

# THE SHELBY PRES(S)

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## APRIL 2020

Hi SPC,

The times in which we are living remind me of an old saying: "Life is what happens when you're making other plans."

That is certainly true of our lives today in connection with the Coronavirus, which is now among us. Because of it all our lives have changed dramatically in a very short period of time in ways we would never have imagined even a couple weeks ago: physically, socially, financially, mentally. This is certainly not what any of us planned. We live in a broken world where things just go wrong sometimes, and this is one of those times.

Most dramatically for us as a church is the extended cancellation of worship and other church activities. "Social distancing" has proven effective in slowing the spread of the virus, and we are doing our part. We don't know right now when we will be able to open the church for worship and other church activities. We are currently cancelled until NC Governor Cooper lifts the state mandate that prevents a group of 10 people or more from meeting. It looks right now that we are cancelled from now through Palm Sunday through Holy Week and Easter Sunday and beyond. It is all so shocking. We will let you know in a timely way when the mandate is lifted.

In response to the virus, our local, national and global economies are quickly contracting. There is both economic and physical health uncertainty in our future and it is causing anxiety.

Psalm 46 provides us all reassurance in our

time of uncertainty and anxiety. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult...The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge... Be still and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46: 1-3, 7, 10)

It is reassuring that God is with us no matter what is going on in the larger world or in our smaller private world. We have not been abandoned or forsaken, but cared for in ways perhaps that we are and are not aware.

Just as God has not abandoned us, let us not abandon one another. Let us care for one another in the church and in the community in ways we can during this time, staying in touch by phone and email, and responding to needs that come up in ways we can. If you need anything at all during this time, don't hesitate to contact the church office, or any elder or deacon that heads up your neighborhood group, and we will respond quickly in ways that we can. Let us continue to pray for one another and the world during this time.

Let us be especially mindful of the least in our community. I think of those who already struggle to make ends meet and may lose their jobs and benefits in the days ahead. Give generously to area food banks and other organizations that help provide basic human needs.

-David Garnett

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

•**Covenant Class** meets in back parlor. This class welcomes all ages. Glenn Moore is the contact person for this class. This class uses The Present Word as their guide. This consists of quarterly books that follow a theme that is important biblically and theologically. These sessions refresh, strengthen and deepen faith.

•**Ladies' Bible Class** meets in the conference room. All women are welcome. They also use The Present Word. Dot Roark is the contact person for this class.

•**Joy Makers Class** meets in the Upper Room. Contacts are Mary Connor and Doug Boyette. Anyone interested is welcome. They try to start by 10:00. They are currently studying What It Means to be Presbyterian.

•**Christian Issues Class** meets in the Narthex Parlor with Barbara Blackburn serving as the contact person. A discussion format is used, sometimes with a book or a DVD series with guided questions. The book they are using currently is The Great Emergence by Phyllis Tickle.

•**Serendipity Class** meets in room 201. Ben Brooks is the contact person. This class usually chooses a book from the Bible and uses a study guide. They are currently studying the book, Ezra and Nehemiah: the Lord is Faithful.

•**F3 Class** meets in room 205. Katie Borders is the contact person. This class consists of single young adults as well as young couples, but all ages are welcome. This class does not meet in the summer. They are currently using The Lent Experience. This consists of a short weekly video and a challenge for the week. There are a few workbooks left in the church office.

•**Women in Progress Class** meets in the library. This class welcomes women of all ages. The contact person is Janet Reynolds. They are currently studying Max Lucado, Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH EDUCATOR

Hi,

Hope you are all well and working hard on reading and learning. Take some time for some fun too! I miss all of you!

On my Facebook page I have shared some sites that may work for you and your family. I have listed other sites you may enjoy, just ask permission from your parents of course.

- sermons4kids.com
- sundayschoolzone.com
- biblewise.com
- communication.cph.org (daily family devotions)
- Sparkhouse (activities for Holy Week)
- The Crafty Classroom
- pc(usa)store.com
- DLTK Bible Activities for kids
- YouTube Bible Stories for kids
- Cool Math for kids
- Fun Brain
- PBSkids

Sending you love, hugs, and prayers.

-Linda Ware

## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

Registration for Rainbow Connection's 2020/2021 school year is going well. Parents have been dropping off registration forms, even while we were closed. We hope to have our fall classes filled soon.

Due to the uncertainty of our schedule, we are postponing summer registration. As soon as we have a better idea of what the future holds, we will start registration for Summer Program.

