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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Outside the church building, you may have noticed, we now have a refrigerator. **Each day, someone fills the fridge.** It has been filled by many of you, and members of the community not directly affiliated with our church.

Then also, each day, others accept food from the fridge.

Sometimes, the person filling the fridge intersects with the person accepting help from it. This is the truest moment of how wonderful this project is. **In the giving and receiving, Christ is embodied and made visible, by both.** When you give, you are embodying God's love for others, and what we do for others, we do for Christ. This is the meaning of the words of the season, "incarnation" and "epiphany."

One of those who accepted food left a note, which read, "This is an amazing thing y'all are doing. It is one of the very few things that ties me to the hope I have that <u>all</u> humans will find their humanity."

This note writer may not realize it, but this is at the heart of our faith. In that newborn baby we celebrate each year, we see the fullness of God in our humanity, and it reveals for us the fullness of what our humanity is meant to be. **The child is grace, the unmerited gift of God in our flesh, coming to serve and give his life for us.**

To be fully human does not mean we have to max out our human potential by achievements or victories, but to serve and give our life for others. Consider a poem from one of my favorite authors, Madeleine L'Engle, titled "Epiphany," which says:

Unclench your fists	Let us hold each other.
Hold out your hands.	Thus is his Glory
Take mine.	Manifest

By our works, we accomplish nothing – except revealing God's Glory, which is God's self-giving love. Being a Christian by the outward signs of baptism, membership, or even church attendance, is not the goal. We are all works in progress, but by our embrace of others, we show love – we make Glory become "Manifest."

Beloved, I am grateful for all of you who fill the fridge, and for Anna and Bill for making it happen. But ultimately, you make God's glory manifest in many ways by revealing love in this community. I am thankful for you all in this church and look forward to working with and walking alongside you in this coming year to reveal our Lord Jesus by the actions of the Holy Spirit in and among us. – Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann

Every year from Christmas Day to New Year's Day, my Mom would put a puzzle together. For some reason it had to be done by the stroke of midnight. People would come over and sit for hours drinking coffee and putting the puzzle together. When finished, my Mom and Dad would glue the puzzle together and sometimes frame them or slide them under a bed. The puzzle changed each year. Our puzzle is always changing.

We add pieces -we lose pieces.

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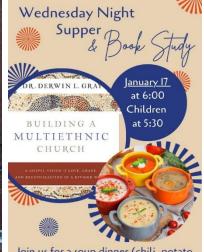
We try to make pieces fit where they don't belong. But when we find where we belong what a great fit it is! My prayer for the new year is that you will find your fit!

At Montreat this past year, we talked about your piece. Have you heard God calling you about your piece? What is God calling you to do?

The Body of Christ is a lot like a puzzle. When we put our pieces together, we are stronger- the picture becomes clearer and we see the beauty that God has in store for us! - CA

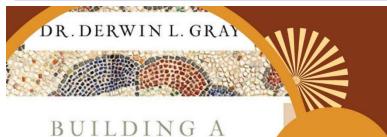






Join us for a soup dinner (chili, potato and chicken noodle) and book study on Rev. Dr. Derwin Gray's book "Building a Multiethnic Church"

What's Going on at SPC?!



MULTIETHNIC CHURCH

Wednesday, January 17

A GOSPEL VISION of LOVE, GRACE, AND RECONCILIATION IN A DIVIDED WORLD,



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

Pastor Drew will lead the study over eight (8) sessions beginning with a Wednesday Night Supper on Jan. 17, and concluding on April 24, all in Ellis Hall.

Childcare will be available, with Growing in Grace for Pre-K to 5th Grade and nursery for younger children. Books are available, please contact Miranda (704-487-8503 or miranda@shelbypres.org) by JANUARY 10, 2024.

WEDNESDAY STUDY DATES (6 pm to 7 pm) January 17 & 31 March 13 & 20 February 21 & 28 April 17 & 24

JANUARY EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

January 1st: CHURCH OFFICE is CLOSED have a Happy New Year!

<u>January 4th:</u> **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.

<u>January 6th: **OFFICER RETREAT**</u> from 8:00 to 3:00 at the Baptist Mission Camp, 302 Sharpton Dr, Shelby, NC 28150.

