



## THE SHELBY PRES (S)

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### JUNE 2021

#### Hi SPC!

The SPC Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 6, in the sanctuary right after worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new leadership for the church. Presbyterian church government (polity) gives the whole congregation the right and privilege to select its own leaders.

At the meeting we will first receive a report from our Nominating Committee, chaired by elder Jon Brownlee.

If any member of the congregation feels that another member of the church has been overlooked for a leadership position, then that member may make a nomination from the floor, provided the nominated person has been asked in advance and has agreed to serve if elected.

If there are nominations from the floor an election then will be held, and those with the most votes will become church officers.

After we have voted on elders and deacons, we will receive a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), chaired by church member Don Bridges. The PNC will bring forward a candidate it is unanimously recommending to the congregation to become its next installed pastor. Each of the members of the PNC will speak and then will entertain any questions or concerns of the congregation. Then a vote will be held.

The pastoral candidate will not preach a trial sermon to the congregation, and will not be present

at all for the congregational meeting. The congregation must rely on the recommendation of the PNC alone, which it elected to do the pastoral search on its behalf, as it makes its vote.

We will release information about the pastoral candidate to the whole congregation as we get much closer to the June 6 meeting date. We withhold information until then so that the candidate's current church does not find out about the candidate's potential departure before the candidate has a chance to announce it. If the name or image or information of the candidate should come into your possession before the identity of the candidate is released to the whole church, we ask that you not reveal it to anyone. In fact, we ask that you not post anything about the candidate in texts, emails or on social media until after June 6.

The election of a new pastor during a congregational meeting is the highlight of my time in every church as interim pastor. So much of what we do together during the interim time is all about getting the right pastor at the right time with the right gifts for a unique church with unique strengths and needs at a particular time of history. Leadership, as I think we all know, is key in helping the church become all that God intends in every chapter of its collective life together.

*David Garnett*



## UPDATE FROM REOPENING TASK FORCE

Our Task Force continues to closely monitor medical and governmental guidance in order to evaluate options to safely move toward reopening our church building for all. Following recent updated information and a subsequent Task Force meeting on May 17, we have made recommendations to the Session which received and voted to accept the following at a meeting on May 18.

Effective immediately:

- All building occupancy restrictions and limits related to COVID are lifted, with exceptions aligned with the North Carolina Executive Order currently in effect.
- Masks are not required in the building, but are encouraged for those not vaccinated and for anyone preferring to wear them as a precaution. This is also in accordance with the current guidance and Executive Order.
- Vaccinations continue to be highly encouraged for all who are able to receive them.
- Anyone not feeling well or anyone who is symptomatic is encouraged not to attend in-person worship or other events.

Additionally, the approved recommendation also allows for and requests action regarding the following:

- The Food Ministry Committee may resume utilizing building facilities at such time as they are prepared to accommodate and safely host those who utilize the services of that ministry.
- The Diaconate is asked to determine when they might be prepared to fully staff our worship services with Ushers, including handling collection of offering during the service.
- Session is requested to evaluate a possible return to the traditional Communion distribution of the elements by August 1, if feasible.
- Christian Education Committee is requested to plan for a return to in-person Sunday School for all classes following Labor Day.
- Wednesday Night Committee is requested to plan for a return to Wednesday Night programs following Labor Day.

While we understand that not all members are comfortable returning to in-person worship and attendance at this time, our hope is to be able to safely accommodate all who are prepared to return to our building and we look forward to many new opportunities to see how we can serve and worship together.

In Christ,

SPC Reopening Task Force

## NEWS FROM CHURCH DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Every year my mother would put a puzzle together starting on Christmas day and would have it finished by New Year's Day. The last puzzle that she completed was a puzzle of front doors. She told my son when one door closes that God opens another door. For some reason that particular puzzle has stuck with me. During the last several weeks doors in my life have closed. Yet God provided another door to be open. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve at Shelby Presbyterian Church. I look forward to growing closer to God and all of you in the coming days.

