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AUGUST 2020

Hi SPC,

I recently had a masked and socially distanced meeting with church members involved with our Church Food Ministry, and have some news to share from that meeting.

The most important message to come out of our meeting was that our Food Ministry has continued to operate during the COVID shutdown, only in a little different way. They are still giving out food to hungry people in Cleveland County, but for the time being they are not cooking hot meals.

Every Tuesday morning, between 9 and 10am, at the "Scout House" behind the church, a group of members give out bags of food to the hungry, using appropriate health protocols. If you come across someone who needs food, tell them to show up at the house on Tuesday morning to get a generous portion of free food. We have so much food stored up that there is no reason that anyone in the community ought to go hungry.

Every Monday the church continues to pick up free food distributions of all kinds from Wal*Mart (typically expiring foods) and the Second Harvest food bank, and it is all stored somewhere on the church property. The dry goods are stored on shelves in the house, and the frozen foods are stored in freezers in the house and in the church building. We do share some of our excess food with church kitchens that are still providing hot meals.

We do not see a return to providing hot meals for the hungry for the next 6-12 months. So many of our volunteers are older and would be at continuing risk for the Coronavirus. We will not return to cooking until it is completely safe for volunteers and clients.

When we do return to cooking, we will probably go to a Monday only schedule each week. We have been providing meals two days a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, but another church in the community already offers community meals on Thursdays.

We have several volunteer needs in the Food Ministry. We are seeking someone to fill the hole left behind by elder Paul Woodard, who has moved to Statesville. Paul has played an important role in the overall food ministry, serving as the main liaison between the church and the food ministry. We also need someone to train with Glenn Lashbrook to learn how to pick up food distributions on Monday from Walmart and Second Harvest, just in case he cannot be there.

We would like to encourage church members to donate food to the church ministry, especially during the 1 or 2 food drives we have in a year. And we want to encourage church members to volunteer in the food ministry at least an hour or two each year, just to stay connected to what we do through that ministry.

Glenn Lashbrook is currently the contact person for the food ministry. Glenn, though not a member of our church, has been an integral part of our Food ministry for 14-15 years. His email is glenjr@carolina.rr.com and his phone is 704-484-8131. Contact him if you wish to donate food or time to the Food Ministry.

Among our church members, our Food Ministry, along with our Rainbow Connection preschool, continue to be among the most well known and affirmed of all our church ministries.

Blessings,
David Garnett

SPC YOUTH DIRECTOR STEPPING DOWN

This Sunday, Aug. 2, will be Sydney Davis' last day as part-time youth director on our church staff. The annual senior celebration this Sunday will be her last youth event. Sydney has worked with our youth for the last two years. She began work with the church in her last year as a student at Gardner-Webb. We thank Sydney for her time and work at the church and wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

Welcome to August! I would like to offer you an opportunity to remotely serve our church and especially our children. You can do this by creating a "Children's Moment" via video that you will email to Miranda to be included in Sunday worship services. Three to four minutes is the time limit. If you would like to do this, please contact Miranda, miranda@shelbypres.org or me, linda@shelbypres.org.

- Linda Ware

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

We are excited to be returning to Rainbow Connection for our 2020/2021 school year. Thank you to the SPC staff, the Task Force, and Session for your support and guidance.

Please continue to pray for our Rainbow families and staff as we navigate through this unusual time.

-Becky Dorsey, Director



BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th from 1-5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. Please call Debbie McDaniel at 704-477-0419 if you would like to volunteer or make an appointment.

ONLINE WORSHIP AND DEVOTION

•Every Sunday at 8:30 am you can find the sermon on SPC's Youtube Channel, Shelby Pres or use the link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18Wq_Kqa-qrEWqF4ld2uVA/featured

•Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm David will be live on SPC's Facebook page for a weekly devotion. If you miss the live stream you can also find the devotions on our Youtube page.

*Office hours are still Monday -Thursday 9:00 - 3:00 with Miranda working from home Tuesday and Wednesday you can reach her by email at miranda@shelbypres.org.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

We congratulate all young adults and wish them God's blessings all through their lives.

