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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

MAY 2017

“Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.” Ephesians 6:24

It is May! We have already experienced an early burst of spring and then a short blast of winter again! Each season reminds us of God’s glorious world that He shares with us so abundantly. If we are observant, we see daily reminders of His wonderful creation such as birds nesting, children laughing, scents and colors of blooming flowers, along with many other enjoyable signs of His love. In Psalm 8:1, we are told, *“Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world.”*

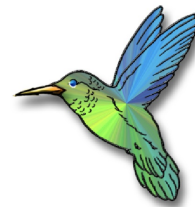
As we transition from spring to summer, let us be mindful of the promises that we have made to God. We need to be conscious of our commitment to be faithful servants and follow His commandments as we step out in our faith. Your presence is needed at SPC no matter what the season. There are many opportunities to worship and serve. Part of my daily prayer is found in Psalm 24:4-5. *“Show me your ways oh Lord, teach me your paths: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”*

As summer approaches, let us put God first in all we say and do. Summer offers a more relaxed atmosphere, and it is often tempting to “take a break” from church activities. God does not take a break. He is always with us, loving us, and caring for us.

It is my prayer that no matter what the season, we can live out our faith and be pleasing servants of our Lord, Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Linda Ware

INVITATION TO OUR SPC FAMILY



All are cordially
invited to attend a
THANK YOU CELEBRATION
honoring our
Sunday School Teachers
for their dedication in serving to teach
us about God's love and inspiring us to build a
growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The reception will be
held in Ellis Hall
during the Sunday School Hour
beginning at 9:45 a.m.

May 21, 2017

Come join us for food and fellowship!



**4th ANNUAL YOUTH MISSION
FUNDRAISER COOKOUT
SUNDAY, MAY 7
4:00-7:00 PM**

The congregation is invited to join the youth and their families and leaders for the **4th Annual Youth Mission Fundraiser Cookout on Sunday, May 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets (there WILL be some tables and chairs set up too) and expect to have good food and fun including corn hole and other yard games on the front lawn. Snacks and sodas will be available at 4:00, the buffet line will open at 5:00, and the dessert auction, starring our very own fast-talking Sandy Carpenter, will begin at 6:00. Donations received will support the mission efforts of the SPC Youth.

DESSERTS NEEDED!!

Our dessert auction has been a huge success and we've had many folks tell us they are eager to do it again. BUT, it can only happen if we have lots of fantastic cakes and desserts to offer!! So, anyone who is willing is urged to contribute their prize-winning confection for the cause.

THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED TO CONTRIBUTE DESSERTS FOR AUCTION: Please bring your dessert to the church kitchen by 4:00 p.m. that Sunday, May 7. If you leave it before 3:00, please LABEL it FOR DESSERT AUCTION with your name and the dessert name and indicate if it contains nuts. THANK YOU!

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, May 4, 7:00 a.m** at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

● **Fourth Thursday, May 25, 12:30-1:30**, lunch and fellowship in the private dining room upstairs at Joe's Place.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Jeannie Moore, 506 Wilson Cornwell Road. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP Jeannie to let her know you will attend, 704-538-1404, moorejean@yaho.com.

Deborah and Sarah Circles will meet together on Wednesday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Jo Ann Parker, 319-6 Lamar Avenue.

FIRST THURSDAY WITH SUSAN BELL

Bible Study with Susan Bell will be held Thursday, May 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m., at Central United Methodist Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

**JOIN US
IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR
THREE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MAY
6:00 Meal – 6:30 Program**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Program</u>
May 3	☺Spaghetti Fund Raiser	<i>Rainbow Connection Music & Art Show</i>
May 10	*Pizza	<i>Sunday School Music Makers & Chancel Choir</i>
May 17	*Hot Dogs	<i>"Let's All Go To Camp" Songs, Skits, Games</i>

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

☺\$5/person; \$15 family max. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink provided.

FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution and preparation of food on Monday and Thursday. This is a vital ministry of our church serving the community. To volunteer or for more information call Glenn Moore 704-484-9775.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT SPC

Since September 7, 2014 Chrystal Lively has been our Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant. She now finds it necessary to give up this position. Her last Sunday will be May 21, 2017. We thank Chrystal for her 2¾ years of dedication to our children.

We now need to begin looking for someone to replace Chrystal. If you know anyone who may be interested, member or non-member of Shelby Presbyterian, please have them contact the church office ASAP.

The Ministry Objective for Nursery Assistant is to assist in providing safe, secure, nurturing, clean and efficient care to our children ages 0-4. The ministry includes playing with the children or directing their play, exhibiting patience and love and offering simple prayers.

The full Position Description is available in the church office.

