

Cross Currents

February 6, 2018

Blessed by God that we might be a blessing to others Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am **Sunday February 11**

Continuing the Work of the Prophets

2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT CHANGE

We want to thank Wanda Kinard for her service as our Sunday School Superintendent. Wanda has spent many Sunday mornings greeting everyone and keeping our Sunday School organized. We wish her the best in Wilmington! We now welcome Henry Cathey as our new Sunday School Superintendent. We are grateful for his willingness to serve in this position! Cooper Freeman will remain as an assistant to Henry and we appreciate his continued dedication to Steele Creek.

SCOUT SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, February 11, is Scout Sunday at Steele Creek Presbyterian. Our Scout troop will be with us at our Worship service. They will be Presenting the Colors and assisting in the Worship liturgy. Please come out and show your support for them.

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS ARE HERE

This year's devotional book is *Psalms for Lent* by Jane Wilke. These daily reflections for Lent will focus on repentance, reconciliation, and renewal as you explore this ancient songbook that speaks directly to our journey with the Lord. You are invited to pick up a book in the narthex or on the table outside the church office. We hope you will be able set aside some time during the 40 days of Lent to reflect and prepare for the celebration of Easter.

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS

Faith and Family Night dinners are served each Thursday, 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm followed by the adult's study and activities for children. Look for a reservation card in the bulletin or call the church office by Tuesday at noon.

LENT SCHEDULE

February 14, 2018
Ash Wed. Com, Betty Meadows, PHPC 7:00 PM
February 21, 2018
Lent Noon Service, Dr. Greg Busby, SCPC 12:00 PM
February 28, 2018
Lent Noon Service, Dr. Bob Jack, MOPC 12:00 PM

Upcoming Menus February 8

Pork and Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Cubed Potatoes, Salad Bar, and Dessert February 15 March 7, 2018

Lent Noon Service, Rev. British Hyrams, MPC, 12:00 PM March 14, 2018

Lent Noon Service, Dr. Jeff Pinkston, PHPC 12:00 PM March 21, 2018

Lent Noon Service, Mr. Billy Grier, CSCPC, 12:00 PM March 29, 2018

Maundy-Thursday, Community Service, MPC 7:00 PM

STEELE CREEK NIGHT AT THE CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME

Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day together at the Charlotte Checkers Game! The Checkers will be playing the Binghamton Devils on Saturday, March 17at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.50 and include a free Checkers baseball cap. reserve your tickets with Lorie Lewis. lorie@steelecreekpres.org, 704.927.4293. You can meet at the church and ride together or just meet us there. Looking forward to a fun evening with our church family!

ATTENTION FUN BUNCH FOLKS!

It's February and Fun Bunch is scheduled for the 15th at noon. We can pick what we want to celebrate, as February has several possibilities. We can celebrate Mardi Gras a couple of days late and party like we are in New Orleans; we can celebrate love and Valentine's day; or we can be patriotic and celebrate President's Day and the births of Lincoln and Washington. So many ideas -- so pick one and join us. We will be serving baked chicken, vegetable casserole and scalloped potatoes. As always, the salad bar and a variety of desserts will be available for your enjoyment. All we ask is that you let either Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) know of your plans to attend so we can be properly prepared. Ask a friend of neighbor to join us. The more the merrier!

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS DEPOSITS DUE **FEBRUARY 18**

Middle School Mission Trip - July 8-14. We are headed back to Port City Project, an urban mission experience in the heart of Wilmington, NC designed to love and serve the poor and to challenge youth to do the same. In this week long experience, we will feed the hungry, serve the homeless and restore dignity to the urban community through home repair and beautification projects. This trip is open for all youth who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade, plus a few high schoolers can attend as assistants. A \$75.00 deposit is due by February 18 to hold a spot on this trip. Total cost for

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, and Dessert

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CAMP GRIER

Now is the time to begin planning a trip to camp for vour child this summer! There are many date options open for camp; however, a group from Steele Creek will attend July 22-27. Steele Creek is official Sustaining Congregation for Camp Grier and our code is 242016. You will need to enter this code when registering your child to receive the Sustaining Congregation discount. In addition to this discount, an additional \$100 per camper will be provided by the church! You register at

www.campgrier.org.

Please let Lorie Lewis know when you register.

THIS WEEK

Feb 6-13 **Tuesday**

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a Pastoral Care Team Meeting 6:30p Christian Growth Meeting

6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Faith & Family Night 5:30p

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:15p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Friday

Square Dancing 7:00p

this trip is \$325 but each youth will receive \$100 from fundraising projects, making the total \$225.

Montreat Youth Conference - July 22-28. MYC is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship. This event is open to youth who have completed 8th - 12th grade. A \$75.00 deposit is due by February 18 to hold a place at the conference. Total cost of this trip is around \$375 but each participant will receive \$100 from fundraising projects, making the total \$275.

Contact Lorie Lewis with any additional questions (704-927-4293 or lorie@steelecreekpres.org)

WHAT IS SMALL GROUP MINISTRY?

Have you heard the term Small Group ministry and you are not sure what that means for you? Small Group Ministry is a movement to live in a community similar to the first churches that we read about in the book of Acts. These communities of believers lived as a family as they ate together, prayed together, sang together, laughed together, grieved together and encouraged one another. Basically, these groups shared everything — their processions, their time, and their love. They supported each other in the good and the bad. How could your life change if you had a place where you could totally be yourself and know that you were supported no matter what is going on in your life? How could your life change if you had a group that could pray with you when making tough decisions or choices, and could offer their advice and encouragement? The goal of Small Group Ministry is to provide the opportunity for communities of believers to organize and flourish. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to hear from several individuals and their past experiences with small groups. The first small group at Steele Creek will meet monthly beginning this Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 pm. If you would like more information, you can contact Sandi Lauerman at sandolauerman@gmail.com or 803.370.0367.

JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

The evangelism team wants to encourage everyone in the congregation to consider attending the study "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels. Bill Hybels is founding and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. This study will explore the natural and empowering approach to evangelism that Jesus modeled himself. Participants will be encouraged and equipped to step out of their comfort zone to develop

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a Valentines Dinner 5:00p

Sunday

Scout Sunday
Ethiopian Evangelical
Church 10:30a
CYPP Training 11:45a
Cheerleading Practice
2:00p
AA Meeting 8:00p
Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p **Tuesday** Ladies Circle Bible Study 10:00a

Had Bells Rehearsal 6:30p Men's Basketball 7:00p friendships and extend care, compassion, inclusiveness to people living far from God. There will be two opportunities to take participate in this study:

Sunday mornings, January 21 - March 11, 9:30 am - 10:20 am, led by Cooper Lewis (Multipurpose classroom) **Thursday evenings**, January 25 - March 15, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, let by Pastor Jeff Pinkston (Billie Watt Classroom) (dinner will be served before this study as part of Faith and Family nights)

Let's begin the new year focusing on how to share the story of Jesus and His love with everyone!

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Family of Agnes Byrum Hester Shank & Family (death of her sister)

Jack Ferrell - Home but not doing well. Has VA appointment on 24th. (Stroke & Parkinsons - Louise Freeman's brother)
Scott and Pam Cato – Scott had a mass on the brain removed and is responding well to treatment (Ann Sanburg's sister and brother in law)
Family of David Warren -(Betty Warren's son)

*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.

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