

THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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OCTOBER 2021



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What does it mean to be a 'good steward'?

What is 'stewardship'?

We hear this word every fall in our church during 'Stewardship Season,' and in many churches, it becomes background noise. It's just another church word and when we hear it, we know that we are being asked to pledge money for the church.

But how often do we think about what 'stewardship' means in our walk with Jesus?

First off, stewardship is not actually about giving money. It's about how we reflect the image of God in the world. Stewardship is about how we 'rule,' or cultivate what God has made, and how we 'watch' over it. We are called to be good stewards in following Jesus.

Good stewardship means not letting our time, talent, and treasure rule over us, but instead taking the resources that God has given us in this world and applying them to our parts in God's ministry of reconciliation. Good stewardship is about using your resources to build and watch over the part of God's reign to which you have been called. Stewardship is cultivating and watching over the Kingdom of God that is both present and eternal.

You demonstrate good stewardship when you participate in weekly worship online and safely in person, and when you cultivate spiritual practices in your personal life. You demonstrate good stewardship when you help someone, share a kind word, or reach out to listen. You demonstrate good stewardship when you put others first, accepting limits so others might flourish, just as God accepted

the limits of human existence in Jesus so that we might flourish in God's Kingdom.

I am grateful for the stewardship I have seen at Shelby Presbyterian Church in just these few short months here. You have been faithful in attending services online and in person. I have enjoyed hearing about your favorite Christian writers, bible reading plans, and devotionals, which enrich your spiritual life. I am impressed by your neighborhood groups system to care for each other. I am thankful for the outreach and mission work you do. You have shown care for your neighbors in your willingness to be proactive in this pandemic, carrying on God's work while wearing a mask, and for many, being vaccinated as well.

You have a lot of great things developing in your church and you have so many resources to offer. In this stewardship season, I ask that you earnestly consider what you can do to further reflect God's image and self-giving love. Pray on it.

Think not only of what you might give financially, but areas where you think your talents and expertise can help this church do even more for God's Kingdom. Pray also for your church and community. With your pledge letter, we have included a prayer pledge card to begin a new spiritual discipline or add to what you already do.

I am praying for a successful stewardship season. I have returned my pledge card and look forward to all of you sending yours in too. But what's more: **I am excited to see how you will step up in the coming year and beyond!**

-Drew

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



It was a great September at Rainbow Connection! Everyone had a wonderful month creating art, socializing, and learning all sorts of things at the same time.

A couple weeks ago we were made aware of a preschool in New Jersey that lost a lot in the recent flooding. Rainbow Connection asked for book donations, and the turnout was unbelievable! So many Rainbow children enjoyed sharing their books with others, and so many past and present Rainbow families took time to stop and drop off books. We are always teaching to give and share love, but it is beautiful to see it in action.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)

October will be such a fun month for the children! Learning about Fall, watching the leaves change, and enjoying some sweet Fall treats! Thank you all for your continuing support of Rainbow Connection.

-Abby Goins, Director

ALL OFFICERS

Past and Present Officers: If you have finished using your Officer Training and/or Officer Retreat notebooks, please return them to the office for recycling. If there is information you need and can remove easily, that would be helpful.

All Outgoing Officers: If you are not using our *Book of Confessions* please turn your copy in to Miranda.

Articles for the **November** edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office **Wednesday, October 20th**.



NEWS FROM CAROL ANN

One thing I love is to WIN blue ribbons at the Cleveland County Fair. Every spring I try to plant flowers that I know will get me the blue ribbon. Zinnias, Dahlias and Shasta Daisies are some of my favorites. The way I process things is to go to my flower beds and work. I feel closer to God when I have a trowel in my hand and the sun on my back. This spring and summer while digging and planting flowers, I was reminded of the Presence of God.



One day while I was blowing off the drive way, I noticed a zinnia growing in the cement. I left it there to see if it was going to survive in such a challenging location. I have been amazed at how the roots have grown through the cement and how this little sprout survived the heat of

the summer. As winds and rains from storms have come and gone this zinnia has grown and even produced beautiful flowers: Flowers, I think would win a blue ribbon.

We all need to be like that zinnia – with roots deep and strong. Sometimes we are but sometimes we are not deep enough. During the storms of life, we all learn the beauty that come from the establishment of the depth of our roots and even though we didn't plant it there, God works and for that I am very thankful.



God promises to make something good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life. (Romans 8:28)

- Carol Ann Hoard



YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS

WE ARE GOING TO MONTREAT!! Sunday, October 3rd for a Youth Rally. All Youth are invited, we will leave at 1:30 and return around 8:00!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR CHILDREN

All Children grades K-5th meet in the Courtyard from 6:00-7:00 for a time together. Wear your mask.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

All Youth grades 6-12 meet in the Courtyard from 6:00 to 7:00 for Bible Study and a time together. Session has given approval for us to share a meal together during this time and we expect to start sometime in October. Please be sure to bring your Bible and a mask!

