



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

December 5, 2017

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

Sunday, December 10

Prepared

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

**Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8**

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CAROLING!

Following the service this Sunday, Dec. 10, we are having our Annual All Church Christmas Lunch. This traditional holiday meal is a gift for our Senior Adults but monetary donations from others will be appreciated. There will also be a special visitor at the lunch that your children will not want to miss! And all who are interested, are invited to join in on the caroling afterwards! Please be sure to come and join in on the food, fellowship and fun!

STILL SEATS LEFT! 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 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. We still have some seats available on the bus. Please call Betty Davis to reserve your seat (704-588-1264). Call soon - first come first served!

GIRL SCOUT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!

Come celebrate the holiday with a great pancake and 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

ADVENT SEASON HAS BEGUN

Advent is the season the church sets aside to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. This season lasts for 4 weeks and began 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 are available in the narthex and 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.* Please stop by and pick up what you need.

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!

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/gsmeck12. Thank you!

Jacqui Small

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our children will lead us in worship on Sunday, December 17 as they present, "The Colors of Christmas". This musical that will remind us of the significance of all the colors of the season and how they all can help point us to the real reason for the season - JESUS! There will also be instrumental music provided by several of our children to help us worship during this special season. Please plan to be in worship on December 17!

ATTENTION LADIES CIRCLE

Our annual Christmas covered dish luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12. We will meet at noon in the City View Room at Sharon Towers. Betsy Williamson of Amity Presbyterian Church will be leading us in Lesson Four: In Community with God's Messengers. The main entrée is beef and gravy. If you are able, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share but if you can't bring something, just bring yourself. Your presence is more important than any food you might bring. Since parking is limited, please consider carpooling. Please meet at the church before 11:30 so we can fill cars and enjoy company as we travel to Sharon Towers. Please contact Betty Harraman or Frances Campbell for more information.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Mark your calendars for the annual Birthday Party for Jesus, Saturday December 16th at 10:30-11:30. All children,

ASHE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTY

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

TOY DRIVE UPDATE

Thanks to all who contributed to BASIC Training's toy drive for Levine Children's Hospital. A big box of toys was delivered this past Sunday and will be used to help make a child's stay in the hospital a little brighter.

FLOWERS NEEDED

Please sign up to provide flowers for a worship service. Flowers are needed for all weeks in January – March. Please put your name on the date

three years old through 2nd grade are invited. We will have crafts, celebrate the story of the birth of Jesus and what's a birthday party without a special snack. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Levine Children's Hospital toy drive.

LOVE FEAST HELP NEEDED

Every year on Christmas Eve here at Steele Creek, members, neighbors, and friends come to celebrate the birth of Jesus. At 6:30 we will gather for the Love Feast. In this family friendly service, we hear a Christmas message, sing carols while we share Moravian cookies and cider. At the end of the service, as the lights are turned down, everyone lifts a candle to the glory of God. At least 28 people are needed to prepare or serve the cookies, cider and candles for this service. Volunteers are asked to come at 6:00 for an easy training session. To volunteer, call Mary or Ernie Coskrey at 704-588-1053 or Walter Neely at 704-588-1069.

THANK YOUR FOR SHOE GIFT BOXES

“ . . . My personal hero is Franklin Graham because he is someone who cares. He proves that if there is someone in need who doesn't have any money or and food there is a chance of life for them. He travel's all over the world just to help helpless people. He encourages other helpless kids to stick with this and don't give up. He also encourages other people to help other people by inventing Operation Christmas Child. That's when people all over the world bye small thing's for little kids like clothes, toy's pencil's, notebook's and different supply's like that then you rap them up in a shoe box and shift them away. That little amount of supply's will make a little girl or boy Christmas dream come true. So I guess you can see why Franklin Graham is my hero and I'm sure that he is plenty of other boy's and girl's hero to.”

This letter was written by a ten-year-old back in 1999. It expresses my feelings exactly. And you are such a big part of it. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to all who packed shoe boxes (112 boxes) and to all who so graciously gave money for shipping. Thanks too, to the able-bodied folks who counted, packed, and loaded those boxes, and for the use of Jeff's truck to deliver them. You are all such a Blessing! Thank you. --Annette & John Freeman

of your choice on the flower calendar in the narthex or call the church office. And thanks to all who provide flowers. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

NOVEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

Ruth Griffith
Good Samaritan
Fund by
Mr. Henry Cathey

Pete Griffith
Good Samaritan
Fund by
Mr. Henry Cathey

Ann Neely
Memorial Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Briggs
Stephanie Neely

Peggy Payne
Good Samaritan
Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Earp
Memorial Fund by
Mr. Bruce Darden

Roy Stilwell
Memorial Fund by
Elizabeth Dover

Frank Suttle
10 Cents A Meal
Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Earp
General Fund by
Mrs. Patricia Williams
Good Samaritan
Fund by
Mr. Henry Cathey
Mr. & Mrs. George Davis

Gaye Whiteside
General Fund by
Mr. & Mrs. John
McGloughlin



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.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

David Warren -CMC Main w/ Pancreatic cancer (Betty Warren's son)

Family of Paul Small (Barry Small's father)

David Warren - CMC Main/Pancreatic cancer (Betty Warren's son)

Family of Jeff Moery (Dewitt & Sandi Lauerman's nephew)

**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.*

Good Samaritan

Fund by

Mr. & Mrs. George Davis

Mr. Jack Fowler

Loaves & Fishes

Fund by

Mr. & Mrs. John Freeman

Memorial Fund by

James Berryhill

Barbara Choate

Joan Harge

THIS WEEK

Dec 5-12

Wednesday

Fruitcake Bus Trip 8:30a

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Pastoral Care Team

Meeting 6:30p

Christian Growth Team

Meeting 6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Staff Christmas Lunch

10:30a

Run for God 6:15p

Praise Team 6:15p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Friday

Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday

GS Breakfast with Santa
7:00a

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Christmas Lunch 11:45a

Cheerleading Practice

2:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 7:00p

Tuesday

Ladies Circle 12:00p

NO Men's Basketball

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