

# THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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## NOVEMBER 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, it seems appropriate for a 'gratitude check.' **After all, 'gratitude' is good for us.** Study after study links our thankfulness to better outcomes in our health, our success, and our relationships.

What's more, gratitude is central to following Jesus. **The source of both the word, and our own gratitude is 'gratia,' or 'grace.'**

What we have to be thankful for first and foremost is that **God loves you and me as we are, and favors us**, not for anything we have done or accomplished, but simply **because of who Jesus is and what he has done.**

Remember this – When you struggle in sin, when it is hard to love others, especially those who quarrel with you, and whenever you worry if you measure up: **God's grace is real. Jesus truly is our best reason to be thankful.**

As I noted earlier, **'Gratitude is good for you.'**

Of course, I realize an 'attitude of gratitude' is not something you can just switch on when you need it. Gratitude needs to be cultivated.

**Still, I want to encourage you to develop an 'attitude of gratitude.'** In August, Harvard Medical School published six helpful ways to make gratitude grow, which I have adapted and condensed to three:

- **Write thank you notes** to people who have impacted your life positively, not just notes for gifts you have recently received.

- **Thank someone in your mind or in a journal.** You may not have time to write and mail, but you can be mindful of reasons to be thankful for others, and set aside criticisms.

- **Pray for gratitude and count your blessings.** Ask God to help you see the good in others and your own life, to find favor or grace, as God has been gracious to you.

So, in this season, let's make a point of focusing on what we have to be thankful for in our lives and as a church. Through this exercise, we can look for how God is at work in and through us.

**We have a lot to be thankful for as a church.** For starters, we are able to gather in our sanctuary and even from our homes on Sunday mornings for worship. You have assembled a staff that loves working together. The music has been great. The children's and youth programs are energized. Sunday School is up and running, and you have been faithful – both longtime members and new ones too – to participate in person and online for worship each week.

**It is an exciting time to be a part of Shelby Presbyterian Church. I hope you will join me in giving thanks and working together to ensure we live into what it is God is calling us to do.**

As the Psalmist said, *"O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose faithful and merciful loving-kindness endures forever."* – Psalm 118:1



## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

Happy Fall! The children at Rainbow Connection are so excited about the cooler weather, falling leaves, and of course... Halloween!

At Rainbow we have painted pumpkins, created beautiful paintings, hunted for leaves on the playground, and made new friends. The Fire Department stopped by one day to teach us about fire safety, and even showed us the fire truck!

We have collected items through the month of October for baskets to be raffled off. We will sell tickets for \$1 from November 5th-30th. The money raised will be used for new learning materials for the classrooms, and new items for our playground.

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

- Abby Goins, Director

## NEWS FROM CAROL ANN

Can I just say how thankful I am? Every November, I like to reflect on all the things in my life in which I'm thankful. My faith, family, flowers, and friends are always at the top of the list, but this year Shelby Presbyterian made the list.

When I started in June, I had no clue what I was doing. I have always worked with teenagers. I told the Personnel Committee, I wanted to meet in 3 months to evaluate and see if this was a good for both of us. Those 3 months passed quickly and during that time, Interim David guided me and explained what it means to be Presbyterian. I have always prided myself in being Baptist BUT I think I have been a closet Presbyterian my whole life and just didn't know it.

You all took me under your wings and helped me learn to fly again. It is good to be here. In August, Drew came, and let's just say we are like "peas and carrots." I'm thankful to be able to work alongside him. I am like the eager student still learning.

So, this Thanksgiving, I am giving thanks for Shelby Presbyterian taking a chance with a Baptist Gal and letting her fly again. I thank God for you all!

- Carol Ann

Sunday School Classes have started! There are 3 adult classes now and more to come.



- Want help centering your everyday life around your faith? The **F3 Sunday School Class** is reading 'The Common Rule' by Justin Whitmel Earley. The author has a new book coming out in November, 'Habits of the Household,' and recently released his top ten books for parents, which you can access through this link: [bit.ly/F3ParentingBooklist](https://bit.ly/F3ParentingBooklist).

