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FEBRUARY 2022

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Why are we a church? Why do we do the things we do? Why do we exist?

The biggest challenge to the Christian Church today may be how individual churches answer these questions. Knowing why we are a church dictates how we respond, and what we do, then the ways we define health and success.

Does the church exist to bring in more members and grow? Does it exist to perform good works? Does it exist to put on worship services? Does it exist to promise a better life (or after-life) based on certain principles?

Each of these may touch on a truth in our faith, but each one makes the focus too narrow. But the truth is that for the individual or a church, Jesus said, *“those who seek to preserve their life (or identity) will lose it, and those which lose their life (or identity) for Jesus’s sake and for the gospel will save it. (Mark 8:35)*

Jesus and the gospel – the good news of God with us – is why we are the church.

‘Who we are’ as a church is rooted in the Triune God who called you and me, and by grace prepares us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus to have a new identity in Christ filled with and led by the loving presence of the Holy Spirit for a ministry of reconciliation.

This truth is why we exist, and it is the love of God for us, in us, and given through us, that gives us a share of God’s life – together, in one, holy, catholic, apostolic community of faith.

What we do in response may grow the church. It may result in amazing ministries that meet pressing needs among our neighbors and within our walls. We may grow closer to God in amazing worship. And ultimately, our lives, and after-lives will be better. I pray for all of this, but these results are not why we exist – the gospel is our ‘why.’

There is only one Jesus – fully One with the Father and fully one of us – who shared in our humanity, died for us, and rose again, sending the Holy Spirit to live in and among us.

It’s a crazy story. I know. Smart and even religious people have mocked it for nearly two millennia. But this is the lens by which the Church has viewed creation and God. Believers like us and great scholars and theologians have taken this view and have changed the world for the better.

This is because if we truly see this as our reason for being, it will humble us just enough to lay down our pride and listen to Jesus in the words of scripture, listen to the Spirit in our prayer, and listen to each other.

As this year unfolds, I pray you and I will remember why we are here and actively listen for God and to our neighbors, because this will help us see God’s image in every one we meet and give us the ability to act as a community that truly loves others as God loves us.

- Drew

Catechism Class



For 5th grade
and ALL Middle Schoolers because
of COVID

Starting Sunday Night
February 6th
at 5:30

Confirmation Class

ALL High School YOUTH
Even if you have had the class,
join us to learn something new!



Starting Sunday Night
February 6th
at 5:30



Save the Date!

Churchwide Retreat - September 16-18
Staying at Assembly Inn

A Frozen Treat: Online Worship



In past years, a snowstorm might have canceled worship, but now that we broadcast online, Shelby Presbyterian Church had a tremendous first on January 16th.

Live from Drew's basement, Carol Ann's children's message involved making 'Snow Cream' as a way to remember the 'new creation,' how our God promises to make all things new. God used something we lost – our time together in person – and gave us something we will never forget – a youth minister's cooking show and sledding moment in the middle of a worship service.

So far, this service has already been the most popular broadcast in our Facebook page's history.



Children's Music and Mission

Groups each Wednesday
6:00pm



Children will lead in worship
Sunday, April 3rd



The Church has an opening for a part-time Sexton at 15-20 hours per week. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org or 704-487-8503) for more details.

- Personnel Committee



NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

How is it already February? January was filled with warm days inside, cold days outside, and fun snow themed crafts! This month we will talk about loving one another, Valentine's Day, and how we can show love to everyone.

These past couple years have been a challenge for everyone, dealing with COVID has not been easy. We are so thankful we are able to come to Rainbow to learn and play with our friends and teachers!

We appreciate all of the support that SPC gives us, and we are truly so blessed to have such a wonderful place for Rainbow to call home. Thank you for your unwavering support, prayers, and of course- LOVE!

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

(Romans 12:10)

- Abby Goins, Director



- The Deacons are looking to have a mix of long-time and newer members to welcome everyone on Sunday mornings. To see the slots available and sign up, use this link (<https://bit.ly/2022ushers>) and please consider signing up for a month to serve. This is a great way to make a strong first impression, reconnect with friends and more.

