

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On St. Patrick's Day, after celebrating Claire's birthday with the kids and her parents, I received word that a friend and former co-worker had died.

You may not have known John, but he knew you. He participated in our services online regularly. He joined us online regularly. He last watched a service a week before he died, and afterward asked if I would go to Watertown, NY to do his funeral.

I spent a lot of time with John over five years at the Watertown Urban Mission. He also did a lot of work at our first home – from a bathroom renovation to the roof. He knew of my faith, and he spared no opinions, as he was a skeptic who didn't understand why I went to church and certainly why I was leaving for seminary in Princeton.

When COVID struck, I shared our first online service in Absecon on Facebook, which was done with just my phone. It was incredible how many bored homebound people tuned in to that first service when the world was shut down. I don't know if John was on that first Sunday, but he and others among my online "friends" became regular visitors to the feed there and are now here in Shelby.

You became his church community. In my last coherent conversation with him, he said, "I want you to know I believe." Yet, I already knew this, whether he knew it or not. I knew because John had been transformed at the Mission, going from a life of protecting everything that was his and drinking without regard for others – he came to the Mission after multiple DWIs in an alternative to incarceration program.

At the Mission, he became generous in service to the needs of others, without worrying about money, and he learned to love others first. He worked in the food pantry and maintenance. He welcomed all as friends, even strangers and those with whom he had past enmity. God had a hold of him, before he had a hold of God. Online church merely helped make the connection for him.

Beloved, I share this not only because I am grieving this loss, but because it demonstrates two things central to your mission and mine at SPC. First, **God is at work in you and others, even before we know it.** The second is to demonstrate that **our presence online has an unseen value in the people we reach with God's love just by sharing the service on our newsfeeds.**

In this season of Easter, I am happy to give witness to the resurrection, having seen its fruit in John and all of you. As we celebrate, **be mindful of the places you see love and service for God's Kingdom**, in and through others, even those who do not yet acknowledge God's love. And with that, take a chance – **share our church services and events in your newsfeed. You never know who will be reached with God's love.** This is an easy way to be a faithful presence in your circle.

— Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann

When I was in the youth group back in the 80s, I remember taking a spiritual gift inventory with a paper booklet and answer sheet. We were encouraged to use these gifts for the good of the church and the kingdom of God. Spiritual gifts are viewed as abilities given by the Holy Spirit to believers for the purpose of building up the body of Christ, which is the church. These gifts are diverse, ranging from teaching, healing, to acts of mercy, among others. When we use our spiritual gifts, we help build and strengthen the body of Christ, and we help fulfill our role in that body by doing the things that we are well-equipped to do.

God also gifts us with talents. Our talents can help us to carry out our spiritual gifts, but they are different from spiritual gifts in most cases. For instance, you may have a talent for pickleball. Pickleball isn't a spiritual gift, but playing with a friend who is feeling down can help you use your gift of encouragement. Maybe you have a real talent for cooking, baking, or decorating. While none of these are spiritual gifts, they can help you exercise a gift of hospitality.

My question is: are you wasting your talent?

God gives us talents. There are a million different ways that this can be accomplished, but none of those ways will work if you neglect your talent. Maybe you are an organizer but someone criticized the way you did something once, so you quit trying to use your ability. Maybe you feel underappreciated or underachieving, so you

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mostly just leave your talent on the shelf. You are wasting what God has given you. Or maybe you have a talent of crocheting and some crazy person asked you to make 50 bunnies for the egg hunt. And you said yes. Thanks Gloria Jobe for using your talent to make all those bunnies while using your spiritual gift of serving!

There is no such thing as an inadequate gift from God. Whatever your talent, you can contribute in unique ways that complement the talents and abilities of others within the church community.



SENIORS! Please have your senior photo emailed to Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) <u>by</u> <u>Tuesday, April 17th</u> for the May Newsletter.





SUNDAY NIGHTS

5:00 - 7:00 SUPPER INCLUDED

APRIL 7 - PIZZA NIGHT AT CA & JOEL'S
APRIL 14 - PLAN YOUTH SUNDAY & CONFIRMATION
APRIL 21 - REGULAR YOUTH MEETING
APRIL 28 - REGULAR YOUTH MEETING

LET CA KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DOING A YOUTH DINNER







SAVE THE DATE

MAY 5 - CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

MAY 12 - YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 26 - HS SENIOR SUNDAY



SIGN UP WITH DEPOSIT



PASSPORT

\$50 DEPOSIT BY APRIL 24TH

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

JULY 14-19

CONVERSE COLLEGE

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO ENCOUNTER GOD, EMBRACE COMMUNITY AND EXTEND GRACE



JUNE 14-19
TROUTDALE, VA

\$50 DEPOSIT BY APRIL 7TH





SPC NURSERY STAFF

In addition to our current nursery workers, Lindsay and Lilly, you may notice another familiar face these days. Holly Connor has rejoined our team to assist our current helpers take care of our children. We are so thankful for these three wonderful women and their investment in our church family.

