

THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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JANUARY 2022

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year! What a joy it has been to spend the Advent and Christmas seasons with you. Shelby at Christmas is a beautiful place to be and **as a family, we are so thankful to be here with all of you for 2022.**

Every new year brings new optimism, but the feeling this year may be more than usual. **After all, there is a lot to be optimistic about at SPC.** The Holy Spirit is calling us toward new opportunities, so we want to be sure that our will and actions align with the Spirit's will.

To that end, your Elders and Deacons whom God has ordained, and whom you have elected, will be meeting with me on Saturday, January 8th, to plan for the coming year and beyond. We will discuss a big picture vision for the church and begin discussing the details of what is to come.

The foundation of our faith is that we believe that the One True God revealed in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is both present with us and acts through redemption and resurrection. We are never alone and God will always take what seems dead, seems dire, seems lost, and make something new from it.

We are coming up on two years since COVID-19 began spreading here in the United States, first at the major ports and by March in nearly every state. This disease has taken the lives of many, and it has fundamentally changed our lives in our response to limit its spread.

I cannot say why this has happened, but my faith tells me that God will take our brokenness, our grief, our pain, and our frustration, and use it for

something greater, both now and eternally in the new creation.

As we enter 2022, give thanks for the things which have been restored in our lives and in our church, not the least of which is being able to safely gather for Sunday worship, Sunday school, for youth and children's events. But also, get ready.

Get ready to see where God will lead this church and how the things we miss – *fellowship time, Wednesday night suppers, a Montreat retreat, contemporary worship, food ministry meals, and more* – will be restored, we pray, and ultimately, made new.

"Indeed, this is the day the Lord has made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24.

So, again, it's 2022 and it's time for us all to get ready, to get involved, and to be a part of what God is doing and what God will do through Shelby Presbyterian Church as a community of the faithful and in the community around us.

- Drew

NEWS FROM CAROL ANN

2022 is going to be a great year! I say that at the beginning of every New Year. As hard as I try, and if we're honest, I've often found myself struggling just to get by some days. This year somehow is different. Coming out of a year I would never like to repeat, I'm looking forward to what God has in store for me and Shelby Presbyterian. My prayer is that this year we will all be involved and reach our neighbors through the love of Christ. Will you join me in making 2022 the best year ever?

- CA



THANKFUL FOR OUR CHILDREN LEADING IN WORSHIP DURING ADVENT!

We will resume on January 12th at 6:00. Hope you can come and join us as we learn new things together and grow closer to Jesus!



Sunday School Classes starting back!

• **The Joy Class** and the **Christian Issues** classes will start on January 9th. Please wear your mask. If you are not part of a Sunday school class now is a good time to start. If you need help finding a class, we are glad to give you some guidance.



YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHTS

January 9th from 5:30 – 7:00

We will start back with dinner and Bible Study. Hope you can join us as we start the new year off with a good Start.

FAITH AND SEXUALITY

Exploring healthy relationships & sexuality as you and your youth enter adolescence.

A Presbytery of Western NC Event for Parents, 5th – 8th Grade Youth and Youth Leaders. Key Leaders are Heather Wood Davis and Katie Smith.

Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 9:00am – 5:00 pm at the Montreat conference Center

*Sign up with Carol Ann if you are interested in going by February 13th.



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 RAINBOW CONNECTION

Happy New Year! December was exceptionally busy this year at Rainbow Connection. There were Grinch Days, Polar Express Days, Hot Chocolate Days, and of course The Christmas Programs! All of our Rainbow children were so excited to perform Christmas songs for their families.

By January, Christmas is over, we've eaten all of our candy, and we are realizing how cold Winter really can be. When the children are all cooped up inside because the weather is cold and dreary, we always try to bring the warmth and fun of warmer days inside. With songs, crafts, and of course — PLAY!

We are looking forward to a new year, hopefully one a little more normal than this past year. Thank you for all that you do for all of us at Rainbow Connection!

"May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed."

(Psalm 20:4)

- Abby Goins, Director



We are cooking with gas! Every Monday volunteers prepare lunch for a different department at our local hospital. We haven't fed every staff member yet, but we plan to send meals until we do. If they still enjoy it we'll start the rotation again. Please pray for us as we take this opportunity to say thank you to our valuable healthcare workers, and pray as you consider whether God is calling you to join us. We could use help with meal prep, meal delivery, and moral support if you're willing and able.

Merry Christmas from the Food Ministry!



- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, January 3rd and January 17th the Church Office will be closed.
- **OFFICERS RETREAT:** Saturday, January 8th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Shelby Mission Camp. Please remember to bring snacks and if you haven't paid your \$20 please have it in by January 6th.
- **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the February edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Tuesday, January 18th.
- **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for you to pick up 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.
- **NOTES FROM THE BOOKKEEPER**
 1. Office Administrator (Miranda) handles all pledges and posting from envelopes for quarterly reports.
 2. Bookkeeper (June) receives envelopes and deposits monies received and passes envelopes to Office Administrator.
 3. Putting the amount enclosed on the envelope is helpful to the Bookkeeper and Counters.
 4. You do NOT have to put your name on the envelope, as the number identifies who you are, but the amount is helpful.Thank you for helping us help you more efficiently.

- **DIRECTORY CHANGE**

Sandy Carpenter
118 Lattimore St. Apt. 5
Shelby, NC 28150

Mary Lampley
109 Columns Circle
Shelby, NC 28150

Linda Ware
152 Columns Circle
Shelby, NC 28150



MARION SCHOOL

Backpack ministry

HOW IT WORKS - Teachers and the school social worker at Marion School identify children at high risk of having inadequate food at home during the weekend. Each week Molly Brownlee purchases food and delivers it ready to go into the backpacks.

HOW YOU CAN HELP – Financial support is needed to make this ministry work. You can place your check in the offering plate or send it to the church office (P. O. Box 1444 Shelby 28151). Please make the check payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and have Backpack Ministry on the memo line.

THANK YOU!

Dear SPC Family,

"Thanks for all of the prayers lifted up for me during my extended illness.

I sincerely appreciate each expression of kindness shown to me. Every prayer, card, call, email, text, and all other ways you expressed your concern were such a comfort to me.

Thank you for what you did, what you said, and for who you are!

May each of you be blessed for the kindness you have shown me."

-Linda Ware

THANK YOU SPC!!

"Our Goodie Drive for our local EMS was a HUGE success and we couldn't have done it without you!"

-Girl Scout Troop 20032



January 1	Trey Warrick
January 2	Ben Brooks
January 2	Elaine Cerwin
January 2	Anna-Drake Davis
January 2	Patrick Dickson
January 4	Hannah Appling
January 4	Melissa Blackwell
January 5	Sherry Julian
January 5	Harrison Mangione
January 6	Tom Jones
January 6	David Kennedy
January 6	Myra Dixon
January 7	Shem Blackley
January 7	Jay Bridges
January 7	Lilly Hamilton
January 7	Catherine Strain
January 8	Betsy Clifton
January 8	Thomas Couch
January 8	Ben Schweppe
January 8	Andy Brown
January 9	Mystie Brotherton
January 9	Thomas Monroe
January 10	Anna Grace McCullough
January 10	Holly Petrilli
January 11	Sandy Cheaney
January 11	Annie Little
January 12	Mike Alexander
January 12	Margaret Winstead
January 15	Mark Buse
January 15	Aletheia Stern
January 15	Lloyd Williams Jr.
January 16	Greg Melton
January 17	Edna Patterson
January 17	Linda Ware
January 18	Mary Beam
January 18	Katie Borders
January 18	Alex Martin
January 23	Jordan McIntyre
January 24	Ellis Noblitt
January 24	Julia Persing
January 25	Jon Brownlee
January 25	William Noblitt
January 26	Judy Greer
January 26	Greg McIntyre
January 29	Paul Couey
January 29	Clay Griffin
January 29	Julia (Boyette) Monroe
January 29	Stephanie Romich
January 30	Kellye Yourick
January 31	Tripp Weathers
January 31	Ed Webb

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
Karen Carpenter	Jessi Ogburn
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Meg Richards
Sid & Barbara Dixon	Mary Richards
Ina Harrington	Mishay Simpson
Joan Hunt	Beverly Styers
David Kelley	Mary Ann Weber
Jason Lewis	Diane Windham
Owen Lewis	Jason Willis

Jane McBrayer

- 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 January, pray for our **Fourth Graders**: Walker Borders; and our **Fifth Graders**: Anna Greer, Alex McIntyre, Benjamin Pruitt, and Foster Warrick.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER

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

...to the Legacy Fund in memory of Tom Blackburn and Hoyt Lovelace.

DECEMBER 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

December 5

Received.....\$25,388.78
5¢-A-Meal.....\$90.00
In-person Worship.....192
Livestream Views107

December 12

Received..... \$14,245.00
In-person Worship.....160
Livestream Views118

December 19

Received.....\$13,709.00
In-person Worship.....153
Livestream Views.....129

→ **As of December 20, 2021:** 105 Financial Pledge Cards for the 2022 budget have been received that total \$475,720.00. (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 NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Order of the Day – Receive New Members

The following were presented and examined for membership: Doug & Julie Bryan, Joel Hoard, June Hobbs, Mike & Marie Jackson, Thomas & Emily Monroe, Bruce & Michelle Moser, Michael & Alexis Pruitt, Lucas & Jessica Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, and Trey & Tara Warrick. Nell Canipe and Patrick Glenn were not able to be present at the meeting. Additionally, these families bring 17 children ages newborn to college. A motion to accept all 20 new members was presented and accepted with a unanimous vote of approval following. New

members were welcomed and invited to remain or be excused at that time.