March has been an unusual month at Rainbow Connection as our children, their families, and our staff have dealt with school closure and uncertainty about days ahead. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

-Becky Dorsey, Director



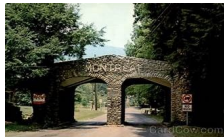
**NOTE FROM THE BOOKKEEPER**

I will be in the office to pay bills and make deposits. PLEASE remember the Church still has bills to pay. Bill Pay through your bank or US Mail (P. O. Box 1444 Shelby, NC 28151) would be helpful. Thank you for staying on top of your Pledges.

- June Hatfield

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30-6:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall.** If you would like an appointment or would like to help with check-in, refreshments, or in some other way, please call Debi McDaniel, 704-482-9785.



**Save these dates....**

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday,  
August 30<sup>th</sup>

**~Montreat Church Family Retreat~**

Count on some Familiar Fun and  
Some Surprises too!

Stay tuned ~ more info coming soon!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

... Tripp and Dacey Reynolds on the birth of their daughter, Genevieve Grace Reynolds, on March 7, 2020. The proud grandparents and family are Robby and Janet Reynolds, Aunt and Uncle Kimberly and Harry Dixon. Cousins Morgan, Parker and Drew. Aunt and Uncle Meredith and Erik Smith. Cousins Abigail and Greyson. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!



**☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺**

- April 1 ..... Mary Ann LaSelva
- April 3 ..... Robert Greer
- April 3 ..... Joe Ogburn
- April 3 ..... Wheeler Stuart
- April 3 ..... Carey Waldrop
- April 5 ..... Amy Allen
- April 6 ..... Ellen Fletcher
- April 6 ..... Emily Griffin
- April 6 ..... Charles Langley
- April 7 ..... Tricia Butler
- April 7 ..... Sarah Lampley
- April 7 ..... Judy Neville
- April 7 ..... Lawson Taylor
- April 7 ..... Riley Taylor
- April 8 ..... Emily Greer
- April 8 ..... Winnie Simmons
- April 9 ..... Grace Teddy
- April 10 ..... Sarah Winstead Brown
- April 10 ..... Barbara Dixon
- April 10 ..... Amy Harrelson
- April 11 ..... Dick Bowles
- April 12 ..... Hobie Davis
- April 12 ..... Daniel Schweppe
- April 13 ..... April Kennedy
- April 14 ..... Holly Hendrix
- April 15 ..... Kathy Brenneman
- April 15 ..... Pat Byers
- April 15 ..... Sandra Morgan-Dodrill
- April 16 ..... Chip Blackley
- April 16 ..... Drew Dixon
- April 16 ..... Hamp Hager
- April 16 ..... Teresa Halyburton
- April 17 ..... Martha Strain
- April 18 ..... Phillip Cerwin
- April 18 ..... James Petrilli
- April 19 ..... Hoyt Lovelace
- April 20 ..... Bert Weathers
- April 21 ..... Hans Ashford
- April 21 ..... Ashley Aylmer
- April 21 ..... Scott Hendrix
- April 22 ..... Lucy Bolick
- April 22 ..... Addison Julian
- April 22 ..... Fred Timm
- April 23 ..... Lee Huston
- April 23 ..... David Moore
- April 23 ..... Denver Parker
- April 23 ..... Mary Raudez
- April 24 ..... John McBride
- April 26 ..... Scott Kennedy
- April 27 ..... Levi Bankirer
- April 27 ..... Sara Cheaney
- April 27 ..... David LeGrand Sr.
- April 27 ..... Debi McDaniel
- April 28 ..... Libby Alexander
- April 28 ..... Agaat Den Hertog
- April 28 ..... Jeff Hamilton
- April 28 ..... Tom Kelly
- April 28 ..... Joanna Pearson
- April 28 ..... Jean Webb
- April 29 ..... Molly Dedmon
- April 30 ..... Lane Pearson
- April 30 ..... David Rybnicek
- April 30 ..... Jordan Yourick

## 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 Jessi Ogburn, Member Care Chairperson, 704.487.0650, or [jessio@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jessio@carolina.rr.com) or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Karen Carpenter	Mary Ann LeSelva
Myra Carpenter	Dot Matsik
Sandy Carpenter	Faye McCants
Lacey Chambless & Family	Sandy & Camille McGeachy
Lloyd & Lorraine Clark	Joe Miller
Richard Coiner & Family	Ellis Monroe
Bert & Joy Cushman	Denver & JoAnn Parker
Debbie Ferrell	David Pharr
Jack Fuller	Persing Family
Tom Greene	Gayle Point & Family
Carol Hibschan	Joyce Ruark
Fred & Joan Hunt	Beverly Styers
Sonja Hyer	Susan Spragins Washburn
Rebecca Jones	Marvin Weber

- 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 April, pray for our **Infants, Toddlers and Two year olds:** Victoria Couch, Elizabeth Couch, Millie Melton, and our **Three, Four, and Five year olds:** Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Grace Melton, Ruby Raudez.