January 7th: **Ordination and installation** of our new officers. **Turning Point** gift cards due.

<u>January 12th – 20th:</u> **Joyce Boyette and Carol Ann Hoard** will be in Barahona, Dominican Republic. Please keep them in your prayers.

January 15th: **CHURCH OFFICE is CLOSED** for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

January 16th: **Newsletter** articles are due to Miranda, miranda@shelbypres.org.

January 17th: **Wednesday Night Supper and Book Study** at 6:00 children at 5:30. Dinner will be different soups. This is also the first night of our book study on Rev. Dr. Derwin Gray's book "Building a Multiethnic Church".

January 21st: **Congregational Meeting** to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; to vote on changes to the terms of call (salary package) for the pastor; and to hear a brief report on the 2024 budget.

January 27th: **Game Night** at 5:00 in Ellis Hall.

January 3^{1st}: **"BUILDING A MULTIETHINIC CHURCH"** book study at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.







THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year! December was exceptionally busy this year at Rainbow. There was Grinch Day, Polar Express Day, Hot Chocolate Day, and of course.. The Christmas Programs! All our Rainbow children were so excited to perform Christmas songs for their families.

By January- Christmas is over, we've eaten all our candy, and we are realizing how cold Winter really can be. When the children are all cooped up inside because the weather is cold and dreary, we always try to bring the warmth and fun of warmer days inside. With songs, crafts, and of course- pLAY!

We are looking forward to a new year, thank you ALL for all that you do for Rainbow Connection!

"May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed." (psalm 20:4)

Abby Goins, Director







COMMUNITY REFRIGERATOR

Thank you, Church Family, for supporting the Community Fridge, I hope you continue to do so. The Fridge has been cared for by many people and is thriving because of the overwhelming support. If you'd like to help during this month of January, go to: bit.ly/spcfridge

Thank you,

Anna Schweppe



\$1,249

\$3,052

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FROM 5 CENTS A MEAL, MEMORIAL GIFTS, & DIRECT DONATIONS

ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN NOVEMBER TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AVOID CRISIS

HOUSEHOLDS AIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

$\sim^{ ho}$ percent of annual totals (thru october)

6 %	OF \$20,954 DONATED
14 %	OF \$21,729 GIVEN IN AID
13.3 %	OF 75 HOUSEHOLDS*

FAMILIES RECEIVED HELP WITH BACK RENT, UTILITY BILLS, AND SURPRISE NEEDS NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER LOCAL PROGRAM.



APPROXIMATELY 35 HOT LUNCHES SERVED EVERY MONDAY AT SPC MORE THAN 30 FAMILIES GIVEN

GROCERIES FOR HOME EACH WEEK

15 WEEKEND FOOD BAGS GIVEN TO TURNING POINT STUDENTS



PRAYERS FOR JOYCE BOYETTE AND CAROL ANN HOARD as they go on mission with Dream Ministries to Barahona, Dominican Republic in January. They will serve on the Medical Mission team which averages seeing 125 patients a day and gives them bags of beans and rice. Please keep

them in prayer as they travel and serve along with the rest of the team. Contributions for unexpected circumstances such as medicines, transportation and incidentals are always appreciated. Donations can be sent to Shelby Presbyterian, earmarked for DR Mission trip. Thank you.

Announcing Success for Our Habitat Church Partnership Build!

As of this week Habitat has received approximately \$53,527 in contributions from congregations participating in our Church Partnership Build! This means that we will be able to claim the full \$50,000 matching grant from the Cornerstone Fund of Shelby Presbyterian Church. The cheese ball fund raiser netted over \$4,000 from all sales in all churches, and we are grateful to all who purchased cheese balls through our congregation. This is exciting news and a great accomplishment in support of the mission of our Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity. A big and sincere thank you to our congregation and all individuals who provided support in a myriad of ways, especially for your generosity in giving to help us meet this goal. Houses are progressing nicely and there will be more volunteer opportunities to help with construction after the first of the year.

