

# THE SHELBY PRES(S)

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**AUGUST 2019**

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## Dear Members and Friends,

The days seem to be passing very quickly as my retirement approaches in a few weeks. September 15<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday after almost twenty years here at Shelby Presbyterian Church. I am so grateful for the time you have allowed me to serve as your pastor. I have many precious memories that I will always treasure. Thank you!

One of my final responsibilities, along with Session, is to help prepare the congregation for the transition as you welcome a new pastor. I hope and pray that you can open your hearts to embrace your next pastor(s) and look forward expectantly for the future that God has in store.

I would like to share two images that I have found helpful in thinking about this changing of the guard. The first is a relay race in which one runner hands the baton to the next. Imagine what would happen if the first runner is unwilling or unable to let go!

The other image is one I found in a book entitled *How to Be Your Dog's Best Friend*. In chapter 43 there is a section on "Getting Another Dog". Here is what it says:

*The immediate reaction of many . . . is to run out and get another pet. We have had people arrive at our kennels in tears . . . they explain that they just lost their dog and want one just like him. We have found that it is usually wiser . . . to wait before getting another pet.*

*The sad owner projects onto the new dog all of the qualities and talents of the old pet, forgetting that each pet is an individual. Occasionally a new dog will develop behavior problems and does not work out in the new situation. The owner may have unrealistic expectations . . . constantly comparing it to the former pet, and the resulting . . . relationship is off to a bad start.*

*While it is good to plan to get another . . . at some point, we've found it is better to wait (for a while) before actually bringing one into the house. In the interim, memories of the old pet start to fade and longing for a new one increases . . . Meanwhile, the scent of the old animal fades, which makes it easier on the new dog, since it could wonder why it smells, but does not see, the other dog.*

Please keep our congregation, and especially our officers, in your prayers during this time of transition. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

**Luke Harkey**

## NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

Kids Camp will meet in Ellis Hall after Moments with Children during the 10:00 service.

- Aug 4: Communion  
NO KIDS CAMP
- Aug 11: Claire & Devin McCullough  
Widow's Mite
- Aug 18: Jennifer Ormand  
at Montreat
- Aug 25: Anne Langley  
Lost Things

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation! All fall activities will begin in September. Included will be Sunday School, Sunday School Music Makers, and Kids for Christ.

- Linda Ware

## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

It's been a wonderful summer at Rainbow Connection and now it's time to look ahead to our 2019/2020 school year.

Our Rainbow staff will return on August 27<sup>th</sup> to start setting up their rooms. We'll have CPR on August 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by Open House that evening at 6:00 pm. The children will come for their first day of school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our Toddler, Two Year Old and both Three Year Old classes are full, but we do have a couple of spots left in our Fours/Fives classes. If you know of a four/five year old who needs the loving, learning environment of Rainbow Connection, please send them our way! Rainbow Connection: 704-487-7075

Thank you for all you do for our Rainbow staff and families.

-Becky Dorsey, Director



## URGENT NURSERY NEEDS

We currently have nursery staff leaving on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

## EMERGENCY CLOTHING AND TOILETRIES FUND AT MARION SCHOOL

Throughout the school year, children at Marion School are in urgent need of a change of clothing and often in need of a short-term supply of toiletries. SPC member funding for the past school year was greatly appreciated. Please help us again this year by sending your tax-deductible donation to Gina Dellinger, Business Manager, Marion School, 410 Forest Hill Drive, Shelby, NC, 28150.

Thank you,  
Doug Boyette

## BACK PACK MINISTRY

Marion School Back Pack Food Ministry will soon resume. Teachers and the social worker at Marion School identify children at high risk of having inadequate food at home during the weekends. Each week Joyce and I purchase the food and deliver it ready to go into the backpack. Last year we supplied food for 12-14 children each week at a cost of \$6 per week. Please again financially support this important ministry by sending your check to June in the office with the tab "Marion Backpack Ministry."

-Doug Boyette

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uncmystie@gmail.com) to schedule a Sunday between now and Labor Day Weekend.

## 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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## DIRECTORY CHANGE

Glenn and Barbara Moore no longer have a land line.

