

THE SHELBY PRES (S)

Published monthly by Shelby Presbyterian Church

226 East Graham Street

P. O. Box 1444

Shelby, NC 28151-1444

Phone: 704.487.8503

Fax: 704.487.8504

www.shelbypres.org

Pastor: Luke Harkey, harkeyml@gmail.com

Christian Educator: Linda Ware, linda@shelbypres.org

Youth Director: Sydney Davis

Director of Music: Amy Allen

Organist: Joy Cushman

Handbell/Chime Choir Director: Anne Langley

8:30 Worship Music Director: Sherry Young

Secretary & Editor: Jane Szymborski, jane@shelbypres.org

Bookkeeper: June Hatfield, june@shelbypres.org

Sexton: Chrystal Lively

Nursery Director: Tricia Butler

Nursery Assistant: Erica Vargas

Rainbow Connection Director: Becky Dorsey

Rainbow Connection Phone: 704-487-7075

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 2017

Dear Friends,

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

I don't need to tell you that world news is pretty grim right now. If you use social media of any type, it is impossible to avoid information that disturbs us and causes us stress.

Situations are not hopeless! In God's word we are given hope! Chapter 3 in Lamentations reminds us that the love of our Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness. *"The Lord is my portion,"* says my soul, *"therefore I will have hope in him."* In 1 Timothy 4:10, we are reminded that even though we toil and struggle, we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people.

The following words from Corrie Ten Boom serve as a reminder of where the focus of our lives should be placed.

If you look at the world

You'll be distressed.

If you look within,

You'll be distressed.

If you look at God,

You will be at rest.

-Corrie Ten Boom

Even in the midst of uncertainty, we have the assurance of God's love and faithfulness to us. In reality, there many incredible people doing amazing things in our world on a daily basis. If we focus on things outside of ourselves, we can see signs of hope

all around us. God provides for us. Just last week we witnessed an amazing example of God's glory when the solar eclipse occurred.

As we approach the end of summer, let us focus on the positives. We are excited to welcome Sydney Davis as our Youth Director. She will bring renewed enthusiasm as she works with our young people. She will speak briefly to us at Rally Day when we renew our commitment to our church and kick off Sunday School for the new church year. The Reverend Alden "Al" Sproull will also speak briefly about his upcoming discussions on Spiritual Direction that will be held during Sunday School for four consecutive weeks beginning September 17.

Rally Day is on September 10. This not just for kids. This is for EVERYONE! Please join us in Ellis Hall at 9:45 am as we enjoy food and fellowship as we commit ourselves to seek God's plan for our lives and encourage others in their journeys of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Linda Ware

Two worship services resume

Sunday, September 10

8:30 and 11:00 –

both in Sanctuary

due to use of Ellis Hall for Rally Day!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Every Shelby Presbyterian Woman is considered an important person for the work of women in this congregation and our Presbytery of Western North Carolina! Just imagine the awesomeness of women committed to ministries that women do already, and yet can join together to make an even greater impact on the challenges we face in Shelby and around the world. Every woman is invited and encouraged to join a circle. Contact information for each is below if you have questions.

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday morning, September 5, at 11:30 in the home of Nancy Blackley, 505 South Washington Street. A light lunch will be served. RSVP Nancy at 704-484-2964 or nancyblackley@gmail.com. Nancy is the contact person for this circle.

Deborah & Sarah Circles will meet together for lunch this year on the first Wednesday of the month. Their first meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the back parlor. Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. Pat Byers will lead a study on the book, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*, by Rachel Held Evans. It is not necessary to purchase the book, but if you would like a copy, it is available in paperback on Amazon. Jo Ann Parker, 704-484-0040, is the contact person for this circle.

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

● **Fourth Thursday, September 28**, 12:30-1:30, lunch and fellowship Upstairs at Joe's Place, 209 South Lafayette Street.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will resume meeting weekly on September 12. We meet each Tuesday from 11:15-12:15 in the Back Parlor. Join us as we explore the coming Sunday's Scripture and pray together. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke at 704.487.8503 or harkeyml@gmail.com.

