

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

#### Even if you don't have followers on Instagram, you are an influencer.

I say this as one who cannot stand that "influencer" has become a job title. People now aspire to careers of posting content online, amassing followers, and then getting paid to endorse products. It's a strange world that we live in.

Yet, in social life – the real and interpersonal kind – everyone and everything we surround ourselves with has an influence on us. As human beings, we are naturally influenced by others and at the same time influence the people we are around, because of how much we tend to mimic one another.

In 1 Peter 3:15b, we read, "Always be prepared to give an answer," and this is often used to suggest we need to have all the answers. But if we look at the context of the verse, the answer we are to prepare is the hope we have in Christ by which we are able to be a good example in adversity, by "never repaying evil for evil."

As we look out into an increasingly polarized world, we have the opportunity to be a good example – for our peers, for those younger than us, and for those older than us, as well. This is an important part of what it means to be a Christian, as Jesus said to let our good works be seen so others will give glory to God.

We are blessed in this church to have a community that includes people of every age from newborn to 99, who are active in the life of the church. In truth, everyone from the teenager who keeps us up to date on the latest goings on in the culture, to the senior who can remind us of the lessons in our past, we all have a lot to learn from each other.

This is why with the annual stewardship letter last September, we suggested a daily five-minute prayer pledge for intergenerational ministries and relationships in our church. The more we interact with one another across generational divides, the more we can have a positive influence on each other and then be a positive influence as a faithful presence in our community.

Beloved, I hope that you will continue to participate in our intergenerational activities, from Wednesday Night Suppers and special church services to Game Nights and the Montreat Retreat, because we need each other. Please don't hesitate to be a part of any of these and reach across the boundary of years to get to know someone older or younger than you.

Never underestimate the influence you may have or what you might learn from someone else as you gather in community in the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Drew

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## From the Desk of Carol Ann

Going barefoot can be a spiritual practice. Say What?

The arrival of May Day heralds many celebrations worldwide, but for the Lavery household it marks a sacred seasonal threshold: the day when the soles of their feet are once again allowed to kiss the earth directly. My Mom was a firm believer-shoes on till May 1st.

The practice of navigating the world without shoes taught lessons far beyond the simple joy of feeling the grass between one's toes or the challenge of dashing across hot pavement to the sanctuary of the green shade. It fostered an awareness of the living world, a constant mindfulness to tread lightly and with care, ensuring not to get stung by the bees among the clovers.

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush, God told him to take off his shoes, for he was standing holy ground (Ex. 3:5). I'm sure it wasn't May 1<sup>st</sup> either. But when I think about this – isn't all ground holy? If so, shouldn't we take off our shoes regularly so we can be on holy ground? What is God trying to tell us when we are on standing on holy ground?

Our feet are beautiful-no matter what they look like. They are beautiful because they bear the weight of our entire body. They also bear the wear and tear of our comings and goings as we do good for others. They bear the good news of Christ to a world that needs Him. Go barefoot and thank God for your feet today and for the privilege of walking on earth, this holy ground!





Please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from college this Spring. We would like to congratulate them in the June newsletter. Email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) by Monday, May 20th.



MAY 5 - CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

MAY 12 - YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 26 - HS SENIOR SUNDAY



## Save the Date Dessert Auction and Cook-Out Sunday, June 9th 5:30



Donations received will support the summer activities of the SPC Youth and Children.

## **SUNDAY NIGHTS**

5:00 - 7:00 SUPPER INCLUDED

MAY 5 PRACTICE YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 12 NO YOUTH - MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 19 REGULAR YOUTH MEETING

MAY 26 WOODFIRE PIZZA NIGHT AT CA & JOEL'S

LET CA KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE A YOUTH DINNER











## SUMMER KIDS CAMP

JULY 29-AUGUST 2

9:00AM-NOON

AGES 4 TO 5TH GRADE





SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!

#### **EVERYONE IS INVITED**

### LAZY 5 RANCH

**JUNE 5, 2024** 

**ALL AGES -**We will leave at 9:00 am and return by 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Let CA know if you are willing to drive.

