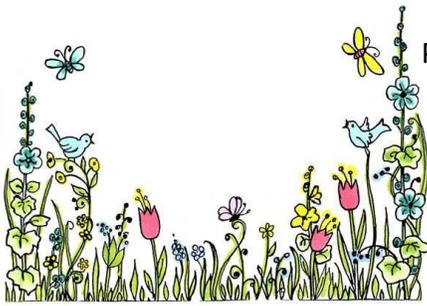


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MAY 2021

Hi SPC!

In the Ten Commandments, the fourth commandment is to keep the Sabbath holy by not doing the work you do on the other six days a week.

Devout Jews have been remarkably committed to keeping the Sabbath over the centuries. It is considered a distinctive part of Jewish identity to set a day aside every week as different from the other six.

Christians over the past 2,000 years have been divided over what to do with the Sabbath. I would say that the majority of American Christians these days see it as a relic of the past that does not apply to those under the new covenant of Christ, except as a day to go to church and worship.

But in this age when so many of us complain about how busy we are and about not having enough time for what we think is most important in life, I believe we can benefit from the long Jewish experience of Sabbath.

Two good published resources on the Sabbath are "The Sabbath" by the late renowned Jewish seminary professor, Abraham Joshua Heschel, who offers an authoritative Jewish perspective on the Sabbath, and "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly" by Marva Dawn, who gives a unique and supportive Christian perspective on the Sabbath with many practical suggestions for keeping it.

The Hebrew word for Sabbath is "Shabbat", meaning "stop" or "cease." For Jews Sabbath is primarily about taking one day a week to stop what you usually do the other six days, and instead do the things that you don't have time to do six days a week.

For the devout Jew, Sabbath is a day for renewing one's relationship with God in worship, for reuniting with friends and family over a pre-prepared meal, for playing games together, talking, taking naps, making love, going out into nature.

In our modern age, Sabbath would be an excellent day to forgo electronics, to turn off the cell phone and the computer and TV and be together with

one another in person as fully embodied human beings. My youngest son and his wife recently decided to declare Saturdays their weekly fast from electronics of all kinds and it is doing them a world of good.

It's long been fascinating to me that the fourth commandment came into being only after the Jews had been in slavery in Egypt for 400 years, where they never had a day off. Given that history, a modern-day Sabbath should be a day to put down anything that enslaves us, and do the things that truly liberate us.

I didn't really start to keep the Sabbath until my last year of seminary. I had so much work to do in seminary that I wasn't able to get it done in 7 days, let alone 6 days. But I went to church one day and heard a sermon on the Sabbath, and resolved from then on to take a day apart, and I found that I was able to get all my work done in six days. Knowing that I would not have one day a week for my regular work actually made me more efficient on the other six days.

When our children were young and had not yet started school, we took Fridays as a Sabbath, and we as a family called it "our special day" and planned family activities. Our kids really looked forward to it, probably because they knew it would be a fun day and that they would have our full attention.

When I have preached on Sabbath in the past, sometimes retired church members would come up to me and asked me what Sabbath means to someone who no longer works five days a week. My answer was that we all do something with our time six days a week, and that Sabbath for a retired person is to stop whatever you do six days a week and do something different, something that is renewing in your relationship with God, with others, and for yourself.

Sabbath in the Jewish tradition springs from a firm belief that God runs the world, not us, and because God runs the world, we are able to let go one day a week and know that the world will be just fine without us.

David Garnett

INDOOR WORSHIP

Indoor Worship is every Sunday at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. The following are protocols for in-person indoor:

- Twenty-six (26) household unit reservations will be available each week (20 spots in the sanctuary plus 6 in the balcony). A reservation could be 1 person, or everyone living in a household.
- A maximum congregation of 100 will be permitted to be present.
- Every other pew would be used with 6' spacing between individuals not living in the same household.
- Controlled entry, assigned seating with reservations, and organized exit by members would be guided by officers and trained volunteers.
- No one should attend if they are not feeling well or are aware they may have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID within the previous week.
- Masks would be required at all times.
- Hand sanitizer would be available.
- The service itself would be modeled after the successful outdoor services that have been taking place with no singing, no passing the offering plate, communion trays, etc.
- The task force does not recommend removing cushions, hymnals, or Bibles from the pews.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned weekly by the cleaning contractor using currently accepted procedures.