♪ SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC MAKERS ♪

Mark your calendar - Sunday School Music Makers will resume on September 10 at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 4 to 5th grade will gather to sing, play percussion instruments and explore new ways to make music to praise God. Each Sunday, SSMM will meet from 10:30-10:45 as a closing for Sunday School. Anne Langley will be the leader. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

JOIN US

IN ELLIS HALL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. Meal – 6:30 p.m. Program
\$3/adult; \$1/under 12; \$10/family max.

Wednesday Night Suppers begin for the fall on September 6. We will kick off Church Family Night with Grilled Chicken by Ed Blake and entertainment by The Dancing Fleas. Please make every effort to attend. This presents a wonderful opportunity to get to know your church family better! Whether you are an 8:30 or 11:00 church goer, we can all join together for fellowship, fun and food every Wednesday night. Sometimes we will be silly, sometimes we will learn something – but we will always feel God's presence as we worship and play together.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT IS

... 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.

Date	Meal	Program
Sept. 6	*Chicken on the Grill Thanks Ed Blake!	Dancing Fleas & Rally Day Preview

Sept. 13	*Ham & Turkey Sub-Sandwiches	St. John's Bible
----------	---------------------------------	------------------

Sept. 20	*Barbecue	TBA
----------	-----------	-----

Sept. 27	*Pizza	TBA
----------	--------	-----

*Bring side dishes & desserts --- **peanut free please.**
Child care is available for infants-four year olds.

♪ CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS ♪

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate God's wonderful creation this summer.

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6, at 7:10 p.m. in the choir room. We will sing some very exciting anthems this fall. If you have thought about joining the choir, this would be a great time to start! The choir will welcome you with open arms! If you have any questions, PLEASE feel free to call me (704) 472-2915. I hope to see you Wednesday the 6th!!!

-Amy Allen

♪ BELL CHOIR NEWS ♪

Adult Bell Choir will begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room downstairs.

-Anne Langley

YOUTH - GROWING, PRAISING, SERVING

As part of planning activities for our youth, the Youth Leaders try to provide a varied focus throughout the year on Growing, Praising, and Serving. We are actively seeking ideas from the congregation for some relatively small but meaningful service projects for our youth group(s) to complete within the upcoming school year. This may be anything you can think of to benefit a group or individual in need of some help. Examples may be yard work projects like raking leaves, simple repairs, painting, cleaning, etc. We want to avoid anything requiring multiple days to complete, or that could potentially be a safety issue for our youth. Please consider any needs of which you are aware that should be considered for possible inclusion in our plans. Contact John Brotherton regarding possible opportunities at 704-913-0286 or jwbwufpack90@gmail.com.

-John Brotherton

NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your kindnesses during this difficult time. Your cards, calls, and especially your prayers have been a blessing to us.

A special thank you to the Funeral Committee for the lovely reception.

Gratefully,

The Dennis Beam Family

Thank you so much for remembering me with such a wonderful party for us 90 and over. Happy to be part of it in remembering my longevity. The cake was delicious, and the conversation delightful.

Jim Taylor

Thank you all so much for the beautiful prayer shawl presented to me on Sunday, August 20. I will treasure it always and think of all of you each time I wear it. It was very apropos for Joyce Boyette to present me with the prayer shawl as it was she and Doug who started this ball rolling! I was very inspired by their messages of ministry and service to the people of Barahona, Dominican Republic and felt God calling me to get involved, so in early 2015 I told Joyce and Doug I would love to be a part of their team. Unfortunately, the team was filled; but Joyce assured me if an opening came up she would let me know. The year flew past and no word. I decided God wasn't ready for me to go, but on Christmas Eve afternoon Joyce called me with the news that I was on the team. What a Christmas present!!! My main prayer for this trip was it would be a life changing trip and that I would be a faithful servant of the Lord, and I can just imagine God having a very big laugh as he thought, "Debbie you just don't know the surprise I have in store for you!" So on January 15, 2016 I found myself in Atlanta waiting to board the plane and meeting all the other team members, including Dale Williams from High Point, NC. After our week of ministering to the beautiful people of the Dominican, I knew I had met a man who truly embodied the term "disciple of Christ." And as they say, the rest is history!