Communications

- John Brotherton communicated that the current recommendation from the COVID Task Force was to maintain the status quo of current practices during worship and other gatherings within the church building. Additionally, it was reported that the Coordinating Council had met to identify committee assignments for 2022 and that communication to all officers serving in 2022 is in progress.

- Drew Mangione identified a correction that the upcoming Officer Retreat would be held on January 8 instead of January 15 which had been identified in a previous meeting. As such, ordination of new officers will be on January 9, 2022. All officers are requested to attend.

- Presbytery Meeting Update – Scoot Dixon and Nancy Hendrix discussed their experience attending the October Presbytery meeting and recommended each officer make it a point to attend at least 1 meeting while they are serving.

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 – John Brotherton provided an update from Jessi Ogburn with the prayer list and requests for focus on members and neighborhoods to continue.

- Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt presented an update on the salary for our Rainbow Connection Director. Following review and approval from Presbytery, a title change will be made for Carol Ann Hoard. Her title will change from Director of Christian Education and Youth and will now be identified as our Minister of Christian Education and Families. Additionally, Drew Mangione presented an update to our Background Check Form and an expectation for Safe Gatherings training for selected staff and volunteers.

- Worship and Music – Ben Brooks presented a recommendation to move Communion from Christmas Eve to the December 19 worship service. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Drew Mangione presented a recommendation from the committee to approve Rainbow Connection holding their Christmas Program in the Sanctuary on December 15 and 16. This approved unanimously. It was also reported that Carol Ann will preach on November 28 and December 26 when Drew is on vacation.

Old and New Business

- Fred Blackley graciously volunteered to be our Commissioner for the January 29, 2022 Presbytery Meeting that will be held via Zoom.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JANUARY?

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Jan. Ann Brown, Captain
 Andy Brown
 Debra Haddock
 Lori Wehmuller

Worship Liturgist

Jan. 2 Cathy Burns
 9 Rich Coiner
 16 Allison Moore
 23 Darlene Gravett
 30 Brett Niblack

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Jan. 2 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
 9 Judy Greer & Rachel White
 16 Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
 23 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmuller
 30 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah

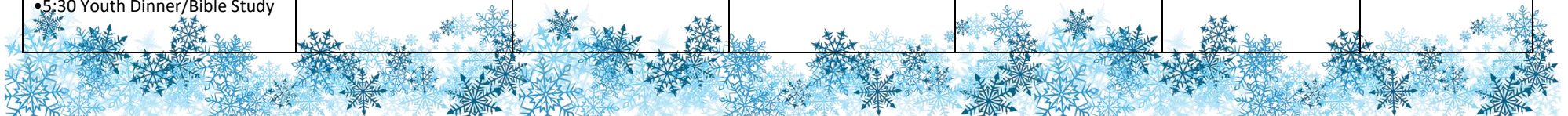
Sanctuary Flowers



A Flower Calendar for 2022 is posted on the bulletin board inside the Harris Street entrance outside the fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday in 2022 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						 1
2nd Sunday of Christmas 2 <i>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</i> •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 4 • 1:15 Staff Meeting •7:00 Worship & Music	5 • 11:15 Membership Cmte • 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 • 12:00 Finance • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	7	8 • 8:00 Officers Retreat at Shelby Mission Camp
Baptism of the Lord 9 <i>Communion</i> •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. •5:30 Youth Dinner/Bible Study	10 • 9:00 Rainbow Connection back • 11:45 Rainbow Ctme • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Discipleship Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 11 • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting	12 • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Chancel Choir	13 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	14	15
2nd Sunday after Epiphany 16 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. •5:30 Youth Dinner/Bible Study	17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. • 7:00 Boy Scouts	Food Ministry 18 Newsletter Articles Due • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting	19 • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Mission & Ministry • 7:00 Chancel Choir	20 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	21	22
3rd Sunday after Epiphany 23 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. •5:30 Youth Dinner/Bible Study	24 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26 • 6:00 K-5 th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Chancel Choir	27 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	28	29
4th Sunday after Epiphany 30 •9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. •5:30 Youth Dinner/Bible Study	31 • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts					



SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL INTEREST FORM FOR 2022

Name: _____ Best Way to Contact: _____

A church is at its best when the people are a close-knit group that rejoices with those who rejoice, and mourns with those in mourning, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do all things, in word and deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The church is not our building nor is it a weekly gathering. Ministry is not the job of a pastor or staff. Rather, the church is a community called out by God for the ministry of reconciliation. This means, we are called to live and work together as equals, bringing our resources together to do more for God's Reign than might be accomplished if we each just continued worshipping and working only on our own.

