




THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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DECEMBER 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Church New Year, welcome to the Advent Season, and Merry Christmas to you!

I am so thankful to be spending this holy season with you in the new church year. But what's more: **I am excited that we begin this new year with a gift from God of 20 new members received on Christ the King Sunday**, and their families, which include nearly 15 more children, youth, and young adults.

This is perfect timing for us all – a faithful congregation with new staff and new members. I would like to challenge us to a shared New Year's Resolution: **to be open with each other, to grow closer to each other, and to see God's presence in each other.**

The church calendar can help with this. It begins the new year with Advent when we remember that God comes to us. **Advent shows us that we do not earn God's love. God pursues us. God loves each of us first, while we are still sinners.** This is how you and I are even capable of loving God and loving our neighbors. This imprints God's identity in you and me, but **this love is not only for believers, but every person because all humanity bears God's image.**

Christmas is the next part of this good news. **In Christmas, we celebrate that God lived in our limits, even as a helpless child, cared for by a mother who gave herself fully to his care, with the support of a foster father to raise him.** Jesus depended on Mary, Joseph and the community in which they lived. God does not need us, yet God desires us enough to have lived fully as one of us to redeem us.

From there, the church calendar goes into the Season after Epiphany, where we learn what 'incarnation' actually means, and how it reveals one God in three distinct persons, or Trinity.

Lent is next, and it shows us the fullness of the Son's submission to our humanity, even to death on a cross. Easter reveals the fullness of the Father's love, to begin the new creation for us. Pentecost shows that God did not leave when Christ ascended but remains in and among us in the Holy Spirit. And lastly, we have Ordinary Time, which just ended, where we 'order' our lives around this gospel truth.

My prayer for us is that we immerse ourselves in this rhythm together – longtime members and newcomers together – so we reflect, as a community, the cycle of grace in which God pursues us, shares life with us, endures our life, renews us, and reorders all things.

Living in a community can be hard because it means being vulnerable, secure, and loving toward people outside our biological families, who may be different and even challenge our pre-conceived notions. Yet this is our calling.

God has graciously given much to Shelby Presbyterian Church, may we respond in grace giving ourselves to each other and our community.

- Drew



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

* Let Carol Ann know if you are interested.
Must have completed the 9th grade.



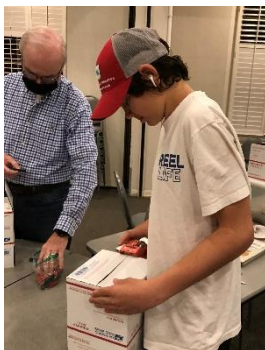
NEWS FROM CAROL ANN

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Says who? Christmas can be rough for so many people. Since working at a Church, Christmas had lost its JOY for me. By the time Christmas would come around, I would end up sick. In 2011, I went to NYC with some friends and experienced God in a new way. I think I wasn't expecting God in the concrete jungle but everywhere I turned, I felt the Holy Spirit. From the Rockettes to the lighting of the Big Tree. That Christmas season was the best for me and changed the way I thought about Christmas. I realized what Christmas was really about.

So, in 2015 after my Dad died, I really was dreading Christmas. I decided I needed to head back to NYC. This time, I asked Tisha to go with me and the #NYCTREEGIRLS were formed. We both realized how hard Christmas can be for so many people and our goal became to spread cheer to people. And you know what we learned? The more cheer we tried to spread, the more we received. Amazing how things like that work. So, if you are dreading Christmas, I want to challenge you to share the light of Christ and guess what? You will find it too!

Merry Christmas,
CA

*Sunday,
November 21st
the Youth
gathered to make
care packages for
SPC College
Students.*



Youth Sunday Nights

**DEC. 5 - YOUTH DELIVER GIFTS TO
HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

DEC. 12- CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC. 19 - LIGHT BALL DASH

We will resume
Sunday Nights on
January 9th.
Dinner Provided!

*All youth Sign up to Ring
the Bell*



SPC YOUTH WILL RING THE BELL

DECEMBER 22

9:30AM - 8:00PM

NEW INGLES ON HWY 74.

COME BY AND SEE US!

