



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Growing. Praising. Serving. We use these excellent words to summarize the vision for Shelby Presbyterian Church, but this September, they will be front and center as we focus on growing, praising and serving together as one church family.

"It's such a good feeling to know you're alive. It's such a happy feeling you're growing inside. And when you wake up ready to say, 'I think I'll make a snappy new day.'"

These memorable lyrics highlighted the bond between Mr. Rogers and his television neighbors. Over the past year, we have seen our church grow and *it's a good feeling, a very good feeling. But the feeling of knowing there is new life in this church isn't about numbers, but the community's restoration and renewal by welcoming new neighbors to become family to praise and serve together.*

Piece by piece, you have been faithfully renewing your church community through the joint efforts of longtime members and staff working side by side in Christ with new members and staff. One of those pieces is **the return of the Soup Lunch, where volunteers have not only served neighbors in need, but have also engaged in conversation and fellowship.**

Two pieces that I'm especially excited about are the return of Wednesday Night Suppers and our churchwide retreat at Montreat, which we are calling: Family Reunion.

On Sept. 7th, **Wednesday Night Suppers** make their comeback, for what will be a monthly event at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. In addition to a delicious meal, these **will highlight ways to serve** in the church and, also, **offer plenty of opportunities to have fun and laugh together.** Don't bring a dish. Just come as you are. There is no set price, but donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

The **Family Reunion at Montreat Retreat Weekend** on the weekend of Sept. 16-18, is **shaping up to be a lot of fun and a chance to grow closer to each other through fellowship** – the sharing of a common life together. Throughout the weekend **we will reflect on how we are better and stronger together in Christ, despite our brokenness as individuals.** Each person who comes – adult and child – is encouraged to bring something broken, like a broken dish, from home for a community art project.

But that's not all, **September will also feature** several of our young people joining the church as full members through **Confirmation** and our celebration of **Heritage Sunday**, to remember our roots in the Reformed tradition in Scotland with the *Kirkin' O' the Tartans!*

It is a good feeling to know that in this moment, when the day is new, your church is Growing, Praising and Serving to live into our vision as a community. As we move forward, there will be more great ideas coming to life and lots for us to talk about. *I'm excited and thankful that we will continue to reach out to our neighbors and grow as a family.*

– Drew

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Growing • Praising • Serving

From the Desk of Carol Ann

Students are already into school and starting to work on papers and projects. College students are in classes and others are packing up their suitcases to start a new year. Teachers have been working for weeks and we are in prayer for all of you.

As a new school year begins,
In the returning to the old and familiar,
With all its newness and change,
May God's ever-present love surround us.
In moments of anxiety, worry, and deep stress,
In moments of abundant laughter and joy,
On days that seem like darkness is all there is,
May we experience God's peace and light and
May we be a breath of peace and a beacon of light. Amen.

This year, make a plan to pray for our children, youth and college students. Send a note to them and let them know of your prayers. A handwritten note goes a long way!

College Parents—Send in the addresses so we can stay in contact with your student!

Carol Ann

Confirmation Sunday

September 11—10:00 am

Join us as we confirm these young people in their faith. A reception will be provided in the courtyard afterward.

First Communion

SEPTEMBER 11 & 25

Rising 2nd graders and 3rd graders who have not yet completed this class are invited to learn about the mystery and grace of the Lord's Supper. Classes will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, September 11 and 25, leading up to a commemoration of their official First Communion.

World Communion Sunday, October 2.

Children's Music and Mission Groups resume September 7th 6:00-7:00pm

Supper will be at 5:45 for Children in Ellis Hall the 1st Wednesday of each month.

We are so excited to have a Preschool Group!

Sunday, September 4th

Youth Lunch and Youth Room Project

After worship, we will meet in the youth room for lunch and we will get creative with some projects for the youth room. Bring some clothes to get dirty!

Youth Group is starting back!



SUNDAY NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4 - LUNCH

SEPTEMBER 11 - 5:00-7:00

SEPTEMBER 18 - NO YOUTH

-MONTREAT

SEPTEMBER 25 - 5-7:00

Dinner will be provided!
Come and bring a friend!

Youth Sunday School

WE WILL HAVE SEPARATE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES- STARTING SEPTEMBER 4TH

Youth will meet in the Youth Room at 9:00 AM

Creeper Trail

October 15

Cost is \$35 per person.

