

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last month, we had the opportunity to have the sanctuary re-painted. And it looks absolutely beautiful.

Now, I realize there are many metaphors in our language based on "paint." After all, we "paint over" to cover up or ignore what is beneath. We "put a fresh coat of paint" to make a superficial improvement. We get "painted into a corner" when there is no easy solution. We "paint with the same brush" to make an unfair comparison, or "paint with a broad brush" to generalize and leave out details.

For me, the sanctuary made me think of how often it is that only after a change, like fresh paint, do we realize it was needed.

Yes, I saw the flaking paint in certain areas. However, when members talked about the need, I listened, and just told the Property Committee. When planning started, I was glad for the members who saw this as an urgent need, but I was unmoved.

Then I walked in and saw the finished work. I realized it was needed.

This is a great example of why the church is a community, and no individual is greater than the community itself. As Presbyterians specifically, it is why we use so many committees, and the pastor is not a dictator, let alone even the "decider."

No one among us knows everything. Each of us has our own gifts to offer. The humility of Christ should help us regard the skills and perspectives of others as greater than our own.

I am grateful for those who had the vision to see this project through. We must thank Bill Jobe, Marie Jackson, and the property committee members who came in and detached the pews so they could be moved, then put them back. Their work made it easier for the painters to get going. In turn, the painters were gracious enough to help clean the high up spots, allowing our Altar Guild and other volunteers to help clean the pews.

Last, but not least by any means, we should all thank <u>Patrick Glenn, John Brotherton</u>, and several others who dismantled our sound and video technology, then reassembled it in Ellis Hall for one service. Then they restored everything in the sanctuary. This was no small task. They put in long hours to do it right.

This is the beauty of community. We perceive more and we do more when we listen and respond. When power is shared, including listening to opposing opinions, we discover things we didn't know needed improvement. That makes our community and our world more like the Kingdom of God.

— Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann



I am delighted to share some exciting news about our Sunday School program! Our youth have taken on the incredible responsibility of teaching Sunday School classes for our children, ages 4 and up. Reflecting on my own experience from high school, I remember the mix of excitement and nervousness I felt teaching a children's class. I often wondered what the adults were thinking, entrusting me with such a significant task! However, that experience was invaluable, and I am grateful for the opportunity it gave me to grow in faith and leadership.

Watching our youth now, I am deeply impressed and proud. They have stepped up with enthusiasm and dedication, leading the children's classes with grace and confidence. This opportunity is not only benefiting the children but also providing our youth with essential skills in leadership, communication, and sharing their faith. They are truly rising to the occasion and making a positive impact.

We are blessed to be using the Godly Play resources, which have been waiting for such a moment. These materials are enriching our Sunday School lessons, helping the children learn Bible stories in an engaging and meaningful way. The youth are serving as wonderful role models, showing the

children what it means to live out their faith actively and passionately.

I am profoundly thankful for this time and for the youth who are stepping out of their comfort zones to teach and lead. Their commitment and courage are inspiring. If you are in town, I encourage you to join us for Sunday School and witness our youth in action. At the same time, a combined adult class is also taking place, so there is something for everyone.

Let's continue to support and pray for our youth as they grow and serve in our church community and outside the building. Please pray for the youth and children at Passport and Kids Camp.





Come serve at the Ronald McDonald House

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The youth will be baking cookies at the Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte on July 8th. Please let CA know if you plan to go by July 3rd. We can not take many so the first ones to sign up will be able to go. We will leave SPC at 8:00am and return after lunch.



SUMMER KIDS CAMP

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

9:00AM-NOON

AGES 4 TO 5TH GRADE





SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!







HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH SCHEDULE

07 JULY	DOM'S HOUSE
14 JULY	NO YOUTH -PASSPORT
21	ICE CREAM SOCIAL
JULY	HANNAH PARK
28	MEET AT CHURCH
JULY	5-7:00

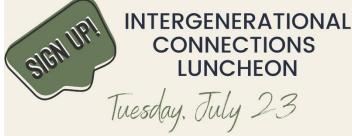






What's Going on at SPC?!





