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MAY 2022



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Easter! What a joy it has been to walk through Lent with you this year, right on through Holy Week and into this season of Easter. **In this season, we are asked to think about what it means to be a new creation, to grow and bear fruit.**

While I've had my own struggles gardening, I trust we all have a basic idea of what it takes for a plant to grow from a seed – clear the soil, balanced nutrients, water, and sunlight.

Likewise, faith is often compared to a seed. I'll admit that I have struggled at times to grow that seed of faith, yet, the same principles apply. To grow our faith, we need to clear the soil, balance its nutrients, and add water and sunlight.

Now, God is looking for us to grow in faith, so how do we encourage this in the Easter season?

We need to recognize rocks for what they are – the things that prevent faith from growing deep roots. Rocks in our soil include the excuses for our sins – why I was justified, even when what I did was wrong. Rocks are also things that clutter our time.

Maybe I'm alone on this, but I doubt it. Often the hardest thing to do is admit our mistakes without making excuses. A close second may be to actually slow down. Early in the pandemic, we were forced to, but now that numbers are low, it seems we have wasted no time speeding up.

As hard as it is, when we lay down our excuses, by being honest, and then when we carve out time for God, the rocks get cleared.

Similarly, having fun and being productive at work and home can nurture us. Yet with too much focus on our interests, entertainment, work, and hobbies, we grow toward them and away from God.

Growing in faith doesn't mean being dull, lazy, and idle. But it does mean putting things in their place, not letting anything become an idol.

If we continue the garden metaphor, then water is like our relationships with people and our life in community – essential. It is possible to grow in our relationship with God alone, but not likely.

Faith grows best with worship, study, and prayer when bolstered by life in community

Lastly, we must grow toward the light – which is Jesus, God's Word made flesh. We are fed by the Spirit when we spend time in scripture.

Like our garden plants, there are things we can do to better care for and grow the faith God plants in us. **Our Lord seeks progress in us – personal growth – and also, seeks progress in our work in this world to reconcile all things in Him.**

I believe God has big plans for each of you and for our church the ministry of reconciliation right here in Shelby, in our county, state, and world.

My prayer is that we take the steps to clear away the rocks that get in the way of our faith growing deep and balance even the good things in our life, so that our faith can grow in community and in Christ with enough water and sunlight.

– Drew

From the desk of Carol Ann

Hello, friends of all ages!

This has been the best April for me. Easter and celebrating my birthday. I loved all the cards and notes I received. So I started thinking... and that can get us in trouble! As a fun way for our older generations to get to know our younger generations, I have come up with a plan for us all this summer. I hope you will consider being part of this summer!

This is how it will work. If you are interested in having a pen pal this summer, please email me at carolann@shelbypres.org or call the church office. We will take interested participants from now until the middle of May. By May 25 you will be paired with another participant and receive a name and address so you can begin writing to one another asap. From this point on, you will communicate by snail mail throughout the summer, hopefully getting to know a new friend. In August, we will host a pen pal ice cream social where you will get to meet your pen pal(s) in person.

Who can participate? Anyone! You can work as an individual, as a family, or as a couple.

What if I already know my pen pal? That's ok! Just use this time to get to know them better or keep in touch throughout the summer!

We have lost the days of receiving happy mail! Help me bring it back and let's get to know each other better. I hope you will join in this fun way to get to know someone better at SPC!

Carol Ann

A special thanks to all who brought candy and the volunteers who stuffed and hid the eggs!



Send update on how your flower is doing from the Egg Hunt! Take pictures and be sure to send them to Carol Ann. If the cold got them, let Carol Ann know and you can get another one!

Wednesday Night Children's group will play handbells on May 22nd in the worship service.

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR CHILDREN IS MAY 18TH



Youth Sunday May 15th



We want all youth to participate. We will walk through and have game night on Friday, May 13th at 5:30.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, MAY 15

GRADUATES WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING 10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH A RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN THE COURTYARD. ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO HELP SERVE AND HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE SENIOR RECOGNITION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE RECEPTION.



DESSERT AUCTION

June 11th

Come and support the Youth Activities for the summer!

SIGN UP TO MAKE SOMETHING!



Congratulations!

to our 2022 Seniors!



NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



Shields Fletcher



Emma Goforth



Tucker McIntyre



Mark Petrilli



Kyle "KK" Reynolds



Margaret Schweppe



Stockton Ware

I can't believe it's already May! April was a very busy time, Easter parties, egg hunts, extra outside time, and exploring spring!

