

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Wow. Just "Wow!" When I think about the shared experiences of nearly 80 adults and 30-plus children from our church at Montreat, I am simply amazed. It is incredible to think that so many active members would commit to three days and two nights to build up our shared life in community, break bread, learn, pray, and have fun together.

And to think that this was the renewal of a 40-year tradition is incredible. **Thank you.** Thank you for teaching me and broadening my own understanding of what church is and can be. I saw new bonds being forged, old ones renewed, and the enthusiasm to not only become closer as neighbors and friends, but to see each other as family.

I love that we continued traditions like the Softball game and water balloons, the Creek Stomp, the Barn Dance, art projects, late night conversations, and meaningful Sunday worship. Steve & Cheryl Sisk and the Montreat Committee did a wonderful job preserving continuity and embracing the new – *including a Friday night dance party*.

The theme this year was, "Family Reunion." So, everything we did was built around our connection to each other as sisters and brothers in Christ and part of one family at SPC. In our small groups, we discussed what makes us who we are, building a tree with bark and leaves, which were used to create a vase for use in Sunday Worship.

In the large group, we engaged in scripture together, looking at it through the lens of songs from Disney's Encanto, and then listened to early Christians express ancient thoughts that felt contemporary to our own. In the end, we pondered our place as a family connected to each other and to the long tradition of the church.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, I enjoyed spending time with 20 or so early risers, ready at 7 a.m. to have some coffee, pray together, share a moment of sacramental silence as the sun came up, and discuss Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We engaged God's Word, opening ourselves up to each other and our God's presence.

One story, I will always remember, affirms the unity that could be seen in us over the weekend, when during the "Hike with Mike" some fellow hikers saw our T-shirts asked, "Who in the family came from the farthest away?" To which SPC sisters and brothers responded, "We're a church family. We all came from the same place – in and around Shelby." We passed for a family, and throughout the weekend, fellow guests commented on our togetherness and how big our group was.

Think about what that says about us, and how this church is living into the biblical vision of the church as a family. Planning is already underway for next year, and we have asked for even more rooms so no one misses out again. But right now, whether you were there or not, my hope is that we can all show this togetherness now that we are back in Shelby.

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– Drew

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From the Desk of Carol Ann

Montreat 2022 - Family Reunion

Growing up, my parents would make me go to family reunions. I hated them. I didn't know people and would only see most of them once a year. They didn't even know my name. I remember saying, "this isn't my family." I have learned over the years that some people that I'm not even related to are family. Last month at Montreat, I realized how special my "new family" really is. Sitting around the tables, talking, telling stories and even shedding tears of joy and sadness is what brought us together. The theme song for the week-end written by Darrel Adams— **The Family of God**, I sang this same song at camp back in the 80's and loved it then and love it even more now that I have found a new family of God. Sing it with me!

How good to be, a family, God has made a church of you and me. We're not alone, we've found a home, the family of God. We celebrate, we celebrate God is adding to his family, Brothers, sisters—The family of God.

Thank you for loving me and my family and welcoming us into your family. I am thankful for Shelby Presbyterian!

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Presbytery Youth Rally October 2nd

We will leave for Montreat at 1:00 pm from the church and return at 8:30. Join youth from Western NC

for an afternoon of recreation, music, faith exploration and worship.



Join us as we begin to work on our Christmas Program Wednesday at 6:00pm-7:00pm October 5th come at 5:30 if you want supper!

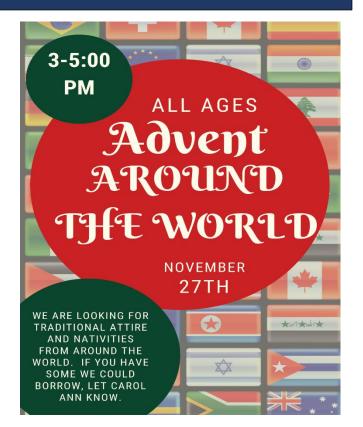






Save the date.. Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 11

Important Rehearsals on Wednesday, November 30 and December 7





World Communion Sunday, October 2nd Join us as we celebrate First Communion with our children!

Creeper Trail October 15

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:00

Meet at 8:30 in church parking lot. Bring a bag lunch and money for supper on the way home. We have 2 spots open.

Montreat 2022 – Family Reunion







It was a wonderful weekend at Montreat! Thankful for this community and a weekend of rest, worship, games, square dancing and so much more! - Tabatha

What I loved about Montreat is that you are together with your church family.I love the creek stomping! Lilly







Best Montreat Retreat in our over thirty years of going Special thanks to the Montreat Committee the church staff. We truly feel united as a family -Cheryl and Steve







THE YOUTH HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON REMODELING THEIR AREA!