THEY ARE BACK

# Chime Ringers

Thanks to Ms. Amy for helping with the children learn about ringing the chime and why we do it!

Watch for the children ringing!

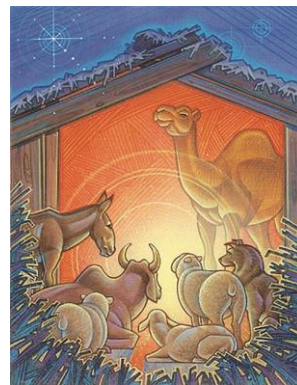



- All Youth grades 6-12 meet in the Courtyard from 6:00 to 7:00 for Bible Study and time together. Please be sure to bring your Bible and a mask!



# UPCOMING events

- VETERANS SUNDAY:** If you served in the military, please call the church office by November 4<sup>th</sup> if you think we may not have your name from last year. Names will be published in the bulletin on November 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day.



**THE FRIENDLY BEASTS:** Shelby Presbyterian's claim to fame, The Friendly Beasts, needs beasts!! We will do the show during the Christmas Eve service, and if possible for Rainbow Connection sometime between December 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. No memorization required,

just the ability to speak/sing somewhat clearly and like an animal! Please be an equal opportunity puppeteer, no guarantees on which puppet you'll be. They're all fun! Contact Laura Wheeler if you want to make puppet magic, [lauraew66@gmail.com](mailto:lauraew66@gmail.com) or text 704-438-0513.



## Montreat Youth Fall Rally



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## & UPDATES

- **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.
- **4<sup>TH</sup> 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.



Articles for the **December** edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.



**The Church Office will be closed November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP!



- **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 (finger nail clippers, emery boards, etc.)	10	65
Combs	15	60

- **THE GIRL SCOUTS** are hosting a drive thru for our local EMT December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenniferormand@yahoo.com)

~ Thank You ~

Dear Carol Ann & Shelby Presbyterian Church,  
“Thank you so much for the snacks and the laughs from the cards. Thank you all so much for thinking of us and praying for us. We share difficult days, a lot of tears, and feeling of losing hope. Your acts of kindness are sun rays from our Master. Letting us know He still reigns, no matter the storms we face. Thank you all!”

Best,  
Bianca Washington, RN  
Cleveland ICU



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 ..... Pete Gilbert  
 November 2 ..... Carolyn Jackson  
 November 2 ..... Claudia Allen Wall  
 November 3 ..... Todd Cerwin  
 November 3 ..... Merridith Martin  
 November 3 ..... Brett Niblack  
 November 3 ..... Andrew Wehmuller  
 November 4 ..... Susan Jones  
 November 4 ..... Walter McSwain  
 November 5 ..... Barry Persing  
 November 5 ..... Nick Stites  
 November 6 ..... Mary Lampley  
 November 7 ..... Joyce Boyette  
 November 7 ..... Chandler Young  
 November 8 ..... Spencer Borders  
 November 8 ..... Bee Strain  
 November 9 ..... John Brotherton  
 November 9 ..... Thomas Hannah  
 November 9 ..... Alex Niblack  
 November 11 ..... Susie Brown  
 November 11 ..... Baird Yasenochok  
 November 12 ..... Beverly Phillips  
 November 13 ..... Charlie Brownlee  
 November 13 ..... Janie Brownlee  
 November 13 ..... Lorraine Clark  
 November 14 ..... Robin Smith  
 November 14 ..... David Yourick  
 November 15 ..... Troy Goss  
 November 15 ..... Micah Zehnder  
 November 16 ..... Tyler Hendrix  
 November 16 ..... Wesley Smith  
 November 17 ..... Dottie Vincent  
 November 19 ..... Jane McBrayer  
 November 20 ..... Devin McCullough  
 November 21 ..... Holly Conner  
 November 21 ..... Teddy Griffin  
 November 21 ..... Marie Patterson  
 November 21 ..... Lane Wilson-Powell  
 November 22 ..... Hank Griffin  
 November 22 ..... Danielle Yocum  
 November 23 ..... Tori Clifton  
 November 23 ..... Carolyn Harkey  
 November 23 ..... David LeGrand Jr.  
 November 26 ..... Barbara Blackburn  
 November 27 ..... Barbara Hannah  
 November 27 ..... Chrystal Lively  
 November 27 ..... Suzanne Waldrop  
 November 28 ..... John Carney  
 November 30 ..... Dennis Beam IV  
 November 30 ..... Margie Trivett

