

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our modern world, we tend to define the value of something based on the resources it provides. We want our kids to get a good education to get a good paying job. We want good paying jobs to pay for the things we need to express our identity. We want to define our identity to find our tribe and build relationships. We want these relationships to lead to still more resources.

This is exhausting. We are led to believe that we can never have enough. We are led to believe that we, ourselves, are never enough either. **There's always more.** Since this mindset governs most of our world, we are lured to measure a church and our faith by our attendance, programs, finances, and social impact.

But resources are not the measure of a church. **The most important thing is your time in prayer.** This is not because prayer is a kind of magic that gets God to give us the resources we want. Nor is it because prayer itself is a resource that we can leverage. No, prayer defines who we are. Prayer makes us a church.

When we pray, we acknowledge that God can act in our world, or at least, we admit that we want God to act in our world. Prayer communicates with God through words of praise and lament, petition and confession, thanksgiving and affirmations of faith. We pray also when we choose to love and do what's right because we acknowledge that God is nearby. Sin ignores or denies God's presence.

Beloved, with all that is going on in our lives, in our communities, in our government, and in the world, I urge you to pray. Prayer will not necessarily get us what we want. True prayer is humble and contrite. True prayer admits that we do not know the answers, but centers on the hope that God is near to us.

This is how prayer shapes our lives and transforms our minds. Beloved, you are loved by God, and your prayers in word and deed are how the invisible God is seen in and through us. You don't need perfect language to pray – Just let go of seeking resources and trust that God hears what you say and sees what you do. Seeking God is the power of prayer.

- Drew

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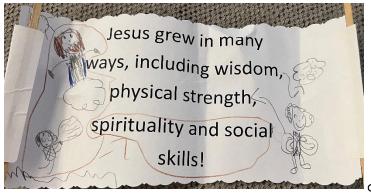
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From the Desk of Carol Ann



During our recent Sunday School, we focused on the story of young Jesus visiting the temple and being left behind by His parents. This story beautifully illustrates how Jesus grew in various ways—wisdom, physical strength, spirituality, and social skills.

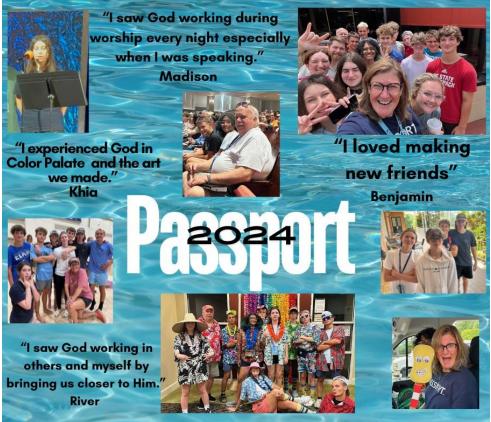
Annie Moser, one of our Sunday School attendees, captured this essence in her drawing. Her picture reminds us that growth encompasses multiple facets of our lives. Jesus, even as a child, was a perfect example of balanced development.

Annie's drawing is a simple yet profound reminder that we, too, should strive to grow in wisdom, physical health, spirituality, and our ability to get along with others. In her drawing, Annie included a thought bubble to represent thinking, reminding us of the importance of learning to think deeply and wisely. She also drew muscles to illustrate physical strength, reminding us that while we may not all be bodybuilders, taking care of our bodies is essential. Our bodies are temples of God, and we should treat them with respect and care.

As we start back to school, it is especially important to remember these lessons. The beginning of a new school year is a perfect time to focus on growing. Encouraging our children to develop in wisdom, physical strength, spirituality, and social skills will help them become well-rounded individuals. But these lessons are not just for children—we adults need to grow too. We should all strive to think critically, take care of our bodies, deepen love for Jesus, and foster positive relationships.

Let's support each other in our journey of growth, helping one another to become the best versions of ourselves. May we learn to get along better and support each other in our journey of growth.









What's Going on at SPC?!

