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APRIL 2021



Hi SPC!

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (I Thessalonians 5:17)

Rejoice all the time. Never stop praying. Give thanks no matter what happens. That’s what God wants for you. This was the Apostle Paul’s pastoral guidance to the church he started in Thessaloniki, Greece. His guidance is still relevant in the church today.

“Rejoice always” is a call to continual joy. It is a kind of buoyancy in life you experience when you remember that God is with you regardless of the circumstances. With God present in your life you know that good things are going to happen in your future no matter what’s going on in your life right now.

“Pray without ceasing” is a call to continually stay in conversation with God. God wants to hear from you and to speak to you, and prayer is the word that sums up that divine/human listening and speaking. Prayer is giving time and energy to letting God guide you in this life according to God’s own way, and prayer is speaking your needs out loud to God and becoming expectant of an answer, even as you stay obedient to the guidance you get from God in prayer.

“Give thanks in all circumstances” is a call to see God’s redemptive activity in all events in life. With God present nothing that happens in life is

wasted but used by God for good. That’s what leads us to give thanks to God for all that happens in life.

Paul’s guidance is particularly relevant for Shelby Presbyterian Church during (what has been) a very challenging year. Joy, prayer, giving thanks may not be the first things that come to our mind when we consider the challenges of the last year: COVID; closings; separation and isolation and loneliness; health and economic and future uncertainty.

Paul also wrote: “We know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28). This knowledge is what makes joy possible, along with prayer and giving thanks, even in the most challenging of circumstances. God, we have come to know, works all things for good.



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Articles for the
May edition of
The Shelby Pres(s) are
due in the church office
Monday, April 19th.

INDOOR WORSHIP

Indoor Worship is every Sunday at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. The following are protocols for in-person indoor:

- Eighteen (18) household unit reservations will be available each week (14 spots in the sanctuary plus 4 in the balcony). A reservation could be 1 person, or everyone living in a household.
- A maximum congregation of 50 will be permitted to be present.
- Every third pew would be used while the two between would remain empty and assure spacing would exceed 6' between individuals not living in the same household.
- Controlled entry, assigned seating with reservations, and organized exit by members would be guided by officers and trained volunteers.
- No one should attend if they are not feeling well or are aware they may have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID within the previous week.
- Masks would be required at all times.
- Hand sanitizer would be available.
- Bulletins would be located at each assigned seat.
- The service itself would be modeled after the successful outdoor services that have been taking place with no singing, no passing the offering plate, communion trays, etc.
- The task force does not recommend removing cushions, hymnals, or Bibles from the pews.
- The sanctuary will be cleaned weekly by the cleaning contractor using currently accepted procedures.
- Outdoor services may be offered in addition to indoor services as weather permits.

If you would like to attend the indoor worship service please email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) or call the church office (704-487-8503) to make a reservation.

LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



If you are unable to attend the in-person worship service you can still watch on YouTube. Worship is being livestreamed from the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:00 am on the Shelby Pres YouTube channel.

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

SPC STAFF CHANGES



Our SPC Personnel Committee has an unusual challenge before it this year. During 2021 it has the task of filling five present or future vacancies on our church staff. We will have four staff retirements in 2021, including our Organist, Christian Education/Youth Director; Bookkeeper; and Rainbow Connection Director. If you are aware of anyone with the particular gifts and talents to fill any of these positions, please contact Personnel chair, Martha Noblitt.

ARE YOU MISSING EMAILS?

Are you getting the weekly emails from Miranda? If you're not, try checking your spam or junk folder. Be sure to add Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) as a contact to keep her emails from going to Spam. If you still aren't getting emails, call Miranda in the church office and make sure she has your info right. She sends out the bulletin and info about the upcoming sermon every Thursday afternoon.

LITURGIST NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in the worship service as liturgist please email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) or Kathy Brennehan (kathyb307@gmail.com).