SIGN UP

DECEMBER 12TH

CHILDREN SING & RING

IN WORSHIP AT 10:00AM

We will pick up children in
Sunday School at 9:30.

LAST REHEARSAL IS
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8TH
WE WILL RESUME ON JANUARY
12TH



NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

It was a wonderful November at Rainbow Connection! All of the children have enjoyed the cooler weather and creating beautiful art. We talked about the things we are thankful for and how to be a good friend to one another. Over the month of November, we collected items for our Fall Fundraiser Raffle Baskets. We are SO thankful for every item donated.

Our teachers are gearing up for Christmas, and you can feel that holiday spirit right around the corner! Thank you all for your continued support of Rainbow Connection!

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
(Romans 12:10)

- Abby Goins, Director



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES



- **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be available for you to pick up at the church beginning Sunday, December 12th, in the hallway behind the sanctuary (across from the conference room). Be sure to get your box - they will be arranged in alphabetical order. If you use offering envelopes and cannot find your box, please let the church office know.

- **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the January edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Monday, December 13th.

- **A FLOWER CALENDAR** for 2022 will be posted Thursday, December 23rd, on the bulletin board as you come in the west entrance (across from playground). If there is a Sunday in 2022 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.

- **HOLIDAY HOURS:** Monday, December 27th the Church Office will be closed. Office Hours for Tuesday, December 28th through Thursday, December 30th are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday, December 31st 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

THREE NOTES FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

(1) 2021 Donations

The Office will be open Tuesday, December 28th through Friday, December 31st to receive any end-of-year giving. Last donations must be in at that time, or if mailed, postmarked no later than December 31, 2021. Anything after that will be considered 2022 donations, even if the check is dated 2021.

(2) Online Giving

If you have online banking, you can simply set up weekly or monthly giving. Away on vacation, forgot your envelope, never need to be problems again!

1. Find Bill Pay, or whatever your Bank calls it, on your online bank account.
2. Set up Shelby Presbyterian Church as a Pay To account (this will require the church's address: PO Box 1444, Shelby NC 28151)
3. Select automatic payments
4. Enter the amount you would like to contribute, the frequency, and the duration of your payment. Remember you can adjust this amount or cancel at any time. Also, you will be able to give any special instructions regarding distribution of the offering. If it is for your pledge, you need not list any instructions.

If you have any problems setting this up, you can contact your personal bank for help. The check is mailed to the church at no cost to you. If you desire to have your donation posted to your church pledge each month, it will be helpful to have Payment Date by the 25th of each month. This will give the bank time to print and mail.

(3) Giving by Numbered Envelope

The only information that would be helpful on your envelope is the **amount that is inside**. The number on the envelope will identify you to Miranda to post to your pledge/name.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!



- **FEEDING KIDS CLEVELAND COUNTY:** You have the opportunity this Christmas to show God's love to your neighbors as about 80 families in Cleveland County are most at-risk of hunger.

SPC is collecting your donations of non-perishable foods, including canned chicken, Chef Boyardee, peanut butter (or allergy friendly options), macaroni and cheese, granola bars w/out nuts, shelf stable milk, and more. (Monetary donations are also appreciated.)

You're also invited to share a note of encouragement in a Christmas card for the families. Please take a moment this year to remember your neighbors in need. Thank you, Mission & Ministry Committee.

WHAT DO WE PACK?	
PASTA	RICE
TOMATO SAUCE	GRANOLA BARS
CANNED CHICKEN	OATMEAL
GREEN BEANS	APPLE SAUCE
CORN	RASINS
RAVIOLI	MAC N CHEESE
PINTO BEANS	MIXED VEGETABLES
KIDNEY BEANS	FRUIT SNACKS
FRUIT	PEANUT BUTTER
	JELLY

- **THE GIRL SCOUTS** are hosting a drive thru for our local EMT December 4th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, we will be collecting money, food, and cards. We would appreciate your support; this project is so that the girls can get their bronze award.

