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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" – John 16:33

These words from Jesus's goodbye speech at the Last Supper in John's gospel are an important reminder in this Easter season, especially amid the turmoil of this world, and the division among fellow citizens and even fellow Christians.

Jesus says following him will not be easy. He tells his disciples that they will be scattered. He says they will leave him. He speaks at first directly about his crucifixion, but in the next chapter he prays for both his disciples on that night of trial, and all of us who will believe based on their witness.

Jesus says that in the world, we will have tribulation. This is a great translation, as it means "pressures" or "oppression." Today, "tribulation" often gets associated with final judgment, when in truth, tribulation has been a constant for Christians in every age.

Tribulation is the pressure we feel when the world tells us to seek our own power, popularity, and prosperity to protect our worldly identities, while Jesus says to lay down everything for him. Tribulation is the feeling of being trapped by the world as we strive to live faithfully. Yet, Jesus says to "be of good cheer," or have courage, confidence, or boldness because he has overcome, or literally, "won victory" over the world.

This is the victory of the Resurrection, which we celebrate at Easter. The life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus are the center of our faith. We are tempted to lose sight of this and seek worldly things on the world's terms. But Jesus calls us to see his self-giving love and respond by loving God with all we have and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Jesus doesn't promise this will be easy, but he promises that he will never leave us or forsake us. You and I cannot fix the turmoil of this world. But we can partner with Christ in his ministry of reconciliation, trusting in him who lived, died, and rose again.

This Easter season, remember that God has already won the victory, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to pray, serve, and give generously, all in faithful allegiance to our Lord Jesus. We may face the pressures of this world, but in Christ, we can share God's love and alleviate the suffering of others. – Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann



As April blooms around us, I am reminded of the promise of renewal and the hope that comes with each passing season. My landlord, when I was at ASU, would share a simple but profound truth: "No matter how bad it is in the winter—spring is coming, if you can hang on." Those words carry a comforting weight, don't they? They remind us that the darkest, coldest days are never the end of the story.

This lesson resonates deeply with the season of Easter. Just as winter gives way to spring, the pain and sorrow of Good Friday transforms into the joy and triumph of Easter Sunday. Tony Campolo, a renowned preacher, captured this beautifully when he said, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!" Those words speak to the very heart of our faith—the belief that no matter how difficult or dark life may seem, there is always a promise of light, of new life, of resurrection. (If you have never watched that sermon, google it. it is worth your time watching it.)

Good Friday reminds us of the weight of the cross, the struggle, and the suffering. Yet, Easter Sunday bursts forth as a celebration of hope, victory, and love beyond comprehension. Jesus' resurrection is our reminder that even in our darkest moments, God's power to renew and restore is at work. Winter will not last forever; spring is coming. And no matter how heavy our burdens feel, Sunday is always on the horizon.

Whether you're facing a personal "Friday" right now or basking in the "Sunday" moments of joy, remember that God's love carries us through every season. Trust me, I have been through the "Friday" season but Sunday is coming!

So, this April, as flowers bloom and life reawakens around us, let us be reminded of the ultimate truth of Easter: no matter the trials we face, we are people of hope, and we are Easter people. May we live with the joy of the risen Christ shining through us.

-CA



2025
class of
SENIORS!

Please have your senior photo emailed to Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) by Monday, April 14 for the May Newsletter.



Calling all kids!

Here's your chance to be a part of our church service in a special way. We're excited to offer children the opportunity to ring the chime at the end of our worship services.

Simply scan the QR code to choose your preferred Sunday to ring the chime.

We can't wait to see you shine and make our services even more special. Sign up today and be a part of this joyful experience!

For any questions, feel free to contact Emily Monroe. (emily@shelbypres.org)

Save the Date

KIDS CAMP
AUGUST 4-8



Calling all Volunteers— Let CA know if you are interested in serving.



"I saw God working in others and myself by bringing us closer to Him."
River

"I loved making new friends"
Benjamin

"I experienced God in Color Palate and the art we made."
Khia

Sign Up NOW

Passport 2025 June 22-27



SPC CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
APRIL 6
2:00PM

THE HOME OF BEVERLY ELMORE
121 LAKEMONT DR.