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



We love celebrating spring at Rainbow Connection! Reading Easter stories, singing songs, making crafts with beautiful spring colors... it's a wonderful time to be at Rainbow!

We did something new this year to celebrate spring - Mr. Roger's Day of Kindness. We turned it into a week of kindness and collected food items for Feeding Kids Cleveland County Food Program. Our Rainbow families were so generous (as always) and donated a large amount of food to help children in need. During this week our classes focused on ways to be kind and show God's love to others. It was a wonderful week!

Registration for our 2021/2022 school year began in March and is going well. We will start registration for our Summer Program later in April. Forms will be available on the Message Board near the side entrance and on the Rainbow door. Call me with any questions: 704-487-7075 or 704-473-0255.

Happy Easter from Rainbow children and staff!

-Becky Dorsey, Director

BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 20, 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

Schwepe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

•To make an appointment to donate blood on April 20th:

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

•To sign up to volunteer to help the Blood Drive run smoothly on April 20th:

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

FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

The Food Ministry is in need of some groceries items, if you would like to donate any of the items below it would be greatly appreciated.

Cereal: Cheerios, Rice Crispy, Golden Puffs, Corn Flakes, Shredded Wheat, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Oatmeal (Old Fashioned), Kix

Soup – Condensed: Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom, Vegetable Beef.

Potatoes: Roasted Garlic (mashed, instant) Mashed Potatoes (instant), Whole Caned Potatoes, Sliced Caned Potatoes.

Can Vegetables, 15 oz.: Green Beans, sweet Peas, Corn, Pork and Beans.

Canned Meat: Light Tuna, Chunk Chicken Breast, Spam, Spam Oven Roasted Turkey.

Pasta: Elbow Macaroni (16 or 32 oz.) Shells Macaroni (16 or 32 oz.), Wide Egg Noodles (16 oz.) Spaghetti (16 oz.) Spaghetti O's (15 oz. can) Spaghetti Rings & Meatballs (15 oz. can), Spaghetti O's with Franks (15 oz. can)

Misc.: Peanut Butter



CONGRATULATIONS

... to Cassidy Brotherton who graduated magna cum laude in December from NC State with a BS in Biology-Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience and a minor in Zoology. Please lift her in prayer as she begins at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Florida on April 6th.



DIRECTORY CHANGE



Cassidy Brotherton
1200 Floral Springs Blvd.
Apt 20306
Port Orange, FL. 32129

Russ & Sandy Cheaney
3675 Longmeadow
Sarasota, FL 34235

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, March 28th

10:00 am - Palm branches will be given out at worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

7:00 pm - Worship Service/Communion in Sanctuary
Please call or email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) to make a reservation. Service will also be livestreamed on Shelby Pres YouTube Channel.

Good Friday, April 2nd

8:30 am –Service will be available on the Shelby Pres YouTube Channel only. Scripture Readings, Musical Selections & Meditation.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Bring flowers to put on cross outside.

10:00 am - Worship Services in Sanctuary with over flow in Ellis Hall. Communion & One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please call or email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) to make a reservation. Service will also be livestreamed on Shelby Pres YouTube Channel.

Monday, April 5th

Church Office will be closed.

***MAKE SURE THESE HOLY WEEK EVENTS
ARE ON YOUR CALENDAR***



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



Please bring fresh cut flowers and/or greenery to put on the cross outside on East morning for the 10:00 am service. Special thanks to Sally Taylor for preparing the cross again this year.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Have you ever taught a child to hold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, “here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?” The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is not the building – the steeples, windows, or structure– but people gathering to worship God.

There’s something else in the children’s rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the people, they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

- When disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, **this is church.**
- When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, **this is church.**
- When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, **this is church.**

The church is the Holy Spirit’s transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth – and in this season, through our church-wide **One Great Hour of Sharing.**

We share – and church happens with women who were once trafficked for domestic labor and now own their own cooperative business.

We share – and church happens with people through land rights training and improvements to farming methods.