Holly is 30 years old and lives in Shelby. She is building a photography business and enjoys taking creative portraits. (Let her know if you need any pictures taken!) She travels to Asheville regularly to participate in Aerial Circus Training. She has been at this hobby for five years now. Holly is the daughter of Mary Connor.

Welcome back, Holly!





What's Going on at SPC?!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SUPPER

JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 10 @ 6:00

CHILDREN @ 5:40
PARENTS PLEASE STAY WITH
CHILDREN

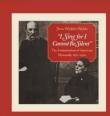
DINNER



CATERED BY
HOSHI EXPRESS WITH
CHICKEN, RICE,
BROCCOLI, AND DESSERT.

DONATIONS

WE WILL BE
COLLECTING PANCAKE
SYRUP FOR FKCC.



SPECIAL PROGRAM

SPC'S VERY OWN DR. JUNE HOBBS WILL PRESENT HER BOOK, "I SING FOR I CANNOT BE SILENT: THE FEMINIZATION OF AMERICAN HYMNODY 1870-1930." GET READY FOR A DEEP DIVE INTO THE LYRICS AND THE WRITERS BEHIND THEM!





SPC TARTAN: SPC's own tartan is here, and it is beautiful! If you are interested in ordering ties, both regular and bow ties, sashes or scarf (9 5/8" by 58) please fill out the form below and turn in to Miranda. Please indicate how many you would like to order and place order form and

check in the offering plate. You can also email Miranda and pay online.

Miranda (and pay online.			
Name				
Total Amo	ount			
\$20.00	mini rosette sash or scarf			
\$25.00	sash			
\$30.00	bow ties/ties			
	(standard, extra-long, or boys)			
\$30.00	30.00 pretied bow ties/ties or			
	boys pretied ties			







THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

March was another fun filled month at Rainbow Connection! We explored outside, celebrated Saint Patrick's Day, hunted leprechauns, created art, and talked about the changing weather. We are enjoying the warmer days, and all of the time outside this month.

This month we will talk about Easter, the real meaning behind Easter, and how Jesus died for each and every one of us. We will have Easter egg hunts, Easter parties, and create all kinds of art! We will also be collecting pancake mix for Feeding Kids Cleveland County through the month of April.

As always, we are incredibly thankful for the members and staff at SPC that consistently support us at Rainbow. We appreciate each and every one of you!

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6)





Abby Goins, Director







The Mission and Ministry Committee is partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. For the month of April, we are asking for syrup donations. Our goal this year is to collect 100 bottles of syrup!

Thank you for your support.



OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, April 16th, from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

To make an appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive To sign up to volunteer:

https://bit.ly?SPCblood22

SOUNDBOARD VOLUNTEERS

The Media Committee is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally on Sunday mornings. Adults, as well as older, responsible youth will work in pairs each Sunday to support this important aspect of our SPC ministry. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli at hollypetrilli@hotmail.com.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN APRIL?

Sunday Chimers

7 Seren Bryant Apr.

14 Elizabeth Couch

21 Victoria Couch

28 Harrison Manaione

Sound & Video Teams

Apr. 7 Chip Blackley David Grose

14 Patrick Glenn Joe Petrilli

21 David Grose Joe Pertilli

28 John Brotherton Patrick Glenn

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Apr. Thomas Monroe, captain Mike Jackson Claire McCullough Michelle Moser

Wednesday Night Supper Elders & Deacons

10 Dan McLaurin Apr. Tom Martin Mike Jackson Michelle Moser

Worship Liturgist

7 Steve Sisk Apr.

14 Michelle Moser

21 June Hobbs

28 Mystie Brotherton

Sanctuary Worship Guild

7 Beverly Elmore Apr. Stuart Schweppe

> 14 Barbara Blackburn Barbara Hannah

21 Lyn Huston Lori Wehmueller

28 Paul & Joyce Couey

Sanctuary Flowers

Every Sunday in April is available. **A Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board at the Harris Street entrance outside fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.

MARCH EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 1st: Church Office closed.

Wednesday April 3rd: Youth Mission Day at SPC at 10:00 am.

Thursday, April 4th: Men's Breakfast at 7:00 am. The Men of SPC will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

Wednesday, April 10th: Wednesday Night Supper, dinner will be from Hoshi and June Hobbs will be our speaker.

Monday April 15th: **Newsletter articles** are due to Miranda, mirandaeshelbypres.org.

Tuesday, April 16th: **Blood Drive** in Ellis Hall at 1:00.