Join us for a

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 after worship







25 SUNDAY 9:00AM

We are thrilled to bring back Rally Day!
Come and kick off the season with us as
we explore the diverse range of Sunday
school classes available this fall.

Bring your friends and family and get ready for an inspiring day filled with learning, fellowship, and fun!



WAYS TO SUPPORT TURNING POINT ACADEMY

Turning Point Prayer Walk Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 pm. Please join us as we spend some time in community together at Turning Point Academy, praying for teachers, staff, and students in preparation of the upcoming school year.

Turning Point Academy Back-to-School Drive: During the month of August, Shelby Presbyterian will be collecting supplies to help support Turning Point as they begin their new school year! All of these much-needed items will go a long way to kick start a successful year for the teachers and students at Turning Point. Please bring your donations to the collection basket in the narthex on Sundays, or bring them to church office during the week. The first two Sundays of August (August 4th and August 11th), we will be collecting school supplies, which will be taken to Turning Point during the Prayer Walk on Sunday, August 11th. The next two Sundays (August 28th and August 25th), we will be collecting food items for the Backpack Ministry/Weekend Food Bags program. Please see the attached list of items that we will be collecting, and thank you in advance for contributing!

School Supplies:

- loose leaf paper
- pencils
- colored pencils
- glue sticks
- hand sanitizer
- student incentive items (stickers, cute erasers, pencils etc.)
- composition books w/tape bindings not spiral bound

Food Items:

- applesauce individual size
- sandwich crackers individual packs of six
- oatmeal individual packets

fruit/cereal bars

pocket foldersdry erase markers

sanitation wipes

highlighters

- fruit snacks
- aranola bars
- macaroni n cheese individual size, microwavable

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN AUGUST?

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

Aug. Michael Pruitt, captain Fred Harrill Debbie Hart Michelle Moser

Elders Serving Communion

Aug. 4 Carolyn Billings Carolyn Jackson Laura Lampley Tom Martin

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Aug. 4 Paul & Joyce Couey

- 11 Harriette Beam Laura Beam
- 18 Judy Greer Rachel White
- 25 Marlene Lovelace Margie Trivett

Sound & Video Teams

Aug. 4 John Brotherton David Grose

- 11 Chip Blackley John Brotherton
- 18 Mike Jackson Joe Petrilli
- 25 Chip Blackley Joe Petrilli

Worship Liturgist

Aug. 4 June Hobbs

- 11 Marlene Lovelace
- 18 Carolyn Jackson
- 25 Michelle Moser

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Every Sunday in August 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.

All are invited to the BICK TO SCHOOL SWIM PARTY Ruby Hunt YMCA August | 18th | 5-7 PM Pizza will be provided!

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 **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!!

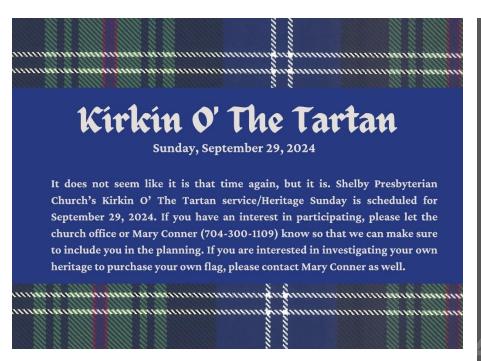
INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS LUNCHEONS



Habitat Church Partnership Report

We have officially concluded the Habitat Church Partnership with the House Dedication/Celebration on June 22, 2024. We had over 150 people in attendance and served a full BBQ meal to 127. We had live jazz music and a special presentation to Phil Thomas, outgoing Board President who has served over 12 years in that capacity. We dedicated the house in his honor and gave him a framed resolution of thanks. Certificates of thanks were presented to all volunteers from the churches. We had more than 160 different volunteers who worked more than 2,000 hours. We raised over \$115,000 for the work of Habitat! Thank you, Shelby Presbyterian, for your leadership and generosity!