To be at our best, it would be helpful to know the talents and interests of the members of the congregation, so that as our elders and deacons build committees for 2022, your ideas, your vision and your talents can play an integral part in the future of the church.

Please check the boxes below, to indicate skills you may be able to share, interest areas where you may want to be involved, and things you would like to attend or help with in the future.

Skills

- ☐ Assemble Mailings
- ☐ Audio/Video Production
- ☐ Baking
- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Computer Maintenance
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Data Entry/Typing
- ☐ Decorations
- ☐ Electrical
- ☐ Event Organization
- ☐ Game Organization
- ☐ General Handiwork
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Holiday Decorating
- ☐ Kitchen Help
- ☐ Landscape work
- ☐ Office Work
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Play Instrument
- _____
- ☐ Plumbing
- ☐ Scheduling
- ☐ Setup/cleanup

☐ Solicit Donations

☐ Workday Helper

☐ Another skill: _____

Interest Areas

- ☐ Art Projects
- ☐ Bell Choir
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Count offering
- ☐ Confirmation Sponsor
- ☐ Contemporary Musician
- ☐ Crafts
- ☐ Deliver Food
- ☐ Evangelism
- ☐ Fellowship Snacks
- ☐ Food Ministry Cook
- ☐ Funeral Guild
- ☐ Home Meals Ministry
- ☐ Lead Bible Study
- ☐ Liturgist (In Service)
- ☐ Liturgist (Online FB)
- ☐ New Member Sponsor
- ☐ Nursery
- ☐ Plan Events
- ☐ Set up for Worship

☐ Social Media/Web site

☐ Soloist

☐ Sound and Broadcast

☐ Teaching (Adult Sun.)

☐ Teaching (Children)

☐ Teaching (Youth)

☐ Assistant (Children)

☐ Assistant (Youth)

☐ Usher/Greeter

☐ Visitation (Sick/Home)

I Would Attend/Help

☐ Arts/Theater

☐ Book Groups

☐ Bus Trips

☐ Contemporary Worship

☐ Community Service

☐ Game Nights

☐ Hands on Mission Work

☐ Mid-Week Bible Study

☐ Montreat Retreat

☐ Outreach Events

☐ Prayer Meeting/Groups

☐ Wed. Night Supper

☐ Other _____

In 2022, SPC will have newly-consolidated its committees. Below is a list of the new committees with former committees in parentheses. Please indicate any committees you are interested in serving on, or serving alongside, for programs, taskforces, or events which are run/overseen by these committees.

Your preferences will be made known to the chairpersons of each committee:

_____ **Discipleship Ministry (Christian Ed, Spiritual Life, Youth)**

This committee builds disciples of Christ by providing opportunities and resources for spiritual growth through Sunday School, Bible studies, personal devotion, home study, and activities for youth and families.

_____ **Fellowship**

This committee fosters Christian community through hospitality and meals, including through the Wednesday Night Supper program, Sunday Morning Fellowship time after services, event receptions and more.

_____ **Finance (Special Funds, Stewardship and Memorials)**

This committee oversees the church's financial resources to ensure God's gifts are used to serve God's reign, by monitoring finances and budgets, promoting member involvement and managing memorial gifts and requests.

_____ **Media Outreach**

This committee promotes God's work in the church through Facebook, YouTube and Website outreach. This committee is also responsible for advertising, press releases, pamphlets, outdoor signs, and worship technology.

_____ **Member Life Ministry (Membership, Member Care, Funeral Guild)**

This committee connects current and future members of the church through prayer, outreach to visitors, personal care for members, home and facility visitations, and other opportunities to share God's love and compassion.

_____ **Missions and Ministry (Missions & Ministry, Food Ministry, Blood Drive)**

This committee gives members opportunities to serve those in need through direct service in the food ministry and emergency aid, as well as local, regional and global projects to share God's love through works of mercy.

_____ **Personnel**

This committee hires, maintains and supports staff, while also creating and administering policies that comply with state and federal law empowering the church in its mission to serve Christ.

_____ **Property (Property, Columbarium, Kitchen, Safety & Security)**

This committee is superintendent of all buildings and grounds belonging to the church, ensuring they are properly maintained and repaired when needed, including the Columbarium.

_____ **Rainbow Connection**

This committee serves as a board of directors for the Rainbow Connection Pre-School (Mother's Morning Out) program, to support its work to prepare children for school and contribute to their faith development.

[Membership in this committee is limited by Rainbow's bylaws, but interest in this committee will be noted to help generate lists of potential volunteer, substitute teachers, and other duties.]

_____ **Worship, Music & Ministry (Worship & Music, Communion, Worship Guild, Kirkin' O' Tartans)**

This committee provides for the components of weekly worship, especially music and communion, as well as updating paraments to the church calendar and planning special worship events, such as Heritage Sunday.

What is your Vision for the Church in the next five years? _____

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