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# THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for siblings to sit in unity again." – Psalm 133:1*

With just three verses, Psalm 133 is one of the shortest chapters in scripture, but in these three verses we find the theme that undergirds all of scripture – namely that **God's plan is for all of humanity to be united again.**

Yet, this can be the hardest thing for us. Coming out of the pandemic, we live in a very divided culture. The word devil literally means the divider. Whether an actual personified force for evil, or just the force itself that wells up deep within us, **to divide is to oppose the will of God, because it is good and pleasant for us to be together.**

**The last three years have been a challenge** to our faith because rather than build on the idea that was stated at the beginning – that we're all in the same boat – we have pulled away from each other, when our calling is to be united.

**Still, I am thankful** for two things: (1) that churches of all sizes were forced to go online, where now people in person and online can participate in the same worship experience, and (2) that so many of us have a longing for community after exile in a digital Babylon, that church is a place we again long to be to find connection.

I am thankful that over the past 18 months that we've been blessed to be a part of this congregation, **the return of social events has allowed us to grow closer by sharing time and experiences together.** Last year, in Lent, we gathered weekly for a study, and since then, every event has grown larger and been more fruitful, especially our retreat with about 110 of you gathered for the weekend.

What's more, this last week we sat in unity for fun at a Shrove Monday Pancake and Trivia night and in preparation for the season on Ash Wednesday. In addition, we joined a unity service with our sisters and brothers at Ryburn Memorial Church and several more churches. **What a good and pleasant month it was in this regard.**

The return of Wednesday Night Suppers has also packed Ellis Hall to learn about church ministries, to have fun, and to share a delicious meal. **In March, we will have a dinner and then a series of classes with Professor Susan Carlisle Bell on the Passion and Resurrection in Art and Scripture,** and in April, we will have holy week and more opportunities to gather.

Thank you for choosing to spend time with your church family and know that your church's leadership will continue to provide opportunities to grow closer and likewise, extend our arms into the community. **It pleases God to see us gather in person and keep people connected online, all while sharing God's love all around us.**

– Drew

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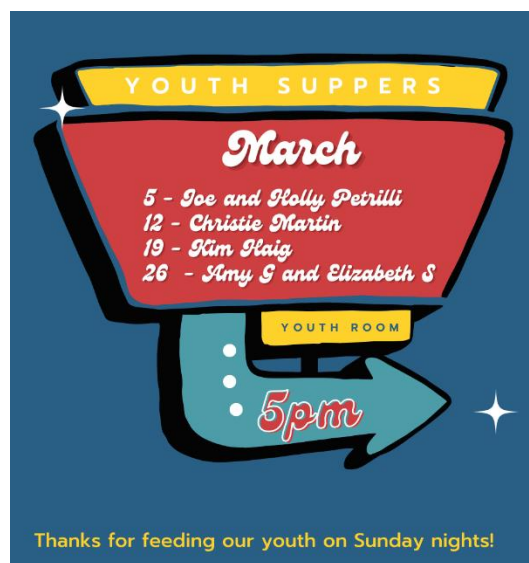
# From the Desk of Carol Ann

February has flown by and Spring is almost here! My favorite time of the year! February is always a challenging month for me because the weather is not sure if it is winter or spring. It confuses me. Well it doesn't take much to confuse me. I have found myself struggling these past few weeks even more than the usual February blues. Senior year for Will, college decisions, Lavery moving home for a while, Joel's back surgery in March, caring for Mr. Michael, funerals, Will's last musical, Lent starting.....and I know I am not the only one who is struggling. We all do.

Above my computer in my office is a sticker. It says "YOU GOT THIS!" I'm not even sure where it came from but I really liked the colors so I stuck it up there awhile back. This past week I found myself in some stressful times and struggling. When I looked up to ask God for help, there it was: the sticker, "You Got This." God provides exactly what we need when we need it. I am reminded by the verse, "Come to me all of you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens—I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Yes, you got this. Let God help you carry those heavy burdens when you are tired and when you are struggling.

- Carol Ann





## YOUTH TRIPS THIS SUMMER

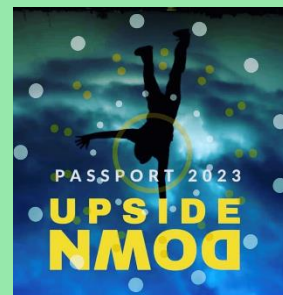


**WILDERNESS TRAIL JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup>:** Walking together, taking Quiet Time, sharing Little Foxes and Holy Grounds, washing one another's feet, playing in the rain, serving and celebrating secret friends, sharing meals, and trusting the process... this image reminds us to love one another on the trail and out in the world.