I am very excited to begin this new chapter of my life in High Point and can't wait to discover the amazing opportunities God has in store for me. At the same time, it is bittersweet to leave a town I have called home for 50 years and a church family I have loved for 38 years. I have known many of you since childhood and you have been the hands and feet of Christ to me and my family since I joined the church in 1979. I can't thank you enough for that.

So I ask for your continued prayers and I certainly will continue to pray for you. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you!

*Peace in Christ,
Debbie Griffin*

Carolyn and I would like to express our deep appreciation to our Shelby Presbyterian family for all of your cards and other expressions of sympathy and care following the death of my father.

Luke Harkey

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

It's almost "Rainbow Time" again! On September 5, Rainbow Connection will begin our 38th year as a mission of Shelby Presbyterian Church. We are eager to get started, anticipating another wonderful year of loving and learning.

As always, we are thankful for all this church does for our Rainbow staff, children and their families. Your prayers and encouragement make the staff feel very appreciated. Through your generous gifts to Rainbow, we are able to provide scholarships for children who otherwise may not be able to attend. Your friendly attitude makes the Rainbow families feel welcome in this church.

Rainbow children and staff are also blessed to have the love and support of SPC staff. Thank you Pastor Luke, Ms. Linda, Ms. Jane, Ms. June, Ms. Anne and Ms. Chrystal for all you do for Rainbow Connection!

Please feel free to visit us at Rainbow Connection. We would love to have you stop by and see what a day at Rainbow is all about. Our hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

-Becky Dorsey, Director

GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT SPC

Girl Scout Troop 20032 will resume meeting on the first and third Fridays of each month upstairs in the Youth Room from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 15. We will have a lock-in!

Our Troop will be selling nuts starting September 14. A lot of you ordered last year and loved them.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at jenniferormand@yahoo.com or 704-466-3865.

-Jennifer Ormand

😊 HAPPY BIRTHDAY 😊

September 1. Noah Romich
September 1. Lori Wehmueller
September 2. Mary Catherine (Beam) Oliver
September 2. Beth Coiner
September 2. Joy Cushman
September 2. Lisa Dodrill
September 3. Nat Auten
September 3. Holden Bankirer
September 3. Davis Kennedy

September 3. Jim Teddy Jr.
September 4. Tom Blackburn
September 5. Ellery Bankirer
September 5. Len Byers
September 6. June Bowles
September 6. Clay Burns
September 6. Lloyd Clark
September 6. Joyce Couey
September 6. Angela Hill
September 6. Rich Kelly
September 7. Stefanie McIntyre
September 8. Margie Haworth
September 8. Mimi Martin
September 8. Patsy McBride
September 9. Skip McCartney
September 9. Jill Venable
September 9. Marvin Weber
September 12. Emily Allen Burroughs
September 12. Chuck Lampley
September 13. Rex Appling
September 13. Cutter Davis
September 13. Alice Harrill
September 14. Bill Chambless
September 14. Betty Giles
September 14. Judy Wiggin
September 15. Lionel Dodson
September 15. Paul McNeary
September 15. Eric White
September 16. Carolyn Billings
September 17. Miles Beam
September 18. Stephanie Taylor
September 19. Jane Szyborski
September 20. Tristan Ormand
September 21. Paul Royster
September 21. Kip Smith
September 22. Carter Burns
September 22. Caja Ormand
September 23. Larry Hibschman
September 25. Betty Bowling
September 25. Kathy Wilson
September 26. Tim Neville
September 26. Sean Simpson
September 26. Will Stites
September 27. Keaton Fonvielle
September 27. Kaitlyn Kennedy
September 28. David Blackley
September 28. Layla Bridges
September 29. Drew Beam
September 29. Walker Borders
September 29. Richard Fletcher
September 29. Margaret Myers
September 29. Elizabeth Schwappe
September 30. David Pharr

SESSION MEETING NOTES

JULY 18, 2017

Elders present were Joe Ogburn, Doug Boyette, Paul Woodard, Brock Taylor, Kathy Wilson, Ellen Fletcher, Margie McSwain, Sherry Young, Nancy Blackley, Jill Venable, Jeff Hamilton, Lloyd Williams Jr. Elders excused were Agaat Den Hertog, Anne Langley, Robin Holland

Luke Harkey, Pastor and Moderator, was present and called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Joe Ogburn lit the Christ Candle. Sherry Young led in singing the hymn *"The Church's One Foundation."* The affirmation of faith printed in agenda was read in unison, as was the Vision of SPC: Growing . . . Praising . . . Serving (Growing as disciples and serving the world's needs for the Glory of God).