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO . . .

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Gayle Point and family on the death of her husband Bob Point, on March 2, 2020. Bob had been a member of SPC for 32 years.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out for Lacey Chambless and family on the death of her father Bill Chambless, March 8, 2020.

## SESSION MEETING NOTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

### Communications

Clerk Trip Boinest

- Nancy Hendrix reported that the Media Committee is currently working to update the Church website and explore other social media outlets. The Session continues to explore Children and Youth Ministry effectiveness. Ideas were requested.

Pastor David Garnett

- The Church web site should be correct and thanks were given to the Media Committee for their work. Don Bridges, Chair of Pastor Nominating Committee
- The Ministry Information Form has been approved and will be sent to the Committee on Ministry at Presbytery for their approval when it meets on March 3, 2020. The deadline to have the document submitted is February 25, 2020.

- The PNC asked for prayer as they continue in their work.

- Pastor David Garnett reminded that confidentiality for prospective candidates must be assured and their identities protected.

Elder Pat Byers

- Growing in discipleship. The more we grow in discipleship the more we will grow as a church.

- Elders should be faithful to Christ and follow scripture as we make decisions.

- Visitation for newer members should increase as well as discussions with new members.

- Going out into the community should be encouraged.

Discussion about ways to reach out followed.

### Minutes

- Minutes for January 21, 2020 Session Meeting and Committee minutes were approved as written

- Minutes for Congregation Meeting for January 26, 2020 were approved with one correction: correct spelling of Mystie Brotherton's name.

### Committees

**Personnel** – John Brotherton

- A new cleaning contractor is in place and working about 20 hours per week, with some extra time for special cleaning such as after funerals.

- Work continues to develop a job description for a part time sexton.

- Pastor David Garnett intends to hold an open forum for youth parents.

**Property** – Richard Fletcher

## MARCH 2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2020 Operating Budget . . . . . \$644,704.00  
Needed Weekly . . . . . \$12,398.15

### March 1

Received . . . . . \$ 15,783.50  
5¢-A-Meal (total March) . . . . . \$286.50  
Sunday School Attendance . . . . . 68  
8:30 a.m. Worship . . . . . 27  
11:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . 135

### March 8

Received . . . . . \$5,945.00  
Sunday School Attendance . . . . . 52  
8:30 a.m. Worship . . . . . 18  
11:00 a.m. Worship . . . . . 95

### March 15

Received . . . . . \$1,835.00  
Church Services canceled due to Covid-19

### March 22

Received . . . . . \$2,355.00  
Church Services canceled due to Covid-19

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN MARCH

...to the Food Ministry Fund in memory of Bill Chambless.

...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Harold Bolick, Bob Point, and Edward Tuttle.

...to the Organ Fund in memory of Susan Coiner and Bob Point.

- Lloyd Williams, Jr., Fred Blackley and Richard Fletcher met with a food service supplier regarding improvements to the kitchen. A visit during food service ministry was also done.

- The biggest current concerns are cleaning and painting, replacing the floor and updating appliances.

- Roof issues continue during recent heavy rains. The old slate roof is of particular concern due to the difficulty of finding qualified contractors.

### **Worship and Music** – Margaret Harry

- A humidifier/dehumidifier for the Sanctuary piano has been ordered. The total cost is \$693.88. Finance Committee has approved this expense and has funds available.

- Railings for the Sanctuary continue to be a concern.

### **Finance** – Trip Boiness

- Because the kitchen is used for the food ministry, there may be some funds for the kitchen update in some mission oriented funds available. This will be explored as more information is gathered regarding the kitchen.

### **Old Business**

- Safety Manual recommendations – Deacon Greg Melton

- Jeff Ledford of the Shelby Police Dept. has been consulted and has given some recommendations, including an “authorization to act” form which would give the SPD permission to act in an emergency situation without seeking special consent.

Possible Controversial Items include:

- The front door would be locked at 11:15 a.m.
- Cameras would be installed at main entrances.
- Employ an off duty officer on Sunday mornings, could be in uniform or plain clothes. Cost would be about \$100.00 per week.

- A risk assessment could be done.

- A three month trial is possible.

Extensive discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to hold a town hall meeting to get some input from the Congregation before making a decision. Motion was approved.

### **Action Items**

- Schedule a town hall meeting on a Wednesday night to get input from the congregation regarding safety and security. The Safety and Security task force will present and Pastor David Garnett will moderate.

- Send Ministry Information Form to Presbytery for their approval.

**Prayers for Concerns** – Rev. David Garnett

**Adjourn with Prayer** – Rev. David Garnett

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