

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! What a joy it has been for my family and me to walk alongside you in ministry over these past 17 months, and through this holiday season.

After the pandemic, every church has been tempted to just put everything back as it was, because "that is how we always did it." But instead, you have met the challenges of this past year with love, energy, intelligence, and imagination, and an eye toward where God is leading us in the year to come.

In 2022, we celebrated the return of the Food Ministry Lunch program on Mondays, which has adapted to empower more volunteers and better serve individuals in need. But what's more, you all have stepped up your support of Feeding Kids Cleveland County, helping to ensure food insecure families have food for the holidays and the summer months when school lunches are not available.

This year, as the Rainbow Connection brought back some of its traditional events, you showed support by coming out. Your support has empowered Rainbow to add a new class and expand enrollment. You also met every request and need for classroom supplies in the Christmas in July drive. For students in the public schools, last year, your donations more than fully funded the backpack program for Marion Elementary, but when it closed, you stepped up to sponsor and support Turning Point Academy with the backpack program, help for families, support for teachers, and more.

You have been a place of welcome and refuge for new members and families. I am still in awe of what I saw at Montreat with 110 of you on retreat together, where members with 20, 30, or 50 years in the church, built relationships with the newest members. Likewise, this has been repeated with the church picnic and Wednesday night suppers. We saw the return of ecumenical partnerships with the Community Thanksgiving and the Christmas Cantata, where we came out in big numbers to stand with each other and fellow churches.

In the coming year, I'm looking forward to this growing even more. For outreach, in the works is a partnership with other churches to support a Habitat for Humanity build. Some of you have been building connections for new efforts to help our neighbors in need. You have so many good ideas for Turning Point and other ways to make an impact.

As a church family, we are planning another Montreat retreat for Sept. 15-17. Our children's and youth programs are growing, and new adventures are in store. We have a slate of Wednesday night suppers in the works, as well as even more creative worship and music opportunities. To top it all off, we have a new Website.

In other words, get ready for 2023, it's going to be another big year. My family and I are just so thankful we are here with you to enjoy the ride.

- Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann



I love when we have a "Potluck" at youth events. At the Christmas Party, River brought Pigs in a Blanket. He called them Jesus wrapped in a blanket on the hay. We laughed because they were so cute....

"They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it **wondered** at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary **treasured** up all these things, **pondering** them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:16-20

In her novel, Little Women, Louisa May Alcott illustrates what I sometimes feel in January, "...God seems so far away I can't find Him." Written in 1868, it feels relevant to me today, as I ponder what God is doing in my life, God feeling far away, and me feeling unsure about sharing any of those thoughts out loud.

In this New Year, I'm wondering, I'm pondering, I'm treasuring in my heart what I've not taken the time for all year long. I'm striving to point myself back to the truth rooted in God's Word. In Luke 2:16–20, we come to the end of the birth narrative where the new reality sets in that this baby is truly God and ultimately God is glorified and praised. Jesus is a constant in the transition, in the in between, in the processing, each and every year.

Like River, let's look for Jesus in all of our transitions and in our everyday life, no matter what time of the year.



Carol Ann

Trash to Treasure

Thanks to Richard Hart for using his gifts taking the old wooden sofas (from the early 1900's) and turning them into NEW coffee tables and end tables. The youth are thankful for their new tables!

One person's JUNK is another person's TREASURE!

Thanks Richard for creating us a new treasure!







Youth and Parent Gathering Sunday, January 8th

5:00 pm

All youth and parents are invited to Dinner in Ellis Hall. Come and find out what will be going on in 2023! A free youth trip will be given away.

Bring a dessert to share.

Do you like to cook? Or order out?

Youth Suppers are needed!

If you are willing to prepare and serve a meal for the youth on a Sunday Night, let CA know! Plan for 20 people.

CHILDREN'S WELCOME BACK PARTY Wednesday, January 11th in Ellis Hall from 6:00-7:00



Nursery Workers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering a Sunday in the Nursery, let Carol Ann know.







FUN TIME AT THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 11th











IMPORTANT DATES

January 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO Sunday School; 10:00 am Worship only.

January 2nd

Church Office CLOSED

January 7th

Officer Retreat If you have not paid your \$20 please turn it in to Miranda.

January 8th

Turning Point Gift Cards

January 16th

Church Office CLOSED -MLK Day

What's Going on at SPC?!