If you would like to attend the indoor worship service please email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) or call the church office (704-487-8503) to make a reservation.



Articles for the **June** edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office **Wednesday, May 19th**.

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The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.



LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



If you are unable to attend the in-person worship service you can still watch on YouTube. Worship is being livestreamed from the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:00 am on the Shelby Pres YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18Wq_Kqa-grEWqF4ld2uVA

SPC STAFF CHANGES



Our SPC Personnel Committee has an unusual challenge before it this year. During 2021 it has the task of filling five present or future vacancies on our church staff. We will have four staff retirements in 2021, including our Organist, Christian Education/Youth Director, Bookkeeper, Rainbow Director (position has been filled). If you are aware of anyone with the particular gifts and talents to fill any of these positions, please contact Personnel chair, Martha Noblitt.

LITURGIST NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in the worship service as liturgist please email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) or Kathy Brenneman (kathyb307@gmail.com).

SENIOR SUNDAY



We invite you all to join us on **Sunday, May 16th**, for **Senior Sunday**. Our Seniors will be leading us in worship at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from college this Spring. We would like to congratulate them in the June newsletter.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



Another school year has flown by... This has been an unusual year at Rainbow Connection, but it's still been good. Even with all of the COVID restrictions, our teachers and assistants have made

this a wonderful year for our children. Thank you, SPC, for helping us accomplish this.

Our last days of school for the 2020/2021 year will be May 24 and 25. We will have graduation ceremonies on both evenings, so that we can follow the church's guideline for attendance numbers.

This is my last year as director of Rainbow Connection. I will serve through Summer Program, until the end of July. I've been blessed to have the love and support from this church through so much of my life. After thirty years, I can't just go away, so I'll still be around, helping in different ways.

Our new director, Abby Goins, will do a great job. She has been working at Rainbow for many years and knows what makes Rainbow Connection special!

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support of Rainbow.

-Becky Dorsey, Director

RAINBOW DIRECTOR UPDATE



The Rainbow Connection Committee and the Personnel Committee are very pleased to announce that Abby Goins will be the next director of Rainbow Connection after Becky Dorsey retires this summer. Ms.

Abby is a Cleveland County native, is married and has 2 children (both Rainbow graduates), and has been with us at Rainbow for 11 years. She loves animals and is also a professional photographer. We have no doubt that Abby will bring her energy, passion, and love for children to Rainbow for many years to come. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Abby to the SPC family.

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:

Jim Barnette	Fred & Joan Hunt
Judy Becton	Faye McCants
Ben Brooks & family	Debi McDaniel
Karen Carpenter	Joe Miller
Myra Carpenter	Jim Monroe
Sandy Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Elaine Cerwin & Family	David Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	Mishay Simpson
Bert & Joy Cushman	Beverly Styers
Debbie Ferrell	Grace Teddy
Mike Kennedy & Family	Susan Spragins Washburn
Ina Harrington	Marvin Weber

- 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
- 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 May, pray for our **Sixth Grader:** Hans Ashford, and our **Seventh Graders:** Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Emerson Taylor.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO...

† Mike Kennedy and family on the death of his wife Maxine Kennedy on March 27, 2021. Maxine had been a member of SPC for 52 years.

If you were unable to attend Maxine Kennedy's funeral you can watch it on Cecil Burton Funeral's YouTube page or use the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cn-ropmT1mQ&t=1152s>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 SENIORS!



Miles Beam

McCallie School graduate. He is captain of the Crew Team and principal violinist for Honors Orchestra. He received his pilot's license in 2020 and is fluent in mandarin Chinese. He is looking forward to making a college decision soon and plans to study aeronautical engineering and international business with

emphasis on Chinese.

Janie Brownlee

Shelby High School graduate. She is in NHS, Beta Club, Science National Honor Society, French Club, Swim Team captain, Chamber Orchestra and first chair cello. She will be attending UNC Chapel Hill.