-Carol Ann



## NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION



We have completed another successful year at Rainbow Connection! This year we had 22 graduates, who will be attending elementary schools throughout

the county. I love that Rainbow reaches into all communities of Cleveland County. It's sad to say goodbye to our graduates and their families, but one of the wonderful things about living in Cleveland County is that we can follow these little ones as they grow up. As I always say, "Once a Rainbow child, always a Rainbow child."

Our Summer Program will begin on June 8. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for three weeks in June and three weeks in July. We're looking forward to another fun summer at Rainbow Connection!

-Becky Dorsey, Director

## LIVESTREAMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



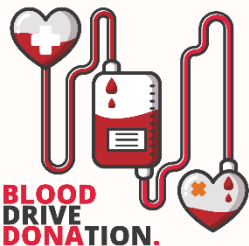
If you are unable to attend the in-person worship service you can still watch on YouTube. Worship is being livestreamed from the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:00 am on the Shelby Pres YouTube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18Wq\\_KqagrEWqF4ld2uVA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18Wq_KqagrEWqF4ld2uVA)

## LITURGIST NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in the worship service as liturgist please email Miranda ([miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)) or Kathy Brenneman ([kathyb307@gmail.com](mailto:kathyb307@gmail.com)).

## BLOOD DRIVE



Our next Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 to donate blood on June 15<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

•To sign up to volunteer to help the Blood Drive run smoothly on June 15<sup>th</sup>:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044CADAD2DA64-spcblood>



Articles for the **July** edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## WILDERNESS TRAIL, JULY 25-30

### Wilderness Trail



A backpacking and adventure ministry.

SPC youth (ages 12-18) have an incredible opportunity to join Carol Ann on an epic backpacking adventure along the Appalachian Trail with

Wilderness Trail this summer.

*"Through a journey in the wilderness, youth step out of their comfort zones and dive deeper into the love of God. This love helps young people catch the joy of serving and they find that they want this life abundant not just on the hike, but in their communities as they return home, too."*

Spaces are limited. Contact Carol Ann with questions or to reserve a spot on the trip:

To learn more visit: <https://wtrail.com>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATE!



**SHEM BLACKLEY** graduated from Wake Forest School of Medicine with an M.D. degree on May 15, 2021. He will begin a General Surgery residency in Mobile, Alabama this month.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS



... to Joyner and Sarah Flood on the birth of their daughter Leland Jessee Flood, on April 27, 2021.

Overjoyed grandparents are Brian and Charlotte Strain. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!

... to John and Baird Yasenoch on the birth of their son Nolan Alexander, on May 18, 2021. Nolan has a 4-year-old big brother Jack and 2-year-old big sister Laney. His overjoyed grandparents are Fred and Nancy Blackley. Thanks and praise to God for this new life!