MUST Sign up with Carol Ann by May 26th.

COST IS \$10 PER PERSON.







## What's Going on at SPC?!





Brynn is the daughter of Chris and Erin Burns and little sister to Riley Jean. Overjoyed grandparents are Robert and Cathy Burns.

Thanks, and praise to God for this new life!



Thomas is the son of Andrew and Liz Wehmueller.

Overjoyed grandparents are Mike and Lori Wehmueller.

Thanks, and praise to God for this new life!

#### **MAY EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday, May 1st: Wednesday Night Supper, at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. Last Night of Growing In Grace.

<u>Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>: **Men's Breakfast** at 7:00 am at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: **Youth Grier Adventure Day** be sure to sign up with Carol Ann ASAP.

Sunday, May 5th: Children's Sunday.

Sunday, May 12th: Youth Sunday.

Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>: **Newsletter articles** are due to Miranda, mirandaeshelbypres.org.

Sunday, May 26th: Senior Sunday.







# THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

I can't believe it's already May! April was a very busy time, Easter parties, egg hunts, extra outside time, and exploring spring!

This is our last month of Rainbow until August, and a new school year! This month we will have our graduation ceremony on May 21st for our graduating 4s and 5s classes! I have watched these children grow into the big kids they are over the past few years, and I am thrilled to see them start a new chapter.

We are blessed to be a part of the SPC community, and we are beyond thankful for all of the support we are given.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (proverbs 22:6)

Abby Goins, Director











**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE:** I am so thankful for the privilege of seeing God at work in our SPC staff, members, volunteers, and guests when I participate in our Food Ministry.

No statistics this time, just stories:

After lunch was over, I was waiting outside the kitchen for my ride home. A man had ridden up on his bicycle and was talking with someone from SPC staff about something he wanted or

needed. I wasn't sure what. She asked a lot of questions. He seemed to be a little intimidated. He finally admitted that he would like water with ice in it. While she went inside to get it, he told me that he likes to joke around with people and not be so serious. She came back with a cup of ice water and a smile. He also smiled, got on his bike, and said, "A cup of cold water!" I smiled too and remembered Matthew 10:42 which says, "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." -Kathy Wilson

#### ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MAY?

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

Fred Harrill (captain), Debbie Hart, Jennifer Niblack, & Holly Petrilli

#### **Elders Serving Communion**

Susan Bell L3 19 Carolyn Billings L1 Richard Dedmon R3 Carolyn Jackson L5 Bill Jobe **R4** R2 Laura Lampley Dan McLaurin L2 \*Tom Martin L4 also assisting Margie John Schweppe Jr. R5 Larry Wilson

#### Sanctuary Worship Guild

Мау

May

- 5 Harriette Beam Laura Beam
- 12 Judy Greer Rachel White
- 19 Marlene Lovelace Margie Trivett
- 26 Beverly Elmore Stuart Schweppe

#### Sound & Video Teams

Мау

- 5 John Brotherton David Grose
- 12 Chip Blackley John Brotherton
- 19 Mike Jackson Joe Petrilli
- 26 Chip Blackley Mike Jackson

#### **Sunday Chimers**

Мау

- 5 Josephine Mangione
- 12 Corban Stern
- 19 Oliver Stern
- 26 Theia Stern

#### Wednesday Night Supper Elders & Deacons

May 1

Carolyn Jackson Thomas Monroe Alison Moore John Schweppe Jr.

#### **Worship Liturgist**

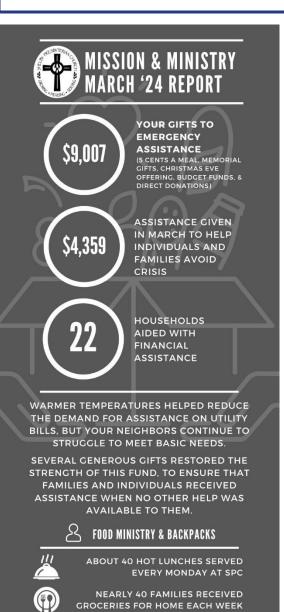
May 19 Michael Pruitt

#### Sanctuary Flowers

Every Sunday in May 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.