- If your child is interested in being the acolyte or chimer for the worship service, please sign them up through the link: <https://bit.ly/2022acolytechimes>



Our next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, February 15th 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

- To make an appointment:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

- To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly?SPCblood22>

Mission and Ministry Calendar of Giving

- **February** – February 13th Super Bowl of Caring for **Food Ministry**

- **March** – Lenten fund drive for **One Great Hour of Sharing** – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – March 2 to April 10 (financial contributions only)

- **April** – Sundays of March 27 and April 3, collection of food items for **Feeding Kids Cleveland County** Collection to be delivered by April 9th for Easter break distribution

- **May** – Special Mother's Day Collection on April 24 for **CCRM Women's Shelter** to purchase pajamas to give to each of the women for May 8.

- **June/July** – June 12 through July 31 "Christmas In July" **Rainbow Connection** Giving Tree for classroom supplies/toys/playground equipment.

- **August** – Request for **Backpack Ministry**

- **September** – a still yet undetermined **Youth Mission Project**

- **October** – distribution and collection of **Operation Christmas Child** 50 Shoeboxes

- **November** – Thanksgiving Collection for **Feeding Kids Cleveland County**

- **December** – Christmas Collection for **Feeding Kids Cleveland County**



February 2	.....	Annie Moser
February 2	.....	Avery Moser
February 3	.....	Madison Ormand
February 3	.....	Liza Smith
February 4	.....	Daniel Alexander
February 4	.....	Baxter Smith
February 5	.....	Fred Blackley
February 5	.....	Warren Julian
February 7	.....	Taylor Niblack
February 7	.....	Stephanie Williams
February 8	.....	Wilson McNeary
February 8	.....	Walton Moore
February 8	.....	Andy Taylor
February 9	.....	Brock Byers
February 10	.....	Olivia Gebel-Cook
February 10	.....	Tom Greene
February 11	.....	JoAnn Beattie
February 11	.....	Anney Weathers
February 11	.....	Deborah Welton
February 12	.....	Morgan Dixon
February 12	.....	Gretchen Gebel
February 12	.....	Emily Monroe
February 13	.....	June Hobbs
February 14	.....	Carson Wall
February 14	.....	John-Mark Zehnder
February 15	.....	Bobby Clifton
February 16	.....	Adam Butler
February 16	.....	Brian Butler
February 18	.....	Jim Riggs
February 19	.....	Savannah Raudez
February 20	.....	Morgan Beam
February 20	.....	Carolyn Ogburn
February 21	.....	Julia Alexander
February 21	.....	Emerson McMurry
February 21	.....	Bill Thorne
February 21	.....	Will Wilson
February 22	.....	Julian Bridges
February 22	.....	Barbara Moore
February 23	.....	Lisa LeGrand
February 23	.....	Alison Moore
February 24	.....	Rusty Patterson
February 25	.....	Devin Simpson
February 26	.....	Michael Cheaney
February 27	.....	Connie Blackwell
February 27	.....	Jack Ogburn
February 28	.....	Will Clifton
February 28	.....	Julia Kiser
February 29	.....	Wiley Smith

- **MENS BREAKFAST:** The men of Shelby Presbyterian Church will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns Thursday, February 6th, at 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street.

- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** On Sunday, February 13th, our Children and Youth invite you to join them in our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to give back as a congregation and collect donations for our Soup Lunch Food Ministry. Youth will have soup pots for monetary donations and wagons for non-perishable food donations following our worship services. Specific needs include cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, pasta sauce (ex. Ragu) and ziploc bags (slide zipper preferred - quart or gallon). Please make checks payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and noted for "Souper Bowl of Caring." Thank you so much for your generosity and support of need right here in Shelby!

- **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the MARCH edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Wednesday, February 16th.

- **DIRECTORY CHANGE**
Morris Lacey
Cleveland Pines
1404 N Lafayette St.
Shelby, NC 28150



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 Lori Wehmueller, Member Life Chairperson, 704.472.5253, or loriewehmueller@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Judy Becton	Faye McCants
Stacey Blackburn	Joe Miller
Karen Carpenter	Joe Ogburn & Family
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Meg Richards
Sid & Barbara Dixon	Mary Richards
Debbie Ferrell	Mishay Simpson
Ina Harrington	Beverly Styers
Joan Hunt	Byron Wade
David Kelley	Mary Ann Weber
Jason Lewis	Diane Windham
Owen Lewis	Terrecia Wingo
Jane McBrayer	Jason Willis

- Covid-19 research, caregivers, 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
- 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 February, pray for our **Sixth Graders:** Madison McIntyre, Madison Ormand, Lila Powell; and our **Seventh Graders:** Amelia Pruitt.

