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MARCH 2022

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Well, if you're anything like me, the New Year's resolutions are fading, and now it's time to look to Lent as a motivation to grow in your faith.

But did you know you are already supposed to be a saint?

It's true, but don't worry this does not mean you have to be a role model by which others measure their lives (that's what canonized means). Nor do you have to be perfect. *Being a saint is about your calling, not your achievements.* Scripture says you, as saints, will struggle to pray when facing difficult challenges, but even so, you are never alone. The Good News is 'God is with you.'

In Romans, Paul writes, "*Now likewise **the Spirit also joins us to help us in our weakness, for the things it is necessary for us to pray for, we do not perceive, but the Spirit itself intercedes with groanings and things unexpressed.** But the One searching the hearts perceives the mindset of the Spirit, because according to God, **the Spirit intercedes for the saints.***" (Ch. 8, verses 27-28)

Yes, you are a saint. **You are set apart by God for a purpose and the Spirit is with you.** You did not earn this title, but God has pursued you with love and the grace of Jesus Christ, setting you apart as holy and calling you to share in the divine work of reconciling all things through Christ.

This is not a solo endeavor, like we are secret agents God sends out to achieve something. **This is about relationship and to do it well, we need to pray and study God's Word.** That is to say: To have a relationship with God who is holy and makes us holy, then like any other relationship, to love and

grow closer requires intentionally spending time together.

This Lent, my hope is that we remember that we are saints, not to feel self-righteous, but to know we are loved, trust in God's grace, and without fear, grow in our relationship with God.

Here are some ways you can spend intentional time with God in preparation for Easter.

1. **Pray** – Paul tells us the Spirit prays with groanings and things unexpressed. Don't worry about the perfect words to pray. If God prays with groans, you can too.
2. **Worship** – In addition to Sundays, please consider attending or tuning in to the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services.
3. **Study** – Consider a Sunday School class and/or the series on Mary Magdalene with Dr. Joseph Webb at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in Ellis Hall.
4. **Devotion** – Pray, worship and study at home or in small groups, for which your Shelby Presbyterian Church Lenten Devotional and Prayer Journal may help.

When we spend intentional time with the Lord, we are opened up to the ways in which we are called to the ministry of reconciliation, in our giving of our time, talent and treasure. This is how we change the world.

For all of you, the saints, my prayer is simple: 'May you have a blessed Lent, growing in your love for God, your love for others, and your service to God's works of love and compassion in this world, as we wait for what is to come.'

- Drew



Godly Play

On Wednesday nights, our SPC children enjoy singing with Mrs. Emily in preparation to sing on April 3 in worship. They are also doing Godly Play with Carol Ann.

Godly Play gives children a language for their faith. In which they can make sense of and get meaning from their experience of God and their experience as human beings.

That experience as human beings includes a lot of the tough stuff – the big questions – and frames it for them. It's deep stuff, but we hope that through these stories, they will always have a sense of the good news that 'God is with us.'

This 'Play' reinforces that God is with them and they are not alone. It gives them the ability to find other people of God in this great big story who have felt the very things that they do.

If you are not part of these Wednesday nights, I hope you will join us. Every child is welcome and we would love to have them get to know more of our adult volunteers, so if you want to help, reach out to Carol Ann.

Back in February 2020, I was in Montreat and as refreshing as the week had been, I had no idea how lifesaving it would actually be. Just a few short weeks later, the pandemic transformed the world as we knew it.

Time after time, I have left the "Oasis" conference filled with ideas, encouragement, and gratitude. Like a camel about to embark on a long journey across the desert, I shudder to think how any of us would've faced the past two years without refilling our Spiritual Humps.

Little did I know during that desert time, my life would be turned upside down. I can truly say the past two years have changed my life in more ways than one.

And now 2022, I just got back from that same Oasis week at Montreat with my youth minister colleagues, the co-laborers who understand my struggles, my joys and sorrows. I had time to reflect with these ministers as we experienced the crisp, mountain air. I was reminded of the Psalmist...***I lift my eyes up to the hills...from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and Earth. (Psalm 121)*** Like the mountains, good companions are gifts from God and spending time together is invigorating and rejuvenating.