October 2 - Youth Rally at Montreat

October 9 - Picnic at Wilson's



October 16 & 23 - Youth Group 5-7:00pm Meet in the youth room.

October 30 - Fall Festival 3-4:00pm After we clean up the youth will go to Dairy Queen.

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ALL OFFICERS PAST AND PRESENT: If you have finished using your Officer Training and/or Officer Retreat notebooks, please return them to the office for recycling. If there is information you need and can remove easily, that would be helpful.

<u>All Outgoing Officers:</u> If you are not using our *Book of Confessions* please turn your copy in to Miranda.

What's Going on at SPC?!



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OCTOBER 5TH AT 6:00 CHILDREN WILL BE SEATED FOR EARLY DINNER AT 5:40

The Lake Dwellers neighborhood group are our chefs making several different types of chili (including vegetarian) with all the fixins. Plain pasta will be available for children.

Molly Brownlee will be presenting the program on the Backpack Ministry and our partnership with Turning Point Academy.

*EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED NO NEED TO BRING SIDES. DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED INSTEAD OF A SET MEAL CHARGE.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 6, 2022 7:00 AM The men of SPC will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street.



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2ND: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH: CONSECRATION SUNDAY & PICNIC AT THE WILSON'S OCTOBER 17TH: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the <u>NOVEMBER</u> edition of *The Shelby Pres(s)* are due to Miranda.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON CONSECRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you! As the Stewardship Task Force of Shelby Presbyterian Church, we are just so grateful for your generosity and commitment to your church! This year, we are sending this on the heels of a truly invigorating retreat at Montreat.

While we know that not all could make it, we wanted to touch on the Family Reunion theme of the event – We are a family here at Shelby Presbyterian Church, called by God, each according to our gifts, and even in our brokenness, we are more beautiful and do more together than on our own.

This year, we have seen continued renewal and growth in the life of our church, and we could not be more excited for the future. This is not a blind optimism, but a recognition that **the hope we share in Christ says that even in the darkest times – like the pandemic of the past few years – our God is always doing something new.**

Good stewardship means investing that something new. To that end, your gifts have been used to bear fruit in the programs of this church and its ministries reaching out beyond our walls. We continue to bring you opportunities to worship meaningfully, not only in our services on Sunday morning, but in the common life we share with one another through events, programs, outreach, and empowerment. Your church is alive, active, and serving God in many ways because you, the people who are the church, give both here and throughout the community. Thank you.

Your gifts provide our staff with all they need to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, living out their calling. Your gifts offer young people the chance to engage their faith in the woods, at camp, on trips for fun, and on trips centered around service. Your gifts empower the Food Ministry and other efforts to uplift our neighbors in need. Your gifts supply the tools and infrastructure to teach and preach, share God's grace, and live into our shared calling. **In short, your gifts reveal God's reign.**

Indeed, your support in prayer, in volunteering, and in financial giving are essential to fulfilling the great commands of loving God and loving neighbor. To that end, in this season we are asking you again to consider your commitment to the church. We are asking you to pledge your prayers, your service as you are able, and your prayerfully considered financial contribution for 2023.

We are all working towards the same goal of having a strong church that ministers to the needs of

each of us as well as to the community through the love and guidance of God. This can only be achieved by everyone prayerfully considering the stewardship of their time, talents, and financial resources. Your pledge is a helpful way that we can prayerfully seek God's will, assess what people can give as volunteers to the church, and assess the financial resources we will have to engage in ministry.

Ministry is not something that can be done by a few individuals. Rather, it must be a collaborative effort of us all pitching in toward a common purpose. We are blessed with a unique gift in this vibrant church and it is now up to us to continue and sustain its long history of life-giving ministry. Every gift continues that legacy.

As we have discussed over the years, it is important to look beyond immediate needs to understand that Shelby Presbyterian Church is not our building or our staff, but our church family. **Good stewardship means using our resources to love and serve others and invite them to know Christ's love and experience Christian fellowship and worship, as our church family grows.** This will allow us to do even more of what God has called us to do as a church and reach even more people. So please share your excitement about all we have at Shelby Presbyterian Church with others, so we can not only grow in faith but grow in the number of faithful disciples in our church family.

