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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm thankful for this moment in the life of Shelby Presbyterian Church!

Over the last four years, about 30 children and youth have been baptized. We've added close to 80 new adult members. Nearly 160 of you went to Montreat. Our choir keeps growing and they will again sing in an ecumenical program for Christmas. We have more than 60 children and youth actively involved in church. Every month, our church calendar has fun events and fellowship opportunities that allow our relationships within the church to grow.

Beyond our church family, you have generously helped your neighbors with the food ministry, emergency assistance, the community refrigerator, and more. You've put your faith in action by serving with Habitat for Humanity, Feeding Kids, Abuse Prevention Council, and more. As leaders in many walks of life and professions, you have influence for good. On top of all that, SPC enjoys financial stability, a great building, and good attendance. (Not to mention a new kitchen on the way!)

Yet, like Paul, should we count all these wonderful things as loss?

It's a strange question to ask, but while these are signs of a vital, strong and successful church by worldly standards, they are not necessarily signs of blessing. Rather, **God's blessing is found in how these things lead us closer to God by holding one another in consolation and sorrow**, being present amid the death of loved ones, illnesses, lost jobs, injustice, and more. With every success, we know that ultimately death still haunts us, and sin still threatens us. **The gospel points us to God's comforting presence in all of life, in and through reconciliation.**

With Thanksgiving and Advent coming, we should give thanks! Then we must look for where God steps into our life's challenges and limits. **If the Spirit is in and among us, then the best sign of blessing is that we emulate Christ by entering the lives of our neighbors to bring joy through inevitable sorrow.**

God in Christ defeated sin and death, but this does not mean we are faithful if we choose to be happily ignorant of the world's ongoing brokenness. **True blessing reminds us we are not alone – God is in and among us.** As Paul says, the Holy Spirit pours the divine love of God in our hearts.

I pray for eyes to see God at work in and through SPC. The proof will not be found in our success, but in how we respond with prayer for one another and our world, acts of kindness to those in our lives, and how we share life with others.

Our calling is to love as Christ loves us. Jesus lived, died, rose and ascended for us, so that his perfect love might cast aside our fear of sin and death. In the Spirit, Jesus then empowers us to be reconciled with God and one another – even our enemies – through God's self-giving love at work in and among us. – Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann



There's something satisfying about hitting the hammer right on the nail. One clean strike, and everything falls into place the way it should. But if you've ever missed, you know what happens — the nail bends, the wood splits, and suddenly, the job gets a little harder than it was meant to be.

Life in ministry can be like that sometimes. We're all builders — each of us with a hammer in hand — trying to build up God's kingdom one faithful swing at a time. Sometimes we hit it just right; sometimes we miss and have to start again.

I'm thankful to work alongside Drew, who knows a thing or two about hitting the nail squarely. We've learned to work well together — even though, as I like to say, I'm a *Baptist and he is Catholic in a Presbyterian world*! Drew has gone to bat for me more than once, bridging gaps and helping me serve where God's called me to be. That's what teamwork in the body of Christ looks like — different tools, different hands, same mission.

We recently attended the Habitat for Humanity Home Builders' Ball, and someone snapped a picture of us that still makes me laugh every time I see it. In the photo, I'm holding a giant hammer, and it looks like I'm about to hit Drew right over the head! (Don't worry — no pastors were harmed in the making of that picture.)

That image made me think about how, even in the laughter and lighthearted moments, God is still at work — shaping us, teaching us, and building something beautiful through us. Ministry — and life — take teamwork, patience, and a whole lot of grace. Sometimes we swing and miss. Sometimes we bend a few nails. But when we work together in love, guided by the Master Builder, amazing things happen.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:9, *"For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."*

That verse reminds us that we're not swinging blindly or building for our own glory. We're building something eternal — something that will last long after we've set our hammers down.

Let's keep aiming carefully, listening for God's direction, and trusting God to bring the pieces together. Because when we do — with a little faith, a little laughter, and a lot of grace — we'll hit the hammer right on the nail.