I sat by the creek at Montreat and then closed my eyes while the rushing sounds washed away the burdens of the past two years. I am thankful that God brought me to this place in my life and that my help comes from the Lord!

With a Grateful heart,

Carol Ann



YOUTH POTTERY DEMONSTRATION



Michelle Moser leads the group



ANSLEY GETTING POINTERS

ON A SUNDAY NIGHT, THE YOUTH LEARNED TO BE CENTERED WITH CHRIST—JUST LIKE OUR CLAY HAS TO BE CENTERED ON THE WHEEL.



Thank you in advance for bringing individually wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt. Please bring it to the church office by April 1st.

JUNE 19 TO 24

WILDERNESS TRAIL

"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."

One of the many exciting things our youth (ages 12-18) will have an opportunity to experience this summer is to embark on a spiritual backpacking trip June 19-24 with Wilderness Trail. If you would like to reserve one of the limited spots on this trip or need more information, call Carol Ann or sign up with a \$50 deposit by April 1st.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Save the Date

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

AUGUST
• 1-5 •

Children's Music and Mission Groups each Wednesday
6:00pm

Children will lead in worship
Sunday, April 3rd

YOU'RE INVITED! CAMP RUNS FROM JULY 18-23

PASSPORT

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO ENCOUNTER GOD, EMBRACE COMMUNITY AND EXTEND GRACE

PASSPORT IS A 6-DAY, 5-NIGHT CREATIVE DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION ACTION CAMP THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO HAVE A VARIED CAMP EXPERIENCE, EXPLORE THEIR PASSIONS, AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. SIGN UP WITH A \$100 DEPOSIT BY APRIL 24TH.

Senior Scholarship Applications

Due - March 28th

JOIN THE TEAM

We're Hiring

The Church has an opening for a part-time **Sexton** at 15-20 hours per week and a **Bookkeeper** at 12-15 hours per week. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org or 704-487-8503) for more details.

- Personnel Committee



NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

February was a fun and love filled month! The children at Rainbow enjoyed sharing valentines, goodies, and talking about how we can show our love for one another.

March brings warm days and cool days, and we are looking forward to spending many days outside. Our Rainbow classes love to explore on the playground, finding bugs and all sorts of critters. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and some classes will even go on a hunt for gold!

This month we are collecting boxes of pancake mix for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. It is necessary that it is the mix that only needs water added. Thank you all for all you do for Rainbow Connection and our community!

*"How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!"*
(Proverbs 16:16)

- Abby Goins, Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** will begin our **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** programming with an intergenerational service at 6 pm on March 2nd, with a special children's message and the imposition of ashes for all. At 6 pm on March 9th we will begin a Lenten series with Dr. Joe Webb on Mary Magdalene.



- **ALDRSGATE METHODIST** plans to resume Community Lenten Lunchtime Worship. Worship will be at noon in the Sanctuary and virtually on Facebook and YouTube. The first Lenten Lunchtime Worship will be March 2nd at noon in the sanctuary. The final lunchtime service will meet on April 13th. More details will follow concerning worship and potentially a lunchtime meal later this month as the Aldersgate Church Council continues to assess Covid-19 spread in our community.

- **MENS BREAKFAST:** The men of Shelby Presbyterian Church will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street.

- **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the APRIL edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due in the church office Monday, March 21st.

THANK YOU!

Shelby Presbyterian Church's 2022 Collection

raised:

\$950 and 111 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 13, 2022

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring



- **HANDS ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** for 8 to 10 hours a week in the Food Ministry. You must have a valid driver's license and be able to lift 10 pounds. If you are interested, please contact Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) or 704-487-8503.

- **THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE** are partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. For the month of March, the Mission and Ministry Committee are asking for syrup donations. There is a table under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes where you can leave your donations. Thank you for your support.



- **USHER OPPORTUNITY:** The Deacons are looking to have a mix of long-time and newer members to welcome everyone on Sunday mornings. To see the slots available and sign up, use this link (<https://bit.ly/2022ushers>) and please consider signing up for a month to serve. This is a great way to make a strong first impression, reconnect with friends and more.