Glenn 704-477-3568

Barbara 704-418-3568

Devin and Claire McCullough

435 Country Club Court

Shelby, NC 28150

Pete and Jeannie Moore

2911 Hickory Road

Boone NC 28607

Dave and Lori Titus

8317 Olde Stone Gate Lane

Mint Hill, NC 28227



## 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:

Hans Ashford	Jackson Family
Harold & Lucy Bolick	Rebecca Jones
Karen Carpenter	Lattimore Family
Myra Carpenter	Doug Lovelace
Kitty Carter	Dot Matsik
Bill Chambless	Faye & Glenn McCants
Lacey Chambless	Sandy & Camille McGeachy
Charles & Jennifer Clyatt	Joe Miller
Richard & Susan Coiner	Ellis Monroe
Cushman Family	Neville Family
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	David Pharr
Andrew Dixon	Julia Persing
Val Donaldson	Sandy Poston
Jack Fuller	Andrea Rodgers
Gebel Family	Joyce Ruark
Keith Harrill	Audrey Shimmel
Fred & Joan Hunt	Bill Stowe

- 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 August, pray for our **First Graders**: Eva Greer, Addison Julian, Lilly McCullough, Tristan Ormand, and our **Second Grader**: Walker Borders.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1	Bob Cerwin
August 1	Jo Ann Parker
August 1	Darlene Riggs
August 2	Millie Melton
August 4	Harold Bolick
August 4	Brian Couey
August 4	Luke Ware
August 5	Roger Martin
August 5	Margaret Thompson
August 6	Kathryn Bridges
August 6	Beverly Elmore
August 6	Lori Stites
August 7	Amy Goforth
August 7	Luke Harkey
August 8	Tonya Beam
August 8	Tori Beth Harrington
August 8	Bob Point
August 10	Ann Beam
August 10	Rich Coiner
August 10	Kassi Nicopoulos Smith
August 11	David Wilkison
August 12	Elizabeth Couch
August 12	Bill Sherwood
August 13	Marty Allen
August 14	Homer Haworth
August 14	Steven Rybnick
August 15	Suzi Kennedy
August 15	Rose Underwood
August 16	Claire Carter Wright
August 17	John Gardner
August 17	Jeanne McCord
August 18	Susan Bell
August 18	Tyler Dodrill
August 18	Morris Lacey
August 18	Lilly McCullough
August 18	Alex Raudez
August 20	Dennis Stitzel
August 21	Dean Butler
August 21	Matthew Rybnick
August 22	Trip Boinest
August 22	Ansley Julian
August 23	Victor Kennedy
August 24	Ed Blake
August 24	Kyle Persing
August 24	Tripp Reynolds
August 24	Lauren Roberts
August 25	Steve Harrington
August 26	Harriette Beam
August 26	Debbie Ferrell
August 27	Gene McSwain
August 27	Read Monroe
August 28	Doris Edwards
August 28	Avery Julian
August 29	Sandy Brenneman
August 29	Jan Dedmon
August 29	Miriam Ash-Jones
August 29	Sydney Lampley
August 30	Steven Morgan
August 31	Carolyn Brooks
August 31	Marc Byers

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES GO OUT FOR . . .

† Tim Neville and family on the death of his wife, Judy Neville, on July 12, 2019.

† Libby Jackson and family on the death of her husband, Samuel Watson "Watt" Jackson Jr., on July 17, 2019. Watt had been a member of SPC for 52 years.

† The Lattimore family on the death of their mother Peggy Lattimore, on July 18, 2019. Peggy had been a member of SPC for 63 years.

† Emile Gebel and family on the death of his wife, Barbara Gebel, on July 20, 2019. Barbara had been a member of SPC for 62 years.

## NOTES RECEIVED

*Dear Shelby Presbyterian Church,*

*I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for receiving the Walter and Florence Perry Scholarship. It will be very helpful in my next step in life in college. Words cannot express my gratitude for how much the church has treated me and shaped me.*

*-Matthew Rybnick*

*Shelby Presbyterian Church,*

*We want to thank Dr. Harkey and all the people at Shelby Presbyterian for their help and caring during Watt's illness and his service after he passed away. The choir, the pianist, the beautiful music and the ladies who prepared the food for the reception after the service.*

*Watt loved his church and the people of the church. Please continue to keep his family in your prayers.*

*In Christian Love,  
Libby Jackson and Family*

## CONGRATULATIONS

...to Chris and Erin Burns of the birth of their daughter, Riley Jean Burns, on July 16, 2019. Overjoyed grandparents are Robert and Cathy Burns. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!



## SESSION MEETING NOTES

JUNE 18, 2019

### **Clerk of Session Paul Woodard**

- Sign up sheets for lighting the Christ Candle and leading Affirmation and Vision Statement were passed.
- Elders were reminded to check and empty their mail boxes.