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺

May 2..... Braxton Clifton
May 2..... Marlene Lovelace
May 3..... Jeff Jones
May 5..... Alex McIntyre
May 5..... David Persing
May 5..... Beverly Styers
May 6..... Laura Trivett
May 7..... Gay Henderson
May 7..... Michael Neville
May 8..... Jay Garrett
May 8..... Alan Riggs
May 9..... Chris Newcomb
May 11..... Tucker McIntyre
May 11..... Jon Blake Pharr
May 11..... Barbara Romich
May 11..... Miller Noblitt
May 11..... Mary Ann Weber
May 12..... Jeff Roark
May 13..... Jordan Boimest
May 13..... Robert Burns
May 13..... Stephanie Jobe
May 13..... Stockton Ware
May 14..... Tinley Goss
May 14..... Lilly LeGrand
May 15..... Heidi Steeves

May 15..... Brock Taylor
May 16..... Annelle Kelly
May 16..... Taylor Pharr
May 16..... Butler Strain
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 22..... Pearl Weathers
May 23..... Jack Brownlee
May 23..... Nicole Haydon
May 23..... Lillian Moore
May 24..... Lyn Huston
May 25..... Doug Boyette
May 25..... Elizabeth Goss
May 26..... Jean Canipe
May 26..... Catherine Couch
May 27..... Jeb Kelly
May 28..... Catherine Ware
May 29..... Bly Borders
May 30..... Faye McCants
May 30..... Alex Pearson
May 31..... Jeannie Moore

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

As hard as it is to believe, our 2016-2017 school year is coming to a close. Thank you for helping make this such a special year for the Rainbow children, families and staff.

Please join us for our Art Show and Spaghetti Fund Raiser Supper on Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a musical performance from the children following the meal. We will then dismiss to enjoy the beautiful art the children have been creating this year.

Our last day of school will be Tuesday, May 23. Graduation will be that evening at 6:30 in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Ellis hall.

Summer Program starts on Tuesday, June 6. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first three weeks of June, the last three weeks of July and the first week of August. Most classes are full for the summer, but we still have a few spots in the Four/

Five year old class. Please call or drop by soon if you are interested in this class.

Registration for 2017-2018 is going well. We still have openings for Toddlers, Two and Three year old children. Our Four/Five year old class is full for fall, but we will be happy to put others on a waiting list. Sometimes people move or change plans over the summer and spots open up. Registration forms are available on the Bulletin Board near the side entrance on Harris Street or on the Rainbow Connection door.

A very special thank you to Jennifer and Brett Niblack for the sun screen over our playground! Thank you also to the Middle School Youth and leaders for their hard work cleaning and painting on the playground. Rainbow is blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family!

-Becky Dorsey, Director

**All are invited to the
Rainbow Connection Graduation
Tuesday, May 23
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Ellis Hall**

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:

Laura Beam	Fred Hunt
Josie Bowles	Watt Jackson
Jack Breen	Rebecca Jones
Layla Bridges	Ruth Layng
John Campbell	Mollie Ley
Shirley Carothers	Pearl Lieurance
Karen Carpenter	Faye & Glenn McCants
Myra Carpenter	Joe Miller
Charles Clyatt	Betty Monteith
Rip Collins	Judy Neville
Ed Cushman	The Persing Family
Joy Cushman	Sandy Poston

Carolyn & Ira Darnell Joyce Ruark
Chris Dodrill Jim Teddy Sr.
Robin Fichter Helen Turpish

- 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 May, pray for our Ninth Graders: Tori Clifton, Morgan Dixon, Lilly Hamilton, Alex Haydon, Thomas Neville, Alex Niblack, Kyle Persing, Nick Stites, Reece Ware; and Tenth Graders: Alexis Aldinger, Drew Hendrix, Matthew Rybnicek, Ben Schweppe, Meredith Teddy.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO . . .

†Cindy Teddy and family on the death of her brother, Mark Richard Gilmore, on March 1, 2017 in Putnam County, New York.

†The family and friends of Pearl Weathers on her death on April 20, 2017. Pearl had been a member of SPC for 2½ years.

KIDS CAMP STARTS MAY 28

SPC children ages 4 to 5th grade will be going “to camp” each Sunday this summer from May 28 through September 3. Wear your “camp-type” clothes to church and plan on having some fun, singing songs, doing skits, and learning more about the “fruits of the Spirit!” After the Children’s Sermon, our SPC children will “head out to camp” – located in Ellis Fellowship Hall. They will have SPC counselors who will have lots of camp fun planned for them. Weather permitting, “camp” will end on the playground when the worship service is over. Questions? Contact Christian Educator Linda Ware for more info.