Thank you,

Jennifer Ormand, Troop Leader

jenniferormand@yahoo.com

- **THE SPC FOOD MINISTRY** began food service again September 13th providing 50 takeout meals in clamshells. Only 7 were picked up even though numerous attempts at advertising occurred. The next week only 9 of the 35 prepared were picked up. After learning of a need at our hospital, (the cafeteria is closed for the employees) the Food Ministry is providing a meal delivered to different hospital departments every Monday. At this date

we have provided: 25 meals to Respiratory and ICU, 35 to COVID units, 25 to Labor and Delivery, and 35 to ED and physicians.

Please be in prayer as we continue this very important ministry and perhaps add another avenue. Also, consider helping the Food Ministry by offering to help particularly the delivery of the meals and after the first of the year with help in the kitchen. Also, donations to the Food Ministry are greatly appreciated. Although we receive great amounts of food through Second Harvest much of it is picked up by the local needy through the food giveaway on Tuesdays and we often must purchase staples (salt, flour, milk, etc.) and now the clamshells for takeout.

- **THE FOOD MINISTRY** is looking ahead to Christmas. Every year, we give each guest a bag that contains useful everyday items. Any help collecting these items would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off contributions at the church office.

Thank you,
The Food Ministry

ITEMS	QTY ON HAND	NEEDED
Tooth Paste	45	20
Tooth Brushes	25	30
Deodorant	47	30
Shaving Cream	1	74
Razors	82	0
Soap	9	66
Floss	4	71
Shampoo	1	74
Toilet Paper	1	74
Body Gel	47	28
Miscellaneous	10	65
(finger nail clippers, emery boards, etc.)		
Combs	15	60



Because of your generosity, 43 filled shoeboxes were delivered to the Charlotte processing center for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry.

– Mission and Ministry Committee



What is a Prayer Trio? These are groups of three people who meet together weekly, no leader needed. The hope is that you and your Trio will meet throughout Advent and into the New

Year! Three intentional components:

1. Meet once a week for focused discussion and prayer.
2. Scripture- use the Advent devotional that SPC will provide as a place to start or the scriptures printed in the bulletin.
3. Missional prayer- pray specifically for others who don't yet know Jesus.

Fill out the form before November 29th. The Discipleship Committee will email you with your Prayer Trio contacts and some resources on Monday, November 29th.

Google Form

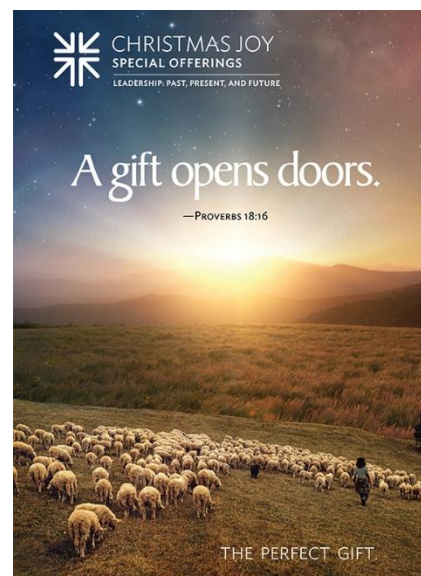
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December 5th: Michael, Alexis, Amelia, Benjamin and Thomas Pruitt with Marlene Lovelace

December 12th: Warren, Andrea, Ansley, Addison, and Avery Julian with Joel and Jeanne Spragins

December 19th: Larry and Kathy Wilson



On Sunday, December 19th, our church will collect the **2021 Christmas Joy Offering**. With grateful hearts and generous gifts, Presbyterians reach out through the Christmas Joy Offering to members of our Christian family as God reaches out to us. One-half of our

gifts supports the Board of Pensions' assistance programs, while the other half helps to support seven Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. We encourage your participation as we help those who are discovering and developing their gifts as students, and those who have served the church faithfully with their gifts, and who now need financial assistance. Bring joy to the longing hearts of young and old alike by participating in the 2021 Christmas Joy Offering.



Our next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, December 21st, 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/find-drive>

- To sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CADAD2DA64-spcblood>



- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Friday, December 24th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with worship and The Friendly Beast.

Congratulations

... to Chandler Young and Avery Woods Young who were married in Lincolnton, NC on Friday, October 29th. Chandler is the son of Sherry and Scott Thomas and Howard and Lisa Young.