This is our last month of Rainbow until our summer program. This month we will have our graduation ceremony on May 23rd for our graduating 4s and 5s classes! I have watched these children grow into the big kids they are over the past few years, and I am thrilled to see them start a new chapter.

We are so blessed to be a part of the SPC community, and we are so thankful for all of the support we are given.

*"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old
they will not turn from it"*
(Proverbs 22:6)

- Abby Goins, Director

thank you

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Your compassion is great and your kindness abounds! Thank you for praying for my mom and our family throughout our journey from her diagnosis in September 2020 until now. We have felt the encouragement and the comfort! The recent cards, texts, and emails, as well as the many hugs and gentle inquiries on her progress during these 18 months really have meant so much to me. I thank God for you!"

Peace,

Mystie Brotherton and family

"The Family of Sid Dixon would like to thank our church members for all the flowers, cards, visits, food and love that you have given us during this difficult season of loss. We love you all and appreciate your generosity more than we can say. Thank you so much! You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus to us."

UPCOMING events

- **MENS BREAKFAST:** The men of Shelby Presbyterian Church will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street.



- **YOUTH NIGHT** Friday, May 13th at 5:30. We will run through Youth Sunday and have dinner and games!



STEVE AND ALENE BURGERT will be visiting Shelby Presbyterian Church Wednesday, May 18th for a special Wednesday Night Supper event at 6:00 pm.

SPC Family Reunion

September 16-18, 2022

Sign up with \$100 deposit by May 20

Assembly Inn at

MONTREAT.



CHILDREN'S
Handbell Choir

THE CHILDREN'S HANDBELL CHOIR will perform as part of Worship on Sunday, May 22nd.

RAINBOW CONNECTION will have their graduation ceremony Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the JUNE edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Monday, May 23rd.



THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.



• **USHER OPPORTUNITY:** The Deacons are looking to have a mix of long-time and newer members to welcome everyone on Sunday mornings. To see the slots available and sign up, use this link (<https://bit.ly/2022ushers>) and please consider signing up for a month to serve. This is a great way to make a strong first impression, reconnect with friends and more.

• **ACOLYTES AND CHIMERS:** If your child is interested in being the acolyte or chimer for the worship service, please sign them up through the link: <https://bit.ly/2022acolytechimes>



CLEVELAND COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY will hold its annual Women's Build on Saturday, June 4 and Saturday, June 18, 2022. All construction will be done on both days exclusively by female volunteers. There will

be instruction and supervision provided by skilled workers, but all actual building on those two days will be done by women. Volunteers with no skills are welcome in addition to those who have some or extensive skill.

Exterior walls will be built on the first Saturday while interior walls will be built on the second day. The workdays will begin around 8:00 am and conclude around 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served to all volunteers. A special complementary t-shirt commemorating the event will be given to each volunteer.

There is a limit of 20 volunteers each day. Reservations may be made on a first come first served basis. For more information and to make a reservation, please contact Richard Hart by phone, (229) 563-1253, or you can reach out by e-mail, rchart1121@gmail.com.



When Interim Pastor David Garnett did his interviews, members of the congregation reported back to the church that two areas members were most proud of having at SPC were the Rainbow Connection and the

Food Ministry. While the collection of food from Walmart and Second Harvest and its distribution continues, unfortunately, COVID changed how the Food Ministry operated and hot meals ceased. But now, we are preparing to reopen the Soup Lunch and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHO: YOU. Here are ways you can be a part...

WHAT: You can help pick up and prepare food by:

1. Food pick up at Walmart (pick-up or SUV truck needed) and sort as needed for distribution/storage
2. Food preparation. This is-not necessarily cooking but also rinsing/opening cans, peeling and cutting up fruits/vegetables, serving on the line, wrapping utensils, washing dishes, clean up (we clean every table, check bathrooms, take out trash, etc.)

WHEN: Every Monday except when the church office is closed. Hours are from generally 8:00 am until approximately 1:00 pm. We are usually finished by 12:30.

HOW: We cannot do this without you and your help whatever that help may be. Either on a weekly basis or perhaps you can give one Monday a month. Maybe you can come the entire morning or perhaps for just a short time? You determine your schedule. Please contact Miranda Wood to let her know your willingness/schedule to serve.

Thank you and God Bless,
Mission and Ministry Committee

"Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unproductive."

– Titus 3:14 (NASB)



Sisters and brothers in Christ,

You are invited to join Claire Mangione Tuesdays in the Back Parlor to pray for our church. She guides each meeting, and they last for about an hour. This is an opportunity to come together in loving prayer for our church community. The plan is to meet on the first and third Tuesdays in the morning at 9:15 a.m., and on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., so that people with different schedules can attend at different times.