YOUTH COME AND HELP HIDE EGGS

Youth meet at Beverly Elmore's
house at 12:30

RSVP- TO CA 704-473-3850

SUNDAY NIGHTS

5:00 - 7:00
SUPPER INCLUDED

APRIL 6 NO YOUTH - EGG HUNT
APRIL 13 PRACTICE YOUTH SUNDAY 5:00-7:00
APRIL 20 EASTER- NO YOUTH
APRIL 27 BIG E IN GAFFNEY -4:00-8:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN APRIL 6:00PM

Youth are encouraged to come
practice Youth Sunday music with
Peter.



Camp Grier

ADVENTURE DAY


A day filled with recreation,
adventure, lake fun and worship
led by the Presbytery Youth
Council.

May 3rd

Sign up by April 27th

- ▶ MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
FROM PRESBYTERY OF
WESTERN NC
- ▶ COST IS
\$10/PERSON AND
INCLUDES DINNER.
- ▶ SIGN UP WITH CA



Wednesday Night Children's
group will lead at the 
Maundy Thursday service
on April 17.



We will not meet
on April 16.

Let CA know if you will be
or will not be there.



SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 27 - YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 4 - CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

MAY 25 - HS SENIOR SUNDAY





What's Going on at SPC?!



Sign up for
MONTREAT

Secure the Early Bird
Discount by registering
before May 25th.

Wednesday Night Supper

APRIL 2

DINNER & PROGRAM AT 6:00

CHILDREN AT 5:40



In January, your Session at SPC voted to renew our partnership for five years with our Guatemalan sister church Monte Los Olivos. We continue to pray for our sister church and provide funds for scholarships so that the children of this church can get an education. On April 2, the Guatemala Partnership Education Committee of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will be joining us to share their experiences in Guatemala on March 20-27. We will be among the first to hear about this important trip. To celebrate, the menu will feature a traditional Guatemalan chicken stew, known as "Pepian de Pollo," which will be served over rice. This dish is gluten-free and tree-nut free, made with pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, dried peppers, tomatoes, and chicken. It's flavorful, but not spicy hot. Still, for the less adventurous, we will also have cream of chicken stew over rice available.



**SCHEDULE
HOLY WEEK
& EASTER**

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 17 @ 6PM (ELLIS HALL)
TABLE COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 18 @ NOON
(SANCTUARY)
A MEDITATION ON THE
CROSS THROUGH MUSIC

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20 @ 10AM
(SANCTUARY)
RESURRECTION
CELEBRATION

**Shelby Presbyterian
CHURCH**

Want to help us broadcast our worship services?

Each Sunday, it takes 2 volunteers to run the system to broadcast our message online and control the sound in the sanctuary. We could use a few more dedicated individuals willing to serve in this important role, and we'll teach you how! **No experience required!** Contact Media Chair Mystie Brotherton for more information, or sit with the AV operators in the balcony during worship to see what it's like.





THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

March was another fun filled month at Rainbow Connection! We explored outside, celebrated Saint Patrick's Day, created art, and talked about the changing weather. We are enjoying the warmer days, and all of the time outside this month.

This month we will talk about Easter, the real meaning behind Easter, and how Jesus died for each and every one of us. We will have Easter egg hunts, Easter parties, hunt for bugs, and be artists!

We would like to say a big thank you to members and staff at SPC that consistently support us at Rainbow. We appreciate each and every one of you!

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay."
(Matthew 28:6)

- Abby Goins





Have you ever taught a child to hold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, “here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?” The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is not the building – the steeples, windows, or structure – but people

gathering to worship God.

There’s something else in the children’s rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the people, they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

- When disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, **this is church.**
- When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, **this is church.**
- When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, **this is church.**

The church is the Holy Spirit’s transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth – and in this season, through our church-wide **One Great Hour of Sharing.**

We share – and church happens with women who were once trafficked for domestic labor and now own their own cooperative business.

We share – and church happens with people through land rights training and improvements to farming methods.