"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 13<sup>th</sup> and will conclude after worship on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Register with \$100 deposit by May 24<sup>th</sup> for Early Bird Rates, which will be: \$225 Single w/King, Queen bed or 2 Twin beds, \$400 Two-Room Suite (Queen and 2 Twins with single bathroom), \$450 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



15 WEEKEND FOOD BAGS GIVEN TO TURNING POINT STUDENTS

## Music Notes

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to all our musicians and chancel choir for the beautiful musical offerings during Holy Week and Easter. From our reflective offerings on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to glorious hallelujahs on Easter Day, it was a meaningful journey that we shared together as a congregation. We also would like to thank our wonderful soundboard and camera volunteers. They went over and beyond during the Lent and Easter seasons to make sure we had everything we needed for sound for our online viewers and for those participating in person. They are very faithful to serve each week in our service.

Do you love to sing, but are not quite sure about joining the Chancel Choir?? This summer we will have several **SUNDAYS ONLY** choir opportunities. You can just show up on Sunday morning, rehearse an easy anthem and sing with the choir that Sunday. Come give it a try and see what singing in the choir is all about! We hope you will decide to join us in the fall. We will have some dates and times for you in the June newsletter.

It is a joy to serve our Lord with all of you at SPC. Thank you for all the ways you love and support our music ministry.

Emily and Bruce

\*The Baldwin upright piano is still available to anyone who would like to have it. The piano is free and will need to be picked up.



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 cbillings2577@gmail.com, or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

John Auten JoAnn Beattie & Family Pam Birmingham Debra Blanton Dick & Betty Bowling Don Bridges J.W. & Pat Brotherton Donna Buies Pat & Len Byers & Family Jo Ann & Allen Callahan Hannah Carpenter Karen Carpenter Myra Carpenter Matthew Carpenter Sandy Carpenter Conway Carter Mary Jo Chambless Rich Coiner & Family Robin Collins

Bert & Joy Cushman Chris Denning Judy DuBois Debbie Ferrell Ina Harrington Richard Hart August Hohne Joan Hunt Tom Jones David Kelly Alene Lang Chuck Laughlin Kobe Lawrence David LeGrand Cheryl Lutz Jim McConnell Brooke McCurry Nancy Minor Marie Patterson

Lisa Perkins-Dodrill Pauline Persing Ann Pharr David Pharr Julia Perotti Tommy Price Clay Pruett Calvin Rumfelt Larry Stern **Beverly Styers** Bill Thorne Rose Underwood & Family Melanie Vance Linda Ware Jackie Weathers Stephanie Williams Diane Windham Terricia Wingo

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

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During May, pray for our **Sixth Graders:** Walker Borders, and our **Seventh Graders:** Anna Dow, Anna Greer, Alex McIntyre, Benjamin Pruitt, Foster Warrick.

## Happy Birthday!

May 1
May 13Robert Burns
May 14 Fred Harrill May 15Mills Bryant
May 15Heidi Steeves
May 15 Brock Taylor
May 17Laura Beam
May 20Robin Holland
May 21Kathy Allison
May 21June Hatfield May 21Jennifer Ormand
May 22Ali Huston
May 23Jack Brownlee
May 23Nicole Haydon
May 23Lillian Moore
May 24Lyn Huston
May 26 Jean Canipe
May 26 Catherine Couch
May 26Anna Dow
May 27Ben Brown May 29Bly Borders
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#### **Prayers and Sympathy**

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Thomas Couch and family in the passing of his father, Tim Couch on April 5, 2024.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Julia Perotti and family in the passing of her brother in law, Keith Shuford on April 12, 2024.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Rich Coiner and family in the passing of his grandson, Val Donaldson on April 13, 2024.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Rose Underwood and family in the passing of her son, Jimmy Underwood on April 14, 2024.