Sign up by September 11th



"God's word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path." - Psalm 119:105

SPC SUNDAY SCHOOL MENU

With the exception of the Present Word study, all classes are offered from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. before the 10 a.m. service

BIBLE STUDIES

Serendipity

A guided walk through Scripture through a book by book study.

Kerygma: A Proclamation

Learning about God through the proclamation of God's people.

Present Word: Sermon Reflection

A look at the day's scripture and discussion of the sermon after the 10 a.m. service.

GENERAL STUDIES

Christian Issues

Engaging the tough issues facing Christianity today.

F3: Finding Faith Through Fellowship

Developing as Christ-followers in common life together through study.

Women in Progress

Women supporting women through fellowship, study and prayer.

CHILDREN & YOUTH STUDIES

Toddler - Pre-K & K - 1st & 2nd Grade -
3rd to 5th Grade - Middle School
High School

SEASONAL STUDIES

(beginning Oct. 2)

New Member Class

A 5-week course with Pastor Drew to study our Christian Faith, what it means to be Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Art & the Scriptures

A 6-week course with Susan Bell to look at the use of Scripture in Art.



Children's Sunday School Classes

Infants and Toddlers Room 102

Teachers: Ms. Tricia and Ms. Holly



Pre K and Kindergarten Room 204

Teacher:
Ms. Kimberly and friends

1st and 2nd grade Room 202

Teachers: Ms. Anne and friends



Join us for
Sunday
School to
learn about
following
Jesus!



3rd, 4th and
5th Grade
Room, 203
Teacher:
Ms. Margie



BACK TO SCHOOL SLIP & SLIDE





The Kirkin' o' the Tartan Committee is looking for volunteers! **Do you want to carry a tartan?** This year's Heritage Sunday and the **"Kirkin' o' the Tartans"** will be Sept. 25th at 10:00 am. If you are interested, please contact Mary Conner at 704-300-1109 or by email: catmom1882@gmail.com.

What's Going on at SPC?!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 6:00

Lasagna Night
with Rainbow Director
Abby Goins

JOIN US FOR
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP ARE OUR
SPECIAL CHEFS MAKING LASAGNA,
VEGETARIAN LASAGNA, AS WELL AS
PLAIN NOODLES.



STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Please keep our church in prayer during this stewardship season. This year Consecration Sunday is October 9th.



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 4TH: CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 16TH – 18TH: MONTREAT RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 18TH: JOHN AUTEN is leading worship.

SEPTEMBER 19TH: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the OCTOBER edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due to Miranda.

SEPTEMBER 25TH: HERITAGE SUNDAY, 9:00 am Sunday School and 10:00 am Worship

WORSHIP NOTES FOR
10:00 A.M. KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE
HERITAGE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

About the Kirkin': Kirkin' is the Scottish word for blessing. It has come to describe a special service of worship that includes all Presbyterians. Together, we give thanks to God for our Presbyterian heritage and ask for God's continued blessing upon us.

The History: The Kirkin' o' the Tartans is of American origin, though based on history and legend in Scotland. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plaid, or any tartan that represented Scots' heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

As the Legend Goes . . . This act prompted the stubborn Scots secretly to carry a piece of their tartan with them as they went to church, known as the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartans lasted about 50 years. At the repeal of the act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

The First Kirkin': The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's.

The Service: The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through the carrying of flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans provided protection and economic, political, and social support. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

The Beadle: The Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the lectern. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith. The term beadle comes from the Latin term *bedullus*, a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court, which in this case was the

Session. The term *bedullus* proved too cumbersome and over time it was simplified to beadle.

Carolina Tartan Stoles: The Chancel Choir is wearing Carolina tartan stoles made by Carolyn Eddins and Betsy Fonvielle. The Carolina tartan was designed in Scotland and adopted as the official state tartan of both North and South Carolina. Both states received their share of immigration from Scotland. The Cape Fear River Valley in particular was home to a large settlement of Gaelic-speaking highlanders. The western region of the Carolinas was settled primarily by Ulster Scots, lowland Scots who migrated to Ireland in the 17th century, and later to the colonies. The Carolina tartan is based on a design associated with King Charles II of England; he and his father, King Charles I, established the original land grants for the colony named after them.

About John Knox: Before he became a leader of the Reformation in Scotland, John Knox served as a bodyguard. During worship he stood in the front of the church holding a claymore sword to protect the pastor during those dangerous times.

