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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Members and Friends,

Some of you may not have heard about the link between a broken organ and a new communion table for our church.

The organ in the chapel had been given to Shelby Presbyterian Church by Nancy and Gene Arrowood. It had belonged to her mother. For many years this organ was used for worship services and other special events in the life of the church including weddings and funerals. In more recent years there had been some intermittent problems with a key making an unwanted sound, but the organ continued to serve the needs of the church. Then something else happened to the organ, and this time the problem was more serious. While it was being played, the inter-workings of the organ made a loud noise and smoke came out from underneath. It was determined that the organ was beyond repair.

A member, Trip Boinest, offered to give the church an organ that had belonged to his father. After Joy Cushman and Sherry Young checked it out, the gift was accepted. But what should be done with the old organ? It could not be repaired, but perhaps parts of it could be recycled.

Another member, Joel Spragins, was able to salvage some wood from the organ including a large board from the top of the cabinet and maple from the pedals. Joel took the wood from the old organ to his wood shop where he began building a communion table. He matched the walnut veneer top from the organ with solid walnut legs and side boards, then added an inlayed maple cross to the

front. On Sunday, January 15, at the early service in Ellis Hall, the new communion table was dedicated and used in worship to serve the Lord's Supper for the first time.

On the back of the table is a plaque in memory of a dear friend and devout Christian, Dr. Bill Gamble. Joel and Jeanne Spragins first met the Gambles at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, where both couples were doing short time work as medical missionaries. As Joel was building the table he also thought this would be a way to honor all the musicians who have served our church through the years.

Luke Harkey

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 5, our Middle School Youth invite you to join them in the "Souper Bowl of Caring!" There will be soup pots for monetary donations and wagons for non-perishable food donations following our worship services. All gifts will go to our Food Ministry. Please make checks payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and noted for "Souper Bowl of Caring."

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you, Middle School Youth and Leaders, for your leadership in this great way to address some of the needs right here in Shelby.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Deborah and Sarah Circles will meet together on Wednesday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Jo Ann Richards Parker, 319-6 Lamar Avenue. Bring a sandwich or salad for your lunch. Dessert & Tea will be provided. Jessi Ogburn will lead the Horizons Bible Study, *Who Is Jesus?*

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Lori Wehmueller, 1409 Greenway Drive. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP Lori, 704-484-3281, or mwehmueller@carolina.rr.com.

FIRST THURSDAY WITH SUSAN BELL

Bible Study with Susan Bell will be held Thursday, February 2, 12:00-1:00 p.m., at Central United Methodist Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

MEN'S FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

There are two opportunities for all men to join with other men from Shelby Presbyterian Church for food and fellowship. Come to breakfast or lunch or both!

● **First Thursday, February 2**, 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

● **Fourth Thursday, February 23**, 12:30-1:30, lunch and fellowship at Joe's Place (upstairs in private dining room), 209 S. Lafayette Street.

FYI FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

It is helpful if you put the amount on your Church Envelope. No need to put your name, as the NUMBER will tell Jane whose Pledge it is, but putting the amount speeds up the counting. If you use PEW envelopes for cash, please put your NAME on it, as there is no other way to identify unless you want it anonymous. Thank you!

JOIN US

IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY 6:00 Meal – 6:30 Program

. . . an opportunity to pause midweek,
. . . to build new relationships,
to strengthen existing friendships,
. . . and to glorify God through
intergenerational activities, worship,
and programs that help us grow in our faith.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Program</u>
Feb. 1	*Ham & Turkey SubSandwiches	<i>Children's Homes of Cleveland County</i>
Feb. 8	*Barbecue	<i>Paul Couey, Dulcimers, and Friends</i>
Feb. 15	*Chicken Strips	TBA
Feb. 24	Italian Night Fund Raiser for Mission Trip	<i>Missions</i>

*\$3/adult; \$1/under 12; \$10/family max. Bring side dishes & desserts--completely peanut free please. Child care is available for children 4 and under.

♥VALENTINES♥ WEEKEND PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Join the Rainbow Teachers and SPC Mission Team for a Fun Night of Activities, Games, Songs, and a Healthy Dinner.

What: Kids Night/Parents Night Out
Fundraiser for Rainbow and Mission trip

Who: Infants up to 5th Graders

When: Saturday, February 11th 4:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$25 for first child, \$10 additional siblings

RSVP: Rainbow Office 704.487.7075 *or*
Church Office 704.487.8503 *or*
Jennifer Niblack 704.692.1383

♥Children will be divided by age and grade so make sure we have that information when making your reservation.