- **ACOLYTES AND CHIMERS:** If your child is interested in being the acolyte or chimer for the worship service, please sign them up through the link: <https://bit.ly/2022acolytechimes>



- **THE GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY COLLEGE** of Health Science will be conducting an Interprofessional Pediatric Simulation (Pedi-Sim) Day on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, from 9:00-12:30. This is an annual

spring event and we would like to ask for your help in continuing this great learning experience for our students. For Pediatric Simulation Day we are seeking children between 6 months-14 years of age

to visit the College of Health Sciences and allow our Physician Assistant (PA) students and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students to conduct a mock physical exam on your child.

On March 9th, parents will arrive at the College of Health Sciences and allow a mock well-child physical exam to be conducted by a PA student who will be assisted by a BSN student in a private exam room. This exam will include examination of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, heart and lung sounds, height, weight, and eye exam, but will NOT include any examination of private areas. In addition, no medications will be administered and no procedures will be performed on your child. Parents will be asked to attend, participate, and supervise their child at all times. Children who are not well or running a fever should not participate.

Please Note: Participation in this mock exercise is voluntary and unpaid. No "diagnosis" will be made, and no treatment will be recommended or provided. This exercise is for College of Health Sciences student practice only and should not be considered as a substitute for a visit with a healthcare provider. Please use the link below to sign up: <https://gardner-webb.edu/event/college-of-health-sciences-pediatric-simulation-day/>

Mission and Ministry Calendar of Giving

- **March** – Lenten fund drive for *One Great Hour of Sharing* – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – March 2 to April 10 (financial contributions only)
- **April** – Sundays of March 27 and April 3, collection of food items for *Feeding Kids Cleveland County* Collection to be delivered by April 9th for Easter break distribution
- **May** – Special Mother's Day Collection on April 24 for *CCRM Women's Shelter* to purchase pajamas to give to each of the women for May 8.
- **June/July** – June 12 through July 31 "Christmas In July" *Rainbow Connection* Giving Tree for classroom supplies/toys/playground equipment.
- **August** – Request for *Backpack Ministry*
- **September** – a still yet undetermined *Youth Mission Project*
- **October** – distribution and collection of *Operation Christmas Child* 50 Shoeboxes
- **November** – Thanksgiving Collection for *Feeding Kids Cleveland County*
- **December** – Christmas Collection for *Feeding Kids Cleveland County*



March 1 Sharon McInnis
 March 2 Damon Burroughs
 March 3 Gloria Jobe
 March 3 Jon Pharr
 March 4 Adele Aylmer
 March 4 Brie Blackley
 March 4 Shields Fletcher
 March 4 Alex Haydon
 March 5 Tyler Burns
 March 5 Erin Carter
 March 6 Hal Bryant
 March 6 Mary Kelly
 March 6 Jake Taylor
 March 7 John Ogburn
 March 8 Anna Greer
 March 8 Olive Pharr
 March 9 Carol Williams
 March 10 Margaret Schweppe
 March 10 Nathan Wright
 March 11 Judy Pearson
 March 12 Parker Dixon
 March 12 Betty Hager
 March 12 Ted LeGrand
 March 12 Rachel White
 March 13 Nancy Hendrix
 March 13 Cheryl Sisk
 March 14 Nancy Blackley
 March 14 Pat Wilkison
 March 15 Anna Yerger
 March 15 Thomas Neville
 March 15 Reagan Wall
 March 16 Joe Henderson
 March 16 Reece Ware
 March 17 Libby Jackson
 March 18 John Auten
 March 19 Bob Eddins
 March 20 Frances Evans
 March 21 Jonathan Bridges
 March 21 Chris Burns
 March 22 Conway Carter
 March 22 Meredith Teddy
 March 22 Laura Wheeler
 March 22 Wendy Hannah Wright
 March 23 Sue Breen
 March 23 Don Bridges
 March 25 Carol Bridges
 March 25 Kate Fletcher

March 26 David Beam
 March 26 Jeanne Spragins
 March 27 Gracie Blackley Huggins
 March 28 Elliott Welton
 March 29 Jeremy Baker
 March 29 Janice Blake
 March 29 Margaret Harry
 March 30 Mason Venable
 March 31 Susan Teddy
 March 31 Donna Jo Yocum



As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17th (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - **\$15 each** - to be

placed in the church, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church". Turn your form and check into the church office **by March 21st** or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like _____ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter.