TURNING POINT UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITES

We'd like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped provide for our Turning Point families this Christmas season. Through the Angel Tree, there were 17 families who were helped with Christmas gifts, and the generosity from our church members who selected and shopped for students was beautiful to see. Students received clothing, shoes, jackets, athletic equipment, art supplies, books, gift cards, and so many thoughtful gifts. Also provided to the school were dozens of fleece jackets, jogging pants, and belts, which will be used throughout the winter for students who may need them.

We continued to provide weekend food bags, packed each week by youth and led by Trey Warrick and Steve Sisk. The staff bathrooms at Turning Point received a make-over, thanks to Laura Lampley, with nice soaps and lotions, pretty flowers, and motivational posters. Now the teachers can enjoy a little pampering and inspiration for a minute or two during the day! The many talented bakers in our Shelby Presbyterian congregation provided Turning Point teachers and staff with a Christmas cookie day, which they thoroughly enjoyed – we may need to publish a new SPC cookbook!

Once again, we will have a Gift Card Offering on **Epiphany Sunday, January 7th**. These gift card will help Turning Point continue their gift cards drawing for students who have had good attendance and shown good behavior and good work. This is very motivating and rewarding for the students, and provides them with incentive to come to school and work hard. Last year the cards we collected were able to help the school for almost the entire year, where previously these had been purchased by teachers and staff. Please bring cards in the amount of \$10 to put in the offering plate on January 7th (or take cards to the church office any time). Some suggested ideas for cards are Sonic, Cook Out, Chic-fil-A, Dairy Queen, and Wal-Mart.

Once again, we are so grateful for how our Shelby Presbyterian family has embraced the Turning Point family, to partner with and encourage this important aspect of our school system and community.

Laugh

Friends

Soulful Dialogues

The Therapy Conference

Healing Through Connection: How Relationships Influence Mental Wellness

> Saturday, February 3, 2024 Shelby Presbyterian Church

Join in on the excitement as individuals from all walks of life come together for an enriching experience, exploring the connection between relationships and everyday well-being.



Scan here for more information and to register for this free event.

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"Baby August's Shelby Presbyterian blanket literally covered us in prayer today as we traveled to Levine and got some great news!"

 Maggie and Adam Hohne, friends of SPC

We give Thanksgiving for an encouraging report and ask all to continue to pray for baby August!

WANNA SEE SPC MINISTRIES AT WORK?

SATURDAY

JANUARY Z

ELLIS HALL

5-8:00

CARD & BOARD GAMES

& BRING A SNACK TO SHARE More Information: carolann@shelbypres.org

CROWNS - POUNCE/NERTZ

SPC'S

Check out our new bulletin board outside of Carol Ann's office. Each month it will be filled with exciting things going on in the current month along with pictures from all the fun from the previous month. Come and see the things you can be a part of at SPC!



The goal of the Member Life Ministry Committee is to extend love and care to all of our Shelby Presbyterian Church Family. If you find anyone in need of attention in our church family, in your neighborhood, or beyond, please contact Lori Wehmueller, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, 704.472.5253 or loriwehmueller@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Marie Patterson

Pauline Persing

Ann Pharr

Ellen Poston

Clay Pruett

Larry Stern

Linda Ware

Beverly Styers

Doreen Wacaster

Jackie Weathers

Diane Windham

Terricia Wingo

Stephanie Williams

Tollie Stowe & Family

Please include the following in your prayers:

John Auten JoAnn & George Beattie Chris Denning Pam Birmingham Debra Blanton Dick Bowling J.W. & Pat Brotherton Donna Buies Pat Byers & Family Allen Callahan & Family Hannah Carpenter Karen Carpenter Myra Carpenter Matthew Carpenter Sandy Carpenter Robin Collins

Bert & Joy Cushman Debbie Ferrell Emily Greer & Family Susan Grose Ina Harrington August Hohne Joan Hunt Marie Jackson & Family Jane Szymborski & Family David Kelley Rich Kelly & Family David LeGrand Cheryl Lutz Faye McCants Brooke McCurry

- 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 College Seniors: Tori Clifton, Morgan Dixon, Lilly Hamilton, Alex Haydon, Thomas Neville, Alex Niblack, Nick Stites, Malachi Zehnder, and our Infants - Five-year olds: Nico Blount, Margot Blount, Annie Kate Brown, Mills Bryant, Vashti Bryant, Victoria Couch, Vivi Dow, Brent Martin, Eliza Martin, Kyla Roberts, Theia Stern, Eliza Stern.

