



# Cross Currents

February 27, 2018

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

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

**Sunday March 4**

**Is God, God?  
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**FROM PASTOR JEFF**

Dear Church Family,

As we actively work as a congregation and Session to determine God's will for us and to explore the options available in light of an ever-changing landscape, particularly as regards the Airport, the Session has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, March 18th. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Merger Planning Committee, to answer questions and hear comments on the development of the plan thus far.

Members of the Merger Planning Committee will make a presentation, recapping earlier decisions about the Plan of Merger and share new developments as the plan continues to take shape. As always, the Committee is open to questions and comments from the congregation. Representatives of the Committee from both churches will be here to make the presentation. Pleasant Hill will be having a Town Hall Meeting on the same day with representatives from both churches participating in that presentation. There will not be any votes taken and comments will be limited to the plan as it has been developed thus far. We are not rehashing the decision of whether to participate in the Merger Planning Committee and we are not voting on anything!

The reason for this presentation is to honor the commitment made at the beginning of this process that the Session would keep the congregation informed as to how the Plan of Merger is developing. The Session and the

**BOX TOP  
DEADLINE IS  
MARCH 1!**

March 1 is the deadline to turn in Box Tops for Education so that Steele Creek Elementary will receive funds for this school year. If you have been collecting at home, now is the time to bring them in! There are collection boxes in the narthex and in the entrance to the education building. We will continue collecting after March 1 but the money earned will not be applied until the next school year. Let's collect as many as we can before March 1!

**CANDY NEEDED  
FOR SPRING  
FESTIVAL**

March 24th we will once again hold our Spring

Merger Planning Committee are interested in hearing feedback from both congregations and to answer questions. Your input is vital to this process as we move toward a vote sometime this year.

I would like to encourage each of you to make every effort to attend and hear the presentation for yourselves. We will follow up the presentation with a summary in the newsletter through our Frequently Asked Questions format. It is the belief of the Session and the Merger Planning Committee that your response will make for a better plan as the Merger Planning Committee listens to your comments and questions and will go back and address those inquiries and concerns as needed.

Please pray for the Merger Planning Committee as they continue their work. And please help us, if not stop, at least limit the rumor mill. If you have a question, ask. The question/feedback forms are in the narthex in the back of the sanctuary and can be picked up, filled out and turned in at any time. If you hear something that seems outlandish, please let a member of the Session or the church office know, so the Merger Planning Committee can either confirm it or issue a correction. Our greatest hope for the future is that we go through this process with truthfulness and integrity – the way Christians should handle all matters. When the process is complete, then the decision will be left to the congregations. Again, please pray for the Merger Planning Committee and plan to be with us, if you can, on March 18th.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jeff*

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### **LENT SCHEDULE**

#### **February 28, 2018**

Lent Noon Service, Dr. Bob Jack, MOPC 12:00 PM

#### **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

#### **April 1, 2017**

Easter Sunrise, Community Service, PHPC 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service, SCPC 10:30 AM

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Festival in the Family Life Center. We are asking for donations of bags of candy for this time of fellowship with our community. If you can donate to help with this event we would greatly appreciate it. Please leave outside Lorie's door.

Fellowship & Recreation

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### **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.

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### **TOWN HALL MEETING**

We will be having a Town Hall Meeting following the Worship Service on March 18th to hear a report from the merger Planning Committee, to answer questions, and to receive comments.

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### **NEW ADDRESS**

Wanda Kinard  
4113 Hearthsides Dr #204  
Wilmington, NC 28412-8324

Please be sure to make note of this new address in your church directory.

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## **COMMUNION SUNDAY MARCH 4**

Please be in prayer and self-reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday, March 4th.

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### **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Several weeks ago, you should have received a letter with Medical Information and Photo Release forms for your children (birth - 5th grade). These forms are part of our Child/Youth Protection Policy and will help us continue to provide a safe and secure environment for our children, youth and volunteers. If you have not completed your forms, please do so soon! If you did not receive your forms or have any questions, please contact Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704.927.4293. Thanks for your help!

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### **SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

The SCAA Competitive Cheerleading team has made it to Nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC and we need your help in getting our team there! The Steele Creek SeaGals cordially invite you and your family to our 'Spaghetti with the SeaGals' dinner on Wednesday, March 7 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Gymnasium. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Ticket includes salad, spaghetti, bread, drink and dessert. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Michele Ruck at [micheleruck1212@gmail.com](mailto:micheleruck1212@gmail.com). All proceeds will help the cheerleaders with the cost of traveling and competing in the National Competition. We hope to see you all there for some FUN, FELLOWSHIP and SPIRIT!!

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### **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 17 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.50 and include a free Checkers baseball cap. Please reserve your tickets with Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto: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!

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## **THIS WEEK**

**Feb 27 - Mar 6**

### **Tuesday**

Hand Bells Rehearsal

6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

### **Wednesday**

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Community Lenten

Service @ Mt. Olive

Presbyterian Church

12:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### **Thursday**

Faith & Family Night

5:30p

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

### **Friday**

Room in the Inn 4:00p

### **Saturday**

Room in the Inn (cont'd)

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Haston BD Party 2:00p

### **Sunday**

Communion

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Cheerleading Practice

2:00p

Youth Group Dinner &

Meeting 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

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## **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. Participants will be encouraged and equipped to step out of their comfort zone to develop friendships and extend care, compassion, inclusiveness to people living far from God. There are two opportunities to take participate in this study:

**Sunday mornings**, through March 11 at 10:20 am, led by Cooper Lewis (Multipurpose classroom)

**Thursday evenings**, through March 15, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Jeff Pinkston (Billie Watt Classroom)

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## **PRAYER UPDATE\***

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

Marilyn Price - Pineville Rehab & Living Center  
(Recovering from Intestinal surgery)

Louise Freeman - Brian Health & Rehab Center, Gastonia  
(Recovering from neck surgery)

Matt Miller - Deployed to Texas for 1 month and then to Iraq

## **PRAISE REPORT**

*\*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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