Cost is \$300—Open to the first 7 people to sign up with their \$100 deposit.

**PASSPORT CAMP JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> BEREA COLLEGE BERE, KY:** Passport is a creative discipleship and mission action camp that allows students to have a varied camp experience, explore their passions, and grow in their faith journey. Along with small group Bible studies, they will experience afternoon activities that engage their faith and give them the opportunity to deepen their faith and serve others through local mission engagement.

Cost: \$400—sign up by **May 1st**



## YOUNG LIFE CARNIVAL



March 19, 2023 • 3-5 PM  
THE BOBBY BELL PAVILION  
Adult Registration: \$5  
Child Registration: \$1

Join us for a fun night with carnival games to support the mission of Young Life with the first ever Cleveland County Young Life Carnival!

## Older Children's Lunch and Rehearsal SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

**The older children (1st-5th grade) will stay after worship, have lunch and then practice for the musical.**





# Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 2  
3:00PM





THE HOME OF BEVERLY ELMORE  
121 LAKEMONT DRIVE  
SHELBY, NC

**Youth — We will need you to meet at 1:30 at Mrs. Elmore's home to hide the eggs on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Youth enjoyed watching Lillian and Will*







## IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**

5 Cents a Meal

**MARCH 12<sup>nd</sup>**

Daylight savings time  
begins

**MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tabatha Coker is  
preaching.

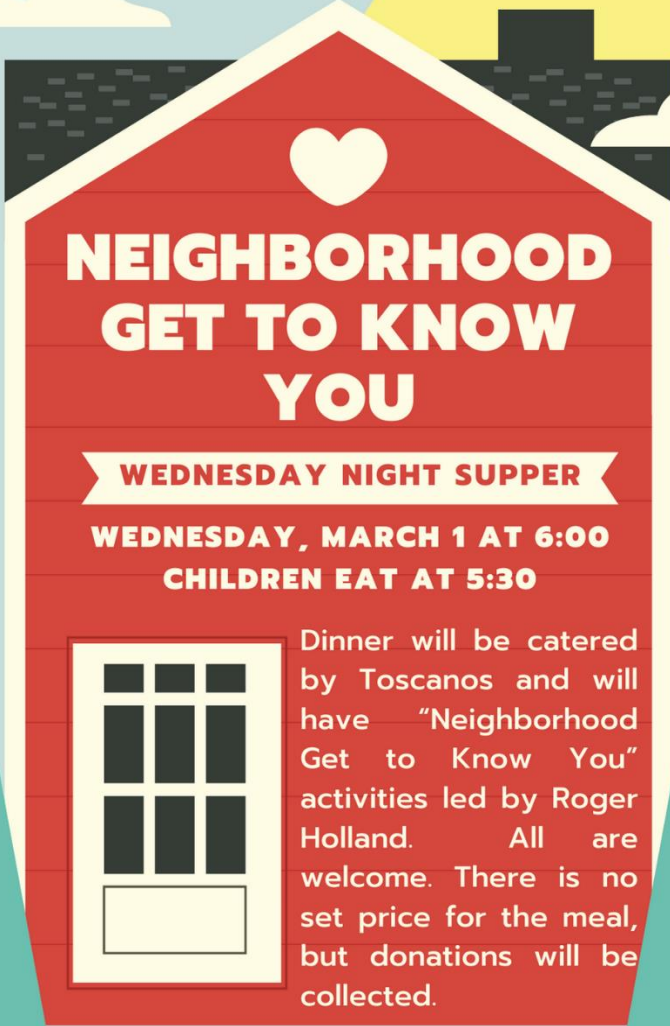
**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>**

Newsletter Articles  
due to Miranda

[miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)

Senior Scholarship  
Applications Due

# What's Going on at SPC?!



## NEIGHBORHOOD GET TO KNOW YOU

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 6:00**

**CHILDREN EAT AT 5:30**

Dinner will be catered by Toscanos and will have "Neighborhood Get to Know You" activities led by Roger Holland. All are welcome. There is no set price for the meal, but donations will be collected.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**MARCH 2, 2023  
7:00 AM**

The men of SPC will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street.