About the Protestant Reformation: The Reformation was begun in Germany in 1517 by Martin Luther who insisted on grace and faith in Jesus Christ alone as the heart of Christian faith. John Calvin, guided by the Bible and Luther's example, helped to establish the Protestant Reformation in Geneva. This included a church governed by elders (presbyters), which became known as Presbyterian. From Calvin's Geneva, Presbyterianism spread to Scotland, and then to the United States, among many other places around the world. John Knox would describe his experience in Calvin's Geneva as "the most perfect school of Christian piety."

About the Scots Confession: On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first Reformed confession of faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. "The Scots Confession," as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. This was the birth of the Church of Scotland, a church governed by elders, which became the parent of Presbyterian churches around the world.

More on the Scots Confession: The 25 Chapters of the Confession spell out a contemporary statement of the Christian faith as understood by the followers of John Calvin during his lifetime. Although the Confession and its accompanying documents were the product of the joint effort of a committee, its authorship is customarily attributed to John Knox.

The Book of Confessions: The Scots Confession is an official standard of the Church of Scotland, but was never meant to stand alone. It was approved along with other Catechisms, confessions and a Book of Common Order. Similarly, today, the Scots Confession does not stand alone. It is part of the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions that expresses the faith of the church in specific times and places throughout history.



WE'RE BACK! Monday, August 22, SPC opened its doors again inviting everyone to come in, sit for a while, gather some groceries, and enjoy a hearty hot meal.

First, we wish to thank our more than 12 volunteers who came to help cook, pick up, sort, distribute food, serve and then clean up. Soup Lunch could not happen without our special volunteers and I think that we all left

feeling Blessed by the experience. As it was our first time back we served a smaller group of 25 and all were extremely grateful and told us so. The numbers will grow now that we have opened and word gets out.

Come be a part of this valuable and rewarding ministry; your help is always needed and greatly appreciated.

Mission and Ministry Committee & Soup Lunch and Food Ministry

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available for pick up Sunday, September 11th in the Narthex AND under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes. Please return by Sunday, October 30th.

If you wish to participate but cannot fill a

Shoebox, you can donate items which can be packed into Shoeboxes such as small dolls, balls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, cards, matchbox cars, cards, picture books, school supplies, craft items, and hygiene items. Please do not include liquids, food items, or war-related items.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in an outreach program.

The Mission and Ministry Committee



ARE YOU ON DUTY IN SEPTEMBER?

Acolyte & Chimer

Sept. *volunteers needed*

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Sept. Kyle Aldinger, Captain
Andy & Ann Brown
Jennifer Niblack
(Sept. 25th)
Mary Raudez
(Sept. 4th & 11th)
Lori WehmueLLer
(Sept. 18th)

Worship Liturgist

Sept. 7 Cathy Burns
11 Ben Brooks
18 Marlene Lovelace
25 Tara Beth Warrick

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Sept. 4 Judy Greer
Rachel White
11 Lyn Huston
Lori WehmueLLer
18 Beverly Elmore
Stuart Schweppe
25 Barbara Blackburn
Barbara Hannah

Sanctuary Flowers

Sept. 4 Teddy
11 Boyette
18 *available*
25 *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.



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 Lori WehmueLLer, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, 704.472.5253 or loriwehmueLLer@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Amy Brown	David Kelley
Allen & Jo Ann Callahan & Family	David LeGrand
Karen Carpenter	Faye McCants
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Matthew Carpenter	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Mary Richards
Carolyn Eddins & Family	Dot Roark & Family
Debbie Ferrell	Rick Steeves
Pat Harper	Beverly Styers
Amy Harrelson & Family	Byron Wade
Ina Harrington	Diane Windham
Joan Hunt	Terrecia Wingo

Lyn Huston & Family

- 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 July, pray for our **First Grades:** Steele Bryant, Lindsay Glenn, Harrison Mangione, Thomas Pruitt, Ruby Raudez, Oliver Stern, Kesson Warrick; and our **Second Grade:** Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Grace Melton, and Corban Stern.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO...

† Lyn Huston and family on the death of her sister Julie Custer, on August 14, 2022.

† Dot Roark and family on the death of her brother Art Mulder, on August 17, 2022.

Happy Birthday!