Enclosed is \$ _____ (**\$15 each** payable to SPC).

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13th.
Don't forget to spring ahead one hour.
You don't want to be late for church

Member Care



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 Wehmuller, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, 704.472.5253 or loriwehmuller@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Judy Becton | Jane McBrayer |
| Stacey Blackburn | Faye McCants |
| Lou DuBois | Joe Miller's Family |
| Karen Carpenter | Joe Ogburn & Family |
| Myra Carpenter | Ann Pharr |
| Matthew Carpenter | David Pharr |
| Bert & Joy Cushman | Mary Richards |
| Barbara Dixon & Family | Beverly Styers |
| Debbie Ferrell | Byron Wade |
| Ina Harrington | Mary Ann Weber & Family |
| Joan Hunt | Diane Windham |
| David Kelley | Terrecia Wingo |
| Mabel Lacey & Family | Jason Willis |

- 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 March, pray for our **Eighth Graders:** Bly Borders, Drew Dixon, Abby Haydon, Ansley Julian, Emerson Taylor; and our **Ninth Graders:** Trey Goforth, Savannah McIntyre, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe, and Isaac Willis.

Prayers & Sympathies

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Mabel Lacey, Chuck Lampley and family on the death of husband and step-father, Morris, on February 11, 2022. Morris had been a member of SPC for 38 years.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Barbara Dixon, Laura Lampley, and family on the death of husband and father, Sid on February 13, 2022. Sid had been a member of SPC for 20 years.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to Mary Ann Weber and family on the death of her husband, Marvin on February 19, 2022. Marvin had been a member of SPC for 18 years.

† Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family of Joe Miller, on his death, February 22, 2022. Joe had been a member of SPC for 35 years.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER

... to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jessi Ogburn, Sid Dixon and Morris Lacey.

... to the Backpack Fund in memory of Doug Boyette, Jessi Ogburn, Sid Dixon, Morris Lacey, Ira Darnell, and in honor of Joyce Boyette.

... to the Jessi Ogburn Member Care Fund in memory of Jessi Ogburn.

... to the Food Ministry in memory of Morris Lacey.

... to the Youth Fund in memory of Sid Dixon, Ira Darnell, and Morris Lacey.

FEBRUARY 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2022 Operating Budget..... \$590,326.00
 Needed Weekly..... \$11,352.42

February 6
 Received.....\$13,079.00
 5¢-A-Meal.....\$375.48
 In-person Worship.....129
 Livestream Views135

February 13
 Received.....\$9,347.00
 In-person Worship.....136
 Livestream Views131

February 20
 Received.....\$2,755.10
 In-person Worship.....107
 Livestream Views.....75

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

SESSION MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 18, 2022

Communications :John Brotherton requested all to sign up to present a closing prayer for the 2022 Called meetings. A brief summary of a meeting of the COVID task force was presented with a recommendation that no changes be made to existing protocols with the exception of moving ahead with meals being served during Youth meetings when the team is prepared to begin.

- Elizabeth Schweppe presented an update from the Diaconate. Current efforts to have volunteers sign up to help usher each week are progressing well with a great response.

- Drew Mangione discussed some follow-up items from the officer retreat including submission of evaluation forms. Drew discussed the opportunity to affirm an opportunity for Deacons to have voice in our Session meetings. A motion was made, a vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously. Drew presented a request for approval for baptism of Thomas Brent Martin on January 30. A motion was made and was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting Minute Approvals: Meeting minutes from Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting on December 14, 2021 and the called Session Meeting on January 8, 2022 were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports: Discipleship Committee – Cheryl Sisk reported on developing plans for upcoming programs including Catechism and Confirmation classes that Drew and Carol Ann will lead together, High School Sr. Sunday and Sr. Dinner to be held on May 15, a church retreat at Assembly Inn in Montreat September 16 – 18, a six-week Lenten Wednesday night program, and consideration for updating the naming of our adult Sunday school program.