COMMUNICATIONS:

Pastor - Luke Harkey reported tartans will soon be ordered. Order submissions are due. Luke will be on the mission trip to Guatemala July 22-31, 2017.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the stated meeting of June 20, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEES:

Memorial Committee - Kathy Wilson: Update on Memorial Fund was presented. Motion was made to approve \$2500 to buy equipment to create video podcast of the worship services to place on the church website. Motion was approved.

Mission and Ministry - Paul Woodard: Rev. Jo Ella Holman, Mission Liaison to the Caribbean will visit in Shelby July 30th weekend and will preach at the 10 A.M. worship service.

Property - Brock Taylor: Update on ceramic tile flooring replacement in the fellowship hall was presented. Chairs have been cleaned.

Worship and Music - Paul Woodard: Recommendation was made to incorporate a two-year capital fund for organ repair into the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Approximately \$70,000 will need to be raised. Motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up to the Officer Retreat - Jeff Hamilton presented information regarding surveys which will be prepared and presented at the next session meeting. Surveys will ultimately be given to all members of our church to assess our readiness to work toward renewal of our church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Luke Harkey.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Ogburn, Clerk of Session, and Doug Boyette, Vice Clerk of Session.

PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF

JULY 29, 2017

"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift ... The gifts that he gave were that some would be ... pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Eph. 4)

We were welcomed with open arms by the First Presbyterian Church in Marion, from morning refreshments, to worship in a beautiful sanctuary, to a delicious lunch in an attractively decorated fellowship hall. We are thankful for their gift of hospitality.

Christ's gifts of pastors and teachers to the Church were certainly in evidence on Saturday, July 29, when our Presbytery: •Approved Matt Conner (from Gastonia First) for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; •Approved Barrett Payne (from Grace Covenant) for ordination to the same ministry; [*Unfortunately (sort of) both of these new pastors have been called by other presbyteries in NC but that is a tribute to the excellent preparation of our congregations and Presbytery. Our "loss" is their gain.*]; •Commissioned Kerry Border (from Reems Creek- Beech) as a lay pastor, who will serve as the Dean of Presbytery's Church Leadership School; •Received Richard Coble (from Salem Presbytery) to be an associate pastor at Grace Covenant; •Received Janet DeWater (from Seattle Presbytery) to be the pastor at Mt. Holly; •Received Chris Vogado (from Charlotte Presbytery) to be the pastor of New Hope, Gastonia; •Received Steve Aschmann (from New Hope Presbytery) as Honorably Retired (but working in older adult ministries); •Recognized twelve ministers who have served Christ's Church well for 25 years (Dong Uk Kang, Michael Poulos, Bill Sweetser, Sam Warner, Bill Lindeman), for 50 years (Jim Layman), for 60 years (John Richard Hobson, Bill Janes, John LaMotte, John Laughlin, Wilson Rhoton, Gene Witherspoon), and for 70 years (John Craven) Praise the Lord! •Thanked God for the selfless service of Barbara Ross (Crossnore) as a mostly volunteer staff person for several years. (She received a standing ovation and a new song in her honor.); •Recognized these recent graduates of the Church Leadership School: Millie Bruns (Kenilworth), Reba Craft (Cherryville), Mimi Sloop (Crossnore), and Larry Cunningham (from Salem Presbytery - again a tribute to our good training).