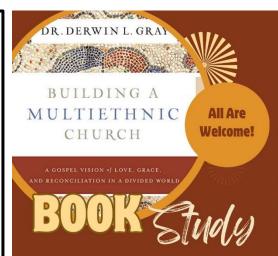
Wednesday April 17th: Building A Multiethnic **Church** book study at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.

Saturday, April 20th: **Game Night**, 5:00 pm in Ellis Hall. All are invited to join in on the fun.

Sunday, April 21st: **New Member Luncheon** in Ellis Hall after the worship service.

Wednesday April 24th: Building Multiethnic Church book study at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.

Thursday, April 25th: Rainbow Connection Art Show in Ellis Hall at 6:00. This is Rainbow's yearly fundraiser. Come for dinner and see the children's art work. There is also a raffle to win local artists' work.



You're invited to participate in a study and discussion of "Building a Multiethnic Church" by Rev. Dr. Pastor Derwin Gray, **Transformation** Charlotte.

Pastor Drew Mangione of Shelby Presbyterian Church will lead the study from 6 pm to 7 pm in SPC's Ellis Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is available, with the Growing in Grace program for Pre-K to 5th Grade and for younger children in the nursery.

WEDNESDAY STUDY DATES April 17 & 24 Even if you cannot make all dates, or if you fall behind reading, please be sure to come when you can and participate!



September 13th - 15th

Register with \$100 deposit by May 24th for Early Bird Rates:

\$225 Single Room (K, Q, or 2 Twins)

\$400 Two-Room Suite (Q & 2 Twin with a single bathroom) \$425 Two Rooms

Call 704-487-8503 or email miranda@shelbypres.org to register with deposit.



FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: |

am so thankful for the privilege of seeing God at work in our SPC staff, members, volunteers, and guests when I participate in our Food Ministry.

No statistics this time, just stories:

We receive so many wonderful donations of food. We use as much as we can and distribute much of what we can't use to those who can. One ingredient that we have often wished for is cheese because we rarely get any. It would be a great addition to so many dishes. Imagine my surprise the day we received 2 (two) 42-pound blocks of cheese! Thanks to the hardworking kitchen volunteers that cheese was cut up and packaged so we could give some to our guests to take home and freeze the rest to cook with. What a busy morning! I have learned to be careful what I wish for.

-Kathy Wilson



YOUR GIFTS TO **EMERGENCY** (5 CENTS A MEAL, MEMORIAL GIFTS, CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING, BUDGET FUNDS, &

ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN FEBRUARY TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AVOID CRISIS

HOUSEHOLDS AIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

COLDER TEMPERATURES AND AN INCREASE IN UTILITY RATES INCREASED THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE AGAIN IN FEBRUARY.

YOUR GENEROSITY HELPED KEEP YOUR STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS WARM AND IN THEIR HOMES, EVEN AS YOU LIKELY SAW INCREASES IN YOUR OWN BILLS, REQUESTS WERE FEWER AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND INTO THE BEGINNING OF MARCH.



🙎 FOOD MINISTRY & BACKPACKS



ABOUT 40 HOT LUNCHES SERVED EVERY MONDAY AT SPC



NEARLY 40 FAMILIES RECEIVED GROCERIES FOR HOME EACH WEEK



15 WEEKEND FOOD BAGS GIVEN TO TURNING POINT STUDENTS



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 Carolyn Billings, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, cbillings2577@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

John Auten
JoAnn Beattie & Family
Pam Birmingham
Debra Blanton
Dick Bowling
J.W. & Pat Brotherton
Donna Buies
Pat & Len Byers & Family
Jo Ann & Allen Callahan
Hannah Carpenter
Karen Carpenter
Myra Carpenter
Matthew Carpenter
Sandy Carpenter

Robin Collins
Bert & Joy Cushman
Chris Denning
Judy DuBois
Debbie Ferrell
Ina Harrington
August Hohne
Joan Hunt
David Kelly
Alene Lang
Kobe Lawrence
David LeGrand
Cheryl Lutz
Brooke McCurry

Marie Patterson
Pauline Persing
Ann Pharr
David Pharr
Clay Pruett
Calvin Rumfelt
Larry Stern
Beverly Styers
Melanie Vance
Linda Ware
Jackie Weathers
Stephanie Williams
Diane Windham
Terricia Wingo

- Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy
- 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 January, pray for our **Fourth Graders:** Sawyer Harrill, Kate McIntyre, Savannah Raudez, and our **Fifth Graders:** Eva Greer, Lilly McCullough, Tristan Ormand, and Paxton Warrick.

Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathies go out to JoAnn Beattie and family in the passing of her husband, George Beattie on March 5, 2024. George had been a member of SPC for 21 years.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Jim McConnell and family in the passing of his father, James Russell McConnell on February 25, 2024.

Happy Birthday!