"Behold, I am doing a new thing" - Isaiah 43:9a

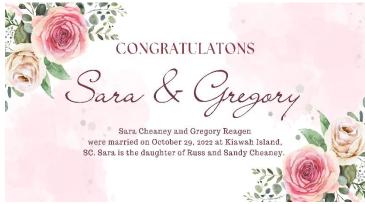
NEW SPC STAFF MEMBERS

- Bruce Moser. Chancel Choir Director
- Lindsay Carter, Nursery Coordinator
- Lilly Hamilton, Nursery Assistant

We give thanks for the ministry of Music Director Amy Allen, Nursery Director Tricia Butler, and Nursery Assistant Holly Conner, and pray for them in their new endeavors.









Is all of the contact information in our online church directory correct for your family? If you would like the Media Committee to make any edits to your address, phone number, etc., please fill out this form: https://forms.gle/HRkNIsNGtRtpgcbk9 or contact Elizabeth Schweppe.

If you have an updated picture that you would like to add, text it to Elizabeth Schweppe 704-477-5686. Feel free to contact Elizabeth (elizabethschweppeagmail.com) to snap a picture of you/your family before or after worship.











THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year from Rainbow Connection! December was full of fun Christmas activities, crafts, parties, pajamas, and of course our Christmas programs! The children all worked so hard practicing their songs and they did a wonderful job. I would like to thank Emily Monroe for her time and direction with the handbells for our 4s and 5s programs.

January seems to be the longest month of the year, and personally I dread the cold. The children are still taken outside on cold days to enjoy some fresh air and the playeround. Inside we will stay warm by learning, playing, and singing together!!

We are so thankful for everything SPC continues to do for Rainbow! "May he grant your heart's desires

and make all your plans succeed."
(Psalm 20:4)

Abby Goins, Director







CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY WITH A \$10 GIFT CARD OFFERING

for students at Turning Point Academy on Sunday, January 8th. Please bring gift cards in the amount of \$10 only, to place in the offering plates, during the service. The SPC's Turning Point Partnership team will give these to the school for use in motivational events for the students, for good attendance and good work. Some suggested gift cards include Chic-Fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic. Contact Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947 or brownleemolly@gmail.com) for more information.

SOUNDBOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The media committee is looking for volunteers willing to help run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli.



ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Starting January 17th please come by the office or email Miranda (miranda@shelbpres.org) for a new background check.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN DECEMBER?

<u>Deacons Taking Up Offering</u> <u>& Ushers</u>

Jan. Andy Brown, captain Claire McCullough Michelle Moser Lori Wehmueller

Elders Serving Communion

8 Fred Blackley
Susan Bell
Richard Dedmon
Kimberly Dixon
Scoot Dixon
Bill Jobe
Roger Holland
Laura Lampley
John Schweppe Jr.
Cheryl Sisk

Worship Liturgist

Jan. 1 Darlene Gravett

8 Cathy Burns

15 Rich Coiner

22 Steve Sisk

29 Allison Moore

Sound & Video Teams

Jan. 1 John Brotherton David Grose

8 Chip Blackley

Joe Petrilli 15 John Brotherton

Patrick Glenn

22 Patrick Glenn David Grose

29 John Brotherton Joe Petrilli

Sanctuary Worship Guild

an. 1 Beverly Elmore Stuart Schweppe

> 8 Barbara Blackburn Barbara Hannah

15 Margie Trivett

Marlene Lovelace

22 Paul & Joyce Couey

29 Harriette Beam Laura Beam

Sanctuary Flowers

All Sundays are available

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

December Happenings

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16









Hanging of the Greens

November 30, 2022



Special music provided by the SPC Handbell Choir during worship Sunday, December 4, 2022.



Troop 100, under the leadership of Scout Walton Moore, recently made 100 fish habitat "trees" for his Eagle Scout project. The trees were placed in Moss Lake last month. The project caught the attention of fishing pro Matt Arey. Check out the link below for an article about the project. Troop 100 is sponsored by SPC and Fred Blackley is the Scoutmaster.

https://www.bassmaster.com/conservation -news/news/arey-assists-eagle-scout-withfish-habitat-

project/?fbclid=lwAR3MnmrNTJIXnc1mKwn0y tlWqZFXHXfS02F-

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Merry Christmas, Shelby! Members of the Chancel Choir performed the "City of Hope" Cantata with other local churches at Central United Methodist December 9, 2022.