*Save the  
Date!*

**Churchwide Retreat - September 15-17  
Staying at Assembly Inn**



# GROWING IN GRACE

## Children's Choir

will present

"In the Image" A Musical by Mark Burrows

Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30

after Wednesday Night Supper in Ellis Hall

Special rehearsals for 1st - 5th graders ONLY

Sunday, March 26th 11:15-1:30

Lunch Provided

Saturday, April 29th Dress Rehearsal

9:00-12:30 Lunch Provided



## CONGRATULATIONS TO GLEN LASHBROOK!

Glen is the Cleveland County recipient of the 2022 Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service in North Carolina. He has been volunteering for more than 20 years with the Red Cross Disaster Action Team where he handles logistics so that folks going through a disaster have a place to turn. We are fortunate that Glen is the volunteer who is the driving force behind our SPC Food Ministry grocery pickup and distribution. Only one nomination for a Medallion is permitted per county and only 20-25 volunteers are recognized in the state each year. Congratulations again to Glen and THANK YOU for your service to our county and our SPC community.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SOUP RECIPES

### Easy Taco Soup

Ingredients:

2 pounds lean ground beef

1 large onion, minced

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 (1 ounce) packets taco seasoning mix

1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed & drained

1 (11 ounce) can Mexican-style corn, drained

1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes & green chilies (such as RO\*TEL)

1-quart tomato juice

1 bunch cilantro, minced, or to taste

1 large lime, halved

1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat a heavy-bottomed soup pot over medium-high heat. Cook and stir ground beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain and discard grease.

Add onion and garlic. Cook over medium to medium-high heat, stirring often, until onions begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Add taco seasoning; cook and stir until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in black beans, corn, and diced tomatoes. Stir in tomato juice and scrape any browned bits of food off the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon.

Bring to a simmer; add cilantro and squeeze juice from lime halves into the pot. Simmer until flavors have melded, 15 to 20 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

### Best Ever Potato Soup

Ingredients:

6 bacon strips, diced

3 cups cubed peeled potatoes

1 small carrot, grated

½ cup chopped onion

1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

½ teaspoon celery seed

1 can (14 ½ ounces) chicken broth

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

3 cups 2% milk

8 ounces Velveeta, cubed

2 green onions, thinly sliced, optional

Directions:

In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally; drain drippings.

Add vegetables, seasonings and broth; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-15 minutes.

Mix flour and milk until smooth; stir into soup.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes.

Stir in cheese until melted. If desired, serve with green onions.

Yields 8 servings (2 quarts)



# Worship Opportunities



**THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND ART** will start Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and continue each Wednesday until March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in Ellis Hall led by Susan Bell. We will study the Scriptures using art across the centuries to help illuminate our understanding of the Word and the Lord. The Head of Christ by Rouault is an Abstract Expressionist work that concentrates on what He suffered for us, not on a physical likeness. The dripping red paint is quickly interpreted as His shed blood from the thorny crown. The black and blue shapes represent the beatings and the swirling black lines are the whip marks. The only white used is in the eyes that are full of sadness and compassion. Rouault was a devout Catholic and his paintings often came after his meditations. Christ has been sentenced, mocked, scourged, spit upon and yet is still determined to do His Father's will. "By his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53: 5)

## **Aldersgate United Methodist Lenten Lunchtime Worship Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Sanctuary & Epworth**

Worship will be at noon in the sanctuary and virtually on Facebook and YouTube. Our first Lenten Lunchtime Worship service will occur on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Ash Wednesday), and the final Lenten Lunchtime Worship service will meet April 5<sup>th</sup>. For this ecumenical gathering, we welcome pastors and special musicians from congregations in our community and region.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Rev. Carrie Carpenter (Aldersgate UMC)  
March 1<sup>st</sup>: Carolina Kramer (Episcopal Church of the Redeemer)  
March 8<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Carol Ann Hoard (Shelby Presbyterian)  
March 15<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Betty Brown (St. Paul & Galilee UMCs)  
March 29<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Carolyn Briggs (Living Waters Christian Ministries)  
April 5<sup>th</sup>: Kris Kramer (Ascension Lutheran)

We will provide a "light lunch" (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) immediately following worship in the Epworth Gym. The cost is \$7.00 per person. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

**SPC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available near the doors to the sanctuary and in the Narthex. This year's format is a weekly prompt, which you can do on Sunday or Monday to help guide you in the week, or you could read it and pray each day on it. Either way, this devotional or another, can help you in your Lenten journey.