## 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](mailto:jessio@carolina.rr.com) or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Harriett Allen	Lisa LeGrand & Family
Judy Becton	Tannis Lytle
Stacey Blackburn	Jane McBrayer
Gene Brown	Faye McCants
Andy Brown	Joe Miller
Karen Carpenter	Jessi Ogburn
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Meg Richards
Sid & Barbara Dixon	Lillian Rogers
Leighann Fuller	Maggie Singleton
Luke Harkey & Family	Mishay Simpson
Joan Hunt	Beverly Styers
David Kelley	Linda Ware
Nancy Lanni	Mary Ann Weber
David LeGrand	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 November, pray for our **Kindergartners**: Ruby Raudez, Harrison Mangione, Kesson Warrick; and our **First Graders**: Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, and Grace Melton.

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS  
RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER**

...to the Courtyard Fund in memory of Dan Elmore.

**OCTOBER 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

**October 3**

Received.....\$15,192.58  
5¢-A-Meal.....\$37.97  
In-person Worship.....103  
Livestream Views .....130

**October 10**

Received..... \$13,735.00  
In-person Worship.....97  
Livestream Views .....126

**October 17**

Received.....\$7,238.00  
In-person Worship.....95  
Livestream Views.....105

**SESSION MEETING NOTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

**Communications**

• John Brotherton highlighted events over the month including several who had been exposed and recovered from COVID, re-convening our Reopening Task Force for updated considerations and guidance in various areas, moving worship into Ellis Hall until the sanctuary HVAC issues can be repaired, and stressed to chairs of each committee the needs to focus on budget work for the upcoming year.

• Drew Mangione reiterated his appreciation for opportunities to get to know everyone and noted his perception of how efficiently we seem to be with our meetings and committees. Drew is looking forward to the budget process and noted the structure being excellent. Additionally, Drew feels people are getting more comfortable with him and is seeing more pastoral care opportunities develop.

**Meeting Minute Approvals**

• Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on August 10, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

**Committee Reports**

• Discipleship – Ben Brooks presented a recommendation from the committee to move Rally Day to October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Sunday School beginning on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed with clarification that depending on attendance in children’s classes, some age groups may be combined and that adult classes may choose to delay in-person gathering beyond October 10<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation was

approved unanimously and requested that Carol Ann be involved in communication to various classes and parents. Additionally, the Youth will attend a Presbytery Youth Rally at Montreat on October 3 and the Halloween festival will be on October 31. Nancy Hendrix made a motion that volunteers be allowed to prepare meals for Youth meetings on Sunday evenings. Meals would be served in takeout boxes and eaten outside (weather permitting) or with social distancing in Ellis Hall in inclement weather. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

• Finance Committee – John Brotherton provided an update from Scoot Dixon on church finances, noting that both offerings and expenses remain below budget with offerings exceeding expenses year-to-date. A letter will be sent from Stewardship Committee to the congregation in preparation for Stewardship Sunday on October 10.

• Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt reported the committee is pursuing candidates for the Bookkeeper position after updating the job description and qualifications.

• Property Committee – Richard Fletcher reported on the current plan to upgrade fan motors on the sanctuary HVAC condenser unit due to further extensive delays in direct replacement of the failed motors. Additionally, the floor refinishing work in the Education wing has been completed and landscaping and beautification efforts are in progress in the courtyard and in front of the building.