Boy Scout Troop 100 went camping at Crowders Mountain State Park. Campers hiked 6.5 miles to the campsite, carrying their supplies on their backs. Along the way, they hiked to the top of the Crowders Mountain Pinnacle, sometimes in the rain. In all, they hiked 12 miles this weekend. Troop 100 is sponsored by SPC and Fred Blackley is the Scoutmaster.



Thank you so much SPC! We had a wonderful time at the Royster House celebrating Christmas and enjoying time together outside the office.

Thanks again for being such a caring and supportive congregation.

The SPC Staff







SPC Children's Choir performance December 11, 2022





Happy Retirement Amy & Tricia!

Thank you again for all your years of service. Amy Allen, Music Director for 29 years Tricia Butler, Nursery Director for 9 years

To my wonderful SPC Church Family:

Thank you for my retirement recognition yesterday! Many thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl, to the ladies who prepared the reception in Ellis Hall, for your kind words, the sweet cards, and your generous monetary gifts.

It has been my pleasure to serve our Lord and Shelby Presbyterian Church, as music director, for over 29 years. I will really miss directing my wonderful choir family.

Marty and I will be "floating" back and forth from Shelby to Atlantic, AND to our grandchildren! We look forward to seeing you all, when we are in Shelby. So, this is not good-bye, but hope to see you soon at SPC!

> Love in Christ, Amy Allen

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2026, and Deacon, Class of 2026. 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 (<u>miranda@shelbypres.org</u>) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 30 th .					
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:					
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Below is a list of 2023-25 officers:

ELDERS: Fred Blackley, Kimberly Dixon, Scoot Dixon, Roger Holland, Susan Bell, John Schweppe Jr., Cheryl Sisk, Larry Wilson, Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, and Tom Martin

DEACONS: Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva, Elizabeth Schweppe, Lori Wehmueller, Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Jennifer Niblack, Holly Petrilli, Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, and Trey Warrick.

Turn in your suggestions by January 30th to the church office.



The goal of the Member Life Ministry 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 Ministry Chairperson, 704.472.5253 or loriwehmueller@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Ina Harrington Ann Pharr Amy Brown Joan Hunt Clay Pruett Karen Carpenter Myra Carpenter David Kelley Rick Steeves Matthew Carpenter David LeGrand Beverly Styers Janet Carpenter Cheryl Lutz Patty Thorne Bert & Joy Cushman Barbara Weller Faye McCants Melissa DeVane Ryder Moore Diane Windham Debbie Ferrell Pauline Persing Teresa Wingo

- Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy
- •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
- 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 January, pray for our **Freshmen:** Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Emerson Taylor; and our **Sophomores:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Lillian Moore, Anna Schweppe, and Charlie Schweppe.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ben & Mallory Brown
Bill & Carolyn Cooper
David & Susan Grose
Fred & Jennipher Harrill
Jim & Susan McConnell
Zelma Whitney

Happy Birthday!

January 1	Trey Warrick
	Ben Brooks
	Anna-Drake Davis
	Patrick Dickson
	Hannah Appling
	Sherry Julian
	Harrison Mangione
	Tom Jones
	David Kennedy
	Myra Dixon
	Shem Blackley
	Jay Bridges
	Lilly Hamilton
January 7	Catherine Strain
	Betsy Clifton
January 8	Thomas Couch
January 8	Ben Schweppe
January 8	Andy Brown
January 9	Mystie Brotherton
January 9	Thomas Monroe
January 10	Anna Grace McCullough
January 10	Holly Petrilli
January 11	Annie Little
January 12	Mike Alexander
January 15	Seren Bryant
	Mark Buse
	Aletheia Stern
	Lloyd Williams Jr.
	Greg Melton
	Edna Patterson
	Linda Ware
	Mary Beam
	Katie Borders
	Alex Martin
	Billy Cooper
	Jordan McIntyre
	Julia Persing
	Jon Brownlee
	Judy Greer
	Greg McIntyre
	Paul Couey
	Clay Griffin
	Tripp Weathers
January 31	Ed Webb

SPC Reports & Minutes

STATED SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Reception of New Members: Drew introduced and welcomed New Members and New Friends: Ben & Mallory Brown, David & Susan Grose, Fred & Jennipher Harrill, Zelma Whitney

New Friends (Affiliate Members): Jim & Susan McConnell and Rill & Greeky George. A motion was made to reserve the new

Bill & Carolyn Cooper. A motion was made to receive the new members and seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Communications

Clerk's Report - John Schweppe reported:

- Cheryl and Larry attended the last Presbytery Meeting and reported there was no significant action taken.
- John requested volunteers to attend the January 28th Presbytery Meeting which will be conducted by Zoom.
- Communion on Christmas Day will be by intinction.