Charlie Brownlee

Shelby High School graduate. He is in NHS, Beta Club, Student Body Treasurer, Drama Club, Chamber Orchestra, Governor's School and founder and president of Shelby High Film Club. He will be attending UNC Chapel Hill.



Macayla Jackson

Shelby High School graduate with associates from Cleveland Community College. She's in Beta Club, NHS, and theater. She will attend UNC Chapel Hill and major in Public Policy with a minor in Urban Studies.



Daniel Schweppe

Shelby High School graduate. He is in Beta Club, National Honors Society, French Club, Junior Civitans, Chamber Orchestra, Tennis and Cross-Country captain. He also plays the violin and guitar. He will be attending Virginia Tech

and will pursue a forestry major in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Kyle Persing

Shelby High School graduate. He is in Beta Club; he draws and is in art; he plays guitar, piano, bass, electric guitar, and ukulele. He will be attending Appalachian State, majoring in biological sciences with intent to be a Neurosurgeon. He is interested in taking Archery in college as well.



Sarah Wehmeuller

Gaston Day School graduate. She is the president of Drama Club and French Club, lead editor for *Blutopia* Literary and Arts Magazine, and is in National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Math Club, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, French Honor Society, and the Science National Honor Society. She will be attending Clemson University in their Honors College program and will be majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science.



Not pictured: Liza Smith



☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



May 2 Braxton Clifton
 May 2 .. Marlene Lovelace
 May 3 Jeff Jones
 May 5 Alex McIntyre
 May 5 David Persing
 May 5 Beverly Styers
 May 6 Laura Trivett
 May 7 Gay Henderson
 May 7 Michael Neville
 May 8 Jay Garrett
 May 8 Alan Riggs
 May 11 .. Tucker McIntyre

May 11 Jon Blake Pharr
 May 11 Barbara Romich
 May 11 Miller Noblitt
 May 11 Mary Ann Weber
 May 12 Jeff Roark
 May 13 Jordan Boinest
 May 13 Robert Burns
 May 13 Stephanie Jobe
 May 13 Stockton Ware
 May 14 Tinley Goss
 May 14 Lilly LeGrand
 May 15 Heidi Steeves
 May 15 Brock Taylor
 May 16 Taylor Pharr
 May 16 Butler Strain
 May 17 Laura Beam
 May 18 Sarah Fletcher
 May 20 Robin Holland
 May 21 Kathy Allison
 May 21 June Hatfield
 May 21 Jennifer Ormand
 May 22 Ali Huston
 May 23 Jack Brownlee
 May 23 Nicole Haydon
 May 23 Lillian Moore
 May 24 Lyn Huston
 May 25 Doug Boyette
 May 25 Elizabeth Goss
 May 26 Jean Canipe
 May 26 Catherine Couch
 May 27 Jeb Kelly
 May 28 Catherine Ware
 May 29 Bly Borders
 May 30 Faye McCants
 May 30 Alex Pearson
 May 31 Jeannie Moore

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
 RECEIVED IN APRIL**

...to the Choir Fund in memory of Anne Goss and Maxine Kennedy.
 ... to the Legacy Fund in memory of Maxine Kennedy.
 ...to the Member Care Fund in memory of Maxine Kennedy.
 ...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Maxine Kennedy.

APRIL 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2021 Operating Budget..... \$520,766.00
 Needed Weekly..... \$10,014.73
April 4
 Received..... \$11,937.00
 In-person Worship.....100
 Livestream Views131
April 11
 Received..... \$5,175.00
 In-person Worship.....34
 Livestream Views64
April 18
 Received..... \$6,565.00
 In-person Worship.....70
 Livestream Views.....49
April 25
 Received..... \$2,607.00
 In-person Worship.....37
 Livestream Views.....22

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN APRIL?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

May 2 Debra Haddock & Lori Wehmueller
 9 Amy Goforth & Mary Ann LaSelva
 16 Mary Raudez & Elizabeth Schweppe
 23 Ann Brown & Mary Raudez
 30 *Deacons still needed*

Worship Liturgist

May 2 Jeanne Spragins
 9 Steve Sisk
 16 Senior Sunday
 23 Darlene Gravett
 30 *volunteer needed*

Sanctuary Worship Guild

May 2 Marlene Lovelace & Margie Trivett
 9 Joyce & Paul Couey
 16 Harriette & Laura Beam
 23 Judy Greer & Rachel White
 30 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe

Sanctuary Flowers

A Flower Calendar for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board inside the Harris Street entrance outside the fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday in 2021 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.