We share – and church happens with those whose homes have been washed away by flood, as the arms of comfort wrap around them, and hands pick up shovels to assist.

Join us for One Great Hour of Sharing Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.
You can also mail your donation in and put “One Great Hour” in the memo line.



OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, April 15th, 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>

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN APRIL?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Apr. Thomas Monroe, captain
 Debbie Hart
 Michelle Moser
 Lucas Stern

Elders Serving Communion

Apr. 17 Mystie Brotherton
 Tom Martin
 Apr. 20 Carolyn Billings
 Mary Conner
 Bill Jobe
 Tom Martin
 Dan McLaurin
 Mary Raudez

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

Apr. 2 Dan McLaurin
 Mary Raudez
 Beth Phillippi
 Lucas Stern

Worship Liturgist

Apr. 6 Claire McCullough
 Apr. 13 Steve Sisk
 Apr. 17 Mike Jackson
 Apr. 18 June Hobbs
 Apr. 20 Ben Brooks
 Apr. 27 Youth Sunday

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Apr. 6 Judy Greer
 Rachel White
 Apr. 13 Marlene Lovelace
 Margie Trivett
 Apr. 18 Lori WehmueLLer
 Apr. 20 Lyn Huston
 Lori WehmueLLer
 Apr. 27 Beverly Emore
 Stuart Schweppe

Sound & Video Teams

Apr. 6 David Grose
 Mike Jackson
 Apr. 13 John Brotherton
 Mike Jackson
 Apr. 17 Chip Blackley
 Patrick Glenn
 Apr. 18 Patrick Glenn
 David Grose
 Apr. 20 Chip Blackley
 David Grose
 Apr. 27 John Brotherton
 Joe Petrilli

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr. 6 available
 Apr. 13 palms
 Apr. 20 lilies
 Apr. 27 available

Community Lenten Worship

SCHEDULE

April 2	REV. EDDIE PADGETT MENU: CHICKEN CHILI W/ CORNBREAD
April 9	REV. CAROL ANN HOARD MENU: PASTA E FAGIOLI W/ PARMESAN BREADSTICKS
April 16	REV. CARROLL PAGE MENU: LOADED POTATO SOUP W/ CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

**WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON ALDRSGATE SANCTUARY
LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE EPWORTH GYM (\$8)**

What is Emergency Assistance? Shelby Presbyterian Sharing God's Love

In 2023, at Montreat, in small groups, you were asked about what you loved most about Shelby Presbyterian Church, and where we might do more. In every group, **you said you loved SPC's commitment to being a community of believers in fellowship, and the church's commitment to helping the larger community with missions.**

It is wonderful to see this community bonding in worship, with our retreat, game nights, the dessert auction, and more. Likewise, the generosity of the church in supporting and doing mission work is awe inspiring, both through SPC ministries and beyond.

One key ministry is the Emergency Assistance Program. **Every day, your neighbors call or stop by in need of help with pressing needs. Because of your generous support, hundreds of your neighbors in 2024 received assistance totaling nearly \$60,000.** This was funded by \$18,000 from the church budget, \$25,000 from outside gifts, and the rest from your generosity. **You are one church making a BIG difference.**

For 2025, we need your help again – both financially and as volunteers. The Session has approved a new part-time position to train volunteers to help. We have one volunteer and Marie Jackson, who has seamlessly moved from Sexton to Volunteer Trainer, who have been helping Miranda and Drew with the emergency assistance cases.

Volunteers will be expected to take calls, ask questions, give a sympathetic ear, share the love of God in Christ, and determine how best to help in partnership with other community resources. **Would you be interested in helping for four hours a week?**

With the growing need in our community, **we likewise are asking you to prayerfully consider a donation to the Emergency Assistance fund**, beyond your existing pledge, to help beyond the budgeted funds. **Thank you in advance for your consideration.**



MISSION & MINISTRY FEB '25 REPORT

\$1,904

YOUR GIFTS TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

(5 CENTS A MEAL, MEMORIAL GIFTS, CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING, BUDGET FUNDS, & DIRECT DONATIONS)

\$5,303

ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN FEBRUARY TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ESCAPE CRISIS

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HOUSEHOLDS AIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2025 ANNUAL TOTALS

YOU GAVE: \$15,375* AID GIVEN: \$15,476

BY YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED HAVE BEEN SHOWN THE LOVE OF GOD IN TANGIBLE HELP WHEN THEY FACED CRISIS.

"Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs so they will not be unproductive." - Titus 3:14a (NASB)



FOOD MINISTRY & BACKPACKS



NEARLY 50 HOT LUNCHES SERVED
IN ELLIS HALL WEEKLY



AS MANY AS 45 FAMILIES RECEIVED
GROCERIES FOR HOME EACH WEEK



17+ STUDENTS AT TURNING POINT
RECEIVE FOOD FOR THE WEEKEND

*This total includes an \$11,621 carryover from 2024

DID YOU KNOW

Habitat for Humanity currently has 3 houses being built on East Warren Street? If you would like to roll up your sleeves and help out, please contact Scott Mull bhemiancycles@gmail.com to receive information about work days and times.



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 Mike Alexander, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, at 704-487-6119 or mwalexander9@gmail.com, or the church office 704.487.8503. Please include the following in your prayers:

Lyric Atkins	Debbie Ferrell
John Auten	Barbara Ghigo
JoAnn Beattie	Justin Gree
Ed & Janice Blake	Tim Hamrick
Becky Boinest & Family	Ina Harrington
Betty Bowling	August Hohne
Sid Bridges	Scot Horton
Jo Ann Callahan & Family	Andi Houser
Hannah Carpenter	Joan Hunt
Karen Carpenter	Kevin Jones
Myra Carpenter	David Kelley
Matthew Carpenter	Chuck Laughlin
Sandy Carpenter	David LeGrand
Conway Carter	Doug Little
Rylan Carter	Paul Luisi
Betty Clark	Cheryl Lutz
Kay Clark-James	Brooke McCurry
Randy Derwin - Clark	Yvonne Couey Miller
Bert & Joy Cushman	Susan Melton & Family
Lou & Judy DeBois	Lisa Perkins-Dodrill
Al Eatman	Pauline Persing

- 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

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During April, pray for our **College Juniors:** Emma Goforth, Tucker McIntyre, Mark Petrilli, Margaret Schweppe, and **College Seniors:** Miles Beam, Charlie Brownlee, Janie Brownlee, Kyle Persing, Daniel Schweppe, Liza Smith, and Sarah WehmueLLer.

Prayers and Sympathy

The friends and family of Michael Southard, who died on March 4, 2025. Michael was under the care of Carol Ann Hoard late in his life.

The friends and family of Byron Hendrick, who died on March 5, 2025. Byron is the brother of Susan Melton.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Hailey Venable in her passing on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Hailey had been a member of SPC for 16 years.

Happy Birthday!

April 1	Mary Ann LaSelva
April 3.....	Patrick Glenn
April 3.....	Robert Greer
April 3.....	Joe Ogburn
April 3.....	Wheeler Stuart
April 3.....	Carey Waldrop
April 5	Amy Allen
April 6.....	Ellen Fletcher
April 6.....	Charles Langley
April 7.....	Tricia Butler
April 7.....	Sarah Lampley
April 7.....	Lawson Taylor
April 7.....	Riley Taylor
April 8.....	Emily Greer
April 8.....	Winnie Simmons
April 9.....	Alexis Pruitt
April 9.....	Grace Teddy
April 12	Daniel Schweppe
April 14	Holly Hendrix
April 15	Pat Byers
April 15	Sandra Morgan-Dodrill
April 16.....	Chip Blackley
April 16.....	Drew Dixon
April 16.....	Hamp Hager
April 16.....	Carol Ann Hoard
April 17.....	Will Hoard
April 17.....	Martha Strain
April 18.....	Phillip Cerwin
April 18.....	James Petrilli
April 20	Bert Weathers
April 21.....	Scott Hendrix
April 22.....	Fred Timm
April 23	Lee Huston
April 23	David Moore
April 23	Mary Raudez
April 24.....	John McBride
April 26	Scott Kennedy
April 27	Kennedy Sauve
April 27	David LeGrand Sr.
April 27	Debi McDaniel
April 28	Libby Alexander
April 28	Mallory Brown
April 28	Agaat Den Hertog
April 28	Jeff Hamilton
April 28	Jean Webb
April 29	Molly Dedmon