Here is an outline of what to expect each week:

First Tuesday (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

- 1) Thanksgiving for the specific good things happening at SPC and for answered prayer requests
- 2) A short reflection on a verse/passage from the most recent Sunday to focus our prayers
- 3) We will first pray for requests in the bulletin and specific requests we receive on Sundays
- 4) We will pray for EVERY member/regular attender we have on file
- 5) Silent contemplation time before leaving

Second Tuesday (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

- 1) Thanksgiving for the specific good things happening at SPC and for answered prayer requests
- 2) A short reflection on a verse/passage from the most recent Sunday to focus our prayers
- 3) We will first pray for requests in the bulletin and specific requests we receive on Sundays
- 4) We will pray for SPC staff and leadership, including deacons and elders
- 5) Silent contemplation time before leaving

Third Tuesday (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

- 1) Thanksgiving for the specific good things happening at SPC and for answered prayer requests
- 2) A short reflection on a verse/passage from the most recent Sunday to focus our prayers
- 3) We will first pray for requests in the bulletin and specific requests we receive on Sundays
- 4) We will pray for Rainbow Connection staff, enrolled students, and their families

- 5) Silent contemplation time before leaving

Fourth Tuesday (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

- 1) Thanksgiving for the specific good things happening at SPC and for answered prayer requests
- 2) A short reflection on a verse/passage from the most recent Sunday to focus our prayers
- 3) We will first pray for requests in the bulletin and specific requests we receive on Sundays
- 4) We will pray for Shelby, Cleveland County, NC, USA, and the world
- 5) Silent contemplation time before leaving

The Group will be expected to pray individually at home on 5th Tuesday

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MAY?

Acolyte

May *volunteer needed*

Chimer

May *volunteer needed*

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

May Debra Haddock, Captain
 Kyle Aldinger
 2 volunteers needed

Worship Liturgist

May 1 Brett Niblack
 8 Larry Wilson
 15 Youth Sunday
 22 Jeff Hamilton
 29 Rich Coiner

Sanctuary Worship Guild

May 1 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
 8 Marlene Lovelace & Margie Trivett
 15 Joyce & Paul Couey
 22 Harriette Beam & Laura Beam
 29 Judy Greer & Rachel White

Sanctuary Flowers

May 1 Appling
 8 *available*
 15 *available*
 22 Boyette
 29 *available*



May 1 Marie Jackson
 May 2 Braxton Clifton
 May 2 Marlene Lovelace
 May 3 Jeff Jones
 May 4 Michael Pruitt
 May 5 Alex McIntyre
 May 5 David Persing
 May 5 Beth Phillippi
 May 5 Beverly Styers
 May 6 Laura Trivett
 May 7 Corban Stern
 May 8 Jay Garrett
 May 11 Tucker McIntyre
 May 11 Jon Blake Pharr
 May 11 Miller Noblitt
 May 11 Mary Ann Weber
 May 12 Jeff Roark
 May 13 Robert Burns
 May 13 Stockton Ware
 May 15 Mills Bryant
 May 15 Heidi Steeves
 May 15 Brock Taylor
 May 16 Taylor Pharr
 May 17 Laura Beam
 May 18 Sarah Fletcher
 May 20 Robin Holland
 May 21 Kathy Allison
 May 21 June Hatfield
 May 21 Jennifer Ormand
 May 22 Ali Huston
 May 23 Jack Brownlee
 May 23 Nicole Haydon
 May 23 Lillian Moore
 May 24 Lyn Huston
 May 26 Jean Canipe
 May 26 Catherine Couch
 May 28 Catherine Ware
 May 29 Bly Borders
 May 30 Faye McCants
 May 30 Alex Pearson

Member Care



The goal of the Member Life Ministry 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 Lori Wehmueller, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, 704.472.5253 or loriwehmueller@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Jason Alexander	Mabel Lacey & Family
Libby Alexander	Jane McBrayer's Family
Mystie Brotherton & Family	Faye McCants
Amy Brown	Tom Martin & Family
Stacey Blackburn	Joe Miller's Family
Karen Carpenter	Joe Ogburn & Family
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Matthew Carpenter	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Mary Richards
Barbara Dixon & Family	Rick Steeves
Lou DuBois	Beverly Styers
Debbie Ferrell	Byron Wade
Ina Harrington	Mary Ann Weber & Family
Joan Hunt	Diane Windham
Lee Huston & Family	Terrecia Wingo
David Kelley	Jason Willis

