



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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

Cross Currents

October 3, 2017

Blessed by God that we might be a blessing to others

**Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am**

Sunday, October 8

Press On Toward The Goal

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Friends,

We had a visitor in church a couple of Sundays ago. Someone I know well who just stopped by to worship with us and I was glad to see him. One of the many comments he made about our church was, "You guys are really busy!" He is right. We are a busy congregation with lots of activities and ministry opportunities. Sometimes we get so used to, and at times overwhelmed by, the busyness, that we forget how much ministry we are accomplishing. It's easy to understand how that happens, but I should work, we should work, at remembering the ministry that is behind everything we do. It is a privilege to work with such an active and committed church family.

We've gotten back into our typical fall calendar. We just celebrated Scottish Heritage Sunday and completed the Scottish Heritage Golf Tournament. We had a great home coming style event with all the Tartans and the Bag Pipes and the Covered Dish afterwards. And the Golf Tournament raised about \$8,000.00 for Jackson Park Ministries! We're meeting regularly with Presbyterian Women's Circle, Mom's and Dad's, Scripture and Starbucks, and Faith and Family Night. Lorie is launching the training for our Child and Youth Protection Policy.

Our Ministry Teams are gearing up for a new Church Year and they could use your help. Volunteers are always needed to help with the implementation of our very active ministry agenda. Plans are underway to cap off the household items drive for Jackson Park, participate in the CROP Walk, host a packing event for Rise Against Hunger and open our campus to the community through our Fall Festival. We're preparing to host Presbytery on October 24th and the Church Family Retreat is October the 27th – 29th.

These are just the highlights. We've got ongoing ministries through our Prayer Shawl group, the music programs, and a host of other community programs that use our facility for their work. During all this outreach and ministry, we're seeking to grow our faith through programs like the

LADIES CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Our next circle meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 10. Hopefully we won't have a hurricane interfering this time! We will be studying Lesson Two – *In Community with the Living God*. We want to see a great crowd again this month. Be thinking who you would put in your Cloud of Witnesses. We will be building our wall of those who have been guides to us along the way. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Campbell at 704-588-4686.



BOX TOPS FOR STEELE CREEK ELEMENTARY

We are beginning a partnership with Steele Creek Elementary by helping them collect Box Tops for Education. You can find these labels on many products that you probably already buy at the store! Look for the Box

upcoming Small Group Ministry that will launch on October 8. And we haven't even gotten to the holidays yet!

While doing all this good work, we have taken care of one another through an active Pastoral Care Ministry Team and the work of our Shepherds. We've been there for our families in times of grief and loss. And we're making plans to send off one of our own on a new phase in life as our Director of Music, David Hines, leaves us after nearly 6 years of ministry. Through it all, you the members and friends of this church family, have been there for your church and for one another. Thank you for all you do and let's continue to stay, not just busy, but active in ministry for our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. To God be the glory!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

JACKSON PARK MINISTRIES - HOUSEHOLD GOODS DONATIONS

The Missions Ministry Team is holding a household goods drive for the benefit of Jackson Park Ministries. They need new household items for the new and current families living there. They would appreciate any type of new linens: towels, wash cloths, dish cloths, dish towels, sheets (full or twin size), pillowcases or blankets (full or twin size). They also can use new kitchen items: silverware, glasses, pots and pans or bakeware. We will need to have all items brought to the church by Tuesday, October 3. Thank you in advance for your donations. If you have questions, contact Sandi Lauerman at 302-399-3835.

CANCER AWARENESS SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month but on October 8 we will remember those who have fought or are fighting all types of cancer. A memory quilt and prayer quilt will be displayed in the sanctuary where you will be able to remember or honor a friend or loved one who has been touched by this disease. A reception will take place after the worship service.

RECEPTION FOR DAVID HINES

Sunday, October 8, 2017 will be David Hines' last Sunday with us as our Director of Music Ministries. David is retiring from "full-time" music work. He will be moving to a "part-time" position at Redeemer Lutheran in Gastonia as well as leading a choir at Queens University and providing private piano lessons. David has been with us, here at Steele Creek, almost six years and we are sad to see him leave. Come and join with us for David's last Sunday of worship at Steele Creek on October 8th and the reception to follow. Let's show up and offer David a royal send off as we celebrate his ministry with us!

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR THE CHARLOTTE CROP WALK

There are a few changes in the Charlotte Crop Walk this year! For the first time the walk will be held on a SATURDAY -- OCTOBER 14 AT 9:00 am. The route will also be a little different this year and will go through a new uptown greenway as part of the walk. Do you have a dog that

Top for Education labels on your packages and boxes, cut them off and bring them to the collection boxes that will be in the narthex or outside the church office. The box tops will be used by the school to receive cash to buy new equipment for their science department.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

We will be presenting Bibles to the following Third graders during worship this Sunday, October 8.

Elijah Andrew Cole
Bradyn Michael Farnham
Rowan Ora Haston
Allison Lindsay Salmon

HOUSE FOR RENT

The small house behind the church is available to rent - \$800 per month. Text or call Trent Haston at 704-400-6467.

CDL DRIVERS NEEDED

A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is needed to drive the church bus and we are in need of more drivers to help with transportation to church events and activities. The Session has approved funds to pay the expenses of getting a CDL. If you are interested in obtaining a CDL and serving the church in this capacity, contact Barry Small, bsmallnc@gmail.com.