## SPC Reports & Minutes

#### **SESSION MINUTES MARCH 19, 2024**

Order of the Day: Receiving new members: Drew recognized new members Ken and Pat Morgan; and Julia Perotti and Doug Whiteside. All had been through the new member classes, along with Matthew and Christie Martin, who were unable to attend. After brief conversations, a motion was made by Steve, seconded by Carolyn B, to accept Ken, Pat, Julia, and Doug as the newest members of SPC.

#### **Communications**

<u>Clerk's Report</u> – Larry opened the discussion regarding our Community Refrigerator. Rainbow Committee has received at least nine letters of complaint/concern regarding the location, and users, of the refrigerator. In addition, several concerns have been verbally related to Drew and others. Concerns range from loitering around the Harris St side of building between refrigerator and playground, to littering and inappropriate language around children, to personal safety concerns for staff members arriving to church. Ideas proposed include moving it to another location on property, waiting until 2:00 or later to replenish refrigerator, hiring someone to be a presence outside and around church during Rainbow, installing cameras. Relocating it will involve some expense to run power and upgrade doors/locks on Holland St doors.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Laura, to form an ad hoc committee to work on arriving at best option(s): Anna Schweppe, Elizabeth Schweppe, Tom, Bill, Drew, and Abby (or her designee).

<u>Pastor's Report</u> - Minutes of Session meeting of February 20, 2024 and the online vote to approve the funeral service for George Beattie on March 8, 2024 were unanimously approved on motion of Bill and second by Steve. <u>Finance Committee</u> - Richard reported budgeted revenues were down for February, "old hands" on Finance Committee feel we are still in good shape. Changing about 100 (of 400) fluorescent bulbs to LED and new heat/air units in office has contributed to utilities being under budget.

Finance plans to seek additional quotes for our insurance coverage.

<u>Mission and Ministry</u>— Laura reported M & M interested in Hot Lunch Ministry look into spending some of its designated monies to enhance the groceries available for distribution each week. Larry reported those discussions already underway. Suggestion made to have Erin set up a credit card for such usage.

<u>Property Committee</u> – Bill reported the new heat/air units for youth rooms, Parlor, and Conference rooms are to be installed Thursday of this week. Elevator repair is to be done Wednesday of this week. Painting contract with CSM for \$31,000 to paint sanctuary was approved pending proof of adequate insurance coverage by contractor. Palmetto Roofing has been approved to replace roofing over elevator and narthex. Bill plans to change outside lighting near Harris/Holland corner to be on from dusk to dawn.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Action Items - Letter to Rainbow re refrigerator (Larry to draft; Drew to finalize)

--Finance Committee to propose source of funding for painting

<u>Closing</u> - Motion to adjourn by Bill, seconded by John, closed with prayer by Mystie.

#### **APRIL 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT** 5¢-A-Meal....\$246.82 Livestream View....137 **APR. 7:** Received.......\$16,735.00 Worship......106 Received.......\$6,378.58 Worship......134 **APR. 14:** Livestream Views...104 APR. 21: Received......\$2,755.59 Worship......143 Livestream Views...76

#### **SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - MAY 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			• 11:00 Member Life • 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 5:00 Property Cmte. • 7:00 Choir	• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	• 5:00 Girl Scouts	• Grier Adventure Day • 10:00 – 7:00 Ellis Hall Reserved
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  Children leading worship  5 Cents a Meal  • 9:00 Sunday School  •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary  & livestreaming on YouTube  & Facebook.  • 5:00 Youth Night	<ul> <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>	<ul><li>10:30 Staff Meeting</li><li>7:00 Worship &amp; Music Committee</li></ul>	• 11:00 Rainbow Cmte. • 7:00 Choir	• 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	10	11
	• 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	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	17	18
Day of Pentecost  Communion & Baptism  • 9:00 Sunday School  •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.  • 5:00 Youth Night	19 Newsletters Due 20 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	Rainbow's Last Day 21  10:30 Staff Meeting  5:30 Personnel  6: 00 Rainbow Connection Graduation  6:30 Joint Session Diaconate Meeting	• 7:00 Choir	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	24	25
Trinity Sunday Senior Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. 5:00 Youth Night @ Carol And Joel's House	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day  • 7:00 Boy Scouts  • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media	• 7:00 Choir	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	31	***

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