



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

November 21, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

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

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

Sunday, November 26

***Where Will
We Be Standing?***
**Ezekiel 34:20-24
Matthew 25:31-46**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please make plans to be with us for our Community Thanksgiving Worship Service tonight, Tuesday, November 21, at McClintock Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm. This is always a special service, as we gather with our brothers and sisters from the neighboring Presbyterian Churches, and give thanks to God for all His many blessings. It's a great way to start off the Thanksgiving Holiday.

MISSION TEAM MINISTRY NEWS

ROOM IN THE INN

Have you ever had a hard day at work ending with a thought about how cold it is outside and where you would sleep that night and or where your next meal would come from? We have many people in Charlotte who have these concerns each day. Yes, many of our homeless neighbors have jobs and are struggling to make a better life for themselves. Steele Creek Presbyterian Church works with the Urban Ministry Center from December to March to provide shelter for the overflow of homeless neighbors from their uptown facility.

Our ROOM in the INN Program at SCPC provides our homeless neighbors a warm place for the night to sleep along with two warm meals, a time for devotion, games/puzzles/TV, a chance to shower and wash clothes. This mission provides an opportunity for members of SCPC to put their faith into action. This is a very important ministry and it takes many volunteers to help it run smoothly. The schedule below lists the date and hosting group for each night. Please look over the schedule to see if there is a time that works for you to join us for fellowship and service.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Pastoral Care team has printed an updated Church Directory. If you would like one, please contact Marion Briggs (803-628-7662) or (lbriggs2@bellsouth.net).

HELP NEEDED TO PREPARE FOR SCPC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are looking for a few individuals to help us prepare for the Christmas Lunch by cutting felt Christmas trees. We will get together to trace patterns and cut on November 29 @ 10:00 am. Lunch and childcare will also be provided! Please let Lorie Lewis or Phyllis Osborn know if you can help that day.

2017 – 18 Nights	Hosting Group
Dec 1-2	Diaconate/Mission Team
Jan 19-20	Session
Feb 2-3	New Fellowship Class
Mar 2-3	Foundation Class

If you have any questions about what is involved and would like to volunteer, please contact Dale (704-588-4608) or Fred (980-253-3098) Willis. Thanks for your support!

FUN BUNCH TRIP TO SEE “THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY”

Please plan to join the Fun Bunch to Narroway Productions to see “The Real Christmas Story” on Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 pm. We will leave the church at 1:30 pm. We will travel together on the church bus to Narroway for the production. The cost is \$24.00 per senior. This is an outstanding production of two shows in one. See your favorite Christmas scenes! Hear your favorite Christmas songs! Then watch in awe-stricken wonder as Narroway beautifully re-creates “The Real Christmas Story.” Reservations are held by your payment and need to be made immediately. No refunds will be given. You can make your reservation by contacting Lorie Lewis at the church office or lorie@steelecreekpres.org.

TOY DRIVE FOR IEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) Training, our fellowship group for 2nd - 5th graders, will be collecting new toys to be taken to Levine Children's Hospital on December 3. Please consider bringing a toy that will be given to a patient during the holidays. Look for the decorated boxes outside of Lorie Lewis' office and in the sanctuary to collect your toy donations. If you need ideas, a donation wish list will be posted by the church office and near the collections boxes. Thanks for your help in making the day a little brighter for a child in the hospital!

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 3

Advent is the season the church sets aside to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. This season lasts for 4 weeks and begins this year on December 3. There are many activities and resources available to help make this a meaningful season for you and your family. The following resources will be available to you in the narthex or outside the church office: *A listing of all the activities of the season at Steele Creek; Advent devotional books for adults and children; Supplies to refresh or make a new Advent wreath for your home.*

Our hope is that you will be able to set aside some time to worship and reflect on the true meaning of this Holy Season-the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!

FRUITCAKE FACTORY TOUR & SHOPPING

Betty Davis has organized a bus trip to the Fruitcake Factory in Bear Creek NC on Wednesday, December 6th. There will also

GIRL SCOUT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!

Come celebrate the holiday with a great pancake/sausage breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 9-12. There will be cookie decorating, Christmas crafting, face painting, visits with Santa (and pictures, for an additional fee), and a Silent Auction!! This event is to benefit their Sister to Sister Campaign which helps girls in need participate in all areas of scouting!! Costs: \$6/plate. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at this link: www.squareup.com/store/gs-meck12. Thank you! --- Jacqui Small

THANKS!!