**Old and New Business**

• A motion was made to discuss the item tabled at our last meeting regarding the Worship & Music committee recommendation to resume two services. The motion to discuss was approved and proceeded. After much discussion the theme of growing together and filling our sanctuary to capacity for now and focusing one service per month toward a more contemporary style is preferred. The motion to resume two services was subsequently voted on and rejected unanimously.

• Discussion of the beginning of Advent and Hanging of the Greens timing in conjunction with Thanksgiving weekend was held. Additionally, discussion on observing the 12 days of Christmas ensued regarding the timing of removing the decorations. More planning is required but past practices of decorating will be employed where feasible to involve the congregation in decorations.

• Drew discussed upcoming New Officer training and timing for sessions as well as installation and ordination of new officers.

• A request was received and presented to approve our Girl Scouts holding an event in Ellis Hall on September 24. The event was approved unanimously.

**Closing**

• Drew Mangione adjourned the meeting with prayer.



# POINSETTIAS & WREATHS & TREES

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

There is 1 5-6 ft. tree available for purchase (\$45). There is 1 7-8 ft. tree available for purchase (\$50). There is 1 large sanctuary wreath available for purchase (\$45). There are 12 outside door wreaths available for purchase (\$25 each). There are 80 poinsettias available for purchase (\$15 each).

If you would like to purchase a tree or a wreath, please call Miranda in the church office, 704-487-8503.

If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) to be placed in the church for December 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Christmas Eve Services, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church." Turn your form and check into the church office **no later than Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

## ARE YOU ON DUTY IN NOVEMBER?

### Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

- Nov. Greg Melton, Captain
- Amy Goforth
- Caja Ormand
- Mary Raudez

### Worship Liturgist

- Nov. 7 Lori Wehmuller
- 14 Mike Alexander
- 21 Jessi Ogburn
- 28 Larry Wilson

### Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Nov. 7 Margie Trivett & Marlene Lovelace
- 14 Joyce & Paul Couey
- 21 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
- 28 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmuller

### Sanctuary Flowers


- Nov. 7 available
- 14 Langley Family
- 21 Martin Family
- 28 available

## *Happy Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving is a festival, which is celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy in many parts of the world, especially the countries of US and Canada. People express gratitude to God on this day, for all the valuable things they possess in life. Near and dear ones are also thanked for their love and support. Feasting with family and friends is a very important aspect of this festival. In fact, it is also the most delightful part of this festival. The entire family comes together to offer prayers to the Almighty, before the Thanksgiving dinner and show their appreciation. Given below is a soulful prayer to be offered in honor of God.

Thanksgiving  
 By Ralph Waldo Emerson  
*For each new morning with its light,  
 For rest and shelter of the night,  
 For health and food,  
 For love and friends,  
 For everything Thy goodness sends.*

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2021**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:15 Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 6:30 Discipleship Meeting</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <b>Food Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 Worship &amp; Music</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:15 Membership Cmte</li> <li>• 6:00 K-5<sup>th</sup> Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>7</b> <b>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</b> <b>Veterans Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 Serendipity Class</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> <li>• 4:00 Officer Training</li> <li>• 5:00 Youth Friendsgiving</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:15 Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <b>Food Ministry</b>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00 K-5<sup>th</sup> Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Closed</li> <li>• 12:00 Finance</li> <li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li> </ul>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> <li>• 5:00 Deacons Meeting</li> <li>• 4:00 Officer Training</li> <li>• 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:45 Rainbow Ctme.</li> <li>• 1:15 Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 6:00 Coordinating Council</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <b>Food Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter Articles Due</li> <li>• 5:15 Personnel</li> <li>• 6:30 Session</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00 K-5<sup>th</sup> Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 AA &amp; Al-Anon</li> </ul>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>21</b> <b>Communion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> <li>• 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:15 Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <b>Food Ministry</b>	<b>24</b> NO Kids Wednesday Night	<b>25</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 Sunday School</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> <li>• 3:00 Advent Come Home</li> <li>• 6:00 Youth in the Courtyard</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Connection Closed</li> <li>• 1:15 Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>				







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