And as we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of this month, I can't help but pause and give thanks for Shelby Presbyterian Church — for the people who serve, love, and give so faithfully. You are living examples of what it means to build God's house with joyful hearts and steady hands. I am truly thankful for each of you. — CA

Friendsgiving

NOVEMBER 16TH
5:00-7:00
CA AND JOEL'S HOUSE
115 HILLSIDE DRIVE



Shelby Presbyterian Youth

Bring a dish to share.

Sunday Night Youth

November 2	Regular Youth 5-8
November 9	Return from Camp Grier
November 16	Friendsgiving at CA's
November 23	Advent Celebration
November 30	Pack College Boxes right after church - lunch provided

We NEED folks to provide a youth supper. If you are able to do so PLEASE let Carol Ann know ASAP!



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL Retreat NOVEMBER 8-9



Join other youth from our Presbytery for an over night retreat at Camp Grier!

Cost \$15 per person
Sign up by October 19th

recreation, keynote, small groups, fellowship and fun!

SPC Youth Ski Trip January 16-19

SPC Youth will be going on a ski trip to Winter Place Ski Resort in West Virginia. We will leave Friday, January 16 at 12 pm and will return Monday, January 19 around 5:00pm

The cost of this trip -

\$350 for skiers,
\$250 for snow tubers and
\$225 for anyone NOT skiing

The cost of this trip covers 4 days lodging, food and 2 days ski rentals/lift tickets.

We are going in with another church in order to make it possible for us to stay in a house on the slopes.



Text or email for more info
704-473-3850
carolann@shelbypres.org

Deposit

\$200 deposit is due by November 16th-we are limited to the number of youth we can take so get your deposit in as soon as you can.

No late sign-ups!

This would make a great Christmas present!

NOVEMBER EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, November 5th: **Wednesday Night Supper** children eat at 5:45, dinner at 6:00, and program at 6:30.

Thursday, November 6th: **Men's Breakfast** at 7:00 am at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Monday, November 17th: **Newsletter articles** are due to Miranda, miranda@shelbypres.org. All submissions must be received **by the due date** to be included. Items received after the deadline **are not guaranteed** to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Thursday, November 20th: **Circle of Friends** will meet for lunch Thursday, November 20th at 11:30. The location will be announced closer to the date.

Wednesday, November 19th: **Rainbow Thanksgiving Luncheon**, SPC is invited to join our Rainbow Families for a Thanksgiving Lunch in Ellis Hall at 11:30.

Sunday, November 16th: **Youth Friendsgiving** at 5:00

Saturday, November 22nd: **Community Thanksgiving** at Bobby Bell Pavilion at 4:00.

Sunday, November 23rd: **Advent Coming Home**, everyone is invited to SPC's Advent Workshop.

Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th: **Church Office Closed**

College Students' Addresses!

Parents, please send in your **student's current college address** so we can include them in our upcoming care package mailings! We want to make sure every student feels connected to our church family, no matter how far away they are.

We need them by November 12th. If we do not have the address, they will not get a box.

Homemade snacks

We are asking for homemade snacks or store bought to include in the care packages. Cookies, brownies, or any homemade treat will go a long way in brightening a student's day. Please bring your snacks to the church by Sunday, November 30th so we have time to package everything and get them mailed off.

Together, we can send a little bit of home to our students and show them how much they are loved and missed.

High School

Mission trip

to Guatemala

JUNE
17-25

Mark your
calendar and
More info
coming soon!





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)

What's Going on at SPC?!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
NOVEMBER 5TH AT 6:00
CHILDREN AT 5:45

TRIVIA NIGHT

with Zion Roberts

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Come join us for a night full of laughter, friendly competition, and great company at WNS Trivia Night!

We'll be serving up a delicious dinner featuring baked spaghetti from Toscanos, fresh salad, garlic bread, and sweet desserts to top it all off. Gluten-free options will be available!