September 1.....Lori WehmueLLer
 September 2 ...Mary Catherine Oliver
 September 2.....Beth Coiner
 September 2.....Joy Cushman
 September 2Lisa Dodrill
 September 4Amelia Jones
 September 5 Len Byers
 September 6 Joyce Couey
 September 6Angela Hill
 September 6Rich Kelly
 September 7Stefanie McIntyre
 September 8Mimi Martin
 September 8Patsy McBride
 September 9Jill Venable
 September 12 Emily Allen Burroughs
 September 12Chuck Lampley
 September 13Rex Appling
 September 13Alice Harrill
 September 14Betty Giles
 September 14Judy Wigin
 September 15 Eric White
 September 16 Carolyn Billings
 September 16 Doug Bryan
 September 16 Bruce Moser
 September 17 Miles Beam
 September 18Stephanie Taylor
 September 19Jane Szyborski
 September 20Tristan Ormand
 September 21Kip Smith
 September 22Caja Ormand
 September 25Betty Bowling
 September 25Kathy Wilson
 September 26Mike Jackson
 September 26Tim Neville
 September 26Will Stites
 September 27Keaton Fonvielle
 September 29Drew Beam
 September 29Walker Borders
 September 29Richard Fletcher
 September 29 ...Elizabeth Schweppe
 September 30David Pharr

SPC Reports & Minutes

News from Rainbow Connection

Rainbow Connection is officially off to a great start! We are all so excited to spend the school year learning all kinds of new things. One of the best ways to learn is through play, and we sure do a lot of playing every day.

Each year I have witnessed teachers spending their own money on items for their classrooms. This year was not the same... Thanks to SPC and the Mission and Ministry Committee, our teachers didn't have to dig into their own pockets.

We are truly so grateful for the granted wishes, and can not say thank you enough.

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
(1 John 3:18)

- Abby Goins, Director



STATED SESSION MINUTES

JULY 19, 2022

Communications

Clerk's Report – John Schweppe requested volunteers to attend the Zoom Presbytery meeting to be held July 30, 2022. Ben Brooks responded in the affirmative.

Deacon's Report – Elizabeth Schweppe reported that the Mission and Ministry Committee highlights were as follows:

- Molly Brownlee reported that the backpack ministry will hereafter be directed to Turning Point Academy.
- Elizabeth reported the next Blood Drive is scheduled for August 12th.
- Elizabeth reported that the usher's schedule has been updated with some new members having volunteered to serve in November.

Pastor's Report – Drew provided his installation update, noting that the Presbytery Commission would meet in the Ladies Parlor prior to the 4:00 service.

- The offering to be collected at the installation service will be donated to the Presbytery Committee on Preparation of Ministry following a motion by Larry Wilson, seconded by Richard Fletcher, it was unanimously agreed that \$500.00 being the minimum donation contributed.
- Drew mentioned that officer training will be scheduled for a long Saturday meeting this Fall and an evening meeting in November.
- Installation ordination will be January 8, 2023 and the Officer Retreat the day before on January 7, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee – Darlene Gravett reported that the Children's protection policy and the Bereavement Policy subcommittees have met and making progress.

Property Committee – Richard Fletcher reported that:

- The security code will be changed following the completion of the Rainbow Summer Session.
- The Boy Scout Hut/Harrill House ramp rebuild is underway with an expected expenditure of \$2,500.00 for materials and paid using food ministry funds with labor to be provided by church members.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN AUGUST

...to the Backpack Fund in memory of Doug Boyette
...to the Organ Fund in memory of Julie Custer and Art Mulder.

AUGUST 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2022 Operating Budget	\$590,326.00
Needed Weekly	\$11,352.42
AUG. 7: Received.....	\$17,348.00
AUG. 14: Received.....	\$2,973.00
AUG. 21: Received.....	\$7,483.00
5¢-A-Meal.....	\$243.36
Worship.....	98
Worship.....	104
Worship.....	121
Livestream Views.....	95
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- Window sashes for the Youth Room are ready to install by church members.
- Richard reported on necessary kitchen upgrades with the consensus present agreeing that a new stove/range is the most pressing need. Consensus supported the committee moving forward to acquire a replacement range in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00.

Discipleship Committee – Cheryl Sisk reported on efforts to recruit Sunday School Teachers.

- The first Wednesday night supper is scheduled for September 7th and meals will be provided for this gathering. Thereafter, Wednesday night suppers will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month with provision for meals to be determined.

Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon reported that expenses are off and that revenue is slightly down this being the norm for this time of the year.

- Scoot reported that the church received an anonymous gift for a new 12 passenger van presently on order. Larry Wilson made a motion to accept this gift, Seconded by Cheryl Sisk with unanimous vote.

Fellowship Committee – Reports that it is providing a reception following Drew's installation on July 31st.

Worship & Music – Ben Brooks reported:

- Mary Connor has agreed to design a SPC Tartan.
- Traditional communion service will begin with Worldwide Communion on October 2nd.
- A September training session will be held for elders serving communion.