### **Pastor Luke Harkey**

- Reported that the blood drive collected 41 units. Information regarding past blood drives was presented and a goal of 50 units was set for August.
- Minutes from the meeting on May 14, 2019 were approved as written.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **Media – Luke Harkey**

- Information on the purchase of a new projector for Ellis Hall was presented along with a detailed cost estimate. Recommendation was made by the Media Committee to proceed with the installation while the lift is available to avoid further rental cost later. Motion was made after discussion and unanimously passed.

#### **Member Care – Margie McSwain**

- Recommendation was made to hold a Longest Night Worship Service during the Christmas season. Referral to Worship and Music for help in planning the service. Discussion followed and recommendation was passed in principle subject to further discussion.

#### **Mission and Ministry – Paul Woodard**

- Recommendation to pay Steve Burgert \$500.00 for travel expenses when he preaches Sunday, June 30. Passed unanimously. Referred to Finance to allocate funds.
- Recommendation to host the Young Life Rummage Sale Saturday, May 16, 2020. Passed unanimously.

#### **Personnel – Lloyd Williams**

- Personnel continues to evaluate the cleaning service.
- Discussion of youth activities and youth advisor. Youth advisor will not work during the summer.

#### **Property – Lloyd Williams, Jr.**

- Lights in the sanctuary have all been changed and updated.
- In process of changing lights in Ellis Hall. The ceiling in Ellis Hall has also been vacuumed and made great improvement in appearance.
- Door near the elevator has been evaluated for the air leak gap, but no solutions have been found as yet.

#### **Finance – Trip Boine**

- Funds that can be used to finance the new projector were discussed and the committee will allocate those funds as needed.
- Work on the first phase of update of the heat and air conditioning system is complete and Finance needs information from Property regarding funds needed to complete the project. The deadline for this is July 1. Property reported that the project is more extensive than originally planned and approximately \$40,000 is needed.

#### **Nominating Committee – David Schweppe**

- Continuing to explore replacement for Deacon Anne Kennedy

#### **Interim Pastor Task Force – Paul Woodard**

- Bobbi White at Presbytery has provided information on possible Interim Pastors. The task force has reviewed written documents and videos regarding several possible candidates. The task force has attended service at Tryon Presbyterian Church to evaluate their current interim and he has made a visit to Shelby Presbyterian.
- Recommendation was made for the Nominating Committee to begin work to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. Recommendation was passed after discussion.
- Information on the new Pastor search process will be presented to the congregation in the newsletter, at a Sunday morning Congregational Meeting and a Wednesday night supper. The congregation will offer nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

#### **Action Items from tonight's meeting**

- Member Care continue discussion of Longest Night Service.
- Finance will allocate funds for travel expenses for Steve Bergert.
- Finance will work with Property to determine money needed and allocate funds for heat and air conditioning update.
- Nominating will begin to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

#### **Adjourn with Prayer - Luke Harkey**

## JULY 2019 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### July 7

Received . . . . . \$ 10,552.00  
5¢-A-Meal (total July) . . . . . \$227.19  
Worship Attendance . . . . . 100

### July 14

Received . . . . . \$10,676.00  
Worship Attendance . . . . . 101

### July 21

Received . . . . . \$8,006.00  
Worship Attendance . . . . . 127

### July 28

Received . . . . . \$4,575.00  
Worship Attendance . . . . . 78

## UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Pledged . . . . . \$64,870.00  
Balance of pledges due 07/29/2019 . . . \$14,066.00

## UPDATE ON PIANO FUND

Total Cost . . . . . \$24,017.68  
Betsy Martin Memorial Fund . . . . . \$11,460.00  
Donations received to date . . . . . \$6,515.00  
Funds still needed . . . . . \$6,042.68

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN JULY

. . . to the **Piano Fund** in honor of Joyce and Paul Couey's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

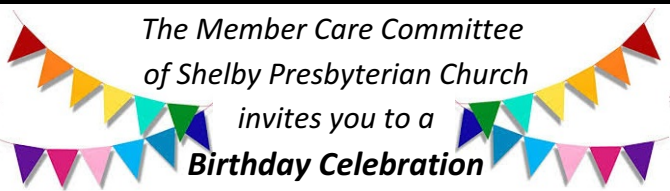
. . .to the **Piano Fund** in memory of Ed Cushman and Betsy Martin.