### **SPC UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LENT:**

Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Table Communion in Ellis Hall.

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm A Meditation on the Cross through music in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary.





# THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

## PRESCHOOL

It is so hard to believe it is already March! Spring is peeking through those cold days, and we are so excited to explore the many things March brings with it. We will be doing Spring crafts, talking about the weather, and enjoying time outside with friends. We will hunt for gold and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

On March 23rd, we are having our annual Art Show + Hot Dog Supper Fundraiser at 6pm. We will raffle off art donated by local artists and our own Rainbow children! Feel free to join us for the supper or purchase tickets for the raffle.

"How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to get insight rather than silver!"  
(Proverbs 16:16)

Abby Goins, Director







# BE INVOLVED

The Media Committee is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally on Sunday mornings. Adults, as well as older, responsible youth will work in pairs each Sunday to support this important aspect of our SPC ministry. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli at [hollypetrilli@hotmail.com](mailto:hollypetrilli@hotmail.com).



## SPC Supper Clubs

### SIGN UP NOW!

Groups will meet monthly for meals together. Each group will have 6-8 people (families and singles included as well). Call the church office to sign up 704-487-8503.



Seasons may change, but the need for blood is constant. Spring into action! Schedule a blood donation for April 18<sup>th</sup>: [rcblood.org/30ZPmPy](http://rcblood.org/30ZPmPy)

To volunteer at the April 18<sup>th</sup> blood drive: [bit.ly/SPCblood22](http://bit.ly/SPCblood22)

## ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MARCH?

### Chimers

Mar.	5	Thomas Pruitt
	12	Kesson Warrick
	19	Anna Grace McCullough
	26	Anna Grace McCullough

### Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Mar.	Elizabeth Schweppe, captain
	Claire McCullough
	Holly Petrilli
	Trey Warrick

### Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

Mar.	1	Fred Blackley
		Tom Martin
		Michelle Moser
		Lori Wehmuller

### Worship Liturgist

Mar.	5	Carolyn Jackson
	12	Tara Warrick
	19	Ellen Fletcher
	26	John Schweppe III

### Sound & Video Teams

Mar.	5	Chip Blackley
		John Brotherton
	12	David Grose
		Joe Petrilli
	19	Chip Blackley
		John Brotherton
	26	Patrick Glenn
		David Grose

### Sanctuary Worship Guild

Mar.	5	Paul & Joyce Couey
	12	Harriette Beam
		Laura Beam
	19	Judy Greer
		Rachel White
	26	Beverly Elmore
		Stuart Schweppe

### Sanctuary Flowers

Mar.	5	Martin Family
	12	available
	19	available
	26	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.



# EASTER CANDY NEEDED

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 2nd. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy in to the office by Friday, March 24th. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 27th at 10:00. Thank you!



If anyone is interested in prepping the outside flower cross for Easter Sunday please contact Miranda ([miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)).

## Pancake syrup



Turn in by  
March 26th

The Mission and Ministry Committee is partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland. For the month of March, the Mission and Ministry Committee is asking for syrup donations. Our goal this year is to collect 100 bottles of syrup! Thank you for your support.

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The Department of English

Language & Literature and

The Darlene J. Gravett Visiting Writer Series  
welcome

**JOANNA PERSON**

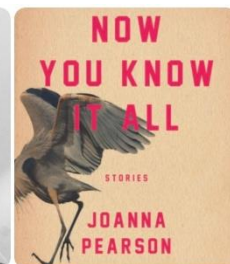
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MARCH 20 • TUCKER STUDENT CENTER  
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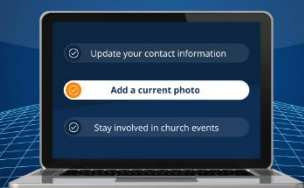
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## DIRECTORY

INFO UPDATE



Contact Elizabeth  
Schweppe to update!

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: [bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate](https://bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate) or contact Elizabeth Schweppe.

If you have an updated picture that you would like to add, you can text it to Elizabeth Schweppe at 704-477-5686. Feel free to contact Elizabeth ([elizabethschweppe@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethschweppe@gmail.com)) to snap a picture of you/your family before or after worship.

To login to the online directory, visit the SPC home page. At the bottom, click on "member login." Use your email address that the church has on file as your login.