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 needing attention in our church family, in your neighborhood or beyond, please contact Margie McSwain, Chairperson of Member Care, margieabt@carolina.rr.com 704-484-0585 or the church office, 704-487-8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Josie Bowles	Steve Harrington
Jack Breen	Rebecca Jones
John Campbell	Peggy Lattimore
Shirley Carothers	Ruth Layng
Karen Carpenter	Pearl Lieurance
Myra Carpenter	Faye & Glenn McCants
Rip Collins	Cedar McDonald
Ed Cushman	Sandy McGeachy
Carolyn Darnell	Joe Miller
Reba Davis	Judy Neville
Chris Dodrill	The Persing Family
Robin Fichter	Joyce Ruark
Carolyn Gaston	Jim Teddy Sr.

- Troy Goss & all those serving in the military
- Stephen Ministers & their care receivers
- Our brothers and 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
- If you would like to be added to this ongoing prayer list, please contact Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503, jane@shelbypres.org.

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During February, pray for our Third Grade Children: Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Steven Morgan, Emerson Taylor, Wheeler Stuart; and Fourth Grade Children: Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO . . .

†Joel Spragins and family on the death of his brother, John Spragins, on December 24, 2016 in Clemson, SC.

†Wiley Smith and family on the death of his sister, Mary McDaniel, on December 28, 2016 in Raleigh, NC.

†Mimi Martin and family on the death of her mother, Betty Stanley from Columbia, SC, on December 30, 2016.

†The family and friends of Al Mancinelli on his death on January 15, 2017. Al had been a member of SPC for a total of 44 years.

†The family and friends of Anne Webb Neely on her death on January 17, 2017 in Hilton Head Island, SC. Anne was the daughter of the late George Webb, former pastor of SPC.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

Our Rainbow children loved the snow! We're still hearing stories of snowmen and sledding, hot chocolate and snow cream. It was nice, as we were making our pretend snow crafts, to have the real thing. It's always more fun to teach about polar bears and penguins when the children can actually understand what snow is really like.

On February 11, Rainbow Connection/Shelby Presbyterian Youth will host a Parent's Night Out. This is a great opportunity for parents to have an evening out while your children are having fun with their friends. The hours will be 4:30-8:30pm, with a cost of \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each sibling. We will feed the children a light supper and have a snack later in the evening. Parent's Night Out is open to ages Infant-5th Grade. Please call (704-487-7075) or stop by the Rainbow office to reserve a spot for your child by Wednesday, February 8th.

We look forward to this joint fund raiser with the youth and are thankful to be a mission of Shelby Presbyterian Church.

-Becky Dorsey, Director

PASTORAL COUNSELOR, Bob McCully, is available on Wednesday by appointment, 704-554-9900, ext. 338.

2017 YOUTH MISSION TEAM UPDATE

The Youth Mission Team is working hard to get ready for our trip to Panajachel, Guatemala in July. Thank you to all who participated in our snowman-themed Kids' Night Out in December. The little ones had great fun and we collected \$730.00 in donations.

We have 2 fundraiser events planned for February. We will be working with Rainbow teachers to host a **Valentine Kids' Night Out on Saturday, Feb. 11, 4:30-8:30, for infants through 5th grade.** Cost will be \$25 plus \$10 for each additional sibling. (See additional announcement.) Please help us spread the word by inviting your friends and neighbors. Also, as we've done in the past, we will provide an **Italian meal with desserts for the Wednesday Night Supper on February 22.** This is an opportunity to support our mission effort while enjoying food, fellowship, and a great program, all without having to worry about making a dish to bring. We have some talented cooks, so the food is always delicious! We hope you will join us.

While in Panajachel, we expect to help a family build a cement block house that will be usable for generations, and we hope to connect with that family before our trip in order to begin building our relationship with them before we even leave home. We are also excited to have arranged to extend our trip so that we can visit and worship with our sister church, Monte los Olivos, before returning to the States. We ask that you continue to pray for our team as we make our plans and work to raise funds.

February 9..... Brock Byers
February 9..... Peggy Lattimore
February 10..... Olivia Gebel-Cook
February 10..... Tom Greene
February 10..... Dave Titus
February 11..... JoAnn Beattie
February 11..... Rip Collins
February 11..... Anney Weathers
February 11..... Deborah Welton
February 12..... Morgan Dixon
February 12..... Gretchen Gebel
February 14..... Susan Coiner
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..... 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

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

February 2..... Marcella Weathers
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

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Jake Appling, Austin McInnis, and Richard Wright who were presented their Eagle Scout Award during the worship service on January 1, 2017.

