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JANUARY 2021

Hi SPC,

I am going to use my article this month just to make sure you as whole congregation are up on current church news.

- **PNC:** As was reported previously on our church Facebook page, our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will have some exciting news to report near the end of January. We will let you know more details as they become available.

- **Worship:** With increasing cases of COVID in our county and state, and increasing deaths due to COVID, the elders of the church are not yet comfortable with the idea of going back soon to in-person worship in our sanctuary and fellowship hall.

So during this age of COVID, we continue to offer you each Sunday an option of either enjoying online worship at home on the SPC Youtube channel or coming to in-person outdoor worship at the downtown Pavilion/Farmer's Market on Sundays at 10:30am.

The last in-person outdoor worship of this year will be Sunday, December 20th. The Pavilion will not be available to us on the Sunday after Christmas (Dec. 27th) because all of the City of Shelby facilities staff will be off for Christmas weekend and will not be around to open the Pavilion to us, turn on the sound system, or open the bathrooms.

The next weekend (Jan. 3rd) will also be a holiday weekend (New Year's weekend), so we will not have in-person outdoor worship at the Pavilion then either.

We will continue to provide online worship on Youtube for Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve), Sunday, Dec. 27th and Sunday, Jan. 3rd. We will also make available to the church family during Christmas week a previous recording of the church puppet show/musical "The Friendly Beasts." Pictures of church Christmases past are being shown on our SPC Facebook page. A Christmas tree is out in front of the church that we have invited families to decorate.

Unless the outdoor temperatures prove to be too cold, we will resume in-person outdoor worship at the Pavilion on Jan. 10th. We will look ahead to the forecast and see if outdoor worship is feasible and let you know.

In the meantime, our new audio/visual system is

being installed in the sanctuary. Once it is installed, and our volunteers are trained in the operation of it, we will begin to have our Sunday morning worship services live streamed on Sunday mornings. The church has wanted to do this A/V upgrade/replacement for some time, and it is finally coming to fruition. The quality of our online worship videos should improve significantly, as will our audio quality for both online and eventual in-person worship in the sanctuary.

- **Ongoing Christian Education:** During this COVID time, Church CE director, Linda Ware, has been emailing out CE materials to use with children and youth at home, as well as attachments to the weekly worship bulletin to use in online and in-person worship. As far as adult CE goes, I have noticed at least one Sunday School class meeting weekly on Sundays at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Some have come to the church office and picked up materials to use at home. And we continue to provide a midweek devotion on Wednesdays at 6pm on SPC Facebook Live. If you are unable to view the midweek devotion live on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, you can view a recording of it anytime thereafter.

- **Officer Retreat:** On Dec. 6th, during in-person outdoor worship at the pavilion, we ordained and installed a new slate of church officers, both elders and deacons. The annual officer retreat will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, but because of COVID has been changed from an in-person gathering to a Zoom meeting. Details will be shared as they become available.

God bless all of you for your patience and flexibility and continued commitment to the church during this long, unusual COVID time. With the vaccine set to begin arriving this week, we can see together the light at the end of the tunnel, but we are not there yet. There is still much risk for all of us until most of us have received the vaccine, so let's all stay safe and look forward to the day sometime this coming year when we can all be together again.

Blessings,
David Garnett



**The Church Office will be closed
Friday, January 1st,
for the
New Year's Holiday
and Monday, January
18th, for MLK Day.**

NEWS FROM CHURCH EDUCATOR

I have a special request. The church needs volunteers to present a brief Children's Moment during the month of January. Please let Miranda or me know ASAP if you can help out. Online Worship is filmed on Thursdays at 11:00, or be at the live streaming if that is in place by January. Thanks for helping continue to provide for our children.

- Linda Ware, Christian Educator

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



2020 was a very difficult year, but we learned things as we lived through this pandemic. We learned that even a limited schedule with our children is better than

nothing. We learned that some changes are good. And we stopped taking so much for granted!

As we enter this new year, we have hope for the future. We hope to return to our normal schedule sometime in the upcoming months. We hope to have visitors, like Ms. Michelle from the library. We hope to have our family events, like our Open Houses. We hope to have a normal graduation. There are so many things to look forward to in 2021!

Thank you for your love, support and prayers!

- Becky Dorsey, Director

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

There will be NO Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, December 27th or Sunday, January 3rd.

You can find the Online Worship Service on YouTube Sunday morning at 8:30, you can access SPC's YouTube channel via the link below or search Shelby Pres on the YouTube site.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18Wq_Kqa-grEWqF4ld2uVA/featured

OFFERING ENVELOPES



For those using envelopes, they are available for you to pick up at the church in the hallway under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes. 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.

DIGITAL WORSHIP FUND

A new Fund has been established for the virtual programming of the morning worship services. We have begun the process of upgrading our current system in the Sanctuary from analog to digital. With the addition of digital cameras we will soon be able to produce "live" worship services online each Sunday. We will also be able to show the service on the screen in Ellis Hall live. As we move to worship in the church facility we can increase our attendance by socially distancing in the Sanctuary and Ellis Hall simultaneously. There is digital equipment and training to purchase to have this happen. Anyone desiring to contribute to this fund is encouraged to note it on your check or envelope. Just note "Digital". We look forward to worshipping together in the near future.