Old Business:

- Ratified unanimously the online meeting regarding Covid outbreaks, it was agreed that masks would not be mandatory but that the congregation be encouraged to wear masks during services.

New Business:

- Susan Bell suggested that from a safety standpoint, a wrought iron fence might be installed around the front of the church. Following discussion, the suggestion was referred to the Property Committee.

PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF 132ND STATED MEETING Presbytery of Western North Carolina July 30, 2022 (via Zoom)

Moderator Sarah Thornburg convened the meeting with a prayer of invocation at 9:01am. Following land acknowledgement, she thanked our hosts and co-hosts for their work on our behalf. She also recognized first time Elders and corresponding members who were invited to introduce themselves.

Our Stated Clerk, Cam Murchison, provided a brief orientation and certified a quorum (over 141 zoomed into the meeting), gained approval for a virtual meeting, for the Docket, and the Consent Agenda. Cam also called our attention to: (see packet)

- information about signing up for Sacred Boundary Training.

- information about Clerk of Session Training and Reviewing of Church Records
- information about the Annual Report of the Committee on Nominating and Representation
- emphasized the importance of churches reporting pastors Terms of Call for 2022 to PWNC office a.s.a.p.

Our Moderator stressed the importance of reading the printed reports from the Guatemala Partnership, Mission Committee, Peace & Justice, Finance, Building H.O.P.E., and reports from our commissioners to the 225th General Assembly held in June in Louisville, KY (Ruling Elders Dana Seller, Sarah Thornburg, and Collin Caldwell, and Teaching Elder Whit Malone).

Our Worship service, including the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, was led by John Pea, Commissioned Pastor of Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church, who creatively "channeled" LinManuel Miranda's rap style from the musical "Hamilton" to introduce our worship and his sermon, "Who Tells The Story?", from Acts 26:4-18. In the light of the pandemic and diminishing church membership and attendance in a changing world, John encouraged us to come up with new and bold ways to proclaim the Good News, which he exemplified with his use of media in his sermon.

In the breakout rooms, we were encouraged to share with each other new and creative ways we have tried during the pandemic to reach out to our congregations and the community.

General Council chairperson, Hal Bennett, read the "Resolution of Appreciation" for the service of Billy Robinson as Associate Presbyter for Mission, Witness & Church Support since October 25, 2016, commending him for his "work well done and ministry faithfully carried out", which was adopted by the presbytery. Members of the presbytery are encouraged to communicate our appreciation and well wishes to Billy, who will now be a member-at-large.

Hal also called our attention to the following reports:

- Report of distribution from sale of church properties: \$200,000 - Affordable Housing projects, administered by Mission Committee; \$50,000 (over 4 years) - Artisan Church; \$200,000 – New Church Development
- Nickel-A-Meal Grants report - \$58,000 was distributed to five hunger-fighting agencies located in various parts of the presbytery and Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi. Needed – host for October 2023 and October 2024 Presbytery meetings.

The Guatemala Partnership Report was presented by Marie Palacios, Kevin Frederick, and Ellen Dozier who gave a brief synopsis using media about their trip to Guatemala in May. They visited sister churches and schools and visited with pastors and church leaders with which the Partnership program has been developing relationships for over 28 years, working in the

areas of education, health, microloans, developing sister church relationships, and now expanding the teaching of the "Men In The Mirror" curriculum beyond Guatemala to other countries. More sister churches from our presbytery are needed. To find out more, get a "Passport To Partnership" notebook for your church and contact Marie at 828-838-4245 or pwncguatemala@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Report: Sarah Grace Montgomery reported about Upcoming Youth Events for PWNC youth: October 2, 2022 Youth Rally for BOTH middle and high school youth, Montreat - Upper Anderson. NO registration needed. 2:45 - 6:00 pm. Cost: Free!! November 5-6, 2022 Middle School Retreat. Keynote Speaker: Rev. John Fawcett. Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC. Begins on Saturday morning and ends after worship on Sunday Cost: ~\$80 per person. Are you on the email list for YOUTH LEADERS? If not, contact Beth Gunn at beth.gunn@gmail.com and request to be added to this list. You will get direct emails about all the youth events and about how your youth can apply to become a Youth Council member.

Our attention was directed to the list of the new Youth Council members and prayer requested for them and their adult advisors.

Free: Study, Recreation, and Worship booklets are available online for Youth leaders entitled "When Did We See You?" that were to be used at Youth Triennium. Contact Sarah or Beth for info.