Prayers & Sympathies

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Joe Ogburn and family on the death of his wife, Jessi, on January 13, 2022. Jessi had been a member of SPC for 43 years.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER

... to the Youth Ministry in memory of Doug Boyette, Betsy Martin, Ed Cushman, Wes Bowman, Chris McDaniel, Katherine Kimbrough, and Jessi Ogburn.

...to the Youth Ministry in honor of new SPC Staff.

...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jessi Ogburn.

JANUARY 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2022 Operating Budget..... \$590,326.00
 Needed Weekly..... \$11,352.42

January 2
 Received.....\$25,548.37
 5¢-A-Meal.....\$200.35
 In-person Worship.....90
 Livestream Views118

January 9
 Received..... \$4,100.00
 In-person Worship.....105
 Livestream Views143

January 16
 Received.....\$3,680.00
 In-person Worship.....canceled due to snow
 Livestream Views.....317

January 23
 Received.....\$7,105.00
 In-person Worship.....98
 Livestream Views.....125

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022 BUDGET REVENUES

Pledged Offerings	\$ 459,738.00
Unpledged Offerings	80,000.00
Other Sources of Income	<u>50,588.00</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues	<u>\$ 590,326.00</u>

EXPENSES	
Church Programs	32,875.00
Property & Maintenance	75,000.00
Benevolences	93,749.00
Personnel costs	334,669.00
Administrative	48,473.00
Equipment purchases	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 590,326.00</u>

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for faithfully offering in 2021 which allowed us to meet all of our budgeted expenses and for pledging in 2022. Your pledges help us match your commitment with our vision for the coming year.

The numbers above are greatly summarized. If you would like to see more details, please contact the church office.

**SESSION MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 14, 2022**

Order of the Day – Recognition of Officers and Joint Meeting of Officers

- Drew Mangione recognized and presented certificates of appreciation to all Elders and Deacons from the Class of 2021 and thanked them all for their dedicated leadership and service over the past 3 years. An opportunity to address the group was presented with many sharing words of encouragement and enlightenment for those in attendance.

- Finance Committee Report – Scoot Dixon reported on continued results achieved with revenue exceeding expenses while both were below budget for the year. Thanks, were given to Committee chairs for submitting timely 2022 budget requests and for working with the new streamlined committee structure. As a result, the committee has a budget to present for approval later during this meeting.

- Diaconate Update – Greg Melton thanked all Deacons for being so flexible throughout the past year and offered additional thanks for the streaming ministry, Personnel Committee for all the staff added in 2021, and to the PNC for excellent work and results.

- Drew Mangione offered an update on the Officer Retreat coming up on January 8, 2022 and the ordination and installation of new officers on January 9th. Encouragement was given to come prepared to continue to build on ideas and excitement we have in our congregation.

- John Brotherton and Drew Mangione provided updates on committee assignments, provided lists to officers, and thanked all chairs of committees for accepting those roles. Drew also discussed an interest form that will be sent to the congregation.

- Jon Brownlee provided an update on Nominating Committee activities and path forward as well as handing off documentation from the committee to the new chair. Jon eloquently expressed his gratitude to all for the past 3 years of work and support.

- Additional outgoing officers offered more reflection of their time serving in their roles prior to the Deacons leaving to hold their specific meeting.

Communications

- John Brotherton requested all to sign up to light the Christ candle and lead the affirmation of Faith for the 2022 Called meetings.

- Drew Mangione presented dates for proposed Congregational Meetings in 2022 with discussion about the scope of items to be included in the January 23rd Annual meeting. Discussion was held

about timing for the Nominating Committee to present its proposed slate of officers for the class of 2025. Currently the plan is to add the 2 at-large members to the Nominating Committee at the January 23rd meeting. A motion was made to approve the Congregational Meeting schedule. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion also occurred regarding the Congregational interest form regarding making it an electronic form that can be accessed and completed online. Kimberly Dixon will take the lead to create that form.

