



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

March 6, 2018

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

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

Sunday March 11

***The Gift of Life*
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let me remind you of some important activities coming up in the life of the church. First, this Wednesday, we continue with our Lenten Noonday Services. This week we are at McClintock Presbyterian Church and the Reverend British Hyrams, associate pastor at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church will be preaching. I hope to see you all there as we continue our journey through Lent.

Second, the Steele Creek Athletic Association Competitive Cheerleading Team is hosting a Spaghetti dinner here at SCPC on Wednesday (3/7) from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. They are raising funds to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC for the National Competition for which they have qualified. Tickets are \$10. So, if you can, come out and offer your support to these young athletes as they prepare for this National Competition.

Third, this Sunday (3/11) marks the transition back to Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget that before you go to bed on Saturday (3/10) night you need to spring forward and move your clocks ahead one hour. That's right, we move them ahead and loose an hour so, you may want to plan to retire early on Saturday in order to get here on time for Sunday School and worship.

Fourth, the church is sponsoring a Steele Creek Night at the Charlotte Checkers. Tickets are \$17.50 each. The game starts at 6:00 pm and you can meet SCPC at the game or gather at the church and ride together. For more information, contact Lorie Lewis.

Fifth, we will have our second Small Group Meeting this Sunday (3/11) at 5:30 pm at the church. If you would like to come and check out what Small Group ministry is all about, just call the church office and let us know you're planning to attend. We serve a light supper and then meet. We'd love to

BOX TOP UPDATE

Thanks to all who turned in box tops for Steele Creek Elementary. We mailed in 250 box tops this week that will help provide funds for their science programs. Now that you are in the habit of clipping, don't stop!! Most box tops have a long expiration date so they can be turned in and used at the next collection date in November. Collection boxes will remain in the the narthex and educational building entrance. Thank you!

SPRING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday March 24th from 10:00 am till 12:00 pm. There will be a DJ, Balloon Artist, Crafts, Bounce House, Egg Hunt and the movie, "The Greatest Adventure - The Easter Story". Volunteers are needed and always appreciated to make this event a success. Please let Sandi Lauerman (803-370-0367) or Cheryl Simerly

have you join us as we continue to build our Small Group community.

Sixth, we have a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for immediately after worship on Sunday, March 18th. Child care will be provided, and we encourage parents to consider sending a lunch or heavy snack with each child. The Merger Planning Committee will make a presentation and, of course, try to answer your questions and receive your feedback. There will not be any votes taken, but I think it is important for each of you to be here, to hear personally the progress that has been made toward completing the Plan for Merger.

Finally, I would remind you all that we have our Spring Festival scheduled for Saturday, March 24th beginning at 10:00 am. We need your help to prepare for this outreach to the community. We need donations of candy to be shared with the children and we need volunteers to help with the activities and just to be here to welcome our community to our campus. Please consider donating candy and your time by making yourself available on the 24th of March for a couple of hours. Contact Lorie Lewis for more information or just show up and help us welcome visitors to this, our church home.

I hope to see you at these events and many others during this busy season in the life of the church. May God continue to bless us as a congregation and pour out his abundance on each of you!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

LENT SCHEDULE

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-Thursdays, Community Service, MPC 7:00 PM

April 1, 2017

Easter Sunrise, Community Service, PHPC 7:00 AM

Easter Worship Service, SCPC 10:30 AM

FUN BUNCH LUNCH NEWS

In September, we celebrate our Scottish Heritage but in March we are all Irish. Fun Bunch will be held at noon on March 15th. We will be serving corned beef, cabbage and potatoes for a true Irish feast. Please plan on joining us and seeing how much "fun" we can have. And, even though it is a couple of days before St. Patrick's Day, wear green. There might be leprechauns among us and we don't want anyone to get pinched! As always, invite friends, family and neighbors to join us. All we ask is that you let us know how many are coming by calling either Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church

(704-577-8717) know you can help.

