

# THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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## FEBRUARY 2021

**Hi SPC,**

You don't need me to remind us that we are living in an extremely challenging time: COVID, the economy, politics, race, division, climate change. In the midst of turmoil and uncertainty, I keep remembering the reassurance of Psalm 46:11—"Be still and know that I am God."

Remarkably, the work of the church goes on in spite of everything.

We continue to work around the challenges brought on by COVID. With church members beginning at last to receive vaccines, we know that sometime this year we will be reconvening in-person worship in our sanctuary and fellowship hall, but we still cannot say exactly when that will be.

If all goes according to plan, we start livestreaming our Sunday worship service on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 11am. This will allow our congregation to interact online with the service and with each other in real time. We have replaced and upgraded our audio/visual equipment to make this possible, so the quality of audio and visual should improve markedly. If you miss the live broadcast at 11am, you will be able to go back and watch the whole recorded service at your convenience.

In the meantime, we will continue to offer outdoor in-person worship at the Shelby downtown Pavilion/Farmer's Market at 10:30am, when weather allows. Once we start livestreaming, we will need to move up the time of the outdoor service to 10am to allow all of us on the worship team to get back to the sanctuary in time for livestreaming.

We continue to mail worship bulletins, sermons and church newsletters to those who, for one reason or another, are not connected electronically. If you, or someone in the church you

know, is not receiving these, and want to, please call Miranda at the church office.

On Wednesdays at 6pm we continue to offer a midweek devotion, which can be viewed live at 6pm on SPC Facebook Live. The recording of the devotion can be viewed anytime after Wed. at 6pm.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is back at work, looking at new resumes and setting up interviews. I will continue in my role as interim pastor while the PNC continues their search for a new pastor.

The big news from our church staff is that we will have quite a bit of staff turnover this year. Several of our staff will be retiring this year: our organist, Joy Cushman; our Rainbow Preschool director, Becky Dorsey; our Christian Educator, Linda Ware; our bookkeeper, June Hatfield. Our youth director, Sydney Davis, resigned last year and has not yet been replaced. Our Personnel committee, chaired this year by elder Martha Noblitt, will have a full plate as they seek qualified people to replace these beloved staff members.

Missions of the church continue, most notably our Rainbow Preschool, our church food ministry, and the Blood Drive. Special thanks to all in the church who keep these ministries going and vital.

Special thanks to so many of you who continue to support the church financially and with your leadership and committee involvement during this unusual time.

It is a challenging time, but God is with us.

- Interim Pastor David Garnett

## 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 Director; Bookkeeper; and Rainbow Connection Director. And we still have an opening for a Youth 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.

## JUNE HATFIELD'S RETIREMENT

June Hatfield, our dedicated bookkeeper for nearly 20 years, has announced her intention to retire this year. She currently plans to continue in her position until her replacement can be identified and trained. The Personnel Committee will begin their search and interview process for a new bookkeeper this month. Please contact the Personnel Committee or church office with recommendations for individuals with accounting or bookkeeping skills who may be interested in working 15-20 hours per week.

- Martha Noblitt  
Chair of Personnel Committee

## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



January has been a calm, cozy month at Rainbow Connection. It was nice to snuggle down and read stories, sing songs and paint snow pictures.

We look forward to our Valentine's Day celebrations this month. Our classes will have parties and card exchanges the week of February 8-12.

We will continue to follow our pattern of two day per week class separation for now. We feel this is the best way to keep everyone safe with the COVID rate so high. We look forward to the day we can return to normal!

Registration for the 2021/22 school year will begin in March. Hopefully, we will begin registration for Summer Program in April.

-Becky Dorsey, Director

## BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, February 16, 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 Feb. 16: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>
- To sign up to volunteer to help the Blood Drive run smoothly on Feb. 16: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CADAD2DA64-spcblood>



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Articles for the March edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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:

Jim Barnette,	Faye McCants
Judy Becton	Debi McDaniel
Karen Carpenter	Gene McSwain
Myra Carpenter	Joe Miller
Sandy Carpenter	Jim Monroe
Carletta Clyatt	Jim Murray
Bert & Joy Cushman	Ann Pharr
Bob & Wendi Davis	David Pharr
Debbie Ferrell	JoAnn Richards
Ann Goss	Mishay Simpson
Ina Harrington	Beverly Styers
Fred & Joan Hunt	Grace Teddy
Mary Lampley	Susan Spragins Washburn
Mollie Ley's 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 February, pray for our **Kindergarten**: Avery Julian, Anna Grace McCullough, Grace Melton, and our **First Graders**: Kate McIntyre and Savannah Raudez.

## PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO . . .

†Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family of Mollie Ley, on her death, on January 6, 2020. Mollie had been a member of SPC for 13 years.

## ☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



February 3 . . . . .	Madison Ormand
February 3 . . . . .	Liza Smith
February 4 . . . . .	Daniel Alexander
February 4 . . . . .	Baxter Smith
February 5 . . . . .	Fred Blackley
February 5 . . . . .	Warren Julian
February 7 . . . . .	Taylor Niblack
February 7 . . . . .	Stephanie Williams
February 8 . . . . .	Wilson McNeary
February 8 . . . . .	Walton Moore
February 8 . . . . .	Andy Taylor
February 9 . . . . .	Brock Byers
February 10 . . . . .	Olivia Gebel-Cook
February 10 . . . . .	Tom Greene
February 10 . . . . .	Dave Titus
February 11 . . . . .	JoAnn Beattie
February 11 . . . . .	Anney Weathers
February 11 . . . . .	Deborah Welton
February 12 . . . . .	Morgan Dixon
February 12 . . . . .	Gretchen Gebel
February 14 . . . . .	Carson Wall
February 14 . . . . .	John-Mark Zehnder
February 15 . . . . .	Bobby Clifton
February 16 . . . . .	Adam Butler
February 16 . . . . .	Brian Butler
February 18 . . . . .	Jim Riggs
February 19 . . . . .	Savannah Raudez
February 20 . . . . .	Morgan Beam
February 20 . . . . .	Carolyn Ogburn
February 21 . . . . .	Julia Alexander
February 21 . . . . .	Emerson McMurry
February 21 . . . . .	Will Wilson
February 22 . . . . .	Julian Bridges
February 22 . . . . .	Barbara Moore
February 23 . . . . .	Lisa LeGrand
February 23 . . . . .	Alison Moore
February 24 . . . . .	Rusty Patterson
February 25 . . . . .	Devin Simpson
February 26 . . . . .	Michael Cheaney
February 27 . . . . .	Connie Blackwell
February 27 . . . . .	Jack Ogburn
February 28 . . . . .	Will Clifton
February 28 . . . . .	Julia Kiser
February 29 . . . . .	Wiley Smith

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN JANUARY**

... to the Backpack Fund in honor of Joyce and Doug Boyette..  
 ...to the Food Ministry in honor of Morris and Mabel Lacey.  
 ...to the Legacy Fund in memory of Mollie Ley and Hoyt Lovelace.

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 2021 BUDGET REVENUES**

Pledged Offerings	\$ 417,542.00
Unpledged Offerings	70,00.00
Other Sources of Income	<u>33,224.00</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues	<u>\$ 520,766.00</u>

**EXPENSES**

Church Programs	12,060.00
Property & Maintenance	68,000.00
Benevolences	90,942.00
Program Services	
Salaries & Benefits	301,335.00
Administrative	45,909.00
Equipment purchases	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 520,766.00</u>

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for faithfully tithing in 2020 which allowed us to meet all of our budgeted expenses and for pledging in 2021. Your pledges help us match your commitment with our vision for the coming year.

The numbers above are greatly summarized. If you would like to see more details, please contact the church office.

**JANUARY 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

2021 Operating Budget.....	\$417,542.00
Needed Weekly .....	\$8,029.65

**January 3**

Received .....	\$3,204.00
No Outdoor Service	

**January 10**

Received .....	\$2,346.00
No Outdoor Service	

**January 17**

Received .....	\$10,725.00
Outdoor Service.....	15

**SESSION MEETING NOTES**

**DECEMBER 4, 2020**

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Pastor David Garnett.

**UPDATE ON BLOOD DRIVE**

•Debi McDaniel and Rusty Patterson informed the Church officers of their plans to retire from their work as leaders of the blood drive due to health concerns. They will continue through April and lead the blood drives in February and April. The Session was requested to evaluate continuation of the drive with possible formation of a committee to make plans going forward. It was decided that this will be a topic at the Officer Retreat in January.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS AND PARTING REMARKS:**

•Outgoing Elders Trip Boinest, Margie Trivett, David Schweppe and Jeanne Spragins and outgoing Deacons Carolyn Billings, Brett Niclack, Joe Petrilli and Wiley Smith were recognized for their service and offered remarks.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF KIMBERLY DIXON**

•Kimberly Dixon was ordained and installed as an Elder and offered fellowship and support.

**UPDATE ON FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP – Trip Boinest**

•Committees continue to meet and work on establishing budget needs.  
 •Returned pledges are somewhat fewer than usual. A letter has gone out to those who usually pledge, but have not done so yet.  
 •The budget for next year may need to be trimmed. Finance Committee is working on this.

•Members and officers have stepped up this year and their support is greatly appreciated.

•Work continues on upgrades to the AV system to allow live streaming. It is expected that by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in December the work will be completed.

**UPDATE ON TRANSITION**

•The candidate for Pastor has completed the exam by the Presbytery.

•A Congregational meeting will be set for January 24<sup>th</sup> in order to allow the Congregation to vote on accepting the candidate as Pastor.

•The candidate will start on Easter Sunday. Interim Pastor David Garnett will continue to serve until the end of March unless he is called to another church before that time.

## **AGENDA FOR OFFICER RETREAT**

- Discuss the blood drive ministry going forward.
- Discuss welcome for the new Pastor.
- The retreat will be held via Zoom. Officers are asked to pick up orientation notebooks at the Church office when they are ready.
- Discuss resuming live services.
- Discuss restructuring and streamlining of committees.
- Rev. Garnett will look over items from last year's retreat to see if there are items that need to be revisited.

## **UPDATE ON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- Committee assignments had been emailed to all officers. Discussion was held and officers with concerns were asked to discuss their concern with the Clerk of Session and the Pastor.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Pastor David Garnett**

- Plans for the Congregational meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> were discussed.
- Plans for the Food Ministry and the Blood Drive Ministry going forward need to be discussed.
- The annual financial report continues to be developed.
- The Nominating Committee has openings for 3 new at large members.

A motion was made and seconded to refer these items to the task force for recommendations. Further discussion and recommendations will be considered at the Officer Retreat. Motion was passed.

- Minutes of the Session Meeting on November 17, 2020 were approved as written

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Personnel – John Brotherton**

- Staff changes continue under discussion. Applications for bookkeeper are requested.

### **Task Force – David Schweppe**

- Task Force will meet on December 9, 2020 to discuss adding new membership and new leaders for the new year. Phased approach for church reopening continues according to state guidelines.
- Outdoor services will not be held on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> as the pavilion will be closed. Going forward, church staff will make decisions regarding outdoor services based on weather conditions.

**PRAYERS FOR CONCERNS** – Pastor David Garnett

**ADJOURN WITH PRAYER** – Pastor David Garnett

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