Mary Lee Crow, granddaughter of Ed and Edna Patterson graduated cum laude from Appalachian State with a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy.

Matthew Wehmueller, son of Mike and Lori Wehmueller graduated from High Point University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and minors in Marketing and Global Commerce.

NOTES RECEIVED

Scott and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for our family members who have been dealing with the Coronavirus since Memorial Day. All have recovered nicely with the exception of Jimmy Monroe (husband of Scott's cousin Barbara). Everyone appreciates the prayers and would ask you to continue to remember Jimmy and Barbara.

- Sherry Thomas

My back surgery was a success. I'm not in pain, but still very sore. Thank all of you for your cards, calls, and most of all your prayers.

-Hoyt Lovelace



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 or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Karen Carpenter	Camille McGeachy
Myra Carpenter	Gene McSwain
Sandy Carpenter	Joe Miller
Lacey Chambless	Ellis Monroe
Bert & Joy Cushman	Jim & Barbara Monroe
Scott Edwards' Family	Denver Parker
Debbie Ferrell	David Pharr
Titus Greene	Ed Richards (JoAnn's son)
Hoyt Lovelace	Beverly Styers
Mollie Ley	Susan Spragins Washburn

- Faye McCants
- Covid-19 research and patients
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- 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 **Seventh Graders:** Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Emerson Taylor, and our **Eighth Graders:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Charlie Schweppe.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

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 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	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

SESSION MEETING NOTES

JUNE 16, 2020

Pastor David Garnett reported that Paul Woodard is in the process of moving. His presence will be greatly missed. There will be a need to replace his leadership in the food ministry.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor David Garnett.

Finance Committee – Jon Brotherton

- At present there is no need to make changes in the budget. Pledges are coming in and the committee has confidence that finances will maintain.

Mission Committee – David Garnett

- The committee donated some funds to help the “potato project” transfer excess potatoes donated by farmers for distribution. The project was successfully completed.

- Today’s blood drive was a success with 45 donors present and 40 units of blood collected. **Church Building Closure/Reopening**

Church Building Closure/Reopening

- Discussion was held regarding Church reopening. As Covid cases increase, indications are that is not safe to plan reopening anytime soon. There will also be many decisions required as to how we will reopen when the time comes. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to form a task force to set procedures and make plans for the Church going forward. The motion was unanimously passed.

- Discussion was held about the current online services. They are going well, but there have been some issues regarding sound quality. Elder Trip Boinest reported that the Finance Committee is researching possible way to update the sound system.

- Discussion was held about making some video available from various Church families as a way to keep in touch. Information from Session to increase awareness and information for the Congregation could also be considered.

Details about the Strategic Planning Task Force

The formation of the task force will be delegated to the Coordinating Council. It will consist of no more than 5 members plus the Pastor. Members will include Clerk of Session, 1 Elder, 1 Deacon, and 2 at large members. At least 1 member should be a medical doctor. The goal of the task force is to formulate how to resume normal operations and report to the Session and the Congregation.

- Ways to communicate better with the Congregation about strategy moving forward were also discussed.
- A request has been made for an in-person youth worship service and Senior recognition to be held on August 2. After discussion, Session felt that an in-person service would not be safe on that date. A possible reception/dinner at an alternative location could be considered.

- Rainbow Connection has requested August 24 as the start date for opening for the Fall term. Because plans for Cleveland County Schools have not yet been announced, it was decided to wait and see what their plans are for schools before confirming Rainbow reopening date.

- A motion was made and seconded to close the Church through the end of July. Unanimously approved. This issue will be revisited at the July meeting.

Action Items

- Refer formation of Strategic Planning Task Force to Coordinating Council

- Revisit reopening of Rainbow Preschool

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor David Garnett.

JULY 2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

July 5

Received \$9,850.00
Church Services canceled due to Covid-19.

July 12

Received \$9,165.00
Church Services canceled due to Covid-19.

July 19

Received \$5,910.00
Church Services canceled due to Covid-19.



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