Articles for the March edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office by Noon on Monday, February 20.

SESSION MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 13, 2016

In attendance were: Rev. Luke Harkey, Pastor, Moderator; Elders: Mary Conner, Margaret Harry, Glenn Moore, Lloyd Williams, Ellen Fletcher, Margie McSwain, Joe Ogburn, Kathy Wilson, Sherry Young, Doug Boyette, Agaat Den Hertog, Brock Taylor, Jill Venable, Jeff Hamilton, Anne Langley, Paul Woodard. Elders excused were: Debbie Ferrell, Ric Daughenbaugh, Robin Holland.

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by Rev. Luke Harkey. Brock Taylor lit the Christ Candle and read a short devotion. Sherry Young led the singing of a hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me*. Rev. Luke Harkey led the unison reading of the affirmation of faith printed in the agenda.

UPDATE ON FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Joe Ogburn reported that the 2016 pledged offerings received through the end of November were approximately \$455,000 as compared to \$400,000 at the same time in 2015 while unpledged offerings were substantially the same as during 2015. Unpledged offerings are approximately \$15,000 less than the budget but he is cautiously optimistic the total revenue for 2016 will cover the expenses. Joe reported that for 2017 pledges we have received 114 pledges for a total amount of \$486,894.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of the following dates was passed: November 15, 2016 Stated Meeting; November 27, 2016 Called Meeting; November 27, 2016 Congregational Meeting; December 4, 2016 Congregational Meeting.

COMMITTEES

Columbarium Committee – Luke Harkey reported that the Columbarium Fund has sufficient cash to begin phase 2 of the Columbarium that will add another section to the columbarium (cost approximately \$15,000) and also to purchase and install a common receptacle along with a bronze plaque (cost approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000). A motion to approve these new additions was passed.

Mission and Ministry Committee – Rev. Luke Harkey reported on a Cleveland County health initiative that would cost \$420 per person. Other agencies would participate in the cost. Luke Harkey estimated that net cost for the food ministry

participants would be approximately \$600.00. Joe Ogburn reported that the Member Care Fund could be used for the food ministry participants.

Nominating Committee – Margaret Harry reported that Robin Holland has been elected to serve as an Elder to replace Anne Goss and Ina Harrington has been elected to replace Judy Pearson as a deacon. The Church is currently accepting nominations to serve as officers for the class of 2020. The Session voted to continuing accepting nominations through January 15, 2017.

Personnel Committee – Ellen Fletcher reported that Associate Pastor Rebecca Jones has submitted a letter to Shelby Presbyterian Church requesting that the pastoral relationship between Pastor Rebecca Jones and Shelby Presbyterian Church be dissolved. Due to her current health situation she is unable to return to her duties and responsibilities. The Session sadly voted to concur with her request effective December 31, 2016.

Luke Harkey stated the congregational meeting planned for January 8, 2017 would be held for the following purposes: (1) Elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; (2) Hear a report from the Finance Committee; (3) Vote to dissolve the relationship between Shelby Presbyterian Church and Rebecca Jones.

Property Committee – Lloyd Williams reported that they are continuing with their plans as discussed at the November 15, 2016 Session meeting. The Property Committee is working hard with maintaining the church facilities.

Worship and Music Committee – Mary Conner made a motion that communion be served by intinction at the Longest Night Service on December 21, 2016. The motion passed.

PRAYERS FOR CONCERNS

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. Luke Harkey.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Conner, Clerk of Session, and Joe Ogburn, Vice Clerk of Session.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2017

Rev. Luke Harkey called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Joe Ogburn declared a quorum present.

Report on 2017 Budget

Rev. Luke Harkey reported that because the officer’s retreat was delayed as the result of inclement weather last weekend the Finance Committee would present the 2017 budget at a later time.

Request to dissolve pastoral relationship

The next order of business was to vote on the request from the Rev. Rebecca Jones to join her in asking the presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship (retroactively to December 31). Rev. Jones is no longer able to perform her pastoral duties because of medical issues. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee

Moderator Luke Harkey presented a motion to elect two at-large members to serve on the Nominating Committee during 2017 and 2018. Rev. Harkey opened the floor for nominations. Mary Conner and John Auten were placed into nomination. With no further names submitted, a motion was made, seconded and passed to close the nominations. The Moderator called for a motion to elect Mary Conner and John Auten. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Terms of Call

At this time, Rev. Harkey left the meeting. Clerk of Session, Joe Ogburn, conducted the meeting. Ellen Fletcher, Chair of Personnel Committee, stated that after consulting with the Presbytery, the Personnel Committee recommends a salary increase of 1.7% for 2017 which was the average increase in the Presbytery during the last five years. She then presented the terms of call as follows:

Salary and housing allowance	\$ 85,184
Continuing education/books	2,100
Automobile allowance	3,800
Pension plan/medical insurance	<u>31,092</u>
Total cost to the Church	\$122,176

A time for discussion was given. There was no discussion, a vote was taken and the terms of call were approved as presented.