There's no set price—just come hungry and bring a monetary donation if you'd like to contribute. Bring your friends, test your trivia skills, and enjoy a great evening of food and fellowship!

All Saints' Day

Nov. 2nd

On Sunday, November 2nd, the names of all Shelby Presbyterian Church members who have died since November 1, 2024 will be read at the 10 o'clock Worship Service. We remember: John Auten, Allen Callahan, Elaine Cerwin, Joyce Couey, George Cribb, Sandra Dwork, Shields Fletcher, Ina Harrington, George Rolling, Beverly Styers, Hailey Venable, Pat Wilkison.

A Grand Miracle

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN OUR

ADVENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
START IN ELLIS HALL
3:00-5:00PM

The Advent Workshop is for Children, Youth and all Adults to make sure you have everything you need to grow in your faith this Advent season, as we await our Lord Jesus.

JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Sunday

★★★★★

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

If you served in the military, please call the church office by November 4th, if you think we may not have your name from last year. Names will be published in the bulletin on November 9th in honor of Veterans Day.



THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

PRESCHOOL

At Rainbow we have painted pumpkins, created beautiful paintings, hunted for leaves on the playground, and made new friends. We were visited by many of our community helpers, a veterinarian, EMS, the police, and even went on a field trip to the fire department!

We have collected items through the month of October for baskets to be raffled off. We will sell tickets until November 14th, when we draw winners! Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The money raised will be used for new learning materials for the classrooms, and the continuous improvement of our program.

We are thankful for so many things here at Rainbow Connection! Happy children, happy teachers, a place to learn and grow... and we are especially thankful for our Shelby Presbyterian family. Thank you!

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind."

Psalm 107:2

- Abby





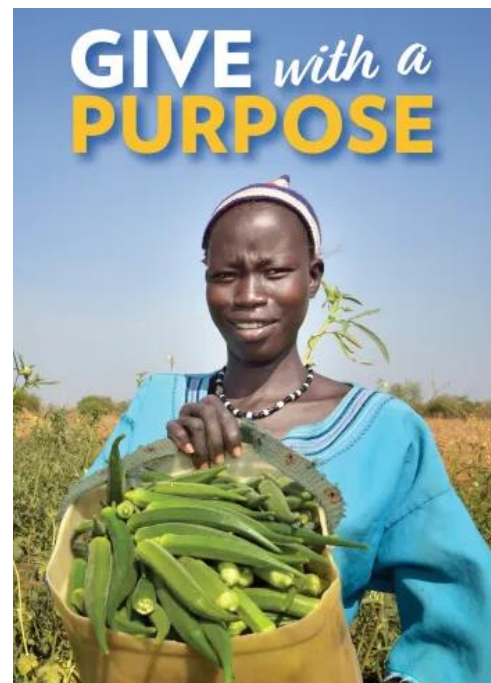
BE INVOLVED

COMMUNITY TABLE THANKSGIVING MEAL

Unifying Cleveland County through food and fellowship

NEW DATE:
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 22, 2025

FEEDING KIDS CLEVELAND COUNTY & Shelby Presbyterian are joining with other Community Partners to host the annual Community Table Thanksgiving Meal on SATURDAY, November 22nd at our **NEW LOCATION** - Bobby Bell Pavilion at 4:00 pm. We need **YOUR HELP** for this upcoming event - setting up activities, bringing desserts, decorating, serving food, clean up, and joining in for an afternoon of community fun with our Uptown Shelby neighbors! Food, Fun and Fellowship for everyone! Keep your eyes and ears out for links to sign up, and please contact **Marie Jackson** for more information.



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING?

Give a gift that changes lives! Through the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog**, you can fund livestock, farming tools and training, or clean water equipment for communities in need.

Visit pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog/gifts to choose your gift and be sure to list **Shelby Presbyterian Church** as your congregation.