FALL FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 21

Our Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 21, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. There are several ways

likes to walk on a leash with you? Great news! For the first time, dogs on leashes are being allowed in the CROP WALK this year, so grab your dog and leash, and you'll both be ready for the walk. Oh, and please bring some pet food for the pet food drive being held that day also. WE NEED WALKERS AND SPONSORS for our walkers, so please mark your calendars and get ready to walk with us and be a sponsor. We need your help to feed the hungry people in our community and around the world who need our help so much! **Please drop by the CROP table after worship this Sunday, October 8 to register to walk or make a donation. THANK YOU!**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER NEXT SUNDAY

We, along with Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, friends and neighbors, will be packing 20,000 meals for "Rise Against Hunger" formerly known as ("Stop Hunger Now"). The work of our hands will be the message that day. As always, there are sitting jobs, standing jobs, and walking around jobs. These include meal packers, runners, weighing, sealers, and box packers. Donations will be gratefully appreciated. Questions? Call the church office (704-588-1290).

FALL FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 21

The Fall session of Faith and Family nights will take place on Thursdays, from September 21 - November 9, 2017. We start off with a Fellowship Dinner at 5:15 pm. Reservations are REQUIRED EACH WEEK by Tuesday at noon to Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org or by completing a reservation card in the bulletin. Suggested donation for dinner is \$4.00/adult, \$3.00/child, under 5 yrs is free with a maximum total of \$15.00/family. Following your meal, please join us for any combination of the activities being offered: Bible Study, lead by Pastor Jeff; Children's Activities (Four years - 5th Grade) - led by Lorie Lewis; Run For God led by Mike Farnham (see separate article for more details); Praise Choir Rehearsal; Chancel Choir rehearsal. Childcare provided during all activities for younger family members (three years and under), plus, childcare and study hall provided after children's activities for those families who are participating in choir rehearsal or other meetings/activities. For time and other details, [click here](#).

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

We are excited about the interest that has been expressed for a Small Group Ministry at Steele Creek and will continue to organize a group on Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 pm in the Billie Watt Classroom. This meeting will be open to all who have an interest in being in a small group, whether you were able to attend the information meeting or not. At this meeting you will receive a study book, compose and sign a group covenant, and decide on some organizational details about the group.

Beginning this coming Sunday, October 8, the group will meet every other Sunday at 5:30 pm. This ministry can give you an opportunity to be a part of a group of Christians that will study together and try to live out the gospel together. As you journey together your relationships and faith will grow deeper and deeper.

that you can help make this a great day! 1-Volunteer to help that day with games, bounce house or cake walk (look for sign-up soon). 2-Donate candy to be used for prizes (bin outside Lorie Lewis' office). 3-Bring your vehicle and candy and participate in our trunk or treat (11:00 am-noon). 4-Invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you!

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

Helen Baugess
General Fund by
Caroline S. Ellington

Mrs. W.T. Bryant
Memorial Fund by
Ms. Betty Bryant

Paul Doane
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Leighton
Brown

Pete Griffith
Cemetery Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Elliott
Betty Helms
General Fund by
Brett Gilbert
Memorial Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Briggs
Mr. Mack Brown, Sr.
Mr. Forrest Freeman, III
Mrs. Rue Knox

Rhonda Hedger
General Fund by
Mrs. Karen Cline

Deanna Sue Schultz
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Leighton
Brown

***Query Parents &
Grand Parents***
Cemetery Fund by
Donald Willis

PATRIOTIC CEREMONY HONORING GENERAL ROBERT IRWIN

On Saturday, October 14, the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution plan to hold a ceremony in the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery honoring General Robert Irwin. General Irwin was a Steele Creek elder and signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The Patriotic Ceremony will start at 10:30 am at General Irwin's grave located in the East side of the old cemetery. The Public is invited to attend.

THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its **2017 Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC.** The church has a very interesting history, and the meeting will include a tour of their 3-acre Memorial Gardens. The gardens were begun in the 1930's around and through the 200-year-old cemetery, and it is now recognized as one of the most beautiful gardens in the state. Registration and coffee will be from 9:30 to 10:30. The schedule, registration form, and address are on the website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Program Chair Steve McRae at smcrae@stevemcraelaw.com or (336) 693-1929.

PRAYER UPDATE*

Please update your personal prayer list according to the information below.

Steve Smith - Out of ICU (CMC Main)
Doris Berryhill - Home (Cancer)
Randy Carroll - Cancer treatments (Thad Carroll's father)

Family of Frank Suttle
Family of Warren Lathe
Gaye Whiteside - moved to Sardis Oaks Rehab (Stroke)
Barry Small - Eye problem
Family of David Lowe (friends of Barry & Betty Small)

**This update is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all prayer requests, as lack of space prohibits us from doing so. Prayer requests/updates will only be listed here for two weeks but should remain on your personal prayer list until informed otherwise. Thank you for your understanding.*

THIS WEEK

October 3-10

Tuesday

Hand Bells 7:00p
Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00 a
Christian Growth Meeting
6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Faith & Family Nights
5:30p

Run For God 6:15p

Praise Team 6:15p

CYPP Volunteer Training
6:30p

Chancel Choir 7:00p

Friday

Moms & Dads Bible Study
9:30a

Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Cancer Awareness Sunday
3rd Grade Bibles

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical
Church 10:30a

Cancer Awareness/David
Hines Reception 11:30a

Basic Training 12:30 p

Youth Dinner & Meeting
5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

CDC Board Meeting
11:30a

Boy Scouts 7:00p

Tuesday

Ladies Circle Bible Study
10:00a

Hand Bells 7:00p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

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