... to Angus Monroe and Ally Barber Monroe who were married in Kings Mountain, NC on Saturday, October 30th. Angus is the son of Thomas and Emily Monroe.

... to Claire and Andrew Ruth on the birth of their daughter Rain Katharine Ruth on November 12, 2021. Overjoyed big brother is Jack and grandparents are Sandy and Kathy Brenneman. Thanks, and praise to God for this new life.



December 1.....	Terri Byers
December 1.....	Phil Haydon
December 1.....	Vic McCord
December 1.....	Tim Zehnder
December 3.....	Melissa DeVane
December 3.....	Scott Thomas
December 5.....	Katherine Ogburn
December 5.....	Erin Riggs
December 5.....	Craig Stites
December 5.....	Hunter Young
December 6.....	Ben Rybnicek
December 6.....	Hailey Venable
December 7.....	Nell Canipe
December 7.....	Mary Hamrick
December 7.....	Colin Simpson
December 7.....	David Webb
December 8.....	Mark Petrilli
December 8.....	Dylan Steeves
December 10.....	Mike Wehmuller
December 11.....	Richard Dedmon
December 11.....	Silas Hamilton
December 11.....	Madison McIntyre
December 12.....	Eric Wehmuller
December 13.....	Leslie Hannah Bankirer
December 13.....	Lance Ware
December 14.....	Shawn McNeary
December 15.....	Jennifer Niblack
December 16.....	Karen Simpson
December 17.....	Bert Cushman
December 18.....	Shannon Blackley
December 18.....	Lydia Boinest
December 18.....	Turner Smith
December 18.....	Tara Warrick
December 19.....	Whit Beam
December 19.....	Pete Moore
December 19.....	Dot Roark
December 20.....	Rick Bowles
December 20.....	Taylor Cerwin
December 20.....	Lou Gebel
December 20.....	Kate McIntyre
December 22.....	Becca Schweppe
December 22.....	Charlie Schweppe
December 22.....	Malachi Zehnder
December 25.....	Anna Winstead Meza
December 28.....	Larry Pearson
December 29.....	David Dodd
December 29.....	Ray Gravett
December 29.....	Todd Welton
December 30.....	Dennis Beam
December 31.....	D Goforth

Member Care



The goal of the Member Care 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 Jessi Ogburn, Member Care Chairperson, 704.487.0650, or jessio@carolina.rr.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Judy Becton	Faye McCants
Stacey Blackburn	Joe Miller
Andy Brown & Family	Jessi Ogburn
Robert Burns & Family	Rusty Patterson & Family
Karen Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Myra Carpenter	David Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	Meg Richards
Bert & Joy Cushman	Alex Raudez & Family
Sid & Barbara Dixon	Dot Roark
Ina Harrington	Fred Rose & Family
Joan Hunt	Mishay Simpson
David Kelley	Beverly Styers
David LeGrand	Mary Ann Weber
Jane McBrayer	Diane Windham

- Covid-19 research and patients
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- All those serving in the military
- Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos
- John McCall in Taiwan
- Dr. Steve & Alene Burgert in Kenya
- 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 December, pray for our **Second Graders:** Kate McIntyre, Savannah Raudez; and our **Third Graders:** Eva Greer, Addison Julian, Lilly McCullough, Tristan Ormand, Luke Powell, Abigail Smith, and Paxton Warrick.

Prayers & Sympathies

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Andy Brown and family on the death of his father Gene Brown, on November 8, 2021.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Rusty Patterson and family on the death of his mother Blanche Patterson Teele, on October 25, 2021.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Robert Burns and family on the death of his brother Johnny Burns, on October 24, 2021.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Alex Raudez and family on the death of his mother Josefina Perez Rizo.



KEEP IN TOUCH

These members may appreciate hearing from or seeing you this season. Cards are always welcome.