SESSION MEETING NOTES
MARCH 16, 2021

Opening

- A quorum was declared present.
- Meeting called to order and opening Prayer – David Garnett
- Lighting of the Christ Candle – John Brotherton
- Recitation of the Affirmation of Faith and Vision Statement – David Garnett and Elders

Communications

- John Brotherton provided an update on the status of services from the sanctuary and discussed continued issues being addressed to improve quality going forward.
- Greg Melton was not available to attend the meeting, but submitted minutes from the recent Diaconate meeting.
- David Garnett presented a recommendation from the Rainbow Connection Board to gain approval to hold a Summer program. Discussion and unanimous approval followed.

Meeting Minute Approvals

- Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on February 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon provided an update on church finances, noting that offerings were down in February, but expenses were below budget.
- Member Care – Jessi Ogburn continued to stress the need to reach out to our neighborhood groups and provide updates to the committee of any needs identified.
- Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt provided an update on the status of filling positions that are opening due to retirements. Applications are being received and interviews scheduled for all positions.
- Reopening Task Force – John Brotherton discussed the Task Force meeting from March 15 and provided further updates on progress of in-person attendance at worship services. Easter Worship was a major focus of the meeting and will likely require using Ellis Hall to accommodate expected attendance. A recommendation from the Task Force was presented to allow smaller household units to sit together. Discussion was held and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

- Worship and Music Committee – Ben Brooks presented planning information for Easter Services, including one service with overflow attendance in Ellis Hall, distribution of communion elements, and other details of the plan.

Old and New Business

- Nominating Committee – Jon Brownlee reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee to identify officers for the Class of 2024. Discussion on the number of officers desired for both Session and Diaconate was held with consensus that the committee should target 4 for each class.

Closing

David Garnett opened the floor for prayer requests and adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Addendum: Request to Increase Sanctuary Capacity to 100

Electronic communication of the following request was distributed on April 13, 2021.

Our Task Force met on April 12, 2021 and requests Session review and approve the following recommendation immediately so that it can be implemented prior to Youth Sunday on April 18:

Based on experience gained since reopening and increased attendance allowed under North Carolina government regulations, our Task Force recommends increasing the allowable capacity in the sanctuary from 50 individuals to 100 individuals (not including those participating in leading the worship service).

With this change:

- Seating would be adjusted to utilize every other pew instead of every third pew, allowing approximately 28 pews to be utilized instead of the 18 locations in the original arrangement.
- This change still assures at least 6 feet of social distancing between pews, much more when seating only at alternating ends of each pew.
- Vaccinated individuals (or couples) who agree to do so may share a pew, however it is still recommended that those not living in the same household maintain social distancing guidelines by sitting at opposite ends of a pew.
- Reservations would still be taken in order to determine any need to plan for and set-up streaming in Ellis Hall prior to any service.
- Responses from the entire Session were received and the recommendation was approved unanimously via electronic response on April 13.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
5th Sunday of Easter 2 Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering •8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	3 • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 • 7:00 Worship & Music	5 • 11:15 Membership Committee • 6:00 Property Committee	6 • 12:00 Finance	7	8
6th Sunday of Easter 9 Mother's Day •8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	10 • 9:15 Rainbow Cmte. • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts	11	12	13	14	15
7th Sunday of Easter 16 Senior Sunday •8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	17 • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Joint Session Meeting	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22
Day of Pentecost 23 Communion •8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	24 • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26	27	28	29
Trinity Sunday 30 Joy Cushman's last Sunday •8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	31 CLOSED Memorial Day					



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