Meeting Minute Approvals

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

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon presented several items:

- A recommendation from the committee to move \$2000 in the budget from a line item designated for Jo Ella Holman due to her retirement from mission work. A motion was made to create a new line item for reallocating the funds. Both the recommendation and the additional motion were approved unanimously.

- Reported that a donation has been received to create a scholarship fund for the church retreat at Montreat.

- Presented the 2022 Budget recommendation for approval, after discussion, the budget was approved unanimously.

- Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt reported that a search for a Sexton is underway and interviews are occurring.

Old and New Business

- Richard Fletcher presented a recommendation from Property Committee to donate the property identified as 407 Lineberger St. to the City of Shelby. The property was given to the church and we have found no use for it. We are following the process to Presbytery approval to disburse of the property and recommend obtaining congregational approval at the next meeting on January 23rd. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

**SESSION MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 8, 2022**

Planned Business

- A motion to approve distribution of salary and housing allowance for Drew Mangione for 2022. Distribution requested is as follows:

- Salary = \$45,000 Housing Allowance = \$31,500
- Motion was seconded and a unanimous vote of approval was received.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2025, and Deacon, Class of 2025. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Tuesday, February 15th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____
 I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: _____

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____
 I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: _____

Below is a list of 2022-24 officers:

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Ben Brooks	Fred Blackley	Susan Bell
Richard Fletcher	Kimberly Dixon	John Schweppe Jr.
Darlene Gravett	Scot Dixon	Cheryl Sisk
Nancy Hendrick	Roger Holland	Larry Wilson

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Ann Brown	Kyle Aldinger	Andy Brown
Joyce Couey	Mary Ann LaSelva	Claire McCullough
Debra Haddock	Elizabeth Schweppe	Jennifer Niblack
Caja Ormand	Lori Wehmueller	Holly Petrilli
Mary Raudez		

Turn in your suggestions by February 15th to the church office.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN FEBRUARY?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

- Feb. Mary Ann LaSelva, Captain
 Elizabeth Schweppe
 Thomas Monroe (6, 13, 20, 27)
 Michael Pruitt (13, 20, 27)
 John Schweppe III (6)

Worship Liturgist

- Feb. 6 Jeff Hamilton
 13 Lori Wehmueller
 20 Carolyn Billings
 27 Marlene Lovelace

Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Feb. 6 Margie Trivett & Marlene Lovelace
 13 Joyce & Paul Couey
 20 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
 27 Judy Greer & Rachel White

Sanctuary Flowers

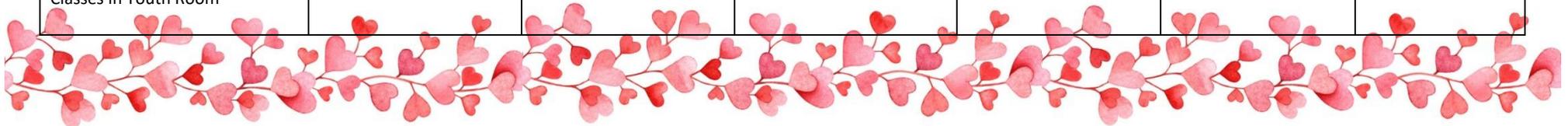
- Feb. 6 *available*
 13 Rich Coiner
 20 *available*
 27 *available*



Shelby Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 16th
 Photo sent in by Fred Blackley.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Food Ministry 1 • 7:00 Worship & Music	2 • 11:00 Membership Cmte • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall	3 • 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	4	5
5th Sunday after Epiphany 6 5 Cents a Meal • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room	7 • 11:45 Rainbow Ctme • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Discipleship Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 8 • 7:00 Worship & Music	9 • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 4:45 Chancel Choir	10 • 12:00 Finance • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	11	12
6th Sunday after Epiphany 13 Souper Bowl of Caring • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:00 Deacons Meeting • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room	14 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 15 • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting	16 Newsletter Articles Due • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 4:45 Chancel Choir	17 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	18	19
7th Sunday after Epiphany 20 Richard Hart preaching • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room	21 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 22 • 7:00 Worship & Music	23 • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 4:45 Chancel Choir	24 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	25	26
Transfiguration of the Lord 27 Communion • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room	28 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts					



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