<u>Deacon's Report</u> – Elizabeth Schweppe reported:

- Volunteers are needed for "Feeding the Kids" at Jefferson Park, Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- Turning Point Academy continues to seek our assistance including serving as lunch buddies, gathering gift cards in \$10.00 amounts to encourage attendance. There will be a collection of these on Epiphany Sunday, January 8.
- Michelle Moser should have the new website online shortly.
- Elizabeth and Mary are working on an update to the church directory.

Pastor's Report - Drew reported:

- Most of the staff attended the Gardner Webb University lecture from Dr. Beth Allison Barr of Baylor University, who is the author of "The Makings of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became the Gospel Truth." Not only did they get to hear Dr. Barr speak, but most met her afterward.
- Minutes for the October 18th meeting were revised to include the correct formal name "Child & Youth Protection Policy". Motion by Fred and Seconded by Darlene, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Scoot Dixon reported:

- For October, Revenue exceeded budget by \$20,000.00. Offerings exceeded expenses.
- Drew shared the results of a recent meeting between the Finance Committee and the leadership of John Knox, wherein some former John Knox members proposed that in recognition of SPC being the founding church for John Knox, that upon the sale of the John Knox property and subject to Presbytery approval, of a lump sum or percentage of the sale, whichever is

greater, would be donated to SPC. Presently they expressed the desire that the gift be used for expansion of the Food Ministry. There appears to be no immediate market for the John Knox property and at such time as it is conveyed, we will proceed with further action on this generous proposal.

<u>Personnel Committee</u> - Darlene Gravett reported:

- Darlene said the Employee Handbook was in its final draft and would be presented next month for approval. She recognized John Auton, Andy Brown, and Cathy Wilson for their work in serving on the sub-committee. The Handbook was passed unanimously as presented.
- Darlene further reported that we have a vacancy for the Nursery Coordinator and an Assistant and for the Chancel Choir director.

Property Committee – Richard Fletcher reported:

• The acquisition of a new kitchen freezer is underway, primarily focused on a residential unit (new or "scratch and dent") for use until kitchen renovations are completed.

Mission & Ministry – Larry Wilson reported:

- Upon motion by Larry Wilson and unanimously approved, contributions to Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association will remain at the \$1,500.00 budgeted yearly with no additional gifts from the disaster assistance fund.
- Pastor Drew said SPC is pursuing a partnership with other churches for a Habitat Home Partnership and may want to pursue creative ways to fund this project.

Worship & Music – Pastor Drew reported:

• December 21st at 7:00 P.M. in Ellis Hall, we will host a "Longest Night" Service for Lament and Hope, seconded by Larry Wilson, unanimously approved.

→ <u>As of December 21, 2022:</u> 110 Financial Pledge Cards for the 2023 budget have been received that total \$512,816.00 (Last year 114 families pledged \$497,432.00.) Please give prayerful consideration to bringing or mailing your card(s) to the church office as soon as possible. Cards are available in the narthex or in the church office.

DECEMBER 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT						
2022 Ope	rating Budget		\$590,326.00			
Needed Weekly						
DEC. 4:	Received\$5,309.00	5¢-A-Meal \$330.67	Worship133 Livestream View103			
DEC. 11:	Received\$34,859.36	Worship159	Livestream Views130			
DEC. 18:	Received\$3,810.00	Worship163	Livestream Views84			

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ST Sunday of Christmas Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering NO SUNDAY SCHOOL •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts	• 10:30 Staff Meeting	• 11:00 Member Life • 7:15 Chancel Choir	• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	6	• 8:00 Officer Retreat
Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord 8 Turning Point Gift Cards Communion • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 5:00 Youth & Parent Night	• 8:00 AA 9 • 9:00 Rainbow Connection First Day back • 9:30 Soup Lunch • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 2:00 Clerk's Council	• 6:00 Kids – Growing in Grace • 7:15 Chancel Choir	• 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	13	14
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3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 22 • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 5:00 Youth Night	• 9:30 Soup Lunch • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media	• 6:00 Kids – Growing in Grace • 7:15 Chancel Choir	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	27	28
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