



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Remembering the Past, Serving in the Present, Anticipating the Future

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April 25, 2017

**This Coming Sunday  
April 30, 2017**

**Blessed by God  
that we might be  
a blessing to  
others**

Sunday School 9:30a  
Worship 10:30a

**Luke 24:13-35**

**On The Road  
With Jesus**

**Our Condolences**

Our condolences to the family of Louise Marlow who passed away Sat. April 22. The funeral service is at 11:00 am on April 27 at Unity Presbyterian Church, 303 Tom Hall St., Ft. Mill SC 29715. Visitation will follow. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Fish Fry Postponed**

The Fish Fry is canceled for April 30th and will be held at a later date. Look for a new date to be announced soon.

**House Warming Party**

Spencer Kraus is having a housewarming party from 4:00-8:00 pm on

**From Pastor Jeff**

Dear Church Family,

Life here at Steele Creek continues to evolve. Everyday things are changing in the community and in the life and ministry of the church. We continue to do God's work: feeding the hungry; housing the homeless; clothing the naked; visiting the sick; offering comfort and support to one another; and reaching out to our community to invite them to be a part of our church family and know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. God has been faithful and provided for us through the good times and the times of struggle. We have been blessed.

As always, our blessings are not a reward for being faithful. Instead they are God's gracious gift to us, with the clear understanding that we are to share our blessings with others that they too might be blessed by God through us! We seek God's guidance and direction as we continue to serve and fulfill His purpose for our lives, individually and corporately as a church community. Your Session has been prayerfully and diligently looking to God as they make plans for the future of this church and its ministry. Now the time has come to discern together where God is leading us and make decisions regarding our future.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, April 30th, immediately following the Worship Service. We have several things to do, including the election of Officers who will continue to lead us as they discern God's will. We will also present a "State of the Church" so to speak, sharing with the congregation where we stand regarding budget and finances and ministries. The Session will be making the case that Steele Creek should pursue merger with any of our sister Presbyterian churches, who might wish to join with us in a common ministry. There are many questions that we cannot answer about what this all means and what it would look like. The churches interested in merging need the opportunity to sit down and hammer out these details. To do that, our congregation and those wishing to be a part of this endeavor, need to vote to pursue this course of action. That vote **will not** take place this Sunday. Instead, we will have a dialogue and try to answer those questions we can. Everyone will then be encouraged to go home and give this proposal prayerful consideration. We will have another congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21st, after worship, to vote on the proposed merger commitment.

I hope and pray that all of us will be open to God's Spirit as we have this conversation. This is not about what we want, but what the Session believes God is calling upon us to do. Personal wants and desires should not be part of the discussion. We should all be seeking God's will and what we believe is best, not for our current congregation, but for the future generations of the church. This church's long history is rich with members and the church, as a whole, making sacrifices to secure the church's future. I pray that whatever we decide, that will be our motivation as well. Let us offer ourselves to God and His will, continuing

Saturday April 29, 2017.  
He would like to invite the congregation to his home at 405 Calhoun St Fort Mill, SC 29715  
Phone: 803-554-7604

### Attention Church Bus Drivers

All drivers of the church bus, please provide a copy of your CDL and Medical Certificate to Judy in the church office. The law requires each bus driver to have a CDL and a current medical certificate on file before they can operate the bus.

Barry Small is now the caretaker of the church bus and may be contacted at 704-351-8575 or via email at BSmallNC@gmail.com.

### May Birthdays

#### **May 2**

David Moody

#### **May 3**

Ashley Sanburg

#### **May 4**

Betty Harraman  
Parker Beachley

#### **May 6**

Bruce Doane

#### **May 7**

Sandra Doane  
Christian McCall

#### **May 8**

Paul Finical

#### **May 9**

Rosa Myers

#### **May 10**

Cody Duke

Abby Wadsworth  
Emma Wadsworth

#### **May 11**

Ryan Kauffman  
Harry Wingate

#### **May 12**

Deborah Thrower

#### **May 14**

Jeremy Brasch  
Carl Sanburg

#### **May 16**

Pete Griffith, Sr.

the sacrifice and commitment that puts the future of the church before our own personal desires. Let us listen to one another and discern together what God is calling us to do. Let us celebrate our history and those who are still here, standing in that great tradition, empowering the ministry of the church each and every day! Let us live and love as God has loved us, in and through His Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Let us commit to God and one another, that we will stand together and serve together and struggle together! To God be the glory! Amen.