Tachika Poston's house is finished. We have the Certificate of Occupancy. We will close the mortgage deal on July 24 and she and her family will move in after that. Another family in Cleveland County has realized the dream of home ownership! All thanks to the hard work and generosity of five congregations in our community!





OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, August 20th, from 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/finddrive To sign up to volunteer: https://bit.ly?SPCblood22



SPC WORKDAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st

We are blessed with a beautiful building to worship and serve in; however, just like our own physical homes, there are always jobs to be done for upkeep and improvement. Please seriously consider coming out on Saturday, August 31st from 7:30 am-12 noon to help. We have work for

all skill levels: cleaning, trimming, pressure washing walls and sidewalks, minor repairs, and painting. Please join us as "many hands make lighter work" - Property Committee



\$2,084

ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN JUNE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND **FAMILIES AVOID**

(5 CENTS A MEAL, MEMORIAL GIFTS, CHRISTMAS EVE

OFFERING, BUDGET FUNDS, & DIRECT DONATIONS)



HOUSEHOLDS AIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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2024 ANNUAL TOTALS (THRU JUNE) YOUR GIFTS: \$21,415 AID GIVEN: \$28,767

YOUR HELP HAS ASSISTED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN 124 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS IN 2024 WITH RENT, UTILITIES, AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR WHICH NO OTHER HELP WAS AVAILABLE. YOUR GIFTS SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THEIR HOMES, SAFE AND WITH FOOD.



FOOD MINISTRY & BACKPACKS



ABOUT 40 HOT LUNCHES SERVED **EVERY MONDAY AT SPC**



NEARLY 40 FAMILIES RECEIVED GROCERIES FOR HOME EACH WEEK



THIS AUGUST SPC IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TPA STUDENTS

* A MISPRINT IN MAY'S REPORT MISTAKENLY INCLUDED THE BUDGETED \$1,500 FOR JUNE AS A CONTRIBUTION MADE IN MAY.



"CALLED BY NAME" SPC AT 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, 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. Registration and balance due by August 12th.



National Recognition of Carol Ann Hoard By Presbyterian Church (USA)

Shelby Presbyterian Church is proud to announce that our Minister of Christian Education and Families, Carol Ann Hoard, has been chosen as one of three 2024 national recipients of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Women of Faith Awards.

The Women of Faith Awards were established in 1986 to honor women members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) whose life exemplify their Christian commitments. This recognition from the Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministry and Presbyterian Women honors ministers and lay women who have transformed the church and society through their witness, service and leadership. The theme for 2024 was "Women Leading Beyond the Parish." The award was given on July 2, 2024 during the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church(USA) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Close friend Tisha Dedmon accompanied Carol Ann to the event.

Elizabeth Schweppe of Shelby Presbyterian Church nominated Carol Ann for the award. Though ordained in the Baptist tradition, Carol Ann became Minister of

Education and Families at Shelby Presbyterian Church in June, 2021. The nomination form included these phrases: "She loves big and is faithful to invest wholeheartedly in people. From the beginning she created connections between generations and between people who are outwardly different by welcoming anyone and everyone with open arms."

In 2015, Carol Ann and Tisha were suffering the loss of a father and son, respectively. They both knew Christmas would be a sad time. In an effort to uplift their spirits during the holiday season, the two dressed head to toe in Christmas attire, and headed to New York City to see the lighting of the Rockefeller Christmas tree! What began as a trip to bring themselves a little cheer, ended up bringing pure joy. The joy radiated from them to others. People began asking for selfies, smiling and offering kind words. The two returned home and have visited schools, nursing facilities, shut-ins and more during the Christmas season each year. In 2022 a non-profit was created for the **#NYCTreegirls** who spread cheer to all who are near. People from all walks of life unknowingly experience the love of Jesus through interactions with the tree girls. They will kick off year ten on Nov. 2 with a benefit for various Cleveland County non-profits in Fallston at Stamey Store and on December 2, 2024 in New York City. The NYC Tree girls have appeared yearly on the 'Today' show. Follow their adventures online through their website www.nyctreegirls.com.