## SPC CLASSIFIEDS

Do you need wood for your firepit? Frank and Barbara Hannah have lots of wood chopped and ready for your outdoor adventures. Please call them at 704-482-3510 if you are interested.



# February 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*



Sunday School for all ages  
and all interests. Come join us  
Sundays at 9:00!



**Wednesday Night Supper  
February 1, 2023**

Amy Allen from Habitat for  
Humanity joined us for  
chicken spaghetti.





## The baptism of Annie & Avery Moser

February 5, 2023



## Souper Bowl of Caring

February 5, 2023



## Hot Lunch Ministry

February 13, 2023

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Kathy Wilson or Debbie Hart.







**Valentine's Coffee**  
at the home of  
Agaat Den Hertog  
February 14, 2023



**The baptism of  
Lindsay & William Glenn**  
February 19, 2023



**Worship & Lunch at  
Ryburn Memorial Presbyterian**  
February 19, 2023



**Shrove Tuesday on Monday**  
February 20, 2023  
Thank you to everyone who helped  
out and donated to the Youth  
Ministry. The event raised \$500 for  
our Youth Ministry!







## Member Care

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](mailto:loriwehmueller@gmail.com) or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Shannon & Chip Blackley & Family	Debbie Ferrell	Pauline Persing
Debra Blanton	Ina Harrington	Ann Pharr
Dick Bowles & Family	Robert Hilton	Clay Pruett
Betty Bowling	Joan Hunt	Rick Steeves
Frank Bonner	David Kelley	Beverly Styers
Amy Brown	David LeGrand	Patty Thorne
Karen Carpenter	Cheryl Lutz	Barbara Weller
Myra Carpenter	Faye McCants	Diane Windham
Matthew Carpenter	Ryder Moore	Teresa Wingo
Bert & Joy Cushman		

- 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 March, pray for our **College Sophomores**: Miles Beam, Charlie Brownlee, Janie Brownlee, Kyle Persing, Daniel Schweppe, Liza Smith, Sarah Wehmueller; and our **College Juniors**: Tori Clifton, Morgan Dixon, Lilly Hamilton, Alex Haydon, Alex Niblack, Nick Stites, Malachi Zehnder.

### Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Dick Bowles and family on the death of his sister Nancy Bowles on January 26, 2023.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Becky and Trip Boinest and family on the death of Becky's son Joseph Hendrick on February 10, 2023.

## Happy Birthday!

March 2 .....	Damon Burroughs
March 3 .....	Gloria Jobe
March 3 .....	Jon Pharr
March 4 .....	Adele Aylmer
March 4 .....	Shields Fletcher
March 4 .....	Alex Haydon
March 6 .....	Hal Bryant
March 6 .....	Mary Kelly
March 6 .....	Jake Taylor
March 8 .....	Anna Greer
March 8 .....	Olive Pharr
March 9 .....	Carol Williams
March 10 .....	Margaret Schweppe
March 11 .....	Judy Pearson
March 12 .....	Parker Dixon
March 12 .....	David Grose
March 12 .....	Betty Hager
March 12 .....	Ted LeGrand
March 12 .....	Rachel White
March 13 .....	Nancy Hendrix
March 13 .....	Cheryl Sisk
March 14 .....	Nancy Blackley
March 14 .....	Pat Wilkison
March 15 .....	Anna Yerger
March 15 .....	Reagan Wall
March 16 .....	Reece Ware
March 17 .....	Libby Jackson
March 17 .....	Claire Mangione
March 18 .....	John Auten
March 22 .....	Conway Carter
March 22 .....	Meredith Teddy
March 22 .....	Laura Wheeler
March 23 .....	Sue Breen
March 23 .....	Don Bridges
March 25 .....	Carol Bridges
March 25 .....	Kate Fletcher
March 26 .....	David Beam
March 26 .....	Jeanne Spragins
March 27 .....	Gracie Blackley Huggins
March 29 .....	Janice Blake
March 29 .....	Margaret Harry
March 29 .....	Randy Reed
March 30 .....	Mason Venable
March 31 .....	Susan Teddy
March 31 .....	Donna Jo Yocum



# SPC Reports & Minutes

## SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2023

### Communications

#### Clerk's Report – John Schweppe reported:

Requested elders to serve as commissioners for Presbytery Meetings in 2023.