*Pastor Jeff*

### Membership Exploration Class

Pastor Jeff will host a Membership Exploration Class on Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor. There are Sunday School Classes and a Nursery for those with children. This is an opportunity for those interested in learning more about our church to come, hear a presentation, and have those questions answered. Attending the class does not mean that you have decided to join the church. The class is intended to provide the information you need to help you make that decision. Please call the church office at let us know if you plan to attend.

### Love Offering

A Love Offering will be collected for the Hedger family over the next couple of weeks. As you know Rhonda has been fighting a brain tumor since the fall of 2015. Her long illness has taken a toll on the family and we would like to support them as best we can. If you are able please turn into the church office, or the offering plate, gift cards or monetary donations with the Hedger's name on it. Rhonda has recently been admitted to Hospice House in Huntersville. Please keep the family in your prayers.

### Please Note - Change in Cross Currents Delivery

We will be changing to a new delivery service for sending out mass emails, including our Cross Currents each week. This service requires that you confirm that you want to receive emails from Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Sometime this week you will receive an introductory email with a link for you to use to re-signup to receive email from SCPC. Please use the link and fill out a signup form with your name and email address. After you submit the form you will receive another email from **Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (Judy@SteeleCreekPres.org)** asking you to confirm that you did request to receive email from SCPC. This email will be sent through the MailChimp system. You will need to click on the link to confirm your signup. MailChimp is very committed to anti-spam and wants to make sure someone else did not use your email address to sign you up.

### Read to Achieve Project

You can make a difference in the life of a child at risk of failure. Steele Creek is partnering with our sister churches in a project to provide help to third graders, who are students at the 7 area elementary schools and are in danger of failing their grade. This project will give these children an opportunity to progress over the summer with the hope of advancing to the fourth grade at summer's end.

On Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. we will gather at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church to pack nylon book bags with books and other school supplies to distribute to students who didn't pass their third grade EOG test. The books are from the CMS approved list and will assist these children in improving their reading skills. To keep the book bags uniform, the committee organizing this project is purchasing the books and the supplies. We need your support to fund the project and to pack the bags. All ages are invited to participate; and after we finish packing the bags, we will share a meal of hotdogs and fixings.

**May 19**

Jacob Bridges  
Will Salmon

**May 20**

John Clark  
Ed Lemond

**May 21**

Laura Lemond  
Mary Lemond  
Davis Whitby

**May 22**

Gerry Roberts

**May 26**

Emily Finical  
Kate Lemond  
Laura Whitby

**May 28**

Pat McNulty

**May 29**

Kassie Manza  
Brandon McKee

**May 30**

Rene Griffith

**Flowers Needed  
For Worship**

Please sign up to provide flowers for a worship service. Flowers are still needed for May 14 and June 6, 11, 25. You can put your name on the date of your choice on the flower calendar in the narthex or call the church office.

**This Week**

**April 25 - May 2**

**Tuesday**

Moms & Dads  
Bible Study 09:30a  
Men's Basketball 7:00p

**Wednesday**

AA Meeting 8:00p

**Thursday**

Prayer Shawl  
Ministry 10:00a  
Praise Team 6:15p  
Choir 7:00p

**Saturday**

Girl Scouts 9:00a

**Sunday**

Confirmation Class 9:30a  
Congregational Meeting 11:30a  
Middle School Mission Trip Meeting 3:00p

Plan to be a part of this community outreach by designating your financial support to "Read to Achieve" Project and joining us on May 6 as we make a difference in the life of a child.

Volunteer sign-up sheets for the packing event are located on the bulletin board outside the church office and in the narthex. You may also email Lorie Lewis at [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org).

**Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition - May 21, 2017**

We look forward to recognizing all those graduating from High School and College on Sunday, May 21. If you have a family member who is graduating this year, please let us know so they can be honored on this special Sunday. Email or call Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704.927.4293 with their name, what school they are graduating from, and any future plans. Thanks!

**Register for VBS**



**Hero Central**

**Discover God's  
Strength in You!**

**Vacation Bible  
School**

**This superhero adventure will include music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, mission work, great games and more.**

**Registration will go live Monday, May 1 at:  
[www.cokesburyvbs.com/steelecreek](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/steelecreek)  
Register by May 31 to receive a free music CD!**

**10 Cents A Meal Offering**

The Session has decided that our 10 Cents A Meal Offering, collected the last Sunday of every month, will no longer be passed along to the Presbytery for distribution. Rather all funds collected through this offering will be used strictly to help feed the hungry. Our Mission Ministry Team will make recommendations as to where these funds should go and the Session will vote on their recommendations. We hope this change will be more in keeping with the original spirit of the offering when it was established and that our congregation will generously support this effort to help feed those who are hungry!

Youth Group 5:30p  
AA Meeting 8:00p  
**Monday**  
Hand Bells  
Rehearsal 6:15p  
Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00p  
**Tuesday**  
Christian Growth  
Team Meeting 6:45p  
Men's Basketball 7:00p

### Upcoming Events

Need to know more than just a week ahead? [Click here](#) to go to the church calendar.

### Cub Scout Yard Sale

Cub Scout Pack 45, is having a yard sale this Saturday, April 29th from 7:00-11:00 am at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian on South Tryon, Come find your treasures and help them fund their program.

### Missing A Wheelchair

Phyllis is looking for the church's black extra wide wheelchair. Please call the church office (704-588-1290) and let us know if you have it. Thanks.

### Registration Deadline for Camp Grier

If your child is planning to attend Camp Grier this summer and has not registered; now is the time to do it! There are many date options for camp; however, a group from Steele Creek plans to attend July 24-29. Steele Creek is an official Sustaining Congregation so you will receive a discount on-line by using our code - 242016. In addition, the church will provide a \$100 scholarship to all members attending camp this summer. To receive the scholarship from the church, you must register by May 31. Please let me know when you register so I can be aware of when our children are going to camp! -Lorie Lewis

### Ashe County Update

We will be taking the truck to Ashe County on Saturday, June 17th. Any clothing or household goods you do not need, will be much appreciated by the mountain people. Please bring these things to the Church office. If you have time to help, we will load the truck on Friday, June 16th around 3:30 pm. Thank you for all you do to help the people in Ashe County.

Thank you,  
Marion Briggs

### Prayer Update

Lenora Fincher - Sharon towers Health Care (Fall)  
Leighton Brown - (Overnight medical procedure)  
Family of Louise Marlow (Bernard Simmon's Aunt)  
Bob Freeman - Home (Knee surgery 4/26)  
Louise Freeman - Home (Vertigo & Foot)  
Linda Neely - Home (Broken ankle)  
Lacey Long - Cancer (Infant grandniece of Judy Misra)  
Ruth Griffith - Home (Cancer treatments)  
Pete Griffith - Home (Cancer treatments)  
Karen Cline - Home  
Betty Byrum - Home  
Lynn Rogers - Home (Trey Roger's mother)  
Rhonda Hedger - Hospice House in Huntersville  
Bill & Margaret Wert - Home  
Jeff Moery - New trial treatment for brain cancer (Sandi Lauerman's brother)

Tom Applegate - Home at Jackson Park (Last week of radiation treatments)  
Paul & Emily Finical - Health concerns  
Bob Ingram - Cancer (Anne Marie Moore's biological father)  
Bill Shubert - Home (Cancer treatments)  
Keith Cain - Home  
Wayne Whiteside - Health concerns  
Anne Preslar - Home (Decreased mobility)  
Frank Suttle - Lake Wylie Assisted Living  
Betty Burgess - Homebound  
Gerry Roberts - Home (Rehab)  
Eloise Stilwell - Health concerns  
John & Beth McKay - Sharon Towers Health Care  
Marian Hines - Cancer treatments  
Query Byrum - Health concerns

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