Adults and YOUTH

We will focus more on discussions and shared projects, fostering deeper conversations and mutual learning. This is an excellent occasion for our senior members to mentor and inspire the youth, and for the youth to share their technological skills. Please bring your cell phones or I-pads if you need some help.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP BY JULY 17TH



Jentzen is the son of Chandler and Avery Young.

Overjoyed grandparents are Scott and Sherry Thomas.

Thanks and praise to God for this new life!





IT'S A RAINBOW CONNECTION CHRISTMAS in

July and you are invited. A Rainbow Tree is in the Narthex with tags for needed classroom items and school supplies. Show your love for our preschool by picking a tag, buying the gift, and returning it under the tree with your tag. No wrapping is required. Your participation shows SPC's commitment to the preschool, its teachers, and those cute little kids.

"CALLED BY NAME"

Thank you!

Rainbow and Mission and Ministry Committees



MONTREAT: Join your church family for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! Weekend activities will begin with dinner on Friday, September 13th and will conclude after worship on Sunday,

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on Friday, September 15th and will conclude after worship on Sunday, September 15th. Register with \$100 deposit current rates: \$250 Single w/King, Queen bed or 2 Twin beds, \$425 Two-Room

Suite (Queen and 2 Twins with single bathroom), \$475 Two Rooms. If you would place your deposit in the offering plate, please note which type of room and shirt sizes are needed. Meals are included through a fund previously given by a generous donor. If you wish to donate to this fund, the meal plan costs are: ages 12+ \$60 and ages 5-11 \$30 and we ask that you denote this with your balance payment.

Names of all attending family along with t-shirt size and age.						
Number of rooms:	1 st room choice:	2 nd room choice:				
•	ins needed (12+) to the Lacey fund for m	_ (5-11) eals and/or t-shirts (\$10 per)				

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JULY?

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

Jul. Alison Moore, captain Claire McCullough Thomas Monroe Jennifer Niblack

Elders Serving Communion

Jul. 7 Susan Bell Richard Dedmon Bill Jobe Dan McLaurin

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Jul. 7 Marlene Lovelace Margie Trivett

- 14 Beverly Elmore Stuart Schweppe
- 21 Barbara Blackburn Barbara Hannah
- 28 Lyn Huston Lori Wehmueller

Sound & Video Teams

Jul. 7 Chip Blackley David Grose

- 14 John Brotherton Joe Petrilli
- 21 David Grose Mike Jackson
- 28 Chip Blackley Mike Jackson

Worship Liturgist

Jul. 7 Margie Trivett

- 14 Mystie Brotherton
- 21 Lori Wehmueller
- 28 Ben Brooks

*If you are interested in being the liturgist one Sunday email Miranda at mirandaeshelbypres.org.

Sanctuary Flowers

Every Sunday in July is 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.

Music Notes

DISCOVER THE JOY OF SINGING: JOIN US IN THE CHOIR THIS SUMMER! Are you someone who loves to sing but has never ventured into the realm of choir singing? Have you ever felt the urge to raise your voice in harmony with others but hesitated to commit to regular rehearsals and performances? Well, we have an exciting invitation just for you!

This summer, we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all those who are not currently members of our chancel choir to join us in song. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or someone who simply enjoys singing in the shower, this is your opportunity to experience the magic of choral music firsthand.

On **July 7th and August 4th**, we invite you to come and be a part of our choir for the day. Simply meet us at **9:00 am** on Sunday morning in the sanctuary. No long-term commitments—just a chance to sing your heart out and experience the joy of making music together with our church community.