Myra Carpenter
218 T. R. Harris Dr., Apt. B4
Shelby, NC 28150

Lloyd & Lorraine Clark
113 Quail Hollow Dr.
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Homer Haworth
728 Klumac Rd., Apt. 254-D
Salisbury, NC 28144

Annelle Kelly
1351 Robinwood Rd., Apt. B101
Gastonia, NC 28054

Faye McCants
1425 E. Marion St. #710
Shelby, NC 28150

Joe Miller
Brookdale
90 West Ave.
Rockport, NY 14420

Mary Parsons
Aldersgate
3800 Shamrock Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28215

Ann Pharr
215 Windsor Dr.
Shelby, NC 28150

Bill & Tollie Stowe
P. O. Box 453
Polkville, NC 28136

Beverly Styers
Shelby Manor
1176 Wyke Rd. Room 65
Shelby, NC 28150

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER

...to the Backpack Fund in memory of Nancy Freeman.

...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Gene Brown

NOVEMBER 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2021 Operating Budget..... \$520,766.00
Needed Weekly..... \$10,014.73

November 7

Received.....\$15,011.54
5¢-A-Meal.....\$40.46
In-person Worship.....129
Livestream Views39

November 14

Received..... \$22,086.23
In-person Worship.....143
Livestream Views46

November 21

Received.....\$2,727.45
In-person Worship.....148
Livestream Views.....19

→ **As of November 23, 2021:** 89 Financial Pledge Cards for the 2022 budget have been received that total \$430,120.00. (Last year 99 families pledged \$424,940.00.) Please give prayerful consideration to bringing or mailing your card(s) to the church office as soon as possible. Cards are available in the narthex or in the church office.

SESSION MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 19, 2021

Communications

• John Brotherton addressed issues with livestreaming audio and the current plan to resolve issues. A need to identify representative for the October Presbytery meeting was addressed with Nancy Hendrix and Scoot Dixon agreeing to serve for our congregation.

• Drew Mangione expressed how impressed he was with the recent Kirkin' o' the Tartan service and looks forward to experiencing the service in the sanctuary next year. A New Member class is in progress and going well. The 2022 Officer Retreat will be held January 15. A motion to approve a policy for voting electronically on items that come up between stated meetings was presented, discussed and approved by unanimous vote. The policy approved is as follows:

• **Electronic Voting (E-Votes) Policy:** The moderator and the Clerk of Session may conduct votes via email, when such matters are generally considered non-controversial and cannot wait until another stated meeting. E-votes will be ratified at the next meeting. *If any three elders respond by declaring the*

matter to be voted on 'controversial,' or if they vote 'no,' the vote would cease, and the matter would be tabled until the next meeting automatically. A special meeting, which would allow for open dialogue and debate, may then be called, or it shall be discussed at the next stated meeting.

Meeting Minute Approvals

• Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on September 21, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

• Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon reaffirmed that offerings are still exceeding expenses with both being under budget for the year at this point. With continued focus on overall stewardship, a second letter to the congregation is being planned. A reminder for committees to submit budget requests was stressed.

• Member Care – Jessi Ogburn provided an update on our prayer list and encouraged focus in neighborhood groups. The role of Deacons as defined in the Book of Order was discussed with a request to enhance the role of our Deacons in Member Care.

• Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt presented an update on the hiring of Susan Sheffield as our new Bookkeeper with plans for her to start work in January. The committee is in search of a 3rd person to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings. The committee has also been requested to search for a part-time Sexton / Maintenance person. Updates were also presented regarding plans for 2022 salaries and other compensation.

• Worship and Music – Ben Brooks presented a recommendation for the 2022 Communion schedule. Discussion was held and the schedule approved unanimously. A recommendation for approving a marriage ceremony in the Chapel for Jo Ann Richards and Alan Callahan was presented and approved unanimously. Drew and Ben presented a recommendation to hold one Christmas Eve service at 5:00 and include the Friendly Beasts as part of the program with no communion planned to be part of the service. Following discussion, the recommendation was approved unanimously.

• Discipleship – an update on Sunday School classes getting started was presented and a request of continuing to encourage attendance was also discussed. Plans for a Church Retreat in August 2022 are underway.

Old and New Business

• Previous decisions to remain seated during singing of hymns was revisited and a request made to return to the congregation standing during hymns.

• A request for retuning Elders to prayerfully consider serving in the role of Clerk in the coming year was made. A transition plan will be in place in early 2022.

PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF
OCTOBER 26, 2021

(Well, “Presbytery IN BRIEF” is counter-intuitive to a full 4-hour meeting!) Faithful Moderator Hal Bennett convened the meeting with a righteous, spirit-filled prayer of invocation at 9:01 a.m. He joyfully recognized first time Elders – 19 of whom introduced themselves, along with two corresponding members. To God, all praise, glory, and honor!

Hal also acknowledged the land and heritage of Native Americans in this region - Catawba, Sugaree, and Cherokee. He appointed and thanked Marie C. Palacios, Bob Forsythe, Cam Murchison, John Pea, and Luke Johnson for their extra help as Host, Co-Host or additional Standing Committees service.

Clerk-extraordinaire Cam declared a quorum (*interestingly, meeting attendance varied widely, with the Holy Spirit moving people in and out frequently*); 174 was the high point for attendees. Cam seamlessly gave some orientation; gained approval for a virtual meeting; got approval of Consent Agenda (including Guatemala Partnership, Mission Committee, Finance and Building Hope, and Synod of Mid-Atlantic Commissioner reports – and much more – *there’s a lot great stuff going on!!*); covered several helpful pieces of info; and gave a concise Stated Clerk Report.

A nurturing worship service, including the Lord’s Supper, was gloriously celebrated. Worship leaders included David Bonnema and Dana Seiler, pastors at Unity Presbyterian Church; Reed Conley, organizing pastor at Artisan Church in Lincolnton; and several lay readers. The service included a beautiful regional video, a great video of the Artisan Church, and a wonderful sermon by David – covering a cautionary fishing tale about we humans always thinking we know best, planting churches, and positive examples of God at work. To God, be all glory, praise, and honor!

We had a quick small group breakout session to talk about positive success stories during the pandemic. Then, General Council chair, Dick Larson, joyously nominated Mark Stanley as 2022 Vice-Moderator of Presbytery and 2023 Moderator of Presbytery.

Julie Hester reported on CE, emphasizing the return of the ever-popular Lenten Spiritual Retreat, to be held at William Black Lodge on March 25-26, 2022, and led by noted CE and artist Donna Chase from Greensboro First. She also reported on the recent CE “lunch & learn”, and CE Continuing Education opportunities.

Jason McDougald gave a positive, well done video report on Camp Grier and the impact of Building HOPE. Sarah Grace Montgomery gave the Youth Ministry report, discussing the July 23-27 Youth Triennium (application), Nov 6-7 Middle School Retreat, and Feb. 26 Faith & Sexuality

Retreat. Noah McIntee reported on UKirk Ministries, provided a good video on the “Hillside Grind” at WCU. Esta Jarrett reported on Disaster Response in Canton, sharing a video that was scary, eye-opening, and heartwarming.

Dwight Christenbury, Preparation for Ministry, presented two wonderful prospects for progressing from Inquirer to Candidate status. Brandon Davis and Erin Tolar both gave strong statements, had powerful stories, and deftly fielded questions. Both were approved, then eloquently charged and fervently prayed over. The future looks a bit brighter now. Good stuff!

(“*Beam me up, Scotty!*”) Whit Malone and John Pea gave a literally out of this world COM presentation. John channeled a *unique* take on Capt. Kirk, reporting from the final frontier aboard the “SS C.O.M.”. (“*Houston, we have a problem!*”).

William M. Upchurch, Jr. gave a humble and heartfelt statement, answered questions, was approved as CP for Long Creek, then charged and prayed over. Rebecca Gurney was approved for nomination as Pastor at Reems Creek-Beech for a designated 2-year term.

Lynn Turnage was presented for ordination as Program Director at Montreat Conference Center. She gave a thorough call statement and a full sermon, showcasing her storytelling and other gifts, and her love of children. She was examined and approved for ordination, then charged and prayed for.

Approved for validated ministries: Tommy Brown, Director of William Black Lodge in Montreat. Joey Byrd, Chaplain in the U.S. Army. Bill Buchanan, Executive Director of Asheville Youth Mission. Lisle Garrity, Creative Director of A Sanctified Art. Joan Martin, Chaplain at Covenant Village, Gastonia, NC. Bob McCully, Treatment Director for Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Lynn Webber, Chaplain, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. Robert Gamble, Executive Director for This Child Here, Inc. (also presented a video on his ministry). Lynn Turnage, as Director for Programs for Montreat Conference Center. David Bradley, as Pastoral Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist. NOTE: All are approved through October 26, 2022. Praise be to God for these special ministries!