A 2023 pledge card for the church budget is enclosed. Please return it on, or before, Consecration Sunday, October 9th, after which, at 4 p.m., we will gather for a picnic at the home of Larry and Kathy Wilson. We ask that you please prayerfully consider your commitment to the church and bring your cards to either the Sunday morning worship on the 9th or mail them to Miranda in the church office. <u>As always,</u> <u>every individual's pledge information is kept in strict</u> <u>confidence.</u>

Once again, we have also included a prayer pledge card. Keep this card by your bed or on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for your church.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration towards the goal of keeping Shelby Presbyterian Church strong and growing our ministry in order to carry out God's will. As we said last year, and certainly saw the fruit of this year – With your help, the opportunities for ministry and spiritual growth are boundless.

Yours in Christ,

Shelby Presbyterian Church Stewardship Task Force





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You can pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in the Narthex AND under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes. Please return your shoebox by Sunday, October 30th. If you wish to participate but cannot fill a Shoebox, you can donate <u>items which can be packed into</u>

Shoeboxes, such as small dolls, balls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, cards, matchbox cars, cards, picture books, school supplies, craft items, and hygiene items. Please do not pack liquids, food, or war-related items.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in sharing God's love on a personal level through an outreach program.

The Mission and Ministry Committee

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, October 13th 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 checkin, 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/fin

<u>ddrive</u> •To sign up to volunteer: https://bit.ly?SPCblood22



ARE YOU ON DUTY IN OCTOBER?

Acolyte & Chimer Oct. volunteers needed

Deacons Taking Up Offering & Ushers

Oct. Caja Ormand, Captain Mary Ann LaSelva Lori Wehmueller Mary Raudez

Worship Liturgist

- Oct. 2 Ellen Fletcher
 - 9 June Hobbs
 - 16 Michelle Moser
 - 23 Larry Wilson
 - 30 Brett Niblack

Sanctuary Worship Guild

- Oct. 2 Marlene Lovelace Margie Trivett
 - 9 Joyce & Paul Couey
 - 16 Harriette Beam Laura Beam
 - 23 Judy Greer Rachel White
 - 30 Lyn Huston
 - Lori Wehmueller

Sanctuary Flowers

- Oct. 4 available
 - 11 available
 - 18 available
 - 25 available

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





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 <u>loriwehmueller@gmail.com</u> or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

- David Kelley Amy Brown David LeGrand Jo Ann Callahan & Family **Karen Carpenter** Faye McCants Myra Carpenter **Pauline Persing** Matthew Carpenter Ann Pharr Bert & Joy Cushman David Pharr **Dot Roark & Family Carolyn Eddins & Family** Debbie Ferrell **Rick Steeves** Ina Harrington **Beverly Styers** Joan Hunt **Diane Windham** Terricia Wingo Lyn Huston & Family 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 July, pray for our **Third Graders:** Kate McIntyre, Savannah Raudez; and our **Fourth Graders:** Eva Greer, Addison Julian, Lilly McCullough, Tristan Ormand, Luke Powell, Abigail Smith, and Paxton Warrick.

<u>Happy Birthday!</u>

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	Lacey Chambless
	Abby Haydon
	Sandy Carlton
	Jamie Stuart
	Robby Reynolds
	Eva Greer
	Bill Jobe
	Becky Dorsey
October 14	Frank Hannah
	Mabel Lacey
	Martha Noblitt
October 16	Cathy Burns
	Ann Pharr
October 17	Vashti Bryant
October 18	Lindsay Glenn
October 18	Grace Melton
October 18	. Bonnie Sherwood
October 18	Steve Sisk
October 20	Anderson Allen
October 22	Tom Aylmer
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	Sarah Wehmueller
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THANK YOU

"To the Montreat Committee goes a great big "THANK YOU".

So many wonderful comments have been made and the retreat could not have happened without your help.

Thanks to Fred Blackley, Spencer Borders, Robin Holland, Emily Melton, Emily Monroe, Jennifer Ormand, Michael Pruitt, Tara Warrick for all your time and talents that you gave to the team and your SPC family.

To Drew and Carol Ann, thanks for guiding us through a very special and meaningful message that taught us about the importance of uniting to be a true church family.

Also, thanks to everyone who attended and participated in the retreat. As the SPC family descended down the mountain and back to Shelby Presbyterian may the smiles, love, laughter and unitedness remain forever in our hearts."

Cheryl & Steve Sisk, Montreat Co-Chairs

"Thank you to the "Rally Day" pancake breakfast team for providing a tasty breakfast meal.

Not only did we flip pancakes and sausage we also flipped the breakers in Ellis Hall, but as in life we overcame an obstacle and provided breakfast for everyone.