Rev. Luke Harkey was asked to return to the meeting. Rev. Harkey then closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectively submitted by Joe F. Ogburn, Clerk of Session.

JANUARY 2017 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2017 Operating Budget. \$543,199.00
Needed Weekly.. . . . \$ 10,249.04

January 1

Received. \$ 14,417.00
5¢-A-Meal (total Jan.).. . . . \$ 277.81
11:00 a.m. Worship. 106

January 8

(Services cancelled due to snow & ice.)

January 15

Received. \$ 7,707.51
Sunday School Attendance. 112
8:30 a.m. Worship. 45
11:00 a.m. Worship. 146

January 22

Received. \$ 13,929.76
Sunday School Attendance. 80
8:30 a.m. Worship. 48
11:00 a.m. Worship. 112

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Needed by June 2017.. . . . \$120,000.00
Balance as of 1/23/2017. \$ 55,838.33

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN JANUARY

. . . to the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families in memory of Al Mancinelli.

. . . to the Legacy Fund in memory of Elizabeth Alexander, Al Mancinelli, Edith Miller, Elena Patterson Emerick, Bill Lattimore, Donna Simmons, John Spragins, Betty Stanley, Anne Taylor, Henry Weathers Jr.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Elena Patterson Emerick, Al Mancinelli, Betty Stanley.

. . . to the Organ Fund in memory of John Spragins, Betty Stanley.

. . . to the Youth Mission Fund in memory of Fran McSwain.

. . . to the Legacy Fund in honor of Jo Ann and Denver Parker, Jim Taylor.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN FEBRUARY?

9:30 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

- Feb. 5 Beverly Styers
- 12 Debi McDaniel
- 19 Greg & Stefanie McIntyre
- 26 Nancy Fichter

11:00 Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

- Sandy Cheaney, Captain
- Barbara Moore
- Phil Haydon
- Jennifer Ormand (Feb. 5 Catherine Couch)
- Thomas Couch

11:00 Worship Liturgist

- Feb. 5 Middle School Youth
- 12 Barbara Blackburn
- 19 Rich Coiner
- 26 Brett Niblack

11:00 Sound Board

- Feb. 5 Chip Blackley
- 12 Joe Petrilli
- 19 Lee Huston
- 26 Jim Teddy Jr.

Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Feb. 5 Marlene Lovelace & Debbie Griffin
- 12 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
- 19 Margie McSwain & Margaret Harry
- 26 Harriette & Laura Beam

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

- Feb. 1 Brock Taylor & Jill Venable
Jennifer Ormand & Beverly Styers
- 8 Jeff Hamilton & Robin Holland
Thomas Couch & Tom Greene
- 15 Anne Langley & Lloyd Williams Jr.
Warren Julian & Barbara Moore
- 22 Paul Woodard & Ellen Fletcher
Heidi Steeves & Laura Carter

Sanctuary Flowers

- Feb. 5 Available
- 12 Neel Lattimore
- 19 Available
- 26 Available

BLOOD DRIVE

For many years SPC has held a Blood Drive in conjunction with the Red Cross on the third Tuesday of even months (February, April, June, August, October, December).

Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, February 21, 1:30-6:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like an appointment or would like to help with check-in, refreshments, or in some other way, please call Debi McDaniel, 704-482-9785.

THE CLOWN'S PRAYER, SMILES UNLIMITED MINISTRY from *Holy Humor*

*Lord, as I stumble through this life,
help me to create more laughter than tears,
dispense more happiness than gloom,
spread more cheer than despair.
Never let me become so indifferent
that I will fail to see the wonder
in the eyes of a child
or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.
Never let me forget that my total effort
is to cheer people, make them happy
and forget at least for a moment
all the unpleasant things in their lives.
And, Lord, in my final moment,
may I hear You whisper:
"When you made My people smile,
you made Me smile."*

**SAVE THE DATE
HERITAGE SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 A.M.
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS**

**FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR CLEAN, USED PLASTIC
GROCERY BAGS. LEAVE ON COUNTER IN KITCHEN!**