We share – and church happens with those whose homes have been washed away by flood, as the arms of comfort wrap around them, and hands pick up shovels to assist.

Join us for One Great Hour of Sharing
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
You can also mail your donation in and put “One Great Hour” in the memo line.

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:

Jim Barnette	Faye McCants
Judy Becton	Debi McDaniel
Karen Carpenter	Joe Miller
Myra Carpenter	Jim Monroe
Sandy Carpenter	Jim Murray
Elaine Cerwin & Family	Ann Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	JoAnn Richards
D'Erica & Zach Davis	Mishay Simpson
Debbie Ferrell	Beverly Styers
Ina Harrington	Grace Teddy
Fred & Joan Hunt	Susan Spragins Washburn

- 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 April, pray for our **Fourth Graders**: Anna Greer, Alex McIntyre, and our **Fifth Graders**: Madison McIntyre, Madison Ormand.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO...

† Elaine Cerwin and family on the death of her husband Bob Cerwin, on March 19, 2021. Bob had been a member of SPC for 4 years.

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



April 1	Mary Ann LaSelva
April 3	Robert Greer
April 3	Joe Ogburn
April 3	Wheeler Stuart
April 3	Carey Waldrop
April 5	Amy Allen
April 6	Ellen Fletcher
April 6	Emily Griffin
April 6	Charles Langley
April 7	Tricia Butler
April 7	Sarah Lampley
April 7	Lawson Taylor
April 7	Riley Taylor
April 8	Emily Greer
April 8	Winnie Simmons
April 9	Grace Teddy
April 10	Sarah Winstead Brown
April 10	Barbara Dixon
April 10	Amy Harrelson
April 11	Dick Bowles
April 12	Hobie Davis
April 12	Daniel Schweppe
April 13	April Kennedy
April 14	Holly Hendrix
April 15	Kathy Brenneman
April 15	Pat Byers
April 15	Sandra Morgan-Dodrill
April 16	Chip Blackley
April 16	Drew Dixon
April 16	Hamp Hager
April 16	Teresa Halyburton
April 17	Martha Strain
April 18	Phillip Cerwin
April 18	James Petrilli
April 20	Bert Weathers
April 21	Hans Ashford
April 21	Ashley Aylmer
April 21	Scott Hendrix
April 22	Lucy Bolick
April 22	Addison Julian
April 22	Fred Timm
April 23	Lee Huston
April 23	David Moore
April 23	Mary Raudez
April 24	John McBride
April 26	Scott Kennedy
April 27	Levi Bankirer
April 27	Sara Cheaney
April 27	David LeGrand Sr.
April 27	Debi McDaniel
April 28	Libby Alexander
April 28	Agaat Den Hertog
April 28	Jeff Hamilton
April 28	Tom Kelly
April 28	Joanna Pearson
April 28	Jean Webb
April 29	Molly Dedmon
April 30	Lane Pearson
April 30	David Rybnicek
April 30	Jordan Yourick

**SESSION MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

Opening

- A quorum was present.
- Meeting called to order and opening Prayer – David Garnett
- Recitation of the Affirmation of Faith and Vision Statement – David Garnett and Elders

Communications

- John Brotherton provided an update on the start of Livestreaming services from the sanctuary on February 7, identified issues and improvements that were needed and are being addressed to improve quality going forward.
- Greg Melton provided an update from the recent Diaconate meeting, including discussion on preparation for potential return to indoor worship.
- David Garnett presented a recommendation from the Rainbow Connection Board to gain approval to begin the Fall program in August. Discussion and unanimous approval followed.
- David Garnett presented a request for transfer of membership of Paul Woodard to Concord Presbyterian Church in Statesville, NC. The request was accepted and approved unanimously.