In her acceptance speech, Carol Ann stated, "I am thankful for God's blessings...I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award...Receiving this award is not just a recognition of my achievements, but a testament to the love, support, and guidance I have received from my family and community. It is an honor to represent Shelby Presbyterian Church and the NYCTreegirls. Carol Ann recounted the charge found in the following Biblical verse as part of her acceptance speech: Micah 6:8 "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."

Shelby Presbyterian Church is blessed by having Carol Ann Hoard as our Minister of Christian Education and Families!

AUGUST EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 1st. Men's Breakfast at 7:00 am at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Friday, August 9th: CHURCH CLOSED, all carpets are being cleaned.

<u>Sunday, August 11th:</u> **Blessing of the Backpacks** during the worship service. **90th Birthday Celebration** immediately following the service in Ellis Hall. **Prayer Walk** at Turning Point Academy at 2:00 pm.

Sunday, August 18th: All are invited to a **Back to School Pool Party** at 5:00 at Ruby Hunt YMCA.

Monday, August 19th: Newsletter articles are due to Miranda, miranda@shelbypres.org.

Sunday, August 25th: Rally Day is BACK! Breakfast starts at 9:00 in Ellis Hall.

Monday, August 26th: Rainbow Connection's First Day!

Saturday, August 31st: SPC Workday from 9:00 to noon.



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 chillings 2577 egmail.com, or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Ina Harrington John Auten JoAnn Beattie & Family August Hohne Janice Blake Andi Houser David Kelley Sid Bridges Jo Ann & Allen Callahan Alene Lang Hannah Carpenter Chuck Laughlin David LeGrand Karen Carpenter Paul Luisi Myra Carpenter Matthew Carpenter Cheryl Lutz Sandy Carpenter Brooke McCurry Conway Carter Nancy Minor Bert & Joy Cushman Avery Moser Judy DuBois Lisa Perkins-Dodrill Debbie Ferrell Pauline Persing

David Pharr Tommy Price Clay Pruett Susan Reed Dot Roark Larry Stern Beverly Styers Bill Thorne Melanie Vance Linda Ware Jackie Weathers Jack Weller Stephanie Williams Diane Windham

- Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy
- Covid-19 research, caregivers, and patients
- All those serving in the military
- Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos
- Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- All disaster victims (volcanoes, floods, fires, etc.)
- All victims of violence
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- John McCall in Taiwan
- Food Ministry
- Rainbow Connection
- All refugees

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During August, pray for our Kindergarteners: Nico Blount, Mills Bryant, Victoria Couch, and our First Graders: Lena Kate Dow, Josephine Mangione, Millie Melton.

Happy Birthday!

August	1Jo Ann Callahan
August	2 Millie Melton
August	5Roger Martin
August	6 Kathryn Bridges
August	6 Beverly Elmore
August	7 Amy Goforth
	8Tonya Beam
	8Tori Beth Harrington
August	8Zion Roberts
	10 Ann Beam
August	10Rich Coiner
August	10Foster Warrick
August	11David Wilkison
August	12 Elizabeth Couch
August	12Bill Sherwood
August	13Marty Allen
August	13Duncan Blount
	15Suzi Kennedy
August	15 Drew Mangione
	15Rose Underwood
August	17 Jeanne McCord
August	18 Susan Bell
	18Lilly McCullough
August	18Alex Raudez
August	19Darlene Gravett
August	21Dean Butler
	22 Trip Boinest
August	23 Debbie Hart
August	24Ed Blake
	24Kyle Persing
August	25Steve Harrington
August	26Alyssa Blount
August	26Harriette Beam
	26 Debbie Ferrell
	28 lan Haig
August	29Jan Dedmon
August	29Sydney Warren
	31Carolyn Brooks
	31 Marc Byers
	31Catherine Tedder

SPC Reports & Minutes

JOINT SESSION MINUTES JUNE 18, 2024

<u>Clerk's Report</u> – Larry Wilson reported that Margie Trivett has been handling Communion prep for several years since she was an active Elder. She has done a great job, but this is the responsibility of active Session members. A plan to re-instate Communion Committee as committee of Session, with an active Elder as chair was discussed. Larry will begin work on this.

