission study for the church that could be used as a resource for candidates to learn about SPC. The team that created the mission study did a terrific job. The study was submitted to the Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery for review and was approved early in June. It is available for viewing on the SPC website under the "About Us"

tab.

The next step is for the Congregational Nominating Committee to bring names to the congregation for election of a Pastor Nominating Committee. According to our PC(USA) Book of Order, the congregation, at a called meeting, is to elect a PNC "that is representative of the whole congregation. The committee's duty is to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation." (G-20802) If you are asked to serve by the Nomination Committee, please give prayerful consideration to the request. If you know someone that you think would be a good candidate and would like to nominate that person, please speak with them first and be sure that they are willing to be part of the PNC. After the PNC is elected at a called meeting of the congregation a member of Presbytery will train them in their duties. I will have more detail on this process through the summer.

So, who's going to preach when Luke has retired? Well, an Interim Pastor Task Force is working to bring an interim pastor to SPC. They have been reading and listening to sermons and watching videos of sermons of interim candidates looking for a good match for our church. One candidate has visited the church. Again, this is an ongoing process and I'll update you on the progress over the summer.

As you can see, your church officers are busy in many areas working on behalf of the church. Both the Session and Diaconate appreciate your support and prayers. We'll do our best for you.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Woodard

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

July Schedule for Kids Camp

- July 7: Communion, No Kids Camp
- July 14: Parable of Wheat and Tares
Linda Ware
- July 21: Parable of the Mustard Seed
Katie and Spencer Borders
- July 28: Parable of the Good Samaritan
Stefanie McIntyre

•We need volunteers for Sunday School for children, youth, and adults. Please contact Linda Ware if you can serve.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

We are having a wonderful summer at Rainbow Connection! We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4-20 and July 9-August 1. It's just enough to keep us in routine, while still enjoying our summer. We do many of the same activities as in the regular year, but with a relaxed, summertime feel to everything. Fun days at Rainbow!

-Becky Dorsey, Director



LIBRARY UPDATE

The library has received several donations of books in recent weeks. Thank you to those who have contributed to the library's holdings. Most of them have been shelved; however, if the library already has copies of the books being donated, if some are too worn, or if they are not needed, we donate the books to an organization that can use them in consultation with Luke. Come in and browse; you might be surprised at our extensive collection.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The Ice Cream Social was held Sunday, June 23rd at the Shelby City Park. About 40 people attended and enjoyed a spirited cornhole-tournament and carrousel riding. Ice Cream flavors included vanilla, peppermint, peach, and orange sherbet. Wedding cake and flowers were provided as an extra bonus by the Blackleys.

Cornhole teams were:

Joe and Mark Petrelli

Roger Holland and Emily Melton

Paul Woodard and Len Byers

Dylan and David Steeves

Winners of the "can of corn" trophy were Roger and Emily.

Make plans to attend next year so you don't miss out on the fun!

FLOWERS NEEDED

If you have flowers in your yard that you would like to share with the congregation please call Mary Lampley, 704-482-9738. Mary is always in search of flowers to beautify the Sanctuary.



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CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK

The Spiritual Life Committee would like to produce a Congregational Advent Devotional Book this year. To do this we need people who are willing and brave enough, to put pen to paper and write a devotional to be included for the 2019 Advent season. Please prayerfully consider sharing your meditations and thoughts for Advent with our Church Family. Christmas may seem far away as we are baking in the heat of the summer but to publish in time for the end of November, we need to have your pieces by September so they can be collated and bound together into a book for everyone to have by Advent. If you are interested, please contact Julia Persing, julia8327@att.net, or 704-476-9055.

FAITH SHARING

Faith sharing is just what it sounds like—sharing our life experiences from our unique perspective as a believer and member of the body of Christ. It doesn't have to be a lot of dramatic talk or an emotional story worthy of an Emmy or an Oscar. Being encouraged and inspired on our faith journey by members of our own church family has become a tradition of summer worship at SPC. Please pray specifically about this important opportunity, and if you feel the Spirit leading you to share your perspective, please contact Mystie Brotherton at 704-473-7525 or uncmystie@gmail.com to schedule a Sunday between now and Labor Day Weekend.

NOTES RECEIVED

Dear members of Shelby Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank you and the Perry family for the Walter and Florence Perry Scholarship. I greatly appreciate my church family for your donations and prayers. I plan to attend CCC in the fall and major in Software Engineering and then attend a 4 year university after.

I am proud to be a member of SPC and am grateful for the friendships that I have made. I appreciate your kind donation.

*Sincerely,
Drew Hendrix*

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Glenn and Faye McCants
1425 E. Marion St. Apt. 303
Shelby, NC 28150
phone number 704-600-6093

Lance and Catherine Ware
Reece, Stockton, and Presley
202 Cliffside Lane
Seven Devils, NC 28604

John and Elizabeth Schweppe no longer have a land line.
John 704-477-5685 and Elizabeth 704-477-5686

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Gracie Blackley and Will Huggins who were married in our sanctuary on June 22, 2019. Their address is 1132 Powhatan St. Alexandria, VA 22314.