- Covid-19 research, caregivers, and patients
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- All those serving in the military
- Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos
- John McCall in Taiwan
- 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 **Twelfth Graders**: Shields Fletcher, Emma Goforth, Tucker McIntyre, Mark Petrilli, KK Reynolds, Margaret Schweppe, Stockton Ware; and our **College Freshman**: Miles Beam, Charlie Brownlee, Janie Brownlee, Kyle Persing, Daniel Schweppe, Liza Smith, and Sarah Wehmueller.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER

...to the Food Ministry in memory of Sid Dixon and Morris Lacey.

...to the Lacey Montreat Fund in memory of Morris Lacey.

...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jessi Ogburn, Joe Miller, Elene Martin, Sid Dixon, and Morris Lacey.

...to the Youth Fund in memory of Sid Dixon.

APRIL 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2022 Operating Budget..... \$590,326.00
 Needed Weekly..... \$11,352.42

April 3

Received.....\$21,273.00
 5¢-A-Meal.....\$423.69
 In-person Worship.....126
 Livestream Views100

April 10

Received.....\$5,581.00
 In-person Worship.....156
 Livestream Views117

April 17

Received.....\$14,275.00
 In-person Worship.....200
 Livestream Views.....171

April 24

Received.....\$3,815.75
 In-person Worship.....87
 Livestream Views.....60

SESSION MEETING NOTES MARCH 15, 2022

Order of the Day – Receiving of New Members

The following were presented and examined for membership: Bethany Bryant, Allen Callahan, Stephanie Ellis-Martin, Debbie Hart, and Beth Phillippi. A motion to accept all new members was presented and accepted with a unanimous vote of approval following. New members were welcomed by extending the right hand of fellowship.

Communications

- John Brotherton had no emergent communication items to present this month.
- Elizabeth Schweppe presented an update from the Diaconate. The next Fellowship activity will be planned as COVID guidelines are eased.

- Drew Mangione reiterated continued excitement for this church and our community. Drew conveyed a recommendation from the Funeral Commission to approve a service for Jessi Ogburn to occur on April 9 in the sanctuary. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

Meeting Minute Approvals

- Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on February 15, 2022 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

- COVID Task Force – John Brotherton presented updated recommendations from the task force. After much debate on current trends, medical guidance, and varying perspectives, the following was adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting:

1. Masks are recommended, but optional
2. If symptomatic, individuals are encouraged to stay off-site
3. Attendance and seating capacity restrictions are removed
4. Serving of food on-site is allowed at the discretion of the responsible committee
5. These guidelines are open to be revisited if conditions or trends change

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon presented an update of results from February. Revenues are slightly under budget so far this year, but expenses have exceeded budget this month. The committee will continue to monitor. A recommendation was also presented to continue with additional audio and video upgrades in the sanctuary to resolve several emerging issues and upgrade some remaining legacy items utilizing funds from the Cornerstone fund. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

- Personnel Committee – Darlene Gravett reported that work continues to fill the Bookkeeper position. Additionally, the committee is pursuing splitting the current job description for the bookkeeper between a bookkeeper position and an office assistant.

Old and New Business

- No new or old business was brought for discussion.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3rd Sunday after Easter 1 5 Cents a Meal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook. • 5:00 Catechism & Confirmation Classes 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Discipleship Cmte • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA 	Food Ministry 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 Prayer Group • 1:15 Rainbow Teacher Meeting • 7:00 Worship & Music 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00 Membership Cmte • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	6	7
4th Sunday after Easter 8 Mother's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:45 Rainbow Cmte • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Fellowship Cmte. • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA 	Food Ministry 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 Prayer Group • 4:00 Clerk's Council • 6:00 Montreat Cmte 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Finance • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 Youth Night 	14
5th Sunday after Easter 15 YOUTH SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook. • 11:00 Senior Reception • 12:00 Senior Luncheon 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA 	Food Ministry 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 Prayer Group • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Joint Session Meeting 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • Wednesday Night Supper w/the Burgerts • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	20 Montreat Deposit Due	21
6th Sunday after Easter 22 Children's Handbell Choir performs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook. 	23 Newsletter Articles Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Rainbow Graduation • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA 	Food Ministry 24 Rainbow's Last Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 Prayer Group 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	27	28
7th Sunday after Easter 29 Carol Ann preaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook. 	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA 	Food Ministry 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Chancel Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 		



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