<u>Happy Birthday!</u>

January 1 Trey Warrick January 2
January 31Tripp Weathers January 31Ed Webb

Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Emma Greer and family in the passing of her grandparents Eddie and Catherine Tillman, Catherine on December 2 and Eddie on December 3, 2023.

SPC Reports & Minutes

SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2023

<u>Order Of The Day: Receive New Members:</u>

Judy Black (Sponsor: Margie Trivett), Duncan and Alyssa Blount (Sponsors: Ben and Mallory Brown), Bill and Tonda Christian (Sponsors: Bill and Gloria Jobe). Tommy and Catherine Tedder (Sponsors: Mike and Marie Jackson). Affiliate Members: Betsy Fonvielle and Bill Consolvo (Sponsor: Carolyn Billings). Motion to approve new members and receive them before the congregation in the November 19th Service was approved.

<u>Communications</u>

<u>Clerk's Report</u> – John Schweppe reported: Motion approved to study best practices for Session approval of special collections done by the church for items other than the standard tithes and offerings collected on Sunday.

<u>**Diaconate Report</u>** – Deacon Chair Elizabeth Schweppe reported by email: Friendsgiving was great fun with thanks to the new Deacons and Elders. The forthcoming December 19th Blood Drive needs an additional 10 blood donors to meet our goal.</u>

Pastor's Report - Drew reported: Thank you for Pastor Appreciation. Pastor Drew said that he and Carol Ann were overwhelmed by the expressions of appreciation in cards, notes and gifts from members of the congregation. Even apart from that, he noted, they both feel very much appreciated and this outpouring of love was confirmation. Pastor Drew said he appreciates the church's willingness to be involved, to cultivate new ideas, and participate in the life of the church. He described the training of new elders and deacons in their acts of service to make three dishes for the youth and their Friendsgiving, and their group attendance of the funeral of Marie Jackson's grandmother. Motion approved to participate in the "Celebration of Love" event to be put on by the nonprofit "Restored of the Carolinas" on December 9 at the Bobby Bell Pavilion and for the church to participate by housing donations and promoting the opportunity to donate or volunteer. Motion approved to offer the congregation the opportunity to purchase the 150th anniversary Ornaments the church has, with all proceeds going to the Emergency Assistance Fund.

Online Votes & Minutes: Ratify Online Votes: Called congregational meetings on 11/5 and 11/12 – approved. Session Meeting October 17, 2023 – approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Personnel Committee</u> – Laura Lampley reported: Approved Committee recommendation to hire Holly Connor to the position of Nursery Assistant. Reported that the Personnel Committee has approved Carol Ann Hoard to participate in a short-term mission trip in the Dominican Republic.

<u>Discipleship Committee</u> – Steve Sisk reported: Approved the Committee recommendation to send Doug Bryan's book, "Worship Anew in Babylon" to the Presbytery to be promoted.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Scoot Dixon reported: Budget Update – Expressed support for the Mission and Ministry Committee to make a recommendation that the LeGrand Mission fund for a medical mission to the Dominican Republic organized by Joyce Boyette, with a team that includes Carol Ann.

<u>Member Life Committee</u> – Bill Jobe reported: Upon the request of Tom and Sarah Fletcher who have moved to South Carolina and found another church, the Member Life Committee approved their removal from membership of SPC.

<u>Mission and Ministry Committee</u> – Larry Wilson reported: Approved a committee request to approve changes to the Emergency Assistance Policy for 2024, allowing staff to assist individuals multiple times, so long as it does not exceed the limit of funds in at 12 month period, with approval of chairperson required for amounts in excess of \$350.00. Approved change to the Ministry Giving calendar. December, the Mission and Ministry Committee will have an Angel Tree for Turning Point Academy.

<u>Property Committee</u> – Fred Blackley reported: Reported that the bids on several projects, including HVAC work in the Youth Room and Meeting Rooms, the Kitchen Renovation, and the painting of the Sanctuary are all major expenditures that are under consideration, while vendor costs and necessary repairs have increased the Property Committee's budget requests. Bill Jobe reported that upon the suggestion of those running the Community Fridge outreach, he has found, repaired, and prepared a cabinet to be mounted on the right side of the refrigerator's protective housing, for the inclusion of a blessing box with hygiene and nonperishables.