For more details, see the bulletin board outside the church office.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN NOVEMBER?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Nov. Trey Warrick, captain
Beth Phillippi
Michael Pruitt
May Reed

Elders Serving Communion

Oct. 23 Mike Alexander
Mystie Brotherton
Molly Brownlee
Richard Dedmon
Carolyn Jackson
Laura Lampley

Worship Liturgist

Nov. 2 Claire McCullough
9 Tabatha Coker
16 Marlene Lovelace
23 Mystie Brotherton
30 Michelle Moser

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Nov. 2 Lyn Huston
Lori Wehmüller
9 Beverly Elmore
Stuart Schweppe
16 Harriette Beam
Laura Beam
23 Barbara Blackburn
Barbara Hannah
30 Mike & Lori Wehmüller

Sound & Video Teams

Nov. 2 David Grose
Joe Petrilli
9 Chip Blackley
Joe Petrilli
16 David Grose
Mike Jackson
23 John Brotherton
David Grose
30 Chip Blackley
Mike Jackson

Sanctuary Flowers

Nov. 2 available
9 Fletchers
16 available
23 Martins
30 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.



FRIDGE FILLERS NEEDED!



TO SIGN UP FOR A DAY
TO GROCERY SHOP SCAN
THIS QR CODE OR VISIT
BIT.LY/FRIDGESTEWARD

UPDATES ON THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE! Prior to Anna Schweppe's Rotary exchange departure, she gave the Morgan family the information needed to take on the lead steward role for the Community Fridge. Kenny, Emily, Eli, and Ada are Pat and Ken Morgan's children/grandchildren and we are grateful for their commitment to this outreach to our neighbors in need. Please text pictures of shopping for the fridge/cleaning/restocking to 828-429-1739 and contact Eli, SHS junior, with fridge questions/concerns at emorgan7533@student.clevelandcountyschools.org

LETTER FROM ELI - Hi. My name is Eli Morgan, grandson of Ken and Pat Morgan, and I am a junior at Shelby High School. It has been an honor to help continue the Community Fridge project first begun by Anna Schweppe. The Community Fridge project is a great way to help our neighbors in need. Last week while stocking the fridge a lady arrived to see us putting food in the fridge. She was so happy to see us and told us how appreciative she was that we were providing this service. She mentioned that her money was tight and that she was struggling to feed her children. It was a great feeling to know that what I was doing was truly making a difference in the lives of people here in Shelby. Please consider signing up for a day to stock and/or clean the fridge. It is a great way to provide a helping hand to those around us. Matthew 25:40. Thank you.

- Eli

Christmas Eve
11 o'clock service

If you are interested in participating in the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve service, please get in touch with Carolyn Billings at 704 300-0931.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Date: Tuesday, November 11
Time: 5:00-7:30PM
Where: The Banker's House
319 N Lafayette St, Shelby, NC

Join the #NYCTreeGirls as they celebrate the launch of their new book, *Spreading Cheer to All Who Are Near!* Have some refreshments, learn about our new book and purchase one of your own for \$15!

MONTREAT 2026

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 28-30

Christmas Greetings via the SPC Post Office

It's almost that time of year again! Time to get ready for Christmas. For the benefit of our congregation and local missions, we will open a small "Post Office" in the hallway behind the sanctuary. You may post all Christmas cards for fellow members in this designated box.

No need for postage; No need for addresses; Just the name of the recipient. The box will have slots labeled A - Z. Just place your cards by Last name and save your time and postage costs. What are you to do with all the money you saved? Please give to our Emergency Assistance Fund to help those in need within our community. It's a great opportunity to wish others a joyous Christmas and donate your postage savings to a most worthy cause.

We will have a box of free cards for those that may need them. Cards sent to you may be picked up in your named envelope on Christmas Eve or the two following Sundays (Dec. 27 and Jan. 3). We will also hand deliver all the cards to our homebound to let them know they are remembered. The box will be available to receive your cards from November 30th through December 21st.

Have a Merry Christmas
and thanks for supporting good tidings within our community!