You might be wondering what to expect. Don't worry! Our Sunday-only choir opportunities are designed to be welcoming and inclusive for singers of all levels. We'll rehearse an easy anthem together, and then you'll have the opportunity to sing with us during the service. It's a wonderful way to connect with others, uplift your spirit, and share your love of music with the congregation.

So why not take a leap of faith and join us this summer? Whether you're curious about choir singing or simply looking for a new way to express yourself, we would be honored to have you with us. We hope this opportunity will nudge you to join us permanently!!





JULY EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, July 4th: The **church office is closed** for Independence Day.

Sunday, July 7th: Come join the choir, practice is at 9:00 in the sanctuary.

Monday, July 8^{th} : **Youth** are going to the Ronald McDonald House to bake cookies.

Thursday, July 11th: Men's Breakfast at 7:00 am at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Sunday, July 14th: Congregational Meeting and Youth go to Passport until July 19th.

Sunday, July 21th: Congregational Meeting and Ice Cream Social at Hanna Park at 3:00.

Tuesday, July 23: Children and Seniors Luncheon in Ellis Hall. Sign up with Carol Ann by July 17th.

Monday, July 28th: Newsletter articles are due to Miranda, miranda@shelbypres.org.

Monday, July 29th: **Kids Camp** from 9:00 to 12:00 through Friday, August 2nd.



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 Carolyn Billings, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, at 704 300-0931 or cbillings2577egmail.com, or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

John Auten JoAnn Beattie & Family Debra Blanton Betty Bowling & Family Don Bridges Jo Ann & Allen Callahan Hannah Carpenter Karen Carpenter Myra Carpenter Matthew Carpenter Sandy Carpenter Conway Carter Robin Collins Bert & Joy Cushman Judy DuBois

Debbie Ferrell Ina Harrington August Hohne Joan Hunt David Kelley Laura Lampley & Family Clay Pruett Alene Lang Chuck Laughlin David LeGrand Paul Luisi Cheryl Lutz Brooke McCurry Nancy Minor Avery Moser

Lisa Perkins-Dodrill Julia Perotti & Family Pauline Persing David Pharr Tommy Price Larry Stern **Beverly Styers** Bill Thorne Rose Underwood & Family Melanie Vance Jackie Weathers Stephanie Williams Diane Windham

- Racial injustices
 - U. S. Economy
 - John McCall in Taiwan
- Food Ministry
- Rainbow Connection
- All refugees
- All disaster victims (volcanoes, floods, fires, etc.) All victims of violence

• Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy

• Covid-19 research, caregivers, and patients

• Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos

• Christians who are persecuted for their faith

All those serving in the military

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During July, pray for our **Tenth Graders:** Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Emerson Taylor, and our **Eleventh Graders:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe.

Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Laura Lampley and family in the passing of her mother, Barbara Dixon on June 3, 2024. Barbara had been a member of SPC for 22 years.

Happy Birthday!

July 29 Kathryn Monroe July 30 Scoot Dixon July 30 Sawyer Harrill	July Jodwyei naimi
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SPC Reports & Minutes

JOINT SESSION and DIACONATE MINUTES MAY 21, 2024

Session Vice-Clerk Tom Martin was approved as Acting Clerk in absence of Clerk Larry Wilson.

<u>Diaconate Report:</u> Deacon Vice-Chair Michael Pruitt reported that the Deacons have been working well together, making good group decisions, and graciously filling in for each other as needed. Several deacons spoke up and said they have enjoyed the experience of serving in this role at SPC. They expressed no concerns at this time. They did note that we are still seeking someone for Sexton and a nursery worker.

<u>Pastor's Report</u> -The ad hoc committee on the community refrigerator has been meeting and is considering leaving it in current location or moving it to outside the "kitchen" door on Holland St. The committee is working to address the pros and cons of each location and expedite remedies for the concerns before the return of Rainbow in August.

Concerns with relocating it include: needing camera(s) to monitor the site, and the existing door needs to be updated, both for security and for ease of use as handicapped accessible. A quote of \$8800 was received for an ADA compliant single wider door. Still need to make sure we comply with city fire and building codes.