Our Presbytery - with 182 ministers, elders and others in attendance - rejoiced at this

strengthening of its ministry in a lovely service of worship. Our Associate Presbyter Billy Robinson preached on being "Witness to the Kingdom of God," and Jacob Douylliez led in worship and shared his musical talents. Billy Robinson and Samantha Gonzalez-Block led us in celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Presbytery also gratefully heard a report from Billy Robinson and Hal Bennett on the Malawi Mission Team, and from Dana Vaughn, Samantha-Gonzalez Block, Josh Smith, Ben Lowry, and Paige Kemper on their mission trip to Guatemala.

There was some good needed administrative work. The General Council, under Barbara McLean completed its work on a revision of Presbytery's "Standing Rules" - to be voted on at the next Presbytery meeting (October 24 at Asheville First). Stated Clerk Cam Murchison reported on the work of several administrative commissions. He explained a hopeful step for dealing with Kings Mountain, which was unanimously adopted. John Pea did yeoman service in reporting the manifold work of the Committee on Ministry. Roger Rizk gave a good update on the Building HOPE Campaign. Moderator Susan Denne and Vice-Moderator Melvin Mearns guided the meeting with skill and good humor. Eddie Deas was elected as a future Moderator, succeeding Susan and Melvin.

Notice was given of several upcoming constructive meetings: •Crossroads Antiracism Training in Montreat on August 18-20; •Small Member Church Forum on Knowing and Reaching out to your Neighbor and Stewardship and Generosity in Morganton on August 22; •Education Workshop at Sweetwater on September 23; also one in Sylva on October 21; •Middle and High School Youth Rally (Free) in Montreat on September 24; •Pastors' Retreat in Montreat on September 25-26 at William Black Lodge; •Fall Gatherings of Presbyterian Women in Bryson City on September 23 and in Morganton on September 30; •Mission Trip (Disaster Assistance) to Kinston, NC on October 8-13; •Sacred Trust-Relational Boundaries Training at Grace Covenant on November 4.

As our General Presbyter Bobbi White said in her good report: "Be fishers of people, feed lots of sheep!"

-James Aydelotte, Scribe

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED!

The Youth Committee is seeking new leaders for our middle school youth group. If you would like to know more about being involved with our middle school youth ministry, please contact Spencer Borders at 919-270-0235 or Thomas Couch at 704-284-4566.

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:

Kim Angel	Fred Hunt
Jack Breen	Watt Jackson
John Campbell	Rebecca Jones
Shirley Carothers	Ruth Layng
Karen Carpenter	Mollie Ley
Myra Carpenter	Pearl Lieurance
Lacey Chambless	Faye & Glenn McCants
Charles Clyatt	Lisa McLaurin
Jennifer Clyatt	Joe Miller
Rip Collins	Betty Monteith
Ed Cushman	Judy Neville
Carolyn & Ira Darnell	The Persing Family
Eddie Deas	Sandy Poston
Debbie Eaker	Joyce Ruark
Gina Grigg	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 September, pray for our Middle School Youth: Sixth Grade - Whit Beam, Lillian Moore, James Petrilli, Lawson Taylor; Seventh Grade - Parker Dixon, Kate Fletcher, Silas Hamilton, Walton Moore, Ben Rybnicek, Dylan Steeves; Eighth Grade - Shields Fletcher, Emma Goforth, Tucker McIntyre, Mark Petrilli, Margaret Schweppe, Stockton Ware.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES GO OUT FOR . . .

†Luke Harkey and family on the death of his father, The Reverend Dr. Martin L. Harkey Jr., on August 4, 2017 in Anderson, South Carolina.

MARION SCHOOL BACK PACK FOOD MINISTRY

As the school year begins, Shelby Presbyterian Church will again provide food for the weekends for students identified as at risk for having inadequate nourishing food over the weekends. We work with the social worker and the school secretary to see that each week food is provided for the social worker to distribute. The cost is \$5-\$6 per child per week. We usually sponsor 10 children (or more if the need arises.) We need \$60 per week for 40 weeks or \$2400 per year. Please send your donations to the church office with a notation "for the food back pack ministry." Thank you for your support.