## MEN'S FOOD & FELLOWSHIP


There is an opportunity for all men to join with other men from Shelby Presbyterian Church for food and fellowship.

●**First Thursday, August 1**, 7:00 a.m at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 South DeKalb Street, for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

●**The Men's Lunch Fellowship** is taking a break during the summer months.



The Member Care Committee  
of Shelby Presbyterian Church  
invites you to a  
**Birthday Celebration**  
Honoring  
Annelle Kelly  
and  
Bob Point  
**on their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**And all those 90 and above**  
immediately following  
Sunday Morning Worship on  
August 11, 2019  
in Ellis Hall  
Your presence, thoughts and prayers  
are the only gifts desired. Cards will be very much  
appreciated.  
\*Others being honored include: Dick Bowles,  
Glenn McCants, Mary Parsons, Joe Miller,  
Homer Hayworth, Morris Lacey, Doris Edwards,  
Evylene McBrayer, Hugh Monteith, George Beattie,  
Joyce Ruark, Dot Roark,  
Dick and Betty Bowling.



## 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.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS  
ARE BACK IN SEPTEMBER**

Wednesday Night Supper begins for the fall on September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**RALLY DAY**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, for Rally Day! This will be a day of celebration to kick off the 2019-2020 Sunday School Year. The Christian Education Committee is planning a special program for all ages.

**PASTOR LUKE'S RETIREMENT**

Sunday, September 15th at 4pm. We would like to invite the church family to a picnic honoring Pastor Luke Harkey at the home of Larry and Kathy Wilson. Please join us for dinner, fellowship, and fun to celebrate and honor Luke on his retirement and for his service and dedication to Christ, our church, congregation, and community. Invitation and more details to follow.

**ARE YOU ON DUTY IN AUGUST?**

**Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers**

Tom Greene, Captain  
Barbara Moore (Thomas Couch Aug. 25)  
Julia Persing  
Joe Petrilli (Ted LeGrand Aug. 18)  
Wiley Smith

**Worship Liturgist**

Aug. 4 Ben Brooks  
11 John Schweppe III  
18 Dan McLaurin  
25 Debbie Ferrell

**Moments With Children & Kid's Camp**

Aug. 4 Luke Harkey/ NO Kid's Camp  
11 Claire and Devin McCullough  
18 Jennifer Ormand at Montreat  
25 Anne Langley

**Sound Board**

Aug. 4 Chip Blackley  
11 Joe Petrilli  
18 Chip Blackley  
25 Lee Huston

**Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper**

Margie McSwain

**Sanctuary Worship Guild**

Aug. 4 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah  
11 Margie McSwain & Margaret Harry  
18 Joyce & Paul Couey  
25 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam

**Sanctuary Flowers**

Aug. 4 Cushman Family  
11 Available  
18 Jackie Weathers  
25 Available

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - AUGUST 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Food Ministry <b>1</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Ken & Mary's 9:00-1:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 4</b> 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 <b>5</b>  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>6</b>  4:00 Clerk's Council 6:00 Mission & Ministry 6:00 Spiritual Life 7:00 Worship & Music	<b>7</b>  11:00 Membership 5:00 Property 6:00 Youth	Food Ministry <b>8</b>  10:00 SPC Staff Meeting 12:00 Finance Committee  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 11</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration following worship 5:00 Diaconate	Food Ministry <b>12</b>  6:30 Christian Education  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>13</b>  11:15 Bible Study 4:00 Personnel 5:30 Safety & Security 6:30 Session	<b>14</b>  5:00 Member Care	Food Ministry <b>15</b>  10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Church Retreat at Montreat
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 18</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Joan Martin preaches  Retreat concludes in Montreat	Food Ministry <b>19</b>  Newsletter Articles Due in Church Office  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>20</b>  1:30-6:00 Blood Drive in Ellis Hall	<b>21</b>	Food Ministry <b>22</b>  10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  8:00 AA & Al-Anon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 25</b> 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary Kids Camp in Ellis Hall	Food Ministry <b>26</b>  7:00 Boy Scout Troop 100 7:00 PWP 8:00 A.A.	<b>27</b>  8:45-1:15 Rainbow Connection Teacher Workday	<b>28</b>  8:45-1:15 Rainbow Connection Teacher Workday	Food Ministry <b>29</b> 8:45-1:15 Rainbow Connection Teacher Workday & CPR 10:00 SPC Staff Meeting  6:00-7:00 Rainbow Connection Open House 8:00 A. A. & Al-Anon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