FOOD MINISTRY NEWS: The SPC kitchen is being renovated, but we are still cooking! We had to get creative, so the kitchen volunteers are preparing a hot lunch each Monday at Central United Methodist Church. The meals (between 40 & 50) are transported back to the Harrill house next to our church where they are distributed along with groceries to our neighbors in need. We are so grateful to the folks at Central for making it possible for us to continue this service to the community. We thank the Shelby Pres congregation for your continuing support of the Food Ministry by your contributions to the Community Fridge, the Hot Lunch program, and the Monday morning food distribution. Your donations, your time, your prayers and support bless the volunteers and those that physically benefit from the help. One specific way you could help

while we are "between kitchens" is to save sturdy takeout containers with a tight lid and leave them on the pew in the back hall behind the sanctuary. We can put them to good use!

Food Ministry Christmas Bags

The Food Ministry is preparing for Christmas! Each year, we give our guests a gift bag filled with useful everyday items, and your help makes it possible. We are collecting the following items (we need at least 50 of each): Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shaving cream, Razors, Soap, Dental floss, Shampoo, Toilet paper, Body wash, Combs, Miscellaneous items such as fingernail clippers, emery boards, etc. Please drop off your contributions at the church office. Your generosity helps bring comfort and care to others this Christmas season.

Thank you,
The Food Ministry



REMEMBERING THAT IT HAPPENED ONCE

A Community Christmas Concert



FEATURING CHOIRS FROM
ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER,
AND SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 3PM
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
200 EAST MARION ST., SHELBY, NC 28150



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:

Drew & Tonya Beam	Bert & Joy Cushman	Lisa Perkins-Dodrill
JoAnn Beattie	Lou & Judy DuBois	Pauline Persing
Kim Blackburn	Debbie Ferrell	Ann Pharr
Charlie Jo Botts	Richard & Ellen Fletcher	Graham Phifer
Betty Bowling	Melton Gardner	Ellen Poston
Sid Bridges	Erin Hines	Clay Pruett
Linda Burnett	August Hohne	Jennifer Price
Robert Burns	Scot Horton	Susan Reed
Jo Ann Callahan	Andi Houser	Tina Richardson
Hannah Carpenter	Joan Hunt	Dot Roark
Karen Carpenter	Kevin Jones	Lin & Blannie Robinson
Myra Carpenter	David Kelley	James Salvator
Matthew Carpenter	Chuck Laughlin	Theo Small
Joe Carpenter	David LeGrand	Larry Stern
Sandy Carpenter	Rhonda Lingerfelt	Sharon Sundquist
Wade & Cindy Carpenter	Doug Little	Tiffany Timson
Conway Carter	Paul Luisi	Amanda Warfield
Betty Clark	Cheryl Lutz	Jackie Weathers
Kay Clark-James	Frances Greer Malcom	Jack Weller
Randy Derwin - Clark	Camille McGeachy	David Wilkison
Chip Cloninger	Brooke McCurry	Stephanie Williams
Rita Consolvo	Yvonne Couey Miller	Michelle Woodruff
Paul Couey & Family	Samantha Moss	Teresa Wingo

- Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy
- Medical 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.)
- Local & National Leaders
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- Food Ministry
- Rainbow Connection
- All refugees
- All victims of violence

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

Happy Birthday!

November 1	Nate Haig
November 1	May Reed
November 2	Carolyn Jackson
November 3.....	Todd Cerwin
November 3.....	Merridith Martin
November 3.....	Brett Niblack
November 3.....	Andrew Wehmueeller
November 4	Susan Jones
November 5.....	Barry Persing
November 6.....	Mary Lampley
November 6.....	Lucas Stern
November 7.....	Joyce Boyette
November 8.....	Spencer Borders
November 8.....	Bee Strain
November 8.....	Ken Morgan
November 9.....	John Brotherton
November 9.....	Alex Niblack
November 10	Julie Bryan
November 11	Susie Brown
November 13.....	Charlie Brownlee
November 13.....	Janie Brownlee
November 14	Robin Smith
November 16.....	Tyler Hendrix
November 17.....	Dottie Vincent
November 17.....	Paxton Warrick
November 20	Devin McCullough
November 21.....	Holly Conner
November 21.....	Richard Hart
November 21.....	Marie Patterson
November 21.....	Lane Wilson
November 22	Carolyn Cooper
November 23	Tori Clifton
November 24	Steele Bryant
November 24	Tabatha Coker
November 25	Jessica Stern
November 25	Zelma Whitney
November 26	Barbara Blackburn
November 27	Barbara Hannah
November 27	Suzanne Waldrop
November 28	Eliza Stern
November 30.....	Dennis Beam IV
November 30.....	Margie Trivett