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ☺



June 1 ..... Lisa Griffin  
 June 1 ..... Scott Griffin  
 June 2 ..... Ed Allison  
 June 3 ..... Liddy LeGrand  
 June 3 ..... Mike Royster  
 June 4 ..... Spencer Teddy  
 June 5 ..... David Steeves  
 June 6 ..... Ann Royster  
 June 7 ..... Molly Brownlee  
 June 7 ..... Cindy Teddy  
 June 9 ..... Matthew Dodrill  
 June 9 ..... Drew Hendrix  
 June 9 ..... Natalie Roberts  
 June 10 ..... Laura Carter  
 June 11 ..... Sherry Thomas  
 June 12 ..... Victoria Beam  
 June 13 ..... Sally Taylor  
 June 13 ..... Sherry Yocum  
 June 15 ..... Margie Auten  
 June 15 ..... Tom Martin  
 June 16 ..... Caroline Bridges  
 June 16 ..... Sandy Carpenter  
 June 16 ..... Sid Dixon  
 June 16 ..... Jenna Pharr  
 June 17 ..... Murphy Taylor  
 June 18 ..... Tim Blackwell  
 June 18 ..... Emerson Taylor  
 June 18 ..... Presley Ware  
 June 19 ..... Dan McLaurin  
 June 19 ..... Gayle Point  
 June 21 ..... Ann Huston  
 June 21 ..... Claire McCullough  
 June 22 ..... Emile Gebel  
 June 23 ..... Mike Kennedy  
 June 23 ..... Penny Stevens  
 June 24 ..... Paul Carter  
 June 24 ..... Elizabeth Lampley  
 June 24 ..... Treven Persing  
 June 24 ..... Lloyd Williams III  
 June 25 ..... Trey Goforth  
 June 25 ..... Tollie Stowe  
 June 26 ..... Carrie Buse  
 June 26 ..... Dottie McIntyre  
 June 26 ..... Charlie Rose Pharr  
 June 26 ..... John Schweppe Jr.  
 June 26 ..... Matthew Wehmuller  
 June 27 ..... Dylan Allen  
 June 29 ..... Harry Dixon  
 June 29 ..... Susan Haskell  
 June 29 ..... Anne Langley  
 June 29 ..... Ed Myers  
 June 29 ..... Bill Noblitt  
 June 29 ..... Anna Schweppe  
 June 30 ..... Brandon Venable  
 June 30 ..... Larry Wilson

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 in need of attention in our church family, in your neighborhood or beyond, please contact Jessi Ogburn, Member Care Chairperson, 704.487.0650, or [jessio@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jessio@carolina.rr.com) or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Jim Barnette	Faye McCants
Judy Becton	Dottie McIntyre
Doug Boyette	Joe Miller
Karen Carpenter	Jim Monroe
Myra Carpenter	Ann Pharr
Carletta Clyatt	David Pharr
Bert & Joy Cushman	Julia Persing & Family
Debbie Ferrell	Mishay Simpson
Ina Harrington	Beverly Styers
Fred & Joan Hunt	Susan Spragins Washburn
Sherry Julian	Marvin Weber

- Covid-19 research and patients
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- All those serving in the military
- Our brothers & 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 (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 June, pray for our **Eighth Graders:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe, and our **Ninth Graders:** Whit Beam, Lillian Moore, James Petrilli, and Lawson Taylor.

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO...

† Julia Persing and family on the death of her uncle John Extrom, on May 3, 2021.

**SESSION MEETING NOTES**  
**APRIL 20, 2021**

**Communications**

- John Brotherton provided an update on the status of streaming services from the sanctuary. A request was received from Heidi Steeves to use Ellis Hall for an event in May. A recommendation was made, discussion followed, and was approved with stipulation that COVID protocols in place be followed.
- Greg Melton presented an update from the Diaconate along with a request to revive efforts to reorganize our committee structure. A commitment was made to convene our Coordinating Council prior to the next Session meeting and take action as needed at that time.
- David Garnett presented the following:
  - A request from the Rainbow Connection Board to hold graduation programs in the Sanctuary on May 24 and 25. A recommendation to approve was approved following discussion.
  - Commissioners to Presbytery Meeting on April 27 via Zoom were identified to be David Garnett, John Brotherton, and Fred Blackley.
  - Nursery staff is in need of additional support. Several potential options were discussed to pursue in the near term.
  - A request was made and recommendation presented to allow the AA group to resume use of the building with proper COVID protocols and use of pre-packaged food only at this time. Discussion and approval followed.

**Meeting Minute Approvals**

- Meeting minutes from Session Meeting on March 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

**Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon provided an update on church finances, noting that offerings exceeded expenses in the first quarter, but both were below budget. The budget has been adjusted within the approved budget level due to emergent needs due to our return to in person worship. An emphasis continues on overall stewardship.
- Member Care – Jessi Ogburn continued to stress the need to reach out to our neighborhood groups and is appreciative of updates from our members.
- Membership Committee – Martha Noblitt provided information on letters sent to inactive members in an attempt to update our rolls and identify those who may have transferred membership to another church.
- Nominating Committee – Jon Brownlee provided an update that the committee has completed its effort to identify a proposed slate of officers for the Class of 2024. Discussion followed on appropriate method to present proposed slate and hold a vote at a Congregational meeting.
- Personnel Committee – Martha Noblitt provided an update on the status of filling positions that are opening due to retirements. Interviews are ongoing and offers are being extended for several of our openings.
- Reopening Task Force – John Brotherton discussed the Task Force meeting from April 19 and provided further updates on progress of in-person attendance at worship

services. A recommendation was presented to increase capacity for seating in the Sanctuary to 100 people. Discussion was held and the recommendation was approved unanimously.

**Old and New Business**

- Pastor Nominating Committee – John Brotherton presented a recommendation from the committee to approve requests from a candidate. Discussion and approval followed with the Session agreeing to incorporate into the Terms of Call verbiage that will:
  - Allow the new pastor to retain a shared copyright to any materials used in sermons.
  - Allow taking the Sunday after Christmas off to be with family. This is in addition to the standard vacation allowance required by Presbytery.

**Closing**

- David Garnett opened the floor for prayer requests and adjourned the meeting with prayer.

**PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF**  
**APRIL 27, 2021**

When attempting to join the meeting today one couldn't help but think of those young folks who forgot their oil and were late getting to the Bridegroom's party. They knocked and knocked on the door, but the ZOOM master wouldn't open it! Thank you to Robert Cummings for serenading us with a tune by the Beatles as we waited. (Who doesn't love Penny Lane?) After some challenges with joining the meeting, we finally found ourselves gathered as the gracious body of Christ here in this time and place. We are so thankful for all those who helped make this meeting possible and while we had a few glitches to start, the meeting went forward without delay. Bravo to all our ZOOM techies! We are indeed blessed to have so many talented and faithful folks in our Presbytery. We are also grateful and indebted to the many folks who serve on committees as well as support staff and professionals who give so tirelessly of their time and talents. Thank You!

As we began the meeting our Moderator, the Reverend Hal Bennett called our attention and remembrance to the many Native American tribes in whose lands and cultures in which we live as we minister to the world here in Western North Carolina. To be mindful of where we are and the rich history of these tribes and lands, specifically the Cherokee, the Lumbee, and the Coharie, to name a few.

At least 15 new Elders were participating in their first presbytery meeting as well as several corresponding members, and we always give thanks for this. Participation in presbytery meetings is one way for folks to stay connected and support one another, particularly in light of the past year. Let's keep encouraging one another to share in these wonderful gatherings as we do the much-needed business before us.

We enjoyed a wonderful worship service led by Hal Bennett, Pastor of Dulatown Presbyterian Church, and Co-Commissioned Pastors, Tamika Garrison and Rick Leisner, who serve Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church. Pastor Bennett's sermon, "What Things?" gave

us much to consider as we too walk the Emmaus Road with Jesus, walking right along beside us, calling us to follow and serve. That as he reveals himself to us, he shows what he has done for us and calls us to love and care for a hurting and troubled world. We shared in Holy Communion using whatever elements we had at home, proving once again that even though we are gathering across the internet, the Holy Spirit binds us together using the simplest of elements. Thanks be to God!

We welcomed and commissioned Margaret (Vickie) Burgess as a Commissioned Pastor for Dallas First Presbyterian Church. There were several good questions asked of Vickie during the process and she fielded them all with grace and knowledge. We know the folks at the Dallas church are delighted to begin this journey with her.

There were several reports that bear notice. Dick Larson shared the work of the General Council with many items for information as well as future work of the committee. Also, a mention of a new worshipping community in Lincoln. Sarah Grace Montgomery with Youth Ministry shared photos from their latest mission trip as well as dates for future events. Jane Laping gave an update on Earth Care Congregations (there are at least 9 in our Presbytery) as well as ways to encourage your congregation to join in. Helen Hall of the Dulatown Church gave a wonderful presentation on participating in the Matthew 25 initiative. She shared many activities and programs that work for them at Dulatown and perhaps would encourage others to participate. Other important reports are in the packet for your information, and you are encouraged to read them as you are able.