-Joyce and Doug Boyette

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Debbie Griffin has moved to High Point, and her new address is P. O. Box 5365, High Point, NC 27262, debbiegriffin54@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

. . . to Catherine and Thomas Couch on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Rhodes Couch, on August 12, 2017 at 4:26 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 17 inches long. Overjoyed grandparents are Anne and Charles Langley, and super-happy aunt is Anna Langley. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on September 17th with a Kirkin' O' the Tartans at the 11:00 service. There will be fellowship time with homemade Scottish shortbread and lemon curd after the service as well. If you are carrying a tartan, there will be a short rehearsal at 5:00 on Saturday, September 16th.

OCTET DINNERS

OCTOBER 2017 - MAY 2018

GROUPS OF 6 TO 8

**DINNER & FELLOWSHIP AT A MEMBER'S HOME
(AT YOUR HOME JUST FOUR TIMES IN A YEAR!!!)**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 23

To encourage Christian fellowship (and enjoy good food) within our church family, we are forming Octet Dinner groups. Each group will meet once a month for dinner and fellowship at a member's home. The groups will meet the entire year so that if a group is just too busy one month, they can just skip a month and continue the next month. Details regarding menus and schedules will be coordinated within the group at the initial dinner. Each month, a different member should host the dinner. It works best if the host arranges the main course and assigns others to bring salads, sides, and desserts. Dinner does not need to be fancy! **KEEP IT SIMPLE!!!**

This provides a great opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship, spirited conversation, and good food within small groups with our church family. You can request to be in a group with friends if you like! Be sure you both fill out forms. You can email the information to patbilscot@yahoo.com or drop off the form at the church office or put in the offering plate.

For more information, contact:

Lori Titus 704-406-9331 patbilscot@yahoo.com

Church Office 704-487-8503 jane@shelbypres.org

Octet Groups of 6 to 8

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Would you be able to host the initial dinner for your group? Yes or No (circle)

I want to be in a group with _____.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR
11:00 A.M. KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE
HERITAGE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

About the Kirkin': Kirkin' is the Scottish word for blessing. It has come to describe a special service of worship that includes all Presbyterians. Together, we give thanks to God for our Presbyterian heritage and ask for God's continued blessing upon us.

The History: The Kirkin' o' the Tartans is of American origin, though based on history and legend in Scotland. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, a special act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts, plaid, or any tartan that represented Scots' heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill upon sight any person dressed in Highland garb or displaying the tartan.

As the Legend Goes . . . This act prompted the stubborn Scots secretly to carry a piece of their tartan with them as they went to church, known as the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. At the repeal of the act, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

The First Kirkin': The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and the Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with proceeds from the sales designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the Saint Andrew's Society continued to hold services of unified prayer for the subjects of the British Isles. These became known as Kirkin's.

The Service: The worship service is of traditional content, using much of the Church of Scotland form. Central to its theme is the presentation of various tartans—through the carrying of flags and the wearing of tartans—for a blessing. Clans provided protection and economic, political, and social support. The tartan is a symbol of love and togetherness. The Kirkin' is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage and to celebrate God's grace poured out for all generations.

The Beadle: The Beadle leads the worship procession carrying the Bible to the front of the sanctuary and the lectern. Reminiscent of an old custom of the Church of Scotland, this tradition highlights the Bible as the Word of our Lord and the center of our faith. The term beadle comes from the Latin term *bedullus*, a word referring to a messenger or summoner of parties to court,

which in this case was the Session. The term *bedullus* proved too cumbersome and over time it was simplified to beadle.

Carolina Tartan Stoles: The Chancel Choir is wearing Carolina tartan stoles made by Carolyn Eddins and Betsy Fonvielle. The Carolina tartan was designed in Scotland and adopted as the official state tartan of both North and South Carolina. Both states received their share of immigration from Scotland. The Cape Fear River Valley in particular was home to a large settlement of Gaelic-speaking highlanders. The western region of the Carolinas was settled primarily by Ulster Scots, lowland Scots who migrated to Ireland in the 17th century, and later to the colonies. The Carolina tartan is based on a design associated with King Charles II of England; he and his father, King Charles I, established the original land grants for the colony named after them.

About John Knox: Before he became a leader of the Reformation in Scotland, John Knox served as a bodyguard. During worship he stood in the front of the church holding a claymore sword to protect the pastor during those dangerous times.