#### Deacon's Report – Elizabeth Schweppe reported:

- A new ushering schedule has been created for 2023.

- Deacons and Elders have been given a list of ideas collected at our Officer's Retreat for connecting as Neighborhood Groups and are encouraged to create a plan for the year.

- Our next Blood Drive is on February 21st and currently there are 12 appointments available.

#### Pastor's Report – Drew reported:

- Drew thanked officers for sharing their gifts of time and talents and will provide to each a copy of the survey regarding the Officer's Retreat.

- Ratified on-line vote for Carol Ann's Housing allowance and Christmas Eve offering for Emergency Assistance Fund. Motion by Roger, second by Larry, unanimous vote.

- Session minutes approved. Motion by Roger, second by Laura, unanimous vote

### Committee Reports:

#### Discipleship Committee – Cheryl Sisk reported:

- The Catechism Class was postponed because there is only 1 candidate age appropriate.

- Confirmation Class has been scheduled.

- Montreat scheduled September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> with Robin Holland and Emily Melton serving as Co-Chairs.

- Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate Fat Tuesday to include a pancake meal.

- More volunteers for nursery on Sundays are requested.

- During the month of March, Susan Bell will present weekly series on the passion and resurrection of Jesus in scripture and art in Ellis Hall at 6:00 P.M.

- Family Night on the first Wednesday of any month will offer prepared meals at no charge for the attendees and on succeeding week, families are requested to bring their own meals.

- Late in April, Emile Gebel will present a program on plants in the Bible, showcasing the Castor Bean Plant which provided shade for Jonah.

- Paul Couey will offer Sunday afternoon art classes with a time to be determined.

- February 12<sup>th</sup>, Souper Bowl Sunday – Lunch following church. Soup with donations appreciated.

#### Fellowship Committee – Kimberly Dixon reported:

- February 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday night meal will be provided and Amy Allen will present a program about Habitat for Humanity operations here in Cleveland County.

#### Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon reported:

- Revenue exceeded budget by more than \$61,000.00.

- We await delivery of the new van.

#### Personnel Committee – Laura Lampley reported:

- Beginning this year, staff will conduct self-assessments with subsequent reviews.

#### Property Committee – Fred Blackley reported:

- The HVAC System replacement for staff offices within the educational wing excluding Drew's, will be served by individual units providing each location with individual settings at a cost of approximately \$14,000.00, plus electrical installation fees.

- Dan McClarin will change the door code in the near future.

- Richard Fletcher is coordinating the heating repairs in the sanctuary.

- Lighting in the sanctuary will be replaced by LED lights.

#### Old Business: None

#### New Business:

- Annie and Avery Moser approved for Baptism on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Lindsey and William Glenn approved for Baptism on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Melissa Devane's Celebration of Life in church facilities on February 18<sup>th</sup>. All approved upon motion by Roger, second by Larry, unanimous vote.

- Larry reported that the former food ministry known as "Soup Lunch" will now be referred to as the "Hot Lunch Food Ministry and Food Distribution".

## FEBRUARY 2023 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2023 Operating Budget .....\$645,006.00

Needed Weekly .....\$12,403.96

**FEB 5:** Received.....\$9,963.00      5¢-A-Meal..... \$542.02      Worship.....142      Livestream View.....90

**FEB. 12:** Received.....\$9,925.50      Worship.....127      Livestream Views.....137

**FEB. 19:** Received.....\$3,552.07      Worship.....147      Livestream Views.....131



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2023

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Drew Mangione, Moderator

**Quorum declared present:** John V. Schweppe, Jr., Clerk

**Report on 2022 Annual Budget:** Scoot Dixon, Finance Chair

**Presentation of Agenda Items:**

- Upon nomination, second and unanimous vote, Mimi Martin and John V. Schweppe, III, were elected to serve as at large members of the Nominating Committee for 2023.
- Upon motion, second and unanimous vote, Drew's terms of call for 2023 noting a 4% staff wide salary increase was approved.

**Close of business and Closing prayer:** Drew Mangione, Moderator

## MEET THE NEW STAFF AT SPC!



**Bruce Moser**, Shelby Presbyterian Church's new Director of Chancel Choir, is a professor of music at Gardner-Webb University. Prior to joining the faculty of GWU in 2014, Dr. Moser taught for four years at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC, taught mathematics at Winter Park High School in Winter Park, FL, and served three years as Music Director at Greensboro Christian Church. He and his wife Michelle are the proud parents of twin daughters Annie and Avery.