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Anna Schweppe for her win against Crest in the #1 singles tennis match.

...to Emma Goforth for her win against Crest in the #3 singles tennis match.



BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, October 19th, 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 to donate blood on October 19th:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

- To sign up to volunteer to help the Blood Drive run smoothly on October 19th:

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available for pick up. Shoeboxes are under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes and can be picked up during office hours. Boxes need to be turned in by end of office hours Friday, October 29th.

Should you wish to participate but not fill a Shoebox; we will be accepting items that can be packed into the boxes such as: small dolls, balls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, cards, matchbox cars, picture books, school supplies, craft items, and hygiene items-no liquids.

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

THANK YOU SPC!!

Thank you! Thank you! Your sweet notes and wonderful snacks, they have brightened the days of our healthcare workers. We have delivered 4 baskets so far and have more to take! Thank you for sharing God's love!

- Carol Ann Hoard



****Candy and prizes are needed for the Fall Festival! Thank you for dropping it off to the church office by October 29th!**



CREATED TO CREATE CAMP UPDATE!



During "Created to Create" Camp, the children planted sunflower seeds and took them home. Foster Warrick sent us an update on how her flower is doing.

"I have been watching a sunflower plant every day. On my way to feed the chickens, I saw a little tiny green sprout. I checked on the sprout

every day as it grew taller and bigger. Then one day it started to bloom. It really made me realize how God makes miracles every minute of every day."

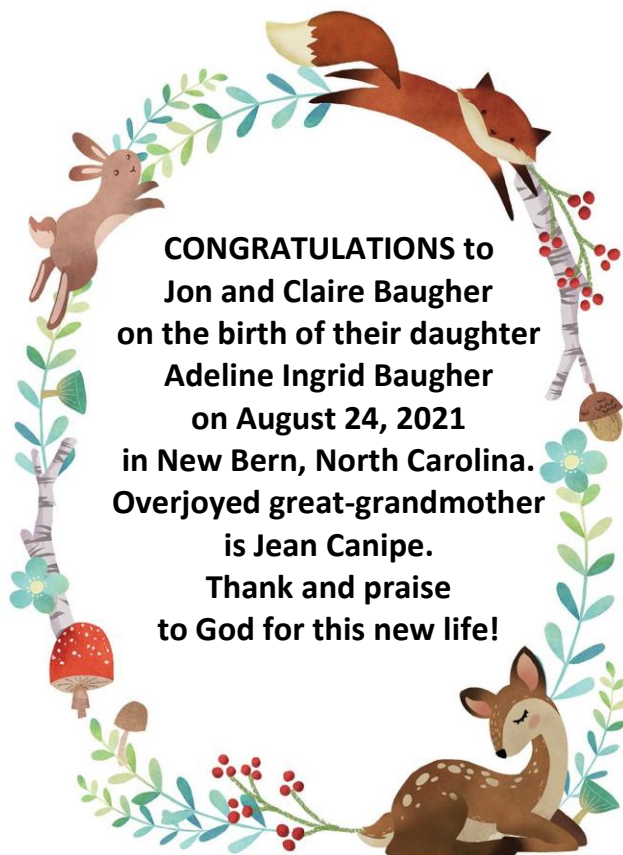
- Foster Warrick

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



October 1 ... David Blackburn
 October 1 ..Stuart Schweppe
 October 2 ...Ashley McIntyre
 October 2Harper Shealy
 October 3Deanna Cerwin
 October 6Saylor Auten
 October 6 ..Lacey Chambless
 October 6Abby Haydon
 October 6 Patty Stitzel
 October 6 Steve Winstead
 October 8Sandy Carlton
 October 8 Ben Cheaney

October 8..... Jamie Stuart
 October 9..... Ric Daughenbaugh
 October 9..... Robby Reynolds
 October 10..... Eva Greer
 October 12..... Will Young
 October 13..... Bill Jobe
 October 13..... Danielle McSwain
 October 14.....Becky Dorsey
 October 14..... Mike Griffin
 October 14.....Frank Hannah
 October 14.....May Strain
 October 15..... Mabel Lacey
 October 15..... Martha Noblitt
 October 16..... Alston Bridges
 October 16..... Cathy Burns
 October 16..... Ann Pharr
 October 16..... Joe Young
 October 18..... Grace Melton
 October 18.....Bonnie Sherwood
 October 18..... Steve Sisk
 October 20..... Anderson Allen
 October 20..... Meredith Boyette
 October 22.....Tom Aylmer
 October 22..... Torrance Combs
 October 22..... John Schweppe III
 October 22..... Sarah Wehmuller
 October 24..... Mary Conner
 October 24..... Joel Couey
 October 24..... Roger Holland
 October 25..... Russ Cheaney
 October 25..... Brent Ferrell
 October 25..... Nikki Jones
 October 26..... Tom Fletcher
 October 27..... Camille Persing
 October 27..... Jack Yasenchok
 October 28.....Dick Bowling
 October 28..... Joel Spragins
 October 29..... George Beattie
 October 29.....Joe Petrilli
 October 29.....David Schweppe
 October 30..... Grant Byers
 October 30..... Emily Melton
 October 31..... Victoria Couch
 October 31.....Ed Patterson
 October 31..... Janet Reynolds
 October 31..... Jackie Weathers



