



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

October 10, 2017

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

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

Sunday, October 15

***Rise Against Hunger*
Worship Service
10:30 am
Family Life Center**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

This Sunday (10/15) we will worship in the Bledsoe Family Life Center, beginning at our usual time of 10:30 a.m. We will be packing meals for “*Rise Against Hunger*” formerly “*Stop Hunger Now*”. This has become a meaningful and favorite worship event in the life of the church. Additionally, we will be joined by our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Evangelical Ethiopian Church and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. Our plan is to pack 20,000 meals! These meals are sent, as needed, all over the world to help feed those who lack sufficient food resources. I hope all of you will plan to join with us for this special time of Worshipful Work.

I want to remind you that there will be ample opportunity for everyone to participate. We will have extra preparation stations to handle the additional meals being packed. We have jobs for all ages and skill levels. There are jobs at the packing stations that require you to stand. There are jobs at the weighing and sealing stations that allow you to sit. And there are runners that are needed to move the packed meals from the packing station to the weighing and sealing stations. We also have a few “heavy lift” jobs of refilling the various packing stations and loading the boxes of completed meals into the truck. There is, literally, something for everyone and we want everyone to participate.

That being said, we have done this as a congregation a number of times over the last several years and we have fallen into certain routines. We know the jobs we like and feel comfortable doing. We tend to drift to the same job,

CANCER AWARENESS

The Prayer Quilt will be in the Sanctuary for the rest of October. Please feel free to drop by to pray for your loved ones and tie a prayer knot in the quilt.

TAB COLLECTIONS CONTINUE

Thank you for all who have brought in tabs from soup or soda cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. We will continue to collect these tabs in the containers in the narthex, outside the church office and in Sunday School rooms. This is a simple way to make a difference in the lives of families with critically ill children!

with the same folks surrounding us and are quite capable of getting the work done. Let us all remember that we need to be considerate of and accommodating to our sisters and brothers in Christ who will be joining with us for this event. They are not as familiar with the process. Some will be lost and confused at the organized chaos we lapse into. Please, allow our guests from the Ethiopian and Pleasant Hill churches to go ahead of us old pros. Encourage them and perhaps lead some of them to your favorite job. Coach them through the process and allow them the time to work out the steps for themselves. It's even okay if they make some mistakes – that's how we learned and it is how they will learn. Interact with our guests and welcome them. Laugh with them as the unfamiliar starts to become a routine and process becomes more efficient. Remember, getting the packing done is only part of the task, building relationships and getting to know one another is equally important.

At the end of the event, I hope that we will find ourselves working alongside and growing close to folks that we didn't even know before our worshipful work started. Let's all make every effort to be gracious and helpful hosts. Let us remind our children and ourselves, before we get to church, to let the children and adults from the other churches go first. There will be plenty of work and ample opportunity to step in and give others a break as we move through the morning. We've enjoyed these special Worshipful Work opportunities and they have become very special in the life of our church. Let's make sure to allow our friends and neighbors to have the same experience.

I look forward to sharing this time together. I know that we will do a great job of being generous and thoughtful hosts. We can share our excitement as we share the work and together we can do God's work of both building relationships and feeding the hungry. May God bless us all!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT MENU

The menu for this week's dinner is: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar and Dessert. Dinner is served 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm. Please make a reservation by completing the card in your bulletin or by contacting Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org, by noon on Tuesday. Come to just eat dinner with your church family or to stay for Bible Study, Run For God or Children's activities.

FUN BUNCH LUNCH

It's time for fun, food and fellowship again. Fun Bunch will be on Thursday, October 19th, at noon. We hope you will like our menu of homemade potato soup, ham sandwiches and homemade pimento cheese sandwiches. For dessert,



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 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.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Please help our hungry neighbors by donating non-perishable groceries to be given to Loaves and Fishes. The "Food-of-the-Month" list for October is: Boxed baking mixes, Cornbread, Cake and Pancakes.

HOUSE FOR RENT

The small house behind the church is available to rent - \$850 per month (Utilities included). Text

we are offering pound cake and cookies. As always we hope to have a good crowd. Ask your friends and neighbors and remember, all are welcome. You cannot be too old or too young to be a part of this group. Please let the church office (704-588-1290) or Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) know that you plan to attend. We want to have plenty of soup and sandwiches for everyone!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The second Thursday is coming up on October 12. We will meet to see what everyone is working on at 10:00 AM. For planning purposes, we will meet again in October (on the 26th) and on the second Thursday in November but take a break after that for the rest of the year. That is such a busy time of the year that it is a good time to take a break from meeting together at the church. Hope all of you can make it this Thursday.

IT'S TIME FOR THE CHARLOTTE CROP WALK

It's not too late to sponsor a walker for the Charlotte Crop Walk this Saturday, OCTOBER 14 AT 9:00 am. . We need your help to feed the hungry people in our community and around the world who need our help so much! **Please contact Karen Cline (to make a donation. THANK YOU!**

OUR RISE AGAINST HUNGER WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM, OCTOBER 15

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).

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

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 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!

Please call Lorie Lewis (704-927-4293) and let her know how you can help.

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.

Jack Ferrell - Stroke (Louise Freeman's brother)

Steve Smith - Home!

John McKay - Health Concerns

Doris Berryhill - Home (Cancer)

Randy Carroll - Cancer treatments (Thad Carroll's father)

Shut Ins

Please continue to pray for the following members who are no longer able to attend church due to ongoing health concerns:

Doris Berryhill, Roy Berryhill, Joan Brown, Mack Brown, Paul Brown, Betty Burgess, Query Byrum, Agnes Byrum, Ann Councilman, Erwin Davenport, Louise Freeman, Hannah Maurer, Beth McKay, John McKay, Jim McGee, Ann Preslar, Eloise Stilwell, Betty Warren, Gaye Whiteside, Wayne Whiteside.

**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

Oct 10-17

Tuesday

Ladies Circle Bible Study
10:00a

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00 a

Stewardship Team

Meeting 6:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Faith & Family Nights

5:30p

Run For God 6:15p

Saturday

CROP Walk 9:00a

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Patriotic Celebration (in
Cemetery) 10:30a

Sunday

Rise Against Hunger

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Deacons Meeting 11:30a

Session Meeting 12:30 p

Hospice Square Dance

1:00p

Meck12 GS Leaders

Meeting 1:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

CDC Board Meeting

11:30a

Boy Scouts 7:00p

Tuesday

Scripture & Starbucks

6:30p

Hand Bells 7:00p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

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