**My name is Lindsay Carter**, I was raised in Nashville Tennessee. Then came to Gardner Webb University – to swim– in 2004. I have stayed in the Shelby area ever since and love it. My husband Chip and I have been married for nine years. We have four kids Palmer (5), LaneyRose (3), Jack (2) and Savannah (3 months). I am a lover of all things sweet and a good mystery show. Thank you for welcoming me into the Shelby Presbyterian family!



**My name is Lilly Hamilton** and I am excited to take on the position of nursery assistant. I live in Shelby and am currently a senior at Gardner-Webb University. I am also a mom, I have a seven-month-old daughter named Kyla. I have been a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church for almost 10 years. I previously taught preschool Sunday school and occasionally volunteered in the nursery. I am blessed to be able to take my involvement in our church a step further.



As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (after

which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) – \$15 each – to be placed in the church, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to “Shelby Presbyterian Church”. Turn your form and check into the church office by March 20<sup>th</sup> or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like \_\_\_\_\_ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 each payable to SPC).

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**Presbytery in Brief (by Rick Leissner) 134th STATED MEETING**  
**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA – January 28, 2023 (via Zoom)**

Immediate Past Moderator Sarah Thornburg called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. She installed Moderator Mark Stanley and Vice-Moderator Dana Seiler. Thanks & kudos to all three.

Mark offered a Prayer of Invocation, then appointed Marie Palacios, John Pea, Bob Forsythe and Stated Clerk Cam Murchison as Co-Hosts. Our virtuoso Clerk declared a quorum (177 at max), Mark then recognized first-time Ruling Elders attendees (20) and several visitors/corresponding members, followed by a quick orientation. Cam then requested and obtained approval of the general Docket Consent Agenda (including Nominating Committee, Malawi Leadership Team, Building Hope, and PW), then continued the Stated Clerk's reporting in his always competent, effective manner.

We celebrated a special, spiritually enriching Worship Service – with the Lord's Supper and a Necrology recognition – led by Rev. John McCall, assisted by Pastors Chee Gang; Rii; Alang; Davydi; and Taipei Aboriginal University Student Center Students. John's sermon on "Being the Body of Christ" was powerful and inspirational. The music was amazing (even with the few tech blips) – and "He Came Down" was especially precious and joyful. To God be the glory.

Cam discussed the Special Consent Agenda for proposed Constitutional amendments. Various committees assigned by General Council had already removed 8 of the 24 proposed amendments for further discussion and action at the April 25th meeting. When the opportunity was given for the removal of others, 22 –P was also removed. This means that proposed amendments 22-E, 22-I, 22-O, 22-P, 22-Q, 22-T, 22-U, 22-CC, 22-GG will be on the April 25th docket for debate and decision. The remaining 23 proposed constitutional amendments were voted on affirmatively by the passage of the special consent agenda.

"Inclusion and Accessibility": Carol Brown/Tamara Puffer/Christina Tutterow spoke and showed a powerful video on this crucial issue. Break-out room discussions followed. General Council: Sarah Thornburg reported on activities, specifically thanking and praising Hal Bennett, Melvin Mears, and the "Men in the Mirror" project; also noting expanded grant programs. Finance Committee: Faithful 2022 Finance Chair Charles Sellers presented the proposed 2023 budget. He and Controller Lisa Pressley fielded several questions, and the budget was approved. Personnel Committee: Feild Russell gave an update, noting that 4.3% staff increases were included in the budget. He moved and PWNC adopted the proposed compensation for staff. Board of Pensions: PWNC consultant Elizabeth Little gave a thorough, helpful report on the BOP benefits and resources.

Preparation for Ministry Committee: Dwight Christenbury, on behalf of CPM, recommended moving Lyndsay Beaulieu from Inquirer to Candidate. In addition to seminary, Lyndsay is also getting great OTJ experience at First Morganton as Director of Operations. She shared part of her story. The encouraging words, prayers, and positive feedback for Lyndsay were heartwarming. Dwight presented CPM's recommendation to waive the required CPE for Will Upchurch, due to his previous experience. Both were approved without objection.