SESSION GOES INTO SEPARATE SESSION TO COMPLETE AGENDA

On motion by Mystie and second by Dan, minutes of April 16, 2024, meeting were approved and ratified the Funeral/Special Services Commission approval of the funeral service for Dr. Richard Bowling on May 14.

<u>Finance Committee</u> –Richard reported revenues for April were on par with March. Utilities remain under budget. Legacy Fund moneys were used to pay for recent air conditioning improvements. He presented a proposal from the Finance Committee, which was approved unanimously, thus allocating \$5000 from interest gained on the E.A. Moore and Ramsaur funds for use by the pastor to assist with extraordinary needs.

<u>Member Life Committee</u> – Carolyn B reported that our "90+" members will be honored the second Sunday in August. Dot Roark is looking forward to her 100th birthday! Session ratified the action of the committee to accept requests from Sandy and Kathy Brenneman, and Tim and Ruth Zehnder (John, Michah, Malachi) to be removed from the membership rolls.

The Discipleship and Member Life committees request a change in the current policy of the Perry Scholarship to send letters only to those eligible seniors. Pastor

<u>Property Committee</u> – Bill reported painting will begin in the sanctuary June 3. A lift is being rented for \$800 for the month. A quote of \$4200 was received for repairs to the slate roof. June 29th will be the next date for our fifth Saturday workday. **Nominating Committee**— The committee has completed its work on securing officer candidates for the Class of 2027. The proposed slates will be presented to the congregation for approval July 14, with congregational vote on July21, or July 28 if any nominations are received from the floor.

Old Business - None

<u>New Business</u> – Personnel Committee has reviewed changes to the Child Protection Policy and approved them upon the recommendation of our insurance provider. These changes will be presented to the Session for the next meeting. Personnel has also reviewed a first draft of an anti-racism policy, which will be edited and returned to the committee for review.

Closing - Motion to adjourn by Bill Jobe, seconded by Steve Sisk, closed with prayer by Carolyn B.

SPC IS HIRING: SPC is looking for a part-time (20–25 hours per week) sexton/facilities caretaker and a nursery assistant (Sunday morning and Wednesday nights). If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Miranda (mirandaeshelbypres.org or 704–487–8503) for more details.

— Personnel Committee

JUNE 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT						
2024 Operating Budget\$678,528.00						
Needed Weekly\$13,048.62						
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<u>JUN. 2:</u>	Received\$14,889.00	Worship170	Livestream View105	5¢-A-Meal\$ 249.50		
JUN. 9:	Received\$2,350.00	Worship111	Livestream Views87			
JUN. 16:	Received\$22,463.38	Worship85	Livestream Views106			
JUN. 23:	Received\$3,682.54	Worship146	Livestream Views68			
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SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting	3	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	5	6
7th Sunday after Pentecost Communion & 5 Cents a Meal 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. 5:00 Youth Night @ the Dow's	9:00 Youth @ 8 Ronald McDonald House 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry 1:00 Clerk's Council 6:00 Discipleship Ministry 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte. • 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	10	• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	12	13
8 th Sunday after Pentecost Congregational Meeting • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. Youth @ Passport		• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 5:30 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting Youth @ Passport	17 Youth @ Passport	Youth @ Passport • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	19 Youth back from Passport	20
9 th Sunday after Pentecost Congregational Meeting • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 3:00 Ice Cream Social @ Hanna Park	Newsletters Due 22 Rainbow Workday • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	Rainbow Workday • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 11:30 Intergenerational Luncheon • 6:30 Media	Rainbow Workday	Rainbow Workday • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	26	Presbytery Meeting
10 th Sunday after Pentecost • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 5:00 Youth Night	• 9:00 Kids Camp • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 9:00 Kids Camp • 10:30 Staff Meeting	• 9:00 Kids Camp			