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:

Hans Ashford	Watt Jackson
Harold & Lucy Bolick	Rebecca Jones
Karen Carpenter	Peggy Lattimore
Myra Carpenter	Doug Lovelace
Kitty Carter	Faye & Glenn McCants
Bill Chambless	Sandy & Camille McGeachy
Lacey Chambless	Joe Miller
Charles & Jennifer Clyatt	Ellis Monroe
Richard & Susan Coiner	Judy & Tim Neville
Cushman Family	Sandy Poston
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	Andrea Rodgers
Andrew Dixon	Joyce Ruark
Val Donaldson	Audrey Shimmel
Jack Fuller	Bill Stowe
Keith Harrill	Dave & Lori Titus
Fred & Joan Hunt	Water to Wine

- 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, Millie Melton, Ruby Raudez; and our **Three and Four Year Olds:** Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Kate McIntyre, Grace Melton, Savannah Raudez.

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

SESSION/DIACONATE JOINT MEETING NOTES

MAY 14, 2019

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 8 Miranda Wood
 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 Hibschman
 July 31 Alyssa Dodd

Clerk of Session Paul Woodard

- Reported that a letter of transfer was requested by Betsy Fonville to Dorland Memorial Presbyterian in Hot Springs, NC. Request was unanimously approved.
- Luke Harkey, Paul Woodard and Margie McSwain attended the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Montreat Conference center in Montreat. Presbyter Bobbi White will be retiring in October. A staff restructuring plan was proposed. After lengthy debate, the plan was voted down by a close vote. Staffing plan was put on hold.
- Paul Woodard, Trip Boinest and Margie McSwain attended a records review on May 4, 2019 at First Presbyterian in Morganton, NC. Session minutes were passed, but it was noted that minutes did not state that a quorum was met, and that will be so noted in the future. A copy of the Shelby Pres. Mission statement was sent to Bobbi White at the Presbytery.
- Bobbi White suggested that a small work group be formed to prepare a church information form. Officers Paul Woodard, Jeanne Spragins and Martha Noblitt will meet with Bobbi White to prepare the form. Once the form is updated, the Presbytery will begin the search for an interim pastor.
- Officers were reminded that when groups use the fellowship hall for an event, they should be mindful of the next group that will use the space and set up for that. Discussion followed and it was suggested that a schedule of events be posted. Greg Melton offered to draw up plans for event set up.
- Diaconate was thanked for their work.
- The Postal Service food drive gave about 2000 pounds of food to the food ministry.

Diaconate Chair Warren Julian

- Anne Kennedy has moved to Asheville. She has resigned from the Diaconate. Motion was made and seconded to refer this vacancy to the Nominating Committee. Motion passed.

Pastor Luke Harkey

- The youth cookout and dessert auction was held on May 12, 2019. Money raised will help fund future mission trips.
- Joan Martin will preach next Sunday, May 19 and Al Sproull will preach on May 26, while Luke is in Israel.

- During Luke’s trip to the Holy Land, neighborhood group Elders will meet any needs that arise. If a Pastor is needed, Billy Lowe, Len Byers and Al Sproull can be contacted.
- Deacons should make sure lights are turned off and doors locked after events.

COMMITTEES

Worship and Music – Jeanne Spragins

- Request has been made by George Cribb to purchase columbarium niche for his wife and himself. Recommendation was approved after discussion.
- Amy Allen has been contacted by the Gardner Webb choir director asking to hold a concert on Dec. 3, 2019 in our Sanctuary. Proceeds of a love offering will be given to our food ministry. Recommendation approved after discussion.

- Rev. Pen Perry has been contacted regarding a preaching mission. He will be unable to do this in 2019, but would possibly be open sometime in 2020.

Personnel – Jeff Hamilton

- Recommendation to include Dec. 26 in staff scheduled holidays. Approved after discussion.

Property – Lloyd Williams

- Property is in overall good condition.
- Committee is reviewing the possibility of contracting with a new elevator company for maintenance.
- Continued progress is being made to update Sanctuary lighting.
- It was noted that the outside door by the elevators has a large gap in the door. Property Committee will evaluate and advise.

- Clerk Paul Woodard thanked the Property Committee for their work.

Media – Tom Greene

- Committee is working to determine needs for recording equipment.
- Tom will be available to take photos for the church directory after service on June 2 and 9.

Rainbow – Robin Holland

- Thanks to the congregation for their support of Rainbow.
- Current term will end on May 21. Plans are underway for the summer program. The fall term is almost full.

Wednesday Night Supper – Robin Holland

- The committee is planning next year’s program.

Christian Education – Anne Langley

- Worship notes will be put on clipboards for children and adults to use in Worship Service next fall. Samples were shown and received a good response.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Work group to prepare a church information form.
- Nominating Committee to explore filling unexpired Deacon’s term.
- Property Committee to evaluate gap in outside door.