Committee on Ministry: Jim Taylor reported for always active COM. Rebekah Beam Carpenter – Transitional Minister, New Hope, Gastonia; Dennis Eugene Hysom – Member at Large; and Joseph Welker – Honorably Retired, were introduced as new members of PWNC on a "John Pea Productions" video providing an intro and answer to two questions. COM also recommended that Long Creek Presbyterian Church be allowed to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating Will Upchurch to be ordained and installed as pastor for a designated term of two years, after which it can become indefinite. COM also recommended validation of ministry for members Lynn Keel, Nathan Sell, Clay Fouse, Joey Byrd, Bob McCully, Tamara Puffer, and Denise Thorpe. Both were approved without objection. COM also handled and approved many other items, and they can be reviewed in D1 through D-4, and 6 other attachments.

CE Committee: Bruce Henderson noted the Feb. 2 "Lunch and Learn" with Beth Gunn via Zoom, and the annual Spirituality Retreat at William Black Lodge on March 24-25, led by Greensboro's Donna Chase. The theme is "Spiritual Disciplines". He also emphasized the importance of CE.

Youth Committee: Sarah Grace Montgomery reported on the many great Youth activities, including Youth Leaders Forum; Youth Guatemala Trip Application; Adventure Day: CROSS Internship Flyer; and High School Mission Retreat (with a well-done video).

General Presbyter Byron Wade answered the question "What's New?" at PWNC.

Kathy Campbell blessed us and glorified God with a wonderful, covering prayer of Intercession. Mark Stanley offered the Benediction and adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.



# SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:00 Member Life</li><li>• 5:00 Property Cmte.</li><li>• 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper</li><li>• 6:00 Growing in Grace</li><li>• 7:00 Chancel Choir</li></ul>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00 Men’s Breakfast at Ken &amp; Mary’s</li><li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li></ul>	3	4	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li><li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary &amp; livestreaming on YouTube &amp; Facebook.</li><li>• 11:00 Handbell Choir</li><li>• 4:00 Confirmation</li><li>• 5:00 Youth Night</li></ul>	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry</li><li>• 6:00 Discipleship Ministry</li><li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li><li>• 8:00 AA</li></ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:30 Staff Meeting</li><li>• 7:00 Worship &amp; Music</li></ul>	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11:30 Rainbow Cmte.</li><li>• 6:00 Growing in Grace</li><li>• 6:00 The Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus in Scripture &amp; Art</li><li>• 7:00 Chancel Choir</li></ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12:00 Finance Cmte.</li><li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li></ul>	10	11
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight savings time begins.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li><li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary &amp; livestreaming on YouTube &amp; Facebook.</li><li>• 11:00 Handbell Choir</li><li>• 5:00 Deacons Meeting</li><li>• 5:00 Youth Night</li></ul>	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry</li><li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li><li>• 8:00 AA</li></ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:30 Staff Meeting</li><li>• 2:00 Clerk’s Council</li></ul>	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00 Growing in Grace</li><li>• 6:00 The Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus in Scripture &amp; Art</li><li>• 7:00 Chancel Choir</li></ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00 Mission &amp; Ministry</li><li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li></ul>	17	18
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Tabatha Coker is preaching</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li><li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary &amp; livestreaming on YouTube &amp; Facebook.</li><li>• 11:00 Handbell Choir</li><li>• 3:00 Young Life Carnival</li><li>• 4:00 Confirmation</li><li>• 5:00 Youth Potato Night</li></ul>	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Newsletters Due</b></li><li>• <b>Lily Orders Due</b></li><li>• <b>Senior Scholarship Applications Due</b></li><li>• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry</li><li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li><li>• 8:00 AA</li></ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:30 Staff Meeting</li><li>• 5:30 Personnel</li><li>• 6:00 Fellowship Cmte.</li><li>• 6:30 Session Meeting</li></ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00 The Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus in Scripture &amp; Art</li><li>• 6:00 Growing in Grace</li><li>• 7:00 Chancel Choir</li></ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00 Rainbow Art Show</li><li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li></ul>	24	25
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li><li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary &amp; livestreaming on YouTube &amp; Facebook.</li><li>• 11:00 Handbell Choir</li><li>• 11:00 Children’s Choir Rehearsal</li><li>• 5:00 Youth Night</li></ul>	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry</li><li>• 10:00 Hen &amp; Rooster Party</li><li>• 8:00 AA</li></ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:30 Staff Meeting</li><li>• 6:30 Media</li></ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00 Growing in Grace</li><li>• 6:00 The Passion &amp; Resurrection of Jesus in Scripture &amp; Art</li></ul>	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li></ul>	31	



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