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Tonya Beam and her family on the passing of her father, Roger Whitley, on October 16, 2025.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Shields Fletcher, who was a baptized member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, and grandson of Richard and Ellen Fletcher, on his passing on October 5, 2025. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 12:00 pm at Tryon International with a light lunch. The family kindly request RSVPs via this link <https://everloved.com/life-of/thomas-shields-fletcher/obituary/> or by contacting Richard (704-418-4095) or Ellen (704-418-4137) Fletcher.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Joyce Couey, wife of Paul Couey, who passed away on October 13, 2025. Joyce had been a member of SPC for 36 years. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at SPC. Following the service, the family will host a light reception in Ellis Hall.



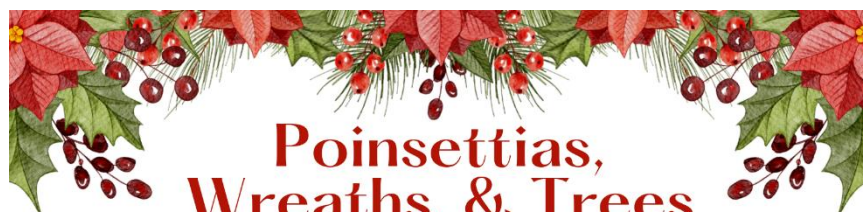
CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL & SUSAN



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel White and Susan Jones! Rachel swam in the North Carolina State Senior Games Swim Meet in Raleigh on September 20 and won Gold Medals in ALL of her events! They were 50 and 100 yard Freestyle and 50, 100, & 200 yard Backstroke, setting NC State Records in the 50 Freestyle and the 50, 100, and 200 Backstroke!

Susan also competed in the NC State Senior Games Swim Meet. She swam in 6 events and won Gold Medals in ALL of them: 50 and 500 yard Freestyle, 50 yard Butterfly, 100 yard Individual Medley, and 100 and 200 yard Backstroke! She also set NC State Records in the 100 and 200 Backstroke and the 100 Individual Medley.

Susan also competed in the National Senior Games in Swimming in Des Moines, Iowa July 25-27th. She won Gold Medals in the 50 Freestyle and the 200 Individual Medley. She won Silver Medals in the 50 Breaststroke and 100 Breaststroke. She won Bronze Medals in the 400 Individual Medley and the 200 Breaststroke. Congratulations to Rachel and Susan!



Poinsettias, Wreaths, & Trees

This year, you may purchase trees, door wreaths, a large sanctuary wreath, or poinsettias – either in memory or in honor of someone special.

- Christmas Trees – 2 available (\$125 each)
 - One in Ellis Hall
 - One outside the Sanctuary
- Large Sanctuary Wreath – 1 available (\$50)
- Outside Door Wreaths – 14 available (\$30 each)
- Poinsettias – 80 available (\$15 each)

These will be placed in the church December 14 through Christmas Eve.

If you would like to purchase a tree or wreath, please contact:

Miranda at 704-487-8503 Email: miranda@shelbypres.org

If you would like to order poinsettias, please submit your check (made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church") along with your order form to the church office no later than November 17.

Yes, I (We) would like _____ poinsettia(s) placed in the church.