April	1	Mary Ann LaSelva
		Patrick Glenn
		Robert Greer
-		Joe Ogburn
		Wheeler Stuart
		Carey Waldrop
		Amy Allen
		Ellen Fletcher
		Charles Langley
		Tricia Butler
		Sarah Lampley
		Lawson Taylor
		Riley Taylor
		Emily Greer
		Winnie Simmons
		Alexis Pruitt
		Grace Teddy
		Barbara Dixon
		Dick Bowles
April	12	Daniel Schweppe
		Holly Hendrix
		Kathy Brenneman
April	15	Pat Byers
April	15	Sandra Morgan-Dodrill
		Chip Blackley
April	16	Drew Dixon
		Hamp Hager
April	16	Carol Ann Hoard
April	17	Will Hoard
April	17	Martha Strain
April	18	Phillip Cerwin
		James Petrilli
		Bert Weathers
		Scott Hendrix
		Fred Timm
April	23	Lee Huston
		David Moore
		Mary Raudez
		John McBride
		Scott Kennedy
April	27	David LeGrand Sr.
April	27	Debi McDaniel
		Libby Alexander
		Mallory Brown
		Agaat Den Hertog
-		Jeff Hamilton
April	∠ö	Jean Webb
April	∠Y	Molly Dedmon
April	οU	Allen Callahan

SPC Reports & Minutes

SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Communications

<u>Clerk's Report</u> - Margie Trivett has been faithfully preparing Communion for several years—since she was "Elder in charge." Active Elders should be actively involved in preparation, as well as the serving, of Communion. Signup sheet was sent around and volunteers obtained for assisting Margie in preparation for the remaining Communion dates for 2024 (which are not "By Intinction").

<u>Pastor's Report</u> – Minutes of Session meeting of January 16, 2024 and the Congregational Meeting of January 21, 2024 were unanimously approved on motion of Bill and second by Carolyn B.

On motion by John and second by Dan the online vote approving the submission of the 2023 Church Statistical Report to Presbytery was unanimously approved.

The 2023 report showed a slight decrease in membership to 404 active members, primarily due to cleaning up the membership rolls. Fifteen (15) new members were enrolled in 2023. Average worship attendance was 137 (exclusive of online viewership).

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Carolyn Jackson reported budgeted revenues were down for January, but pledged offerings were at 99.8%. Expenses were 9% below budget. Changing about 100 (of 400) fluorescent bulbs to LED has contributed to utilities being under budget.

Finance committee has authorized architect to proceed with plans and bids for kitchen renovation. Also, has asked Property committee to determine lowest, most responsible bid for sanctuary painting.

On motion by Bill and second by John, vote was unanimous to authorize Erin Borders to submit application to IRS for federal tax refund for moneys paid in for retained employees during COVID pandemic. We will likely not know for some time if application will even be considered (due to timeliness) or granted.

<u>Music and Worship Committee</u>— Have had discussions about updating sound system in sanctuary and about our online viewing. Strong support of Session members to have our broadcast or online service be, as nearly as possible, a replication of the in-person service.

On motion of Bill and second by John, the baptism of James Yerger, infant son of Jeff and Anna Langley Yerger, was approved for April 28, 2024.

<u>Property Committee</u> – Bill reported the new heat/air units for youth rooms, Parlor, and Conference rooms are to be installed in March. All porcelain tile floors and carpets have been cleaned.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

<u>Action Items</u> - Pastor Drew to notify Erin to proceed with Tax refund application.

 Clerk Larry to inform Margie Trivett of schedule of Elders who will be assisting her with Communion Preparation.

<u>Closing</u> - Motion to adjourn by Bill, seconded by John, closed with prayer by Steve.

MARCH 2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT 5¢-A-Meal....\$393.55 **MAR. 3:** Received.......\$21,695.00 Livestream View....111 Worship......154 **MAR. 10:** Received........\$9,845.00 Worship......147 Livestream Views...131 **MAR. 17:** Received.......\$3,080.00 Worship......144 Livestream Views...128 MAR. 24: Received........\$8,412.00 Worship......191 Livestream Views...94

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – APRIL 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting	 10:00 Youth Mission Day 11:00 Member Life 5:00 Property Cmte. 7:00 Choir 	• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	5	6	
2 nd Sunday in Easter 5 Cents a Meal Carol Ann Hoard preaching • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 5:00 Youth Night @ Carol Ann & Joel's House	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 1:00 Clerk's Council • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte. • 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	• 11:00 Rainbow Cmte. • 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	• 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	• 5:00 Girl Scouts	13	
3 rd Sunday in Easter • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 11:00 Deacon Meeting • 3:30 Confirmation • 5:00 Youth Night	Newsletters Due 15 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 5:30 Personnel • 6:30 Session	• 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 6:00 Book Study • 7:00 Choir	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	19	• 5:00 Game Night	
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