SPC Reports & Minutes

SESSION MEETING MINUTES - February 18, 2025

Clerk: Tom Martin complimented Drew and Carol Ann for planning and implementing an insightful officers' retreat. He further expressed gratitude for the diligent efforts of Miranda, Sherry, and Emily to update and compile the officer handbook. Tom reported that former SPC pastor, Fred Rose, is holding his church officers' retreat here at SPC this coming Saturday.

Diaconate Report: Michelle Moser reported that the Media Committee is looking at ways to get members to use the new MinistryOne app and is planning to have committee members available during Wednesday Night Suppers to assist with loading the app to phones and answer usage questions. She highlighted the Discipleship Committee's upcoming Game Night and a possible craft night with the goal of providing opportunities for SPC members to socialize here at church during the year. There are several baptisms and a wedding coming up. Recent issues with doors not closing and locking after worship on Sunday were discussed.

Pastor's Report: Allen Callahan passed this morning. The funeral is tentatively scheduled for March 1. A shooting today on Blanton Street during Rainbow hours prompted a lockdown of the church building, resulting in a delay in setting up the blood drive and affecting donor participation numbers. The New Member class is going well. It's wonderful to continue to see new faces among us. He encouraged us to be mindful of those in our neighborhood groups who may be absent and need attention. He welcomed us to provide suggestions for improving the officers' retreat. Drew reported that Carol Ann's friend, Mr. Michael, is getting closer to needed hospice care. Please keep them both in prayer. Looking at the Statistical Report, he is excited to see the impressive amount SPC spends on outreach beyond our gift to the Presbytery.

Online Votes and Minutes: The online votes to approve the baptisms of Winston Childers on 2/16 and Nora Monroe on 2/23, as well as the 2024 Statistical Report, were ratified unanimously. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, session meeting passed unanimously.

Discipleship Committee: Drew presented that two youth, Khia Hickman and Foster Warrick, have applied to attend Triennium this July as members of the WNC Presbytery's delegation. Total cost is \$727. The PWNC will subsidize \$329 per delegate. Each youth will pay \$164. The committee is asking the church to provide per youth \$164 from the youth budget (51050) and \$70 from the PWNC budget. Furthermore, Carol Ann will provide them with \$100 each from the youth account (22024) to help cover "on the road" meals and snacks. Motion approved unanimously. The committee has already begun planning this year's congregational retreat at Montreat, but is also working on opportunities to be in community and fellowship here at home.

Finance Committee: Richard Dedmon reported that offerings and revenue in January were up over last year, providing 9.2% of expected annual income in just one month. Furthermore, January expenses were under budget, so we're in good shape as we kick off the year. The Cornerstone fund and other investment accounts will be moved to Fidelity Bank. In light of the ongoing battle with the insurance company over the needed roof repair, we have hired a public adjuster from Charlotte to handle negotiations with the insurance company. The adjuster will retain a fee of up to 15% of any portion of settlement beyond the original offer paid. The committee has approved Session's requested expenditures: \$20,000 from the Cornerstone Fund for an energy efficiency project including insulation and lighting, and \$7500 from undesignated memorial gifts from the Memorial Fund to cover the Historical Archive Project expenses.

Member Life: Mike Alexander presented the committee's motion to approve transfer of Andy and Ann Brown's membership to Sparta Presbyterian Church, and reported they are well and eagerly awaiting to take occupancy of their newly built home. Motion approved unanimously. Drew presented Andrea Rodgers' request to reactivate her membership. (She is the daughter of member Agaat Den Hertog.) Elders agreed that examination by the Session is not necessary. Motion approved unanimously. Drew will offer Andrea the opportunity to stand with the new member class before the congregation, and her name will be listed with theirs in the bulletin.