Enclosed is \$_____.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____



SPC Reports & Minutes

SESSION MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk – Tom Martin –He spoke with a county employee recently who doesn't have a church home but admires how we serve the community through our hot lunch and community fridge. Tom complimented staff on a great job putting the retreat together and attributed the increased attendance numbers to the assistance with food costs by the Lacey scholarship fund.

Pastor – Drew Mangione – Montreat Retreat – Even better than last year! Church staff and members of the planning committee led by Carol Ann and Emily worked hard and it showed. Small group time was a central component of this year's program, giving members more opportunity to get to know one another. The Chair Volleyball Tournament and the variety show were big hits as well. 157 attended.

ONLINE VOTES & MINUTES: Ratify Online Votes: Styers Funeral Sept. 26th at 1:00 in the chapel; unanimously approved. Session Meeting Minutes August 18, 2025 –unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES: Property – Bill Jobe –all heat/air work is done downstairs and at Harrill House; waiting on roof repair at HH and education wing to finish insulation work; back door lock—key doesn't work; lots of positive affirmations for new housekeeping company. Kitchen Update –Oct 6 thru Jan 31 anticipated.

Finance – Richard Dedmon –Though pledged offerings and other revenues lag behind the budgeted need, expenses are also short of the forecast, yielding a net YTD deficit of almost \$45,000. This is a historical trend which is half of what we saw this time last year. Kitchen Project –3 bids received 8/28 were higher than anticipated; we had originally approved spending \$110,000; committee proposes funding the almost \$100,000 difference (lowest bid was \$208,801) with recently announced awards from the government's Employee Retention Credits, awarding the contract to Hoke Enterprises with a start date of Oct. 6, 2025. Motion approved unanimously. Mini splits have been installed in the bell and choir rooms as well as in Harrill House. Contractor advised installing 2 mini-splits on the Boy Scout side of Harrill House as conditioning the entire structure would be more energy efficient. This left a need for additional funding to complete the project, which has been paid for by Presbytery grants in the amount of \$30,000 from the sale of John Knox and \$10,000 from the Daily Change (formerly 5-Cents-A-Meal) program. Committee proposed using \$5000 from each of the Anne Potts Boy Scout Fund, the Food Ministry Fund, and from unused gifts in the Memorial Fund. Discussion revealed a communication error and only about \$5000 total is required to complete the project. Motion was amended to take one-third of the \$5000 from each of the three funds. Unanimously approved. Roof update—increased progress—insurance company has agreed to pay for a new roof on the flat section of the education wing which is now leaking. The actual amount they will pay remains to be seen. Stewardship letters will be mailed soon.

Personnel – Carolyn Jackson – Update –Annual staff reviews are almost complete with 1 remaining. Drew reported that our request to transfer Carol Ann's ordination from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to PWNC was rejected and she will have to take all 5 exams as if she was newly out of seminary. They did approve making her a temporary member of presbytery and they can put her in the pension system, which will allow her to take her name off the roll at CBF. Finance and Personnel will take action to secure these steps. Committee reviewed the Rainbow Connection Bylaws which were written in 2012 and recommended they be updated.

Worship and Music – Carolyn Billings – Baptisms of Mason Tyree Sept. 21st and Cooper Monroe Oct. 19th. Unanimously approved. Emily plans to contact a local company to look at our sound system and make recommendations for updating it in 2026.

OLD BUSINESS : December Joint meeting, currently scheduled for Dec. 17th, can move to back to Dec. 16th since the kitchen remodel will prohibit using Ellis Hall for a blood drive on that date. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OCTOBER 2025 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

OCT. 5: Received.....\$ 14,432.00	Worship.....151	Livestream View....94	5¢-A-Meal....\$ 431.00
OCT. 12: Received.....\$ 16,863.00	Worship.....140	Livestream Views...57	
OCT. 19: Received.....\$ 26,878.00	Worship.....157	Livestream Views...62	
OCT. 26: Received.....\$ 3,461.00	Worship.....176	Livestream Views...47	



MISSION & MINISTRY SEPT '25 REPORT

\$3,959

YOUR GIFTS TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

\$4,011

ASSISTANCE GIVEN
IN SEPTEMBER TO
HELP INDIVIDUALS
AND FAMILIES
ESCAPE CRISIS

16

HOUSEHOLDS
AIDED WITH
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

2025 ANNUAL TOTALS

YOU GAVE: \$34,477* AID GIVEN: \$34,034

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. YOUR
GIFTS TO THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND
AND FROM THE EA MOORE AND RAMSAUR
MEMORIAL FUNDS WERE ABLE TO KEEP MORE
OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THEIR HOMES.