So, thanks again to Ben Brooks, Kimberly Dixon, Richard Hart, Michael Pruitt, and Margie Trivett for sharing your breakfast talents."

Cheryl & Steve Sisk

"Thank you to the Northern Lights neighborhood group for the September meal. The lasagna was wonderful!"

SPC Reports & Minutes

News from Rainbow Connection

October is always such a fun month for all of our children at Rainbow. They are all excited about fall, Halloween treats, and the cooler weather! We will be exploring the changing season, creating fall art, and learning with our friends!

I recently had a conversation with my 9 year old about how his first week of school went. He responded "well it was okay but I really liked Rainbow the most because I just played all day." I sat there for a minute and laughed to myself. It was especially funny because he didn't realize- He WAS learning.

Everyday all of the Rainbow children learn and socialize in ways that encourage them to grow and think. Sometimes we don't realize the impact we and others can have on our preschool age children. So, it may look like we are just playing all day, but we are actually teaching, learning and growing!

October 12th we are having our Hot Dog Fundraiser and Open House at 6:00pm. Rainbow families will eat and see their child's classroom.

We would like to extend this invitation to any church members that would like to join us!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

- Abby Goins, Director

The Fellowship Committee

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER

...to the Legacy Fund in honor of Bill and Gloria Jobe, Drew Mangione, Carol Ann Hoard and the Montreat Team. ...to the Memorial Fund in memory of Betsy Martin.

SEPTEMBER 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2022 Operating Budget	<u>\$590,326.00</u>
Needed Weekly	\$11,352.42
<u>SEPT. 4:</u> Received\$12,959.00 5	¢-A-Meal \$290.38 Worship115 Livestream Views91
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SEPT 25: Received\$5,449.96 W	Vorship167 Livestream Views68

STATED SESSION MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2022

Communications

<u>Clerk's Report</u> – John Schweppe requested volunteers for the October 25th Presbytery meeting and received affirmative responses from Larry Wilson and Cheryl Sisk.

<u>Deacon's Report</u> – Elizabeth Schweppe reported:

• Michele Moser has done an outstanding job creating SPC's new website.

• The next Blood Drive is scheduled for August 16th and is fully booked.

• Rally Day is scheduled for August 28th. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Pancakes and sausage breakfast – Thanks to Steve and Cheryl Sisk.

Pastor's Report - Drew reported:

•Confirmation Class with Will Hoard, Lillian Moore and Anna Schweppe were in attendance, marking the beginning of their full membership in our church, with motion from Larry Wilson, second by Cheryl Sisk and unanimous approval by the session. Drew further reported that a sub-committee will be appointed to meet with the remaining members of the confirmation class.

- Officer training will be January 7th on Saturday at the Baptist Camp.
- Beginning in 2023, August session meetings will return to the third Tuesday of the month as it is throughout the year, approved unanimously.

Meeting Minute Approvals

• Minutes from the session meeting of July 19th were reviewed and amended to correct the misspelling of Fred Blackley's name and the next Blood Drive date scheduled for August 16th and otherwise approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Scoot Dixon reported:

• Revenue exceeded budget by over \$13,000.00 and exceeds expenses for the first seven months of the year. <u>Mission & Ministry</u> – Larry Wilson reported:

• Emergency Assistance Procedures were submitted for approval as revised. The program is fully funded to \$1,000.00 and amounts raised in addition will be sent quarterly to the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association. Maximum assistance shall be limited to \$200.00. In the event of special circumstances, the committee chair or vice-chair may authorize funding beyond the \$200.00. Funds approved for assistance shall be paid directly to the creditor organization rather than the individual requesting assistance. Motion by Larry Wilson, second by Nancy Hendrix, unanimously approved.

• Food ministry meals begin August 22nd with food distribution at the same time.

Worship & Music – Drew reported:

• Since Christmas this year falls on a Sunday, there will be the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturday with no 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve and the normal 10:00 service Christmas Day.

• November 30th will be "Hanging of the Greens" at 6 p.m. followed by a 6:30 short service in the Sanctuary.

• Work continues on creating the SPC Tartan for 2023.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 2022

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time9Consecration Sunday• 9:00 Sunday School• 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook.• 4:00 Picnic @ the Wilson's	10 • 9:30 Soup Lunch • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	11:30 Staff Meeting4:00 Clerk's Council	12 • 6:00 Rainbow Open House • 6:00 Kids Program	13 • Finance Committee • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	14	15 • 8:30 Youth Creeper Trail • 8:30 Officer Training
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