Property Committee: Bill Jobe reported work on the ceilings of the closets at the rear of the stage in preparation for insulation. Fred Blackley negotiated and secured a new landscape contractor, Fitz McMurray. He will start at the same price Ted LeGrand was charging. The attic space off the resource room (education wing, upstairs) needs to be cleared in preparation for insulation. Contents include old softball trophies and some furniture. Dan McLaurin agreed to go through it for the Historical subcommittee. Ceiling leaks in the education wing may need to be addressed before the insulation is placed. Most are slow but enough to damage the ceiling tiles.

Worship and Music Committee: Drew presented the funeral of George Cribb on 3/29 for approval. (He was SPC's long-time choir director prior to Anne Goss and Amy Allen.) Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of ideas for neighborhood group activities and service—cards, phone calls, event reminders, visits. Some elders may attend a future diaconate meeting to share ideas. Discussion of homebound communion.

APRIL EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 2nd: **Wednesday Night Supper** with a traditional Guatemalan chicken stew. The program will be presented by the Guatemala Partnership Education Committee of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

Thursday, April 3rd: **Men's Breakfast** at 7:00 am. The Men of SPC will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Saturday, April 5th: **Ellis Hall Reserved** from 1:00 to 5:00.

Sunday, April 6th: **Easter Egg Hunt** at 2:00 at the home of Beverly Elmore. **Youth** need to be there at 12:30.

Sunday, April 13th: **Palm Sunday** and **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**.

Thursday, April 17th: **Circle of Friends** will meet in the private dining room at Pfeiffer's Café for lunch at 11:00! If you can attend, please call or text Nancy Blackley at 704-692-8095.

Thursday, April 17th: **Maundy Thursday Service** at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.

Friday, April 18th: **Good Friday Service** at 12:00 in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 20th: **Easter Sunday** service at 10:00, bring flowers for the outdoor cross.

Monday, April 21st: **Church Office Closed**.

Tuesday, April 22nd: **Newsletter articles** are due to Miranda, mirandaeshelbypres.org.

Sunday, April 27th: **Youth Sunday**, the youth will lead worship. **Youth** go to the Big E at 4:00.



TARTAN ORDERS: Though the church's Heritage Sunday is not until September, now is the time to order items (ties, sashes, etc.) to wear at the service. Now is also the time to order fabric to have a flag made from your own tartan. If you would like help to find your family's tartan, please contact Mary Conner at 704-300-1109 or let the church office know. To ensure that all materials are here for Heritage Sunday, please have your order in by May 15th. (Please contact Mary Conner or the church office for prices.)

MARCH 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2025 Operating Budget \$692,364.00
 Needed Weekly \$13,314.69

MAR. 2:	Received.....\$23,772.11	Worship.....166	Livestream View....105	5¢-A-Meal....\$370.28
MAR. 9:	Received.....\$6,778.00	Worship.....152	Livestream Views...124	
MAR. 16:	Received.....\$3,931.00	Worship.....146	Livestream Views...100	
MAR. 23:	Received.....\$15,716.87	Worship.....185	Livestream Views...92	

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – APRIL 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Worship & Music	2 • 12:00 Lenten Service at AUMC • 6:00 Wed. Night Supper, Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	3 • 7:00 Men's Breakfast • 11:00 Member Life • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	4	5
5 th Sunday in Lent Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering Mallory Brown is preaching • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 2:00 Easter Egg Hunt	6	7 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	8 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Fellowship	9 • 11:00 Rainbow • 12:00 Lenten Service at AUMC – Carol Ann preaching • 1:00 Clerk's Council • 7:00 Choir	10 • 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	11
Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 11:00 Deacon Meeting • 5:00 Youth Night	12	13 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	14 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:30 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting	15 • 12:00 Lenten Service at AUMC • 7:00 Choir	16 • 11:00 Circle of Friends • 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	17
Easter Sunday Communion • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.	18	19 EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	20 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media	21 • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	22 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	23 • 5:30 Girl Scouts
2 nd Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 4:00 Youth go to Big E	24	25 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	26 • 10:30 Staff Meeting	27 • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	28	29 