- Finance Committee – Scoot Dixon presented an update of additional pledges being received following approval of the 2022 budget.

- Member Life – Fred Blackley identified the revised name as this committee has grown from the Member Care name to the broader Member Life name. An agenda is being developed for the first meeting in February. Discussion about the committee role include utilizing the College of Elders in administering Homebound Communion and opportunities to involve more members in leading neighborhood groups.

- Mission & Ministry Committee – Larry Wilson discussed current activities of the Food Ministry providing food to various departments at the hospital on Mondays, and distribution of food from local businesses and Second Harvest Food Bank on Tuesdays. The outstanding dedication and leadership of Glenn Lashbrook to this ministry was recognized. Subsequent discussion affirmed that we desire the next generation of leadership for this ministry to come from within the membership of our church. Additional discussion included the facilities available in the area and a desire that this ministry can soon return to using Ellis Hall.

- Personnel Committee – Darlene Gravett reported that a search for a part-time Sexton is still in progress and that current plans are for June Hatfield to remain in the Bookkeeper role through February.

- Rainbow Connection – Susan Bell reported that Rainbow remains strong and wants to add additional classes as they are near full capacity. A recommendation was presented to approve Rainbow using the room currently utilized for Music Makers as a Rainbow classroom in the next school year. Discussion and a unanimous vote of approval followed. A discussion about current wages for Rainbow Staff and development of a plan to update pay rates for teachers occurred with a recommendation to work in conjunction with Personnel Committee to refine and plan for upcoming years.

- Worship and Music Committee – Ben Brooks discussed upcoming schedule and consideration of developing an official church tartan.

Old and New Business: None

Closing: Following a request for additional prayer concerns and a motion to adjourn, Scoot Dixon adjourned the meeting with prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 23, 2022

Report on 2022 Annual Budget: Finance Committee Chair Scoot Dixon

The Approved Budget for 2022 was presented in the bulletin along with the 2021 Amended Budget for comparison.

- Pledged offerings for 2022 are approximately 10% more than 2021 and additional pledges have been received subsequent to the budget being approved by Session.

- Encouragement was provided to the congregation to continue in stewardship of both time and talents in addition to pledged financial giving.
- Questions from the floor were called for. None were forthcoming.
- Members were invited to see the full itemized budget in the Church office and questions are welcomed for the Finance Committee.

Presentation of Agenda Items – Clerk of Session John Brotherton

Item #1 - Nominations for at large members of Nominating Committee

- Current members are Chair, Larry Wilson, and at-large members Thomas Couch and Robin Holland.
- Nominations for two more at large members were called for from the floor. Amy Goforth and David Steeves were nominated. A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion passed unanimously. A vote for the two nominees was called and passed unanimously.

Item #2 – Approve Terms of Call for Pastor

- Clerk of Session dismissed moderator Drew Mangione from the meeting.
- Proposed Terms were presented to the congregation which included a 2% salary and housing allowance increase and adjustments to SECA Offset and Medical / Pension contributions as a result of the increased salary were presented to the congregation. The total package including salary, allowances for housing, reimbursements, SECA Offset, and Medical / Pension benefits comes to a total of \$118,542.
- A motion to approve was made and approved. Following an opportunity for discussion, a motion to close the floor was made and approved. A vote to approve the Terms of Call was approved unanimously.
- Moderator Drew Mangione was recalled and informed of the positive vote.

Adjournment of Congregational Meeting and Opening of the Corporation Meeting

- A request to adjourn the Congregational Meeting was made and approved.
- Clerk of Session John Brotherton opened the meeting of the Corporation and presented the item of business before the corporation which was a proposal to transfer to the City of Shelby a parcel of property at 407 Lineberger Street.

- A description of the property, approval from Presbytery, and basis for the request were presented.
- A motion was made to accept the proposal to transfer the property and the floor was opened for discussion. Following some clarifying of location and description, a motion was made to close the floor and proceed to a vote. The proposal was passed unanimously. No other business was brought before the corporation.

Adjournment of the Corporation Meeting and Reconvene Congregational Meeting

- A motion was received to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and to reconvene the Congregational meeting.
- The motion was approved unanimously and Drew Mangione reconvened the Congregational Meeting.