**CONGRATULATIONS to
 Jon and Claire Baugher
 on the birth of their daughter
 Adeline Ingrid Baugher
 on August 24, 2021
 in New Bern, North Carolina.
 Overjoyed great-grandmother
 is Jean Canipe.
 Thank and praise
 to God for this new life!**

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:

Harriett Allen	Joe Miller
Judy Becton	Margaret Myers & Family
Stacey Blackburn	Rusty Patterson
Gene Brown	Ann Pharr
Karen Carpenter	David Pharr
Myra Carpenter	Meg Richards
Carletta Clyatt	Maggie Singleton
Bert & Joy Cushman	Mishay Simpson
Sid & Barbara Dixon	Beverly Styers
David LeGrand	Mary Ann Weber
Jane McBrayer	Diane Windham

Faye McCants

- 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 October, pray for our **College Seniors**: Anna Aldinger, Ian Brotherton, Jack Brownlee, Zack Byers, Braxton Clifton, Tyler Dodrill, Holly Hendrix, Sarah Lampley, Taylor Niblack, Wilson McNeary, Turner Smith, Will Stites, Riley Taylor, Spencer Teddy; and our **Infants to Four-year olds**: Victoria Couch, Elizabeth Couch, Millie Melton.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY UPDATE

Please know that we have NOT forgotten our church family members who are in their 90s! Once a year we celebrate these wonderful people. (New folks in this group are Bob Eddins, Frances Evans and John Carney.)

Our Covid numbers have not come down enough that we could feel safe having our usual "Birthday party" in our fellowship hall. When numbers are good, we WILL celebrate these folks! We are so grateful for them.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER

...to the Backpack Fund in memory of Doug Boyette.

...to the Youth Fund in memory of Wes Bowman.

SEPTEMBER 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

September 5

Received.....\$10,193.60
5¢-A-Meal.....\$120.25
In-person Worship.....87
Livestream Views44

September 12

Received..... \$15,731.00
In-person Worship.....88
Livestream Views68

September 19 – Heritage Sunday

Received.....\$3,025.00
In-person Worship.....87
Livestream Views.....74

September 26

Received.....\$1,173.33
In-person Worship.....100
Livestream Views.....31

4th 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 Friday 12/24 and Monday 12/27. As you can see, this leaves only 4 days to the end of the year. Thank you for your co-operation.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON
CONSECRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings on behalf of the Stewardship Task Force of Shelby Presbyterian Church! This is truly an exciting time in the life of our church with the incredible new spiritual leadership we now have in Drew and Carol Ann! **We have much to be grateful for as we start thinking once again about renewing our commitments to our church.**

Fall brings the return of more regular schedules for a lot of us (we hope!) and the opportunity to delve back into the weekly and daily opportunities to serve Christ through Shelby Presbyterian Church. In the short term, we must realize that we are all working towards the same ultimate goal of having a strong church that ministers to the needs of each of us as well as to the community through the love and guidance of God.

This can only be achieved by everyone prayerfully considering the stewardship of their time, talents, and financial resources. **We must all work together to not only to engage all of our members in the life of our church; but also, to have the willingness to serve the church when asked, share your gifts when needed, and provide the finances to ensure that we can meet our financial obligations.**

This is not something that can be done by a few individuals. Rather, this must be a collaborative effort of us all pitching in toward a common purpose. **Our predecessors have given us a unique gift in the church, and it is now up to us to continue and sustain its ministry.**

As we have discussed over the years, it is important to look beyond immediate needs to understand that Shelby Presbyterian Church is not our building or our staff, but our church family. **Good stewardship means using our resources to love and serve others and invite them to join us in Christian fellowship and worship, our church family grows.** This will allow us to do even more of what God has called us to do as a church and reach even more people. So please share your excitement about all we have at Shelby Presbyterian Church

with others, so we can not only grow in faith but grow in the number of faithful disciples in our church family.