Meeting Minute Approvals

- Meeting minutes from Session Meetings on December 8, 2020 and January 9, 2021, as well as the Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon provided an update on church finances, noting that revenues exceeded expenses in January, but both were below budget. Additionally, a focus on increasing stewardship was discussed.
- Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt provided updates on positions that need to be filled due to imminent retirements as well as the vacancy of the Youth Director position. A recommendation from the Personnel Committee to combine the roles of the Director of Christian Education and Youth Director into one position was presented, discussed and approved unanimously.
- Reopening Task Force – John Brotherton presented a summary of results from a survey of members regarding views on indoor services over the next several months. A recommendation from the Task Force to begin in-person worship in the sanctuary on March 7 with limited attendance and abundant protocols in place was presented, discussed, and approved unanimously.
- Worship and Music Committee – Ben Brooks presented a recommendation for approving use of the Sanctuary and Ellis Hall for the wedding of Jane Gragg and Brennan Teddy for December 10 and 11,

2021. The recommendation was discussed and approved unanimously.

Old and New Business

- Member Care Committee – Jessi Ogburn reminded members to work with Deacons to continue reaching out to our Neighborhood Groups and communicate needs as appropriate.

Closing

- David Garnett opened the floor for prayer requests and adjourned the meeting with prayer.

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
RECEIVED IN FEBRUARY**

- ...to the Backpack Fund in honor of Doug and Joyce Boyette.
- ...to the Choir Fund in memory of Anne Goss.
- ...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Anne Goss.

MARCH 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2021 Operating Budget.....	\$520,766.00
Needed Weekly.....	\$10,014.73
<u>March 7</u>	
Received.....	\$24,152.00
In-person Worship.....	37
Livestream Views	99
<u>March 14</u>	
Received.....	\$1,830.00
In-person Worship.....	32
Livestream Views	106
<u>March 21</u>	
Received.....	\$4,145.00
In-person Worship.....	45
Livestream Views.....	71

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN APRIL?

Worship Liturgist

April	4	Margie Trivett
	11	Brett Niblack
	18	Youth Sunday
	25	Carolyn Billings

Sanctuary Worship Guild

April	4	Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
	11	Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
	18	Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmuller
	25	Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah

Sanctuary Flowers

April	4	Easter Lilies
	11	available
	18	Marlene Lovelace
	25	available

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

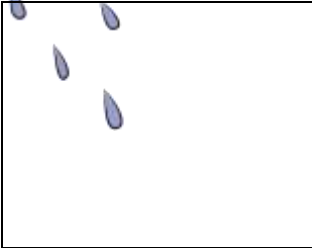
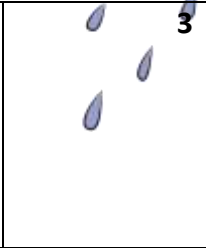
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				<p>Maundy Thursday 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion • 7:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. 	<p>Good Friday 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 Worship on YouTube. 	
<p>Easter Sunday 4 <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion • 9:00 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. 	<p align="center">5</p> <p align="center">Closed for Easter Holiday</p>	<p>Food Ministry 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Worship & Music Zoom 	<p align="center">7</p>	<p align="center">8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Finance 	<p align="center">9</p>	<p align="center">10</p>
<p>2nd Sunday after Easter 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 5:00 Deacons Meeting 	<p align="center">12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 Rainbow Committee • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 	<p>Food Ministry 13</p>	<p align="center">14</p>	<p align="center">15</p>	<p align="center">16</p>	<p align="center">17</p>
<p>3rd Sunday after Easter 18 Youth Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. 	<p align="center">19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Newsletter Articles Due * Senior Scholarship Applications Due • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 	<p>Food Ministry 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:00 Personnel • 6:30 Session 	<p align="center">21</p>	<p align="center">22</p>	<p align="center">23</p>	<p align="center">24</p>
<p>4th Sunday after Easter 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom. • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. 	<p align="center">26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 Staff • 7:00 Boy Scouts Troop 	<p>Food Ministry 27</p>	<p align="center">28</p>	<p align="center">29</p>	<p align="center">30</p>	

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