- Finance Committee

DIRECTORY CHANGE



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ALL OFFICERS

Past and Present Officers: Please have your mailbox emptied by December 31st. If you have finished using your Officer Training and/or Officer Retreat notebooks, please return them to the office by January 4th for recycling.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN DECEMBER

... to the Legacy Fund in memory of Hoyt Lovelace.

... to the Paino Fund in memory of Betsy Martin.

... to the Backpack Fund honor of Doug and Joyce Boyette.

DECEMBER 2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2020 Operating Budget..... \$644,704.00
Needed Weekly \$12,398.15

December 6

Received..... \$ 25,613.00
Outdoor Service Attendance 37

December 13

Received..... \$10,617.31
Outdoor Service Attendance 50

***As of December 18, 2020:** 95 Financial Pledge Cards for the 2020 budget have been received that total \$426,220.00. 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 17, 2020

Order of the Day: Examination of Officers Elect. Officers Elect shared their faith journeys and spiritual experiences.

A motion was made and seconded to retain Officers Elect and move to ordination and installation. Unanimously approved. The date was set for December 6, 2020 to ordain and install

COMMUNICATIONS

Pastor David Garnett

•Discussion was held regarding the Officer's retreat, usually held in January. The date set was for January 9, 2021 at the Baptist Mission Camp. It was decided that some retreat would be held in January, but the format and meeting place are pending as of now. A motion was made and seconded to approved the minutes of the Session Meeting on October 20, 2020

and the called meeting on October 25, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES:

Communion Committee – Margie McSwain

•Recommendation to use pre made communion cups in zip lock bags for the future was presented and approved.

Finance Committee – Trip Boines

•Church finances continue to hold and new pledges are continuing to come in and be evaluated by finance.

•A new contractor for upgrades to the AV system to allow streaming of worship services has been contracted. The cost will be approximately \$15,000 – 16,000. Funds have been allocated for this as well as some money from the Cornerstone Fund. Donations from the congregation will also be possible. Recommendation from the committee and from the Reopening Task Force to proceed were unanimously passed.

Personnel – John Brotherton

•Plans to move forward with the hiring of a new bookkeeper are in place and session members as well as the congregation are asked to recommend possible candidates. It is hoped to have a person in place in January. June Hatfield has agreed to stay on for a training period.

Reopening Task Force – David Schweppe

•The task force continues to meet to discuss reopening, but at present time will continue outdoors as before following state guidelines.

Worship and Music – Jeanne Spragins

•Recommendation to move the wedding of Anna Langley and Jeff Yerger from Saturday, May 15, 2021 to Friday, November 12, 2021. Unanimously approved.

•Advent services and lighting of the Advent candles by church families was discussed. Using taped musical numbers was discussed, as well as taped candle lighting. Plans for Christmas Eve service were also discussed and will be developed, probably on tape. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas Eve services.

•General discussion of services moving forward was held. For the present, outside worship will continue as long as the weather remains steady. State occupancy limits have been reduced, so in person worship beyond 10 persons is not advised. An outdoor Christmas tree will be set up on the front lawn.

PRAYERS FOR CONCERNS – Pastor David Garnett

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER – Pastor David Garnett

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:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Judy Becton | Faye McCants |
| Karen Carpenter | Debi McDaniel |
| Myra Carpenter | Gene McSwain |
| Carletta Clyatt | Joe Miller |
| Bert & Joy Cushman | Jim Monroe |
| Debbie Ferrell | JoAnn Parker |
| Jeff Hamilton & Family | Ann Pharr |
| Ina Harrington | David Pharr |
| Fred & Joan Hunt | Mishay Simpson |
| Mary Lampley | Beverly Styers |
| Mollie Ley | Susan Spragins Washburn |
| Marlene Lovelace & Family | Marvin Weber |

- 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
- Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean
- 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 **Toddlers and Two year olds:** Millie Melton, Victoria Couch and our **Three and Four year olds:** Ruby Raudez and Elizabeth Couch.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO . . .

†Our prayers and sympathies go out to Jeff Hamilton and family on the death of his brother, Randy Hamilton on November 26, 2020.

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

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|------------|----------------------------|
| January 2 | Ben Brooks |
| January 2 | Elaine Cerwin |
| January 2 | Anna-Drake (Yourick) Davis |
| January 2 | Patrick Dickson |
| January 4 | Hannah Appling |
| January 4 | Melissa Blackwell |
| January 5 | Sherry Julian |
| 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 | A. J. Nicopoulos |
| 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 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 | 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 |

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2024, and Deacon, Class of 2024. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

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

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

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 4th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because:

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:

Below is a list of 2021-23 officers:

ELDERS

| <u>Class of 2021</u> | <u>Class of 2022</u> | <u>Class of 2023</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| John Brotherton | Ben Brooks | Fred Blackley |
| Jon Brownlee | Richard Fletcher | Kimberly Dixon |
| Martha Noblitt | Darlene Gravett | Scot Dixon |
| Jessi Ogburn | Nancy Hendrick | Roger Holland |

DEACONS

| <u>Class of 2021</u> | <u>Class of 2022</u> | <u>Class of 2023</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Amy Goforth | Ann Brown | Kyle Aldinger |
| Ted LeGrand | Joyce Couey | Mary Ann LaSelva |
| Stefanie McIntyre | Debra Haddock | Elizabeth Schweppe |
| Greg Melton | Caja Ormand | Lori Wehmueler |
| Julia Persing | Mary Raudez | |

Turn in your suggestions by January 4th to the church office.

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