Each year we emphasize the stewardship of time, talents and resources. It is impossible to prioritize these gifts to the church. Our church would not function without commitments that each of us make. **Your pledge is important and needed, as we all think about what we have to offer our church over the coming weeks. Please remember that a strong church needs its members to accept graciously when asked to serve, share freely of their varied talents, and commit financially to fulfill the mission of the church.**

A 2022 pledge card for the church budget is enclosed. Please return it on, or before, Consecration Sunday, October 10. We ask that you please prayerfully consider your commitment to the church and bring your cards to either the Sunday morning worship on the 10th or mail them to Miranda in the church office. As always, every individual's pledge information is kept in strict confidence.

In addition, this year we have also included a prayer pledge card for you to keep by your bed or on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for Shelby Presbyterian Church. Your prayers will help guide our church and your participation in the life of the church, so that together we will continue to grow, praise and serve as a united and faithful church committed to being the body of Christ in the world.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration towards the goal of keeping Shelby Presbyterian Church strong and growing our ministry in order to carry out God's will. **We are beginning a new chapter in the life of our church with our new leadership and staff. With your help, the opportunities for ministry and spiritual growth are boundless.**

Yours in Christ,

Shelby Presbyterian Church
Stewardship Task Force

SESSION MEETING NOTES AUGUST 10, 2021

Communications

- John Brotherton welcomed and introduced Drew Mangione as our new Pastor. An update from the July Presbytery meeting held virtually via Zoom and attended by John Auten and John Brotherton was provided, including a brief summary of Drew's introduction to the Presbytery. Diaconate meeting was held on August 8, but Greg Melton was not available to provide an update at this meeting. A discussion was held regarding continued intent to resume collecting offering during worship and also to resume Wednesday night programs in September. Additional discussion focused on reconvening the Reopening Task Force due to current pandemic-related trends.
- Drew Mangione discussed getting to know everyone and how he hopes to moderate Session meetings and report to the elders.

Meeting Minute Approvals

- Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on June 15, 2021 has been approved via electronic review and approval prior to David Garnett's departure by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon provided an update on church finances, noting that both offerings and expenses remain below budget. Continuing to stress a focus on Stewardship and noted that our 2022 budget process will begin in September.
- Personnel Committee – Darlene Gravett presented an update from the committee's efforts to fill the Bookkeeper position. A recommendation was presented from the Personnel Committee to move Carol Ann Hoard to a 40-Hr per week full-time position and adjust her salary to more properly compensate for expectations. The recommendation was presented appropriately, was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Property Committee – Richard Fletcher noted that the committee is meeting as needed and completing miscellaneous repairs. Upcoming work to strip and wax education building floors will need volunteers to move furniture.

Old and New Business

- Jon Brownlee – recommended we re-visit the policy on vaccinations and masks for staff and for Rainbow Connection. Discussion followed with overall support for referring evaluation of the policy to the Reopening Task Force and also supporting Rainbow Connection to consider mask

requirements beyond those adopted by Cleveland County Schools.

- Ben Brooks provided an update from Worship and Music Committee. The committee would like to resume holding two services beginning September 26. The recommendation was tabled until a future meeting.

- Drew Mangione provided an update on the status of our copyright license. The church is pursuing an updated license that will better cover any potential gaps in the existing licenses for both content in services and for video streaming.

Closing

- Drew Mangione adjourned the meeting with prayer.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN OCTOBER?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Oct. Joyce Couey, Captain
Mary Ann LaSelva
David Persing (sub for Julia Persing)
Elizabeth Schweppe

Worship Liturgist

Oct. 3 Jeff Hamilton
10 Carolyn Billings
17 Jessi Ogburn
24 Marlene Lovelace
31 Carolyn Jackson

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Oct. 3 Joyce & Paul Couey
10 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
17 Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
24 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmuller
31 Margie Trivett & Marlene Lovelace

Sanctuary Flowers



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A Flower Calendar for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board inside the Harris Street entrance outside the fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday in 2021 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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19th Sunday after Pentecost 3 Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering World Communion Day •9:00 Serendipity Class •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. •11:00 Rally Day Walk Through • 1:30 Youth go to Montreat	4 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 5 •7:00 Worship & Music	6 • 11:15 Membership Cmte • 6:00 K-5 th Courtyard	7 • 12:00 Rainbow Early Dismissal • 12:00 Finance • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	8	9
20th Sunday after Pentecost 10 Consecration Sunday Carol Ann preaching •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:00 Deacons Meeting • 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard	11 • 11:45 Rainbow Ctme. • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 12	13 • 6:00 K-5 th Courtyard	14 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	15	16
21st Sunday after Pentecost 17 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 3:00 Officer Training in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard	18 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 19 • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Session	20 • Newsletter Articles Due • 6:00 K-5 th Courtyard • 7:00 Mission & Ministry	21 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	22	23
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 24 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 3:00 Officer Training in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard	25 • Rainbow Connection Closed • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 • 6:00 K-5 th Courtyard	28 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	29	30
23rd Sunday after Pentecost 31 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 3:00 Fall Festival						

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