Report on the 225th General Assembly "Impressions" by Collin Caldwell, Ruling Elder, Bryson City Presbyterian Church, who shared many positive experiences of the GA, whose theme was "From Lament to Hope". He served on the Immigration Committee which sought to come up with concrete ways to express "loving our neighbors as ourselves".

Dwight Christenbury reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The committee's recommendation regarding Brandon Davis, Inquirer from Arbor Dale: "That his period of candidacy be concluded on July 30, 2022 in order that he may be free to receive and accept a call," was approved by common consent without objection.

Also, our attention was called to Jill Kimbirl, member of FPC Belmont, being enrolled as an inquirer on May 18, 2022.

Committee On Ministry report was made by Jim Taylor. The following recommendations were approved by common consent without objection:

- In 2023, the PWNC minimum effective fulltime salary be increased by 4.3% to \$36,762.50, representing 57% of the 2023 median. In 2023, Presbytery recommends that its congregations consider at least a 4.3% increase to effective salary for all other ministers.
- "Pursuant to PWNC policy on transitional pastor becoming installed pastor, that the congregation of Bryson City Presbyterian Church be allowed to call

Elizabeth Newman as the Installed Pastor with a designated term of two years."

- Recommend the validation of ministry for: A. Rev. Joe Bennett, Chaplain, Compassionate Care WNC B. Rev. Ryan Brakemeyer, Pastor, Grace Reformed United Church of Christ C. C. Rev. John Campbell, Counselor, Eastatoe Trail Counseling and Consultation Center D. D. Rev. Daniel Tipton, Grief Services Director, Four Seasons Compassion for Life

- Recommend the suggested amendments for Section IV of The Policy for Transitional to Installed Pastor (see packet)

We are excited to welcome two new pastors, who introduced themselves to us:

- Megan McMillan, formerly Associate Pastor at FPC St. Petersburg, is the new pastor at Mills River Presbyterian Church.
- Richard Floyd comes to PWNC from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and is the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

Report of our General Presbyter, Byron Wade

Changes in our Presbytery staff:

- Billy Robinson, Associate Presbyter, has resigned; Charles Davenport will retire effective August 31.
- Barbara Ross, Presbytery Associate, will leave her position at the end of 2022. Many thanks for the multitude of ways they have been a blessing to our presbytery. Requested prayer for our presbytery staff.

The Revisioning Task Force, which has a "Design" team and a "Committee" team, are examining our overall structure and our committees. Information forthcoming. Please undergird them with your prayers.

New resources will be developed expressing who we are as a presbytery and who God is calling us to be.

Pastoral leadership support is a high priority for our General Presbyter to help our pastors address the challenges of ministry. Look for his "On the Western Front" video series.

Byron enjoys visiting churches, preaching, leading Bible studies, and meeting with sessions and pastor nominating committees. Let him know when you want him to visit your church.

Keith Thompson offered Prayers of the People, requesting that, centered in the grace of Christ, God help turn our fears into faith and trust, and lifted up the names of those with health concerns and those who are grieving the loss of friends and family who have joined the Church Triumphant.

Moderator Sarah Thornburg closed our meeting with prayer and adjourned our meeting at 11:25am.

Next meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Waldensian PC, Valdese, NC.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Abel

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 6:30 Media • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	2	3
13 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 4 5 Cents a Meal Communion • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • Youth Lunch in Ellis Hall	5 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	6 • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Worship & Music	7 • 11:00 Member Life • 11:30 Rainbow Cmte • 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper • 6:00 Kids Program • 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	9 • 7:00 AA	10 • 7:00 AA
14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 11 Confirmation • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 11:00 Confirmation Reception • 2:00 Communion Class • 5:00 Deacon Meeting	12 • 9:30 Soup Lunch • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry Cmte. • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	13 • 10:30 Staff • 4:00 Clerk's Council	14 • 6:00 Kids Program	15 • Finance Committee • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	16 Montreat Retreat	17 Montreat Retreat
15 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 18 Montreat Retreat John Auten preaching @ SPC • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.	19 Newsletters Due • 9:30 Soup Lunch • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	20 • 10:30 Staff • 5:15 Personnel • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte. • 6:30 Session	21 • 6:00 Kids Program	22 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	23	24
16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 25 • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 2:00 Communion Class	26 • 9:30 Soup Lunch	27 • 10:30 Staff	28 • 6:00 Kids Program	29 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	30	

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