CANDY NEEDED FOR SPRING FESTIVAL

On March 24th we will once again hold our Spring 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 a bag or two, we will greatly appreciate it. Please leave outside Lorie's door.

Fellowship & Recreation

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.

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.

THANK YOU

A special *Thank You* to all who reached out to me following the passing of my son, David Warren. I am deeply touched by your expressions of care in the beautiful cards I received with words of comfort and giving me emotional support by your presence at the memorial service.

Thank you all. –
Betty Warren

office (704-588-1290). The cooks don't want to be pinched for running out of food!

THE CIRCLE LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Circle will meet for our regular fellowship and Bible Study on Tuesday, March 13, at 10:00 am. Jeff will lead the discussion on Lesson Seven: *In Community with the Hope of the Future*. Participation was great in February so let's have the same in March. If you've never tried The Circle, please consider joining us to see if it might be something you would enjoy. It is a wonderful way to expand friendships with ladies you might not meet in any other way. Hope to see you all on the 13th.

CHURCH WORK DAY

The Property Committee is hosting a work day at the church on Saturday, March 17th starting at 9:00 am. Our main objective is to cut shrubbery and tidy up for Easter. If you plan to attend, please bring your work gloves, long handle loppers, hard garden rack and or a pitch fork. These will handle the debris better. If time allows, we're going to try to cut the crape myrtles along the cemetery wall. The ladies of the church are welcome as well. Everyone's time and efforts are greatly appreciated and hope to see you there. If questions, contact Carl Sanburg at 704-214-9844 (cell).

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, 704.927.4293. Thanks for your help!

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. 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!!

FEBRUARY SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF

Agnes Byrum
Good Samaritan Fund by
Wayne Whiteside

David Warren
Good Samaritan
Fund by
Karen Cline
Memorial Fund by
Wayne Whiteside

The following gift was
accidentally left off the gifts
list in the October(2017)
Special Gifts listing

IN MEMORY OF

Frank Suttle
General Fund by
Donna Flow

THIS WEEK

Mar 6-13

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a
Community Lenten Service
@ McClintock Presbyterian
Church 12:00p

Cheerleader's Fundraising
Spaghetti Dinner 4-8:00p

Pastoral Care Team

Meeting 6:30p

Christian Growth Team

Meeting 6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Faith & Family Night 5:30p

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Hand Bells Rehearsal 6:45p

Choir Rehearsal 7:30p

Friday

Youth Lock-In 6:00p

Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday

Youth Lock-In (cont'd)

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Children's Choir Practice

9:00a

TICKETS TO HOCKEY GAME STILL AVAILABLE

We still have tickets to the Charlotte Checkers Game! The Checkers will be playing the Binghamton Devils on Saturday, March 17 @ 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$17.50 and include a free Checkers baseball cap. Please 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!

WANT TO TAKE A TRIP ON THE CATAWBA QUEEN?

We would like to book a sightseeing tour of Lake Norman on the Catawba Queen riverboat but we need to have commitments from 25 people before we can reserve the boat. Here are the details: Monday, April 30, we will travel by church bus to Lake Norman, boat will leave the dock at 11:00 am for a two-hour tour. Price is \$30.00 per person, which also includes a box lunch. If you would be interested in this trip, please contact Lorie Lewis, 704.927.4293 or lorie@steelecreekpres.org by March 25. Remember you can also invite friends and family!

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Query Byrum - Autumn Leaves of Fort Mill (a Memory Care facility), 1061 Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC 29708 Phone: (803) 219-2723

Frances Campbell - CMC Main (Heart issues)

Louise Freeman - Home (Recovering from neck surgery)

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

**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.*

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

BASIC Training 11:30a

Cheerleading Practice

2:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Chapel Cove HOA Annual

Meeting 6:00p

Tuesday

Ladies Circle Bible

Study 10:00a

Men's Basketball 7:00p