The following rule for temporary PWNC membership was approved: “When COM and its sub-committee on Examinations judges a minister of another Christian church is adequately prepared to serve in a validated ministry of PWNC, it may enroll such a minister as a temporary member of presbytery during the period of their service.” This was primarily for Session moderator needs.

Billy Robinson and Jill Isola reported on Peace and Justice, featuring a video about a new Matthew 25 initiative on medical debt relief. A special collection is planned; more details to come. Also, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church showed

a video on their commendable efforts to end structural racism.

Charles Kincaid gave the Nominating/Representation Committee report, mainly about election of 225th General Assembly and Mid-Atlantic Synod Assembly Commissioners. Hal Bennett was elected Synod Commissioner for 2022-2024, along with G.A. Commissioners Rev. Dana Seiler, Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson, Collin Caldwell, and Sarah Thornburg. Alternate for GA is Rev. Dr. Whit Malone.

General Presbyter Byron Wade gave a positive report on his many and varied activities. He shared about videos, visits, lunches with pastors, "On The Western Front" activities, logo search & Matthew 25 activity strategy.

Roger Wise offered up a covering, centering, earnest prayers of the people.

Hal adjourned the meeting at 1:01 P.M. and gave a Benediction.

This humble scribe would be remiss not to acknowledge the invaluable work and support of the ultra-competent Presbytery ladies and the rest of the staff and others who put in so much behind the scenes work and planning to make these meetings happen.

Next meeting – Saturday, January 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Leissner

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN DECEMBER?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Dec. Ted LeGrand, Captain
Kyle Aldinger
Joyce Couey
Stefanie McIntyre

Worship Liturgist

Dec. 5 Steve Sisk
12 Ellen Fletcher
19 Ben Brooks
26 John Schweppe III

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Dec. 5 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe
12 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmüller
19 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
24 Margie Trivett & Marlene Lovelace
26 Joyce & Paul Couey

Sanctuary Flowers

Dec. 5 *available*
12 Poinsettias
19 Poinsettias
26 *available*

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2025, and Deacon, Class of 2025. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 13th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: _____

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: _____

Below is a list of 2022-24 officers:

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Ben Brooks	Fred Blackley	Susan Bell
Richard Fletcher	Kimberly Dixon	John Schweppe Jr.
Darlene Gravett	Scot Dixon	Cheryl Sisk
Nancy Hendrick	Roger Holland	Larry Wilson

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Ann Brown	Kyle Aldinger	Andy Brown
Joyce Couey	Mary Ann LaSelva	Claire McCullough
Debra Haddock	Elizabeth Schweppe	Jennifer Niblack
Caja Ormand	Lori Wehmüller	Holly Petrilli
Mary Raudez		

Turn in your suggestions by January 13th to the church office.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:15 Membership Cmte • 6:00 Hanging of the Greens • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 		
2nd Sunday of Advent 5 <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 11:00 Youth Homebound Delivery 	6	Food Ministry 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Worship & Music 	8	9	10	11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Discipleship Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Finance • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 		
3rd Sunday of Advent 12 <i>Children Ring & Sing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:00 Youth Christmas Party 	13	Food Ministry 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting 	15	16	17	18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter Articles Due • 11:45 Rainbow Ctme • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:45 Rainbow Christmas Program • 7:00 Chancel Choir NO Kids Wednesday Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 		
4th Sunday of Advent 19 <i>Chancel Choir Special Music Communion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:30 Youth Light Ball Dash 	20	Food Ministry 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 Blood Drive 	22	23	24	25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainbow Connection Closed until Jan. 10 • 9:30 Youth Bell Ringers • 7:00 Chancel Choir NO Kids Wednesday Night		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 Christmas Eve Service 	MERRY CHRISTMAS
1st Sunday of Christmas 26 <i>Carol Ann preaching</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 3:00 Advent Come Home • 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard 	27	28	29	30	31	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Chancel Choir NO Kids Wednesday Night			



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