Byron Wade, our General Presbyter, shared many thoughts about this last year and how he and the Presbytery Staff are adapting and creatively meeting the many needs of our Presbytery. It has been a challenging year for both clergy and congregations and considerable effort is being made to support and encourage those who have been isolated and working so hard from home. Particular attention was brought to ministers who may be burned out or depressed after this year. Byron then led us into a time of sharing in our break-out groups, where we talked about our griefs and challenges. It was a powerful and meaningful time to chat with a small group and discover how many things we have in common and how we are coping and supporting one another. A common theme was the loss of connections that we normally experience when we used to see each other at church. The loss of singing together and making music, of eating those potluck suppers, of reaching out to physically support those who have lost loved ones and those who are celebrating a milestone or birth. So many things we used to take for granted. And yet, there were many expressions of thankfulness for the creativity and courage of those pastors and church leaders who have found ways to adapt and bring worship and comfort to so many. Byron then called us back together for a time of prayer, where we were all encouraged to share either silently or by posting on the chat screen those whom we

lift up to God. It was a lovely conclusion to a successful meeting. Amen!

Respectfully submitted by Jim Taylor, CP at Newdale and Grassy Creek Presbyterian Churches.

**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS  
RECEIVED IN APRIL**

... to the Backpack Fund in honor of Doug Boyette's birthday.

...to the Legacy Fund in loving honor of Nancy L. Jessee, Charlotte R. Strain, and our newest mother Sarah Strain Flood. It is also in the loving memory of Mrs. Sarah Violet Wilkins Strain. By the Brian Strain family.

**MAY 2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

2021 Operating Budget ..... \$520,766.00  
 Needed Weekly ..... \$10,014.73

**May 2**

Received..... \$11,937.00  
 In-person Worship.....45  
 Livestream Views .....54

**May 9**

Received..... \$5,175.00  
 In-person Worship.....57  
 Livestream Views .....68

**May 16**

Received..... \$5,045.00  
 In-person Worship.....82  
 Livestream Views.....48

**May 23**

Received..... \$9,930.00  
 In-person Worship.....62  
 Livestream Views.....30

**ARE YOU ON DUTY IN JUNE?**

**Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers**

Greg Melton and Caja Ormand

**Worship Liturgist**

June 6 Carolyn Jackson  
 13 Barbara Blackburn  
 20 Jessi Ogburn  
 27 Mike Alexander

**Sanctuary Worship Guild**

June 6 Lyn Huston & Lori Wehmuller  
 13 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah  
 20 Marlene Lovelace & Margie Trivett  
 27 Joyce & Paul Couey

**Sanctuary Flowers**

A Flower Calendar for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board inside the Harris Street entrance outside the fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday in 2021 that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.



**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – JUNE 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>Food Ministry 1</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 Staff</li> <li>• 7:00 Worship &amp; Music</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 6</b> <b>Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> <i>Reception for Carol Ann &amp; Emily</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom.</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> </ul>	<b>7</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 Staff</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>Food Ministry 8</b>	<b>9</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00 Member Care</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00 Finance</li> <li>• 8:00 AA</li> </ul>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 13</b> <i>Carol Ann Hoard will preach</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom.</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> </ul>	<b>14</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:15 Rainbow Cmte</li> <li>• 10:30 Staff</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>Food Ministry 15</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00 Blood Drive</li> <li>• 5:15 Personnel</li> <li>• 6:30 Session</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 AA</li> </ul>	<b>18</b>  Newsletter Articles Due	<b>19</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 20</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom.</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> </ul>	<b>21</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 Staff</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<b>Food Ministry 22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 AA</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 Serendipity Sunday School Class on Zoom.</li> <li>• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube.</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 Staff</li> <li>• 7:00 Boy Scout</li> </ul>	<b>Food Ministry 29</b>	<b>30</b>			



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