About the Protestant Reformation: The Reformation was begun in Germany in 1517 by Martin Luther who insisted on grace and faith in Jesus Christ alone as the heart of Christian faith. John Calvin, guided by the Bible and Luther's example, helped to establish the Protestant Reformation in Geneva. This included a church governed by elders (presbyters), which became known as Presbyterian. From Calvin's Geneva, Presbyterianism spread to Scotland, and then to the United States, among many other places around the world. John Knox would describe his experience in Calvin's Geneva as "the most perfect school of Christian piety."

About the Scots Confession: On August 17, 1560, Reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first Reformed confession of faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. "The Scots Confession," as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the Cross of St. Andrew. This was the birth of the Church of Scotland, a church governed by elders, which became the parent of Presbyterian churches around the world.

More on the Scots Confession: The 25 Chapters of the Confession spell out a contemporary statement of the Christian faith as understood by the followers of John Calvin during his lifetime. Although the Confession and its accompanying documents were the product of the joint effort of a committee, its authorship is customarily attributed to John Knox.

The Book of Confessions: The Scots Confession is an official standard of the Church of Scotland, but was never meant to stand alone. It was approved along with other Catechisms, confessions and a Book of Common Order. Similarly today, the Scots Confession does not stand alone. It is part of the PC(USA)'s Book of Confessions that expresses the faith of the church in specific times and places throughout history.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Please keep our church in prayer during this stewardship season. Your 2018 pledge card will include a place for those who would like to contribute to the pipe organ renovation/enhancement planned for next spring. Watch for more information about this existing project. This year Consecration Sunday is October 8.

AUGUST 2017 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

August 6

Received. \$ 8,527.00
5¢-A-Meal (total August). \$ 259.49
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance. 131

August 13

Received. \$ 6,933.00
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance. 114

August 20

Received. \$ 7,541.45
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance. 147

August 27

Received. \$ 12,543.00
10:00 a.m. Worship Attendance. 81

UPDATE ON ORGAN FUND

Need. \$120,000.00
Balance as of 8/28/2017. \$ 57,868.33

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS IN AUGUST

. . . to the Legacy Fund in memory of Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Marion School Back Pack Food Ministry in memory of Dennis Beam Jr.

. . . to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dennis Beam Jr., Josie Bowles, Marty Harkey, Bill Lattimore, Betsy Martin, Dot McMurray, Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Organ Fund in memory of Josie Bowles, Robin Fichter, Marty Harkey, Jim Teddy Sr.

. . . to the Back Pack Ministry to provide for one back pack of food for one child each weekend of the school year in honor of Joyce & Doug Boyette.

. . . to the Operating Expense in honor of Debbie Griffin.

. . . to the Organ Fund in honor of Kathy and Sandy Brenneman on their birthdays.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN SEPTEMBER?

9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

Sept. 10 Rally Day Food
17 Kathryn & Don Bridges
24 Nancy Fichter

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Beverly Styers, Captain
Kathryn Bridges
Laura Carter
Ina Harrington
Mary Lampley

Sound Board

Sept. 3 Lee Huston
10 Joe Petrilli
17 Chip Blackley
24 Jim Teddy Jr.

Worship Liturgist

Sept. 3 Doug Boyette
10 Carolyn Billings
17 Not Yet Scheduled
24 Carolyn Jackson

Offering Counter with Bookkeeper

Sue Breen

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Sept. 3 Margaret Harry & Margie McSwain
10 Harriette & Laura Beam
17 Judy Greer & Rachel White
24 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

Sept. 6 Ellen Fletcher & Margie McSwain
Laura Carter & Phil Haydon
13 Joe Ogburn & Kathy Wilson
Ina Harrington & Sandy Cheaney
20 Sherry Young & Nancy Blackley
Debi McDaniel & Spencer Borders
27 Doug Boyette & Agaat Den Hertog
Kathryn Bridges & Mary Lampley

Sanctuary Flowers

Sept. 3 Jackie Weathers
10 Available
17 Available
24 Available

**The Church Office
will be closed Monday, September 4,
for the Labor Day holiday.**