SESSION MEETING NOTES

MARCH 21, 2017

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the back parlor of the church. In attendance were Rev. Luke Harkey, Pastor and Moderator; Elders: Joe Ogburn, Clerk of Session; Ellen Fletcher, Margie McSwain, Kathy Wilson, Sherry Young, Brock Taylor, Jill Venable, Nancy Blackley, Jeff Hamilton, Robin Holland, Anne Langley, Lloyd Williams Jr., Paul Woodard. (Elders excused were Doug Boyette and Agaat Den Hertog.) Also present were Dr. Alden Sproull; Laura Carter and Sandy Cheaney, Co-Chairs of the Board of Deacons; Linda Ware, Director of Christian Education; Spencer Borders, Youth Ministry Committee Co-Chair.

Rev. Luke Harkey called the meeting to order and had the opening prayer. Anne Langley lit the Christ Candle. Anne Langley and Sherry Young led in the singing of a hymn. Anne Langley then read a devotional. Luke Harkey led in the reciting of the Affirmation of Faith as printed in the Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chairs, Diaconate: Laura Carter and Sandy Chaney reported that the Diaconate had met and that each Deacon is to make an introductory contact to his/her neighborhood group sometime in March or April via mail, phone call, card, etc.

Pastor: Luke Harkey reported that church organist, Joy Cushman, was at home after surgery and that all had gone well.

EXAMINATION OF NANCY BLACKLEY

Luke Harkey welcomed Nancy Blackley, who will complete Ric Daughenbaugh's (Class of 2018) remaining term as an Elder. Nancy was then examined by the Session. Motion that Nancy's examination was complete and that a day for her service of installation be set. Motion was seconded and approved. April 2, 2017 is scheduled for Nancy's Installation.

MINUTES

Luke Harkey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the following minutes: Officers Retreat February 4, 2017; Called Meeting February 4, 2017; Stated Meeting February 21, 2017; Congregational Meeting March 5, 2017; Congregational Meeting March 12, 2017. Motion that the minutes be approved as submitted was approved.

COMMITTEES

Finance: Jill Venable reported that she had nothing to add to the February 2017 Budget Report previously distributed to the Session.

Mission & Ministry: Paul Woodard—
•Reminded Elders that there will be a banquet March 24, 2017 at the LeGrand Center to support the Cleveland County Rescue Mission and that anyone interested in attending is requested to let him know. •Notified the Session that Luke Harkey would be a member of a mission team to Taiwan with Rev. John McCall from August 28-September 6. Rev. McCall has requested that a member of our church also join the mission team. Laura Wheeler has agreed to go and is requesting financial assistance from the church. Motion that the Finance Committee determine if there are funds available to assist Laura in joining this mission trip and report to the Session was seconded and approved.

Worship & Music: •Robin Holland reported on the status of the organ renovations. She stated that Shelby Presbyterian Church is on the work list and scheduled to have work begin, hopefully, in the summer months. The contract price is \$116,660. Fifteen percent earnest pre-payment is due at time of contract signing and the remainder is due 30 days after completion of the work. The church budget has \$56,000 in the organ fund at the present time which is approximately 40% of total cost. Motion that the Finance Committee collaborate and make a recommendation(s) as to how the additional 60% funds needed might be obtained, and report to the Session at the joint meeting on April 4, 2017 was seconded and approved. •Robin Holland distributed A Worksheet for Funeral Planning. Robin asked that Elders review the worksheet and report at the next Session meeting corrections and revisions. Luke suggested Elders complete the worksheet as a way to review it. Various strategies were suggested as to how to disseminate the worksheet to church members.

ORDER OF THE DAY: DR. ALDEN SPROULL

Dr. Alden Sproull, former hospital Chaplain and Spiritual Director, joined the Session meeting. Dr. Sproull has requested the use of space at Shelby Presbyterian Church so that he can meet with Spiritual Directees. Dr. Sproull answered Session members' questions and then was excused.

ORDER OF THE DAY: YOUTH MINISTRY TASK FORCE

Spencer Borders, Youth Ministry Committee Co-Chair, and Linda Ware, Director of Christian Education joined the meeting. Anne Langley reported that the Youth Ministry Task Force (Ellen Fletcher, Personnel; Jill Venable, Finance; Spencer Borders, Youth Ministry; Molly Brownlee, Personnel; Anne Langley, Christian Education, Luke Harkey, Pastor; and Linda Ware, Director of Christian Education, have unanimously agreed that Shelby Presbyterian Church needs a full-time Youth Director. Anne distributed a two-page description of the duties of a part-time and a full-time Youth Director. Jill Venable reported that there are funds in the 2017 budget to cover the cost of a part-time Youth Director beginning August 1, 2017 thru December 2017. Youth Ministry Task Force moved that the Task Force begin a search for a Part-Time Youth Director to begin employment August 1, 2017. Motion passed. Spencer Borders and Linda Ware were then excused.

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned by Pastor Luke leading the Elders in repeating the Lord’s Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Ogburn, Clerk of Session, and Ellen Fletcher, Elder.