Pastor Luke Harkey closed the meeting with prayer.

JUNE 2019 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2019 Operating Budget.....	\$566,171.00
Needed Weekly	\$ 10,887.90

June 2

Received	\$ 7,109.00
5¢-A-Meal (total June)	\$ 154.04
Worship Attendance	112

June 9

Received	\$ 7,406.10
Worship Attendance	91

June 16

Received	\$ 8,663.50
Worship Attendance	98

June 23

Received	\$ 17,648.78
Worship Attendance	112

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Pledged	\$64,870.00
Balance of pledges due 06/24/2019 ...	\$15,514.00

UPDATE ON PIANO FUND

Received to date 06/24/2019.....	\$ 7,080.00
Needed	\$ 6,937.68

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN JUNE

...to the Piano Fund in memory of Dr. Robert G. Cushman and Betsy Martin.

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income

Balance Forward	\$ 500.00
Circle Pledges	353.00
Joy Boxes	215.00
Least Coin	44.93
Horizon Study Guide	<u>111.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,223.93

Expenses:

PWNC Guatamala Project	\$ 70.00
Fellowship of Least Coin	44.93
Rainbow Scholarship Fund	70.00
Graham School Angel Fund	75.00
PWNC Mission Support	65.00
SPC for 15 Study Guides	167.25
Draft for check order	<u>22.65</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 514.83
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 709.10</u>

**TRAVELING PRESBYTERIANS
TO BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY**

On Tuesday, July 9th the Traveling Presbyterians (for members and friends 50 and older) will travel to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. We will meet at church at 9:15 a.m. and return about 2:30 p.m. After the 90 minute tour we will have lunch at the Billy Graham Library. The only charge for this event is the cost of lunch at \$11 per person. RSVP by Wednesday, July 3rd, if possible, so we know how many vans to rent. After this date, call the church office to check on availability of transportation. If you have any questions call Luke Harkey at 704-477-7838.

**The Church Office
will be closed July 4th and 5th
and re-open July 8th at 8:30.**

MONTREAT NEWS

Good news – if anyone still would like to attend Montreat there are still rooms available at the regular rate without a late charge. Charges incurred only if we have cancellations.

Please contact Miranda at the church office if you would like to be a part of the fun and fellowship August 16, as we celebrate 40 years from the first retreat until now!

Hope to see each one of you there!

Cheryl & Steve Sisk

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - SETTING THE RECORD

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 20 from 1-5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. We hope to establish a new record of 50 pints. At our last Blood Drive in June the goal was 36 and we collected 42 pints. Please mark this date on your calendar and encourage others to join with you. Call Debbie McDaniel at 704-477-0419.

Mark Your
CALENDAR

September 15th - Heritage Sunday with
Kirkin' O' The Tartan
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

September 15th -Pastor Luke Harkey has announced his retirement and will preach his last sermon at Shelby Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. With deep appreciation for his 20 years of service to Christ and 20 years of service to this church, congregation, and community, we are making plans to recognize and celebrate with Luke immediately following the 11am service on Sunday, September 15 in Ellis Hall. Additional Details will follow later.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JULY?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Heidi Steeves, Captain
Amy Goforth
Greg Melton
Julia Persing
Wiley Smith

Worship Liturgist

July 7 Barbara Blackburn
14 *volunteer needed*
21 Mystie Brotherton
28 Darlene Gravett

Moments With Children & Kid's Camp

July 7 Luke Harkey - NO Kids Camp
14 Linda Ware
21 Katie and Spencer Borders
28 Stefanie McIntyre

Sound Board

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

Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Larry Hibshman (July 15 Debi McDaniel)

Sanctuary Worship Guild

July 7 Harriette Beam and Laura Beam
14 Judy Greer and Rachel White
21 Stuart Schweppe and Beverly Elmore
28 Marlene Lovelace and Lori Wehmueller

Sanctuary Flowers

July 7 Hartsel McSwain
14 Paul and Joyce Couey
21 *available*
28 *available*



Articles for the August Newsletter are due Monday, July 22nd.



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.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Food Ministry 1 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	2 6:00 Mission & Ministry 6:00 Spiritual Life	3 5:00 Property	4 Independence Day SPC CLOSED	5 Church Office Closed	6
4th Sunday after Pentecost 7 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary <i>Communion by Intinction</i> <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> NO Kids Camp	Food Ministry 8 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	9 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 4:00 Personnel 4:00 Clerk's Council 5:30 Security & Safety	10 5:00 Member Care	Food Ministry 11 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 12:00 Finance Committee 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	12	13
5th Sunday after Pentecost 14 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 15 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	16 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 6:30 Session	17	Food Ministry 18 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 6:00 Media Committee 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	19	20
6th Sunday after Pentecost 21 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 22 4:00 Newsletter Articles Due in Church Office 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	23 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection	24	Food Ministry 25 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	26	27
7th Sunday after Pentecost 28 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry 29 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	30 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection Presbytery of Western NC at Davidson River Presbyterian Church in Brevard	31			