<u>Worship & Music –</u> Richard Dedmon reported: Motion was approved to have the Longest Night Service on December 20 at 7:00p.m. in Ellis Hall.

<u>Fellowship Committee</u> – Kimberly Dixon reported: The plans are all set for Caroling on December 6 for Wednesday Night Supper with two wagons pulling people to spread Christmas Cheer after pizza, salad and ice cream sandwiches.

<u>Action items from tonight's meeting</u>: Schweppe to proceed and secure information regarding necessary session approvals for special collections.

DECEMBER 2023 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DEC. 3:	Received\$20,895.00	Worship168	Livestream View207	5¢-A-Meal\$114.74
DEC. 10:	Received\$19,704.70	Worship132	Livestream Views141	
<u>DEC. 17:</u>	Received\$17,562.15	Worship126	Livestream Views130	

NOTES FROM THE BOOKKEEPER Happy Holidays to Everyone!

• For year-end charitable giving, checks must be dated and the mail postmarked by 12/31/23 to be considered for this year's pledge. You can also designate "2023" in the memo line of the check for clarity.

• If you'd like to contribute via your online banking BillPay feature, use Shelby Presbyterian Church as the 'pay to' account, with our PO Box 1444 Shelby NC 28151-1444 as the address. We will receive your donation via paper check from the USPS.

• Online giving for recurring gifts or a one-time gift is now available! From the Shelbypres.org website, click on "Give" at the top, then scroll down to "Give Online". You will need to create an account to set up recurring gifts.

• Our traditional giving by numbered envelope remains an option as well.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JANUARY?

Elders Serving Communion

Jan. 7	Susan Bell	Bill Jobe
	Carolyn Billings	Dan McLaurin
	Mystie Brotherton	John Schweppe Jr.
	Richard Dedmon	Steve Sisk
	Carolyn Jackson	Larry Wilson

Wednesday Night Supper Elders & Deacons

Jan. 17 Mystie Brotherton Debbie Hart Laura Lampley Michael Pruitt

<u>Sound & Video Teams</u>

Jan.

- 7 Chip Blackley & John Brotherton
- 14 Mike Jackson & Patrick Glenn
- 21 John Brotherton & Joe Petrilli
- 28 David Grose & Mike Jackson

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Jan. Debbie Hart, captain Claire McCullough Michelle Moser Trey Warrick

Worship Liturgist

Jan. 7 Mystie Brotherton 14 Cathy Burns

- 21 Carolyn Billings
- 28 Carolyn Jackson

Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Jan. 7 Marlene Lovelace & Margie Trivett
 - 14 Beverly Elmore & Stuart Schweppe
 - 21 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
 - 28 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmueller

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	2 • 10:30 Staff Meeting	 11:00 Member Life 3 5:00 Property Cmte. 7:00 Choir 	Rainbow Teacher 4 Workday • 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	5	6 • 8:00 Officer Retreat @ Baptist Mission Camp
Baptism of the Lord75 Cents a MealTPA Gift Cards dueCommunion, Ordination, Installation9:00 Sunday School• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.Facebook.• 3:30 Catechism and Confirmation • 5:00 Youth NightState Confirmation	First Day back for Rainbow • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 1:30 Clerk's Council • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	9 • 10:30 Staff Meeting	 11:00 Rainbow Cmte. 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth 7:00 Choir 	11 • 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	12	13
2nd Sunday after Epiphany149:00 Sunday School10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.5:00 Deacon Meeting5:00 Youth Night	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	Newsletters Due 16 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 5:30 Personnel • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte. • 6:30 Session	17 • 5:30 Kids Dinner • 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper & Book Study • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	18 • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	19	20
3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 21 <i>Congregational Meeting</i> • 9:00 Sunday School • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 3:30 Catechism & Confirmation • 5:00 Youth Night	22 • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	23 • 10:30 Staff Meeting • 6:30 Media	24 • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 7:00 Choir	25 • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	26	27 • 5:00 Game Night
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