THANK YOU

The Youth Mission Team would like to thank everyone for supporting our potato bar luncheon and silent art auction on April 2! Over \$3500 was collected for our trip to Guatemala. We had several folks express a desire to do it again in the future because it was so much fun. Special appreciation goes to those who prepared various salads for the buffet as well as to our artists who donated such a variety of beautiful creations for our auction. Thank you for sharing your talents!

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from college this Spring. We would like to congratulate them in the June newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 SENIORS!

We invite you all to join us on **Sunday, May 21**, for our **Senior Celebration**. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a slide show and a time to honor our seniors, followed by a reception in Ellis Hall.

This year’s seniors are Caroline Bridges, Will Clifton, Hobie Davis, Ali Huston, Davis Kennedy, Marc Smith.

APRIL 2017 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

April 2

Received. \$ 13,378.50
5¢-A-Meal (total April).. . . . \$ 89.89
Mission Trip Fundraiser Lunch/Auction. \$ 3,559.11
Sunday School Attendance. 78
8:30 a.m. Worship. 129
11:00 a.m. Worship. 158

April 9

Received. \$ 18,474.28
Sunday School Attendance. 81
8:30 a.m. Worship. 35
11:00 a.m. Worship. 149

April 16

Received. \$ 4,798.67
One Great Hour of Sharing. \$ 812.59
Sunday School Attendance. 33
8:30 a.m. Worship. 99
11:00 a.m. Worship. 185

April 23

Received. \$ 2,121.61
Sunday School Attendance. 82
8:30 a.m. Worship. 35
11:00 a.m. Worship. 83

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN APRIL

. . . to the Legacy Fund in memory of Pearl Weathers.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mark Gilmore, Bill Lattimore.

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, May 29,
for the Memorial Day holiday.**

MAKE PLANS TO HAVE CAR(S) WASHED

The Youth Mission Team to Guatemala asks for your support getting the word out to the Shelby community about Maw-Maw's Car Wash, our last major fundraiser, to be held 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Strawberry Patch Salon, corner of Main Street and Hwy 74, next to Enterprise Car Rental. Tell your friends and neighbors to come get their mom's vehicles cleaned for Mother's Day!! Thank you for your continued support including prayers for good weather and an enthusiastic turnout on May 13.

MEMORIAL DAY

PICNIC AT THE LAKE

MONDAY, MAY 29 ~ 4-7 PM

AT THE HOME OF ANDY & STEPHANIE TAYLOR

1326 VISTA DRIVE, SHELBY

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun at the lake. Bring your swimming gear, chairs, and side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Jane (704.487.8503 or jane@shelbypres.org). See you at the lake! Hosted by Andy & Stephanie Taylor and Drew & Tonya Beam.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP?

Kathy Brenneman has faithfully recruited liturgists for 11:00 worship for many years. If you have not been asked and would like to be a liturgist one Sunday, please let Kathy know, 704-487-4535. OR call the church office, 704-487-8503, and we will relay the message to Kathy. All help is greatly appreciated!

REMEMBER:

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MAY?

9:30 Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

May 7 Beverly Styers
14 Judy & Larry Pearson
21 Christian Education Committee
28 **(8:45)** SPC Staff

Monday Morning Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Joe Ogburn (May 15-Debi McDaniel)

11:00 Deacons Taking Up Offering and Ushers **(May 28 - 10:00 A.M.)**

Phil Haydon, Captain
Sandy Cheaney (May 28-Ina Harrington)
Tom Greene
Jennifer Ormand (May 28-Spencer Borders)
Thomas Couch

11:00 Worship Liturgist

May 7 *Not Yet Scheduled*
14 Pat Byers
21 *Not Yet Scheduled*
28 **(10:00)** Larry Wilson

11:00 Moments With The Children

May 7 Jennifer Ormand
14 Steve & Cheryl Sisk
21 Anne Langley
28 **(10:00)** Jennifer Niblack

11:00 Sound Board

May 7 Chip Blackley
14 Joe Petrilli
21 Lee Huston
28 **(10:00)** Jim Teddy Jr.

Sanctuary Worship Guild

May 7 Jill & Lionel Dodson
14 Marlene Lovelace & Debbie Griffin
21 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
28 Margie McSwain & Margaret Harry

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

May 3 Sherry Young & Doug Boyette
Debi McDaniel & Tom Greene
10 Nancy Blackley & Agaat Den Hertog
Kathryn Bridges & Mary Lampley
17 Brock Taylor & Jeff Hamilton
Heidi Steeves & Beverly Styers

Sanctuary Flowers

All Sunday in May are available.

Please sign up on Flower Calendar on bulletin board inside door at Harris Street entrance, or call the office, 704-487-8503, and we'll sign you up!