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> The sanctuary painting has gone very well. Lots of thanks to Bill Jobe, Marie Jackson, the Property Committee, Patrick Glenn and John Brotherton (for sound/video), and other volunteers for making things go smoothly.

<u>Minutes and online votes:</u> By motion of Bill Jobe and second by Carolyn Jackson the session unanimously approved the minutes of the May 21 Session meeting and ratified the online session vote to approve a covenant ceremony for Mary Walker and Dick Bowles 6/12, and the Worship Service Commission's votes to approve funerals of Donna Williams 5/23 and Barbara Dixon 6/15.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Richard reported revenues were down with a \$58,000 deficiency through May. Utilities remain under budget. Finance approved re-directing unspecified memorial funds to the Handbell Fund in amount of \$1000, and to the Betsy Martin Piano Fund in amount of \$1500 to address needs there.

Finance recommended paying for replacement of rear door by kitchen out of Legacy Fund. Seconded by Larry Wilson, unanimously approved.

Reported that Finance redirected \$500 from money previously approved (and unused) funds for a mission trip to Dominican Republic for Parker Dixon as part of Gardner-Webb baseball team mission trip to Dominican Republic.

<u>Personnel Committee</u> – Edits to the Child Protection Policy to comply with requests from the church's insurance provider were unanimously approved.

<u>Property Committee</u> – Bill reported painting of sanctuary was completed ahead of schedule, and the bill has been paid. Bill is working on changing the fluorescent lights in fellowship hall to LEDs and replacing stained ceiling tiles. Cameras have been installed facing the playground.

Fred Blackley received several quotes on getting a round window on front of steeple base replaced and the quote from a nonprofit for historic preservation will be within the Property Committee's current budget and so no action was needed.

On the recommendation of the ad hoc Refrigerator Subcommittee, a motion made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Carolyn Billings was unanimously approved to move the community refrigerator to the Holland Street side of church, near the kitchen entrance, contingent on getting a new door and security cameras installed.

Old Business - None New Business - None

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

**The Nominating Committee wishes to inform every member of the church that the following individuals have been nominated for Session and Diaconate:

Session (Class of 2027): Mike Alexander, Molly Brownlee, Mary Conner, Mary Raudez. Diaconate (Class of 2027): Susan Grose, Beth Philippi, Zion Roberts, and Lucas Stern.

2024 Operating Budget	<u>JULY 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT</u> \$678,528.00 \$13,048.62			
JULY 7: Received\$18,538.93 JULY 14: Received\$16,512.20 JULY 21: Received\$19,294.20	Worship118 Worship111 Worship135	Livestream View88 Livestream Views86 Livestream Views66		

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 th Sunday after Pentecost 4	• 9:30 Hot Lunch 5	6	7	• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 9:00 Kids Camp • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	• 9:00 Kids Camp	10
Communion & 5 Cents a Meal 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.	Ministry • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	 9:00 Staff Retreat *All staff will be out of the office. 7:00 Worship & Music Committee 	11:00 Member Life5:00 Property7:00 Choir Rehearsal	• 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	CHURCH CLOSED (carpets being cleaned)	
12 th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. •11:00 90 th Birthday Celebration •2:00 Prayer Walk @ TPA	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 1:00 Clerk's Council • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte	• 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	• 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	16	17
13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. •11:00 Deacons Meeting • 5:00 Back to School Swim Party @ Ruby Hunt YMCA	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:30 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting	• 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	23	24
 14th Sunday after Pentecost 25 9:00 Rally Day with breakfast 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. 5:00 Parent & Youth Dinner 	•9:00 First Day of Rainbow Connection • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media	• 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	30	• 7:30 – 12:00 SPC Workday