FOOD MINISTRY & BACKPACKS



ABOUT 40 HOT LUNCHES SERVED IN
ELLIS HALL WEEKLY



AROUND 50 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

FOURTH QUARTER DONATIONS: As we come to the end of the year (believe it or not), we are looking out for any "end-of-the-year" donations from stocks. If you give in this way, please arrange for those donations to be in the office before Christmas or immediately after. That would be very helpful. The office will be closed for Christmas Eve, Wednesday 12/24, Christmas, Thursday 12/25, and Friday 12/26. Monday 12/29 through Wednesday 12/31 office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm/ Thank you for your cooperation.

Instruments for Sale

Wouldn't you love to own a piano or organ?

If so, we have one just for you! For only \$25, you can take home one of these lovely instruments.

All proceeds from the sale of these instruments will go toward our Emergency Assistance Fund.

Please note: you'll need to arrange your own pickup.



RMD + QCD = SPC MINISTRY

That's a crazy equation, isn't it?

For the distinguished 'septuagenarians plus' members of our congregation, did you know that you can satisfy the Required Minimum Distribution of your IRA TAX FREE by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly to Shelby Presbyterian Church?

Of course you'll need to consult with your tax professional too, but if you meet the age requirements, and you have an eligible account that you need to take a distribution from in 2025, you can easily and without tax implications send funds, up to \$105,000 directly from your IRA account to the church.

Contact your tax professional & your investment advisor before the end of the year to find out how to take advantage of this option today!



Erin Borders, CPA
SPC Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Happy Thanksgiving

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, our office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26. We will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
21st Sunday after Pentecost 2 <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> All Saints' Day • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming • 11:00 Handbell Choir • 5:00 Youth Bible Study & Dinner	3 • 11:00 Food Ministry • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	4 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Worship & Music	5 • 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper • 6:00 Growing in Grace • 7:00 Choir	6 • 7:00 Men's Breakfast • 11:00 Member Life • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	7	8 Youth Camp Grler • 9:00 Officer Training
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 Veterans Day • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming • 11:00 Handbell Choir • 11:00 Deacons Meeting	10 • 11:00 Food Ministry • 1:00 Clerk's Council • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	11 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte.	12 • 11:00 Rainbow Cmte. • 1:00 Clerk's Council • 5:00 Property • 6:00 Growing in Grace • 6:30 Coor. Council • 7:00 Choir	13 • 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	14 • 4:00 Back Parlor Reserved • 5:30 Girl Scouts	15 • 6:00 am Back Parlor Reserved
23rd Sunday after Pentecost 16 • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming • 11:00 Handbell Choir • 5:00 Friendsgiving at CA & Joel's	Newsletters Due 17 Poinsettia orders due • 11:00 Food Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	18 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 5:30 Personnel • 6:30 Session	19 • 11:30 Rainbow's Thanksgiving Lunch • 6:00 Growing in Grace • 7:00 Choir	20 • 11:30 Circle of Friends • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	21	22 • 4:00 Community Table @ Bobby Bell Pavilion
24th Sunday after Pentecost 23 Communion • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming • 11:00 Handbell Choir • 3:00 Advent Coming Home	24 • 11:00 Food Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	25 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media Cmte	26 • 9:00 – 2:00 Office Hours NO GROWING IN GRACE	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29
1st Sunday of Advent – Hope 30 Carol Ann is preaching • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming • 11:00 Handbell Choir • 5:00 Youth College Boxes						