Thanks to all who came to support the Fish Fry. The turnout was the best so far for this event. People from our sister churches also attended. It was a time of good food, fun and fellowship. Special thanks the caterers and to all who volunteered to help serve. These funds help support efforts to relieve hunger in our communities. May God be glorified in this endeavor!

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all who brought turkeys to the Loaves and Fishes truck! We collected 36 turkeys and \$260 to help many families be able to have a good meal on Thanksgiving.

DEC BIRTHDAYS

December 2
Wayne Whiteside
December 3

be stops for lunch and a visit to the Pottery Shops in Jugtown, Seagrove NC. We will leave at 8:30 am and return by 6:00 pm, if we don't shop too long. Please call Betty Davis to reserve your seat (704-588-1264). Call soon - first come first served and only 24 seats!

JOIN THE RUN FOR GOD GROUP 5K

The Run for God group would like to invite any and all to join us for our class graduation 5K race. We are running the Jingle Bell Run in Ballantyne, Saturday, December 9, 2017. The race will start at 9:30 and we will gather post-race for a group photo to celebrate our accomplishment. Contact Mike Farnham if you are interested in running or cheering on our group! Call 704-254-1777 or email farnhizzle@gmail.com. Sign up directly at http://www.jbr.org/Charlotte/runforgod_scpc

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Young Adults will kick off the Holiday Season with a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm at the home of Andy and Mary Margaret Donato (1707 Betony Lane, Tega Cay, SC 29708). Please bring a dish to share and BYOB. We will also do a white elephant gift exchange, so if you want to participate, please bring a wrapped item for each person who wants to play. The idea is to not spend much money, just something cute, funny or a re-gift! This event will be for adults only. Please respond to the invite if you plan to attend or contact Ragan Haston, raganhaston@yahoo.com!

LOOKING FOR BAKERS!

In our continued effort to partner with Steele Creek Elementary, we have committed to providing snacks for their staff meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. We are looking for those who love to bake cookies, brownies and cakes! We will need 3-4 individuals to commit each month to helping bake something for the staff meeting. You will be able to bring it to the church and it will be delivered to the school by Mary Turner or Lorie Lewis. If you would be willing to help provide a tangible way for the teachers and staff to know that someone cares and supports them, please contact Lorie Lewis (lorie@steelecreekpres.org). Our goal is to get enough volunteers so each person will only be asked to help one or two months of the school year. Thanks for considering this worthwhile project!

ASHE COUNTY UPDATE

The Ashe County Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 am. Any gift that you would like to give to the children in the mountains will be much appreciated. There will be a wrapping party on Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 am. --Thank you, Marion Briggs.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Cindi Craddock
Keegan Norcom
December 4
Andy Donato
Debbie McDowell

Kate Rogers
December 5
Spencer Kraus
Mike Moore

December 6
Randy Higgins
Wesley Warsaw

December 7
Brad Freeman
Laurel Hedger

December 8
Spencer Beck
Kinsley Byrum
Matt Miller

December 9
Keith Cain

December 12
Jana Cathey
Alli Salmon

Marjorie Smith
December 15
James McGee

December 16
Price Gwynn, III
December 20

Dick Bigham
George Davis
December 21

Tatum Haston
Anne Preslar
December 25

Kevin Horack
December 26
Winnie Keels

Jeff Lemond
December 27
Camille Cunningham

December 28
Elizabeth Brasch
Beau Byrum, III

December 29
Robin McDowell
Margaret Niell

December 30
Lou Manza
December 31

Sandi Lauerman

Janet Taylor – Husband passed away suddenly (Rebecca Economon's Co-worker)

Norma James - Health concerns (Karen Kline's mother)
Family of Gaye Whiteside

PRAISE REPORTS!

Jack Ferrell – Home and doing well after his stroke (Louise Freeman's brother)

Becky Butner McCain – Brain Swelling – Home with physical therapy & doing better (John & Annette Freeman's friend)

**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 be listed here for two weeks but should remain on your personal prayer list until informed otherwise. Thank you for your understanding.*



Christmas Tree Sale

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

7407 Steele Creek Road

November 24-December 17

Weekdays 4:30pm-8:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am-8:00pm

Sundays 12:00pm-8:00pm

Proceeds to benefit Youth and Adult Mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Nov 21-28

Tuesday

Scripture & Starbucks
6:30p

Community Thanksgiving

Service 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Thanksgiving

Office closed

Friday

Staff Holiday

Office closed

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Warsaw Birthday Party

10:30a

Sunday

10 Cents A Meal Offering

Thanksgiving Offering

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 7:00p

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

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