**PRESBYTERY IN BRIEF
JANUARY 29, 2022**

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina met via Zoom for its 130th Stated Meeting at 9:00 o'clock AM on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Hal Bennett, the Immediate Past Moderator, called the body to order.

The first order of business was to install Sarah Thornburg as Moderator and Mark Stanley as Vice-Moderator, which was affirmed by the body. The new Moderator convened the meeting with a prayer of invocation, appointment of a host, co-host, and standing committees. Elders attending a stated meeting for the first time, visitors, and corresponding members introduced themselves at the request of the Moderator.

Cam Murchison, the Stated Clerk, instructed the participants as to the Zoom procedures and etiquette necessary for an orderly and effective virtual meeting.

A quorum was declared by the Stated Clerk, who also presented a procedural motion for meeting virtually and the Consent Agenda, both of which were approved by common consent. In his report, the Stated Clerk advised that the action items of his report had been addressed by the Consent Agenda and motion.

At 9:18 o'clock AM, a service of worship began with the leadership of Janet DeWater, Roger Rizk, and Nan Kaylor. The Holy Spirit and Rev. DeWater provided an excellent reflection which reminded us that God plows right through our

comforting and easy boundaries and into the challenges of the “uncomfortable” for us. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated. The music was lovely and enriching of the celebration and experience.

Thereafter, the meeting participants were placed in small break-out sessions for a short sharing discussion of the status of their respective churches during the COVID pandemic, and the strategies which had proven to be helpful in meeting the needs of their congregations.

On behalf of the General Council, Hal Bennett advised that the previously referenced Consent Agenda had addressed matters handled by the General Council. Rev. Bennett did mention that the Presbytery packet addressed the work of the General Council in assisting the congregations of the John Knox and Conley Memorial churches in the conclusion of their ministries and operations of those churches.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Charles Sellers advised the body that the Presbytery had met its budget for calendar year 2021. Due to the COVID pandemic and other circumstances, the 2021 expenses proved to be less than forecasted and budgeted. The proposed budget for 2022 totals the sum of \$994,777 which represents an increase of \$9,295 over the 2021 budget. Following several questions, no objections were lodged to the proposed 2022 Budget and the motion was adopted and passed by common consent.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Connie Button moved the body for a 1.5% salary increase for the staff for 2022. No objections were lodged and the motion was adopted and passed by common consent. Rev. Button advised that Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, the General Presbyter, will be afforded six (6) weeks medical leave with pay and whatever may be needed for his recovery and healing from his illness and surgery. The staff have been consulted and agreed to cover for the work needed during Dr. Wade’s medical leave.

Elizabeth Little, our liaison with the Board of Pensions, advised the body that 2022 will bring increased and broader eligibility for BOP insureds. In addition, beginning on April 1st, Quantum Health will become the primary contact for BOP insureds to navigate their health, including handling claim issues, pre-certification, assisting in medical information and decisions arising out of changed medical situations, etc. Beginning February 1st, the

BOP will adhere with the new federal requirements for the provision of free at-home COVID testing kits. BOP insureds will only need to present their insurance cards to participating pharmacies to utilize this new testing program and obtain at-home testing kits at no charge.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Jim Taylor presented the recommendation for the validation of the ministries of Clay Fouse, Tamara Puffer, David Lytle, and Nate Sell, which was adopted without objection. Teaching elders Caroline Sell, Nate Sell, Shannon Jordan, Lynne Keel, and David Germer who have been received into Presbytery by action of the COM since the previous meeting of Presbytery were introduced in a video.

On behalf of the Bills and Overtures Committee, Allan Purtill presented a proposed overture to 225th General Assembly from the Session of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, which would amend G-2.0505 by deleting in its entirety G-2.0505b (the “dual ordination prohibition”). The Bills and Overtures Committee recommended approval of the overture. The Moderator earnestly attempted to alternate speakers equally on opposite sides of the question. The discussion offered by both sides of this question were respectful, insightful, and helpful for the consideration of the question in the very best traditions of our Presbyterian polity. The Moderator allowed discussion to continue until it was completed with no further requests to speak on the subject. A vote was conducted with full opportunity being afforded to all members eligible to vote. The motion was passed and was adopted. The overture will be sent by the Stated Clerk to the General Assembly for its affirmative or negative votes, pending a concurrence by at least one other presbytery.

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Rick Leissner advised that, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Lenten Spiritual Retreat, previously scheduled for March 2022, has been postponed to March 2023. The Lunch and Learn event (p.48) is set for February 24, 2022 via Zoom from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

On behalf of the Hunger Committee, Billy Robinson confirmed that the 5 cents-a-meal offerings have been low due to the pandemic. The need is greater than before due to the

decrease/cessation of governmental financial support.

Per Jill Isola, the Peace and Justice Committee has been attempting to work on resolving medical debt, a leading cause of bankruptcies and its disparate effect upon people of color. With a donation of \$100.00, medical debt of \$10,000 can be fully resolved. Our Presbytery has a goal of collecting \$10,000 from donations provided from the October 2021 Stated Meeting to the April 2022 Stated Meeting. With that sum, \$1 million of medical debt can be resolved.

Dan Oedy, pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, shared that the church celebrated its 28th birthday on January 9, 2022. The church recently completed its third stage of construction which includes a new sanctuary with the use of the Armstrong Memorial stained-glass windows.

On behalf of the Youth Committee, Sarah Grace Montgomery announced the Faith and Sexuality Retreat in Montreat on February 26th. This retreat is designed for 5th-8th graders and their parents and guardians. This retreat has gotten high praise from both children and parents in the past. On March 11-12, a high school mission retreat is being planned. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is set for July 23-27. The application deadline is March 1st.

Byron Wade, our General Presbyter, spoke about his three (3) goals for 2022: (1) Support for pastors; (2) stewardship; and, (3) educating people about the goals and work of the Presbytery. Dr. Wade advised that his surgery is set for February 9th. He thanked everyone for their support and prayers for his family and him during these challenging times.

Tempe Fussell provided prayers of intercession which reflected a beautiful depth of thought and care.

The Moderator adjourned this meeting at 12:30 o'clock PM and provided a benediction for those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Daria L. Ragan
First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, NC

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN MARCH?

Acolyte

Mar. Lilly McCullough

Chimer

Mar. Anna Grace McCullough

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Mar. Joyce Couey, Captain
Caja Ormand

Worship Liturgist

Feb. 6 Carolyn Jackson
13 Mike Alexander
20 Mystie Brotherton
27 Margie Trivett

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Mar. 2 Lyn Huston & Lorie Wehmuller
6 Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
13 Barbara Blackburn & Barbara Hannah
20 Margie Trivett & Marlene Lovelace
27 Joyce & Paul Couey

Sanctuary Flowers

Mar. 6 Martin Family
13 *available*
20 *available*
27 *available*

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Food Ministry 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Worship & Music 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00 Membership Cmte • 4:45 Chancel Choir • 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	4	5
1st Sunday in Lent 6 5 Cents a Meal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School & New Member Class • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 6:00 Discipleship Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 	Food Ministry 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 Clerk's Council • 5:15 Prayer Group 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Lenten series • 4:45 Chancel Choir 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Finance • 12:00 Rainbow Early Dismissal • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	11	12
2nd Sunday in Lent 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School & New Member Class • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal • 5:00 Deacons Meeting • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:45 Rainbow Ctme • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 	Food Ministry 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 Prayer Group • 5:15 Personnel • 6:30 Session Meeting 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Lenten series • 4:45 Chancel Choir 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	18	19
3rd Sunday in Lent 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School & New Member Class • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room 	21 Newsletter Articles Due Lily Orders Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 	Food Ministry 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:15 Prayer Group 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Lenten series • 4:45 Chancel Choir 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon 	25	26
4th Sunday in Lent 27 Susan Bell preaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Sunday School & New Member Class • 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary and livestreaming on YouTube. • 11:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal • 5:30 Catechism & Confirmation Classes in Youth Room 	28 Senior Scholarship Applications Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Boy Scouts 	Food Ministry 29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 K-5th in Ellis Hall • 6:00 Lenten series • 4:45 Chancel Choir 			



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