



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

March 20, 2018

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

**Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
10 Cents a Meal Offering**

**Sunday March 25
Palm Sunday**

***Betraying Jesus*
Mark 11:1-11
Mark 15:1-15**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Church Family,

This Saturday (3/24) we will host our annual Spring Festival from 10:00 am to 12 noon. We have advertised this event throughout the church, with signs in the yard, and with flyers to the local schools. This is one of two major events we host on our campus where we invite the community to come and get to know us, while experiencing a good, safe time for their children. Yet, in all honesty, we struggle to get our congregational members to participate. The responsibility for events such as the Spring Festival increasingly fall to a small core group of individuals who keep things running at the church. They need everyone's help! We need volunteers to help with the activities, donations of candy for the prizes, and we need our members here, on campus, for those two hours, looking for and reaching out to greet and welcome our visitors. This is a job that anyone can do, and it is a responsibility we all share. Please, make plans to be here this Saturday to support your church, participate in our outreach to the community, and to serve as greeters for our guests!

On Sunday (3/25), we will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday. The children will lead us in a procession of the palms and we will focus on both Jesus' Triumphal Entry and His Death on the Cross. This is always a special service as we make final preparations for Easter, where we glory in the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Plan to be with us for worship this Sunday. In addition to our regular time of worship, we will also recognize our Custodian, Robert Steele, who is retiring after nearly 15 years of working for

PALM PROCESSIONAL THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, March 25, we will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday with a traditional palm processional by the children and youth. All who plan to participate will need to meet in the narthex before the service to receive your palm branches and instructions. Hope to see you Sunday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS EASTER WEEKEND

Friendship Trays needs drivers and kitchen assistants on Friday, March 30th and Monday, April 2nd. Make your Easter weekend even more special with the gift of service. [Email Martha Cochrane to sign up today!](#)

and with us. We will recognize Robert at the beginning of the service and hold a reception in his honor, immediately after the service. I know that we would all welcome the opportunity to thank Robert for his service to our congregation and congratulate him on his retirement.

I hope to see you this weekend at both these events. This church will succeed in answering God's call when we all come together offering to God the gifts and talents He has blessed us with. To God be the glory!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

REGISTRATION FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT HAS NOW BEGUN

All women of the church are encouraged to attend the Women's Retreat, April 14-15 at William Black Lodge in Montreat. *Finding God in the Dark-Evil, Suffering and Faith* is the theme of this year's retreat. Our guest facilitator will be Rev. Ruth Roberts who will lead us in exploring how we can find God in the midst of all that is happening in our world today. Whether shootings, natural disasters or fighting over politics we need to be able to use our faith to shine a light in the darkness for ourselves and our families. The retreat will begin on Saturday morning at 10:30 am but there is also an option to arrive Friday night. Costs for retreat fees, lodging and meals will be:

- Double Occupancy: One Night-\$172 Two Nights-\$233
- Single Occupancy: One Night-\$202 Two Nights-\$292

Look for a brochure with more information and a registration form in the narthex or outside the church office. Registration deadline is March 25.

****NEW** SMALL GROUP KICKOFF**

What: The beginning of a small group using mixed agendas and locations, based on the growing needs of the group.

When: Saturday, March 31st beginning at 4:00 pm.

Where: The Thomas's: 13615 Erwin Rd, Charlotte, NC 28273

Who: Likeminded folks who are looking to connect, grow spiritually, and provide a support system for each other.

Note: Kids are welcome to watch movies in bonus room, as adults meet on the porch. #bringyourownrockingchair

SHORT TERM STUDY TO BEGIN APRIL 8

SPRING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday March 24th from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. 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 or Cheryl Simerly know you can help. Please continue to donate bags of individually wrapped candy that can be dropped off in the bin outside Lorie Lewis's office.

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!

LENT SCHEDULE

March 21, 2018

Lent Noon Service

Mr. Billy Grier

CSCPC, 12:00 PM

March 29, 2018

Our next Sunday Short Term Study will take place April 8-May 20, 9:30 am - 10:20 am. The study will be based on Adam Hamilton's book "Making Sense of the Bible." Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses often misunderstood biblical themes that will lead to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving. This study is open to all who are interested, no prior attendance in a Sunday School class or Short Term Study is necessary! The study will be led by Cooper Lewis and take place in room 207.

EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP SEPT 7-15

Join Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. Come experience the warmth and hospitality of the people of El Salvador. Come build houses and relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. Celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary at the Dia de los Farolitos (lantern festival) and see how others live their faith. For more information contact Aaron Salmon (704-607-0138) or aaron_salmon@yahoo.com.

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!

NEED A FEW MORE FOR CATAWBA QUEEN TRIP!

We need 12 more people to book the Catawba Queen for a private cruise and lunch! Check your calendars and contact Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org, 704.927.4293 by March 25 to reserve your spot! 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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPRING TOUR

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will be in the beautiful city of Wilmington for its Spring Tour on

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

NEW ADDRESS

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1
Donnel Childs
April 2
Mary Lou Gater
April 3
Kelly Byrum
April 6
Joyce Carpenter
April 7
Phyllis Duke
Mary Beth Monroe
April 9
Brady Brunelle
April 10
Elizabeth Hovis
April 11
Meg Salmon
April 12
Beth McKay
Jack Campbell
April 13
Gerald Brown
April 15
Barry Small
April 17
Laney Cornell
April 20
Pam Shubert
Roy Berryhill
April 23
Dewitt Lauerman
Trey Horack
April 24

Friday and Saturday, April 6-7. Tour will include historic churches and sites such as the magnificent Bellamy House Museum. Registration begins Friday at noon at Thalian Hall; the cost is \$20. The schedule, registration form, and motel information will be on the website at www.ncphsociety.org after March 15, or contact Program Chair Steve McRae at smcrae@stevemcraelaw.com or (336) 693-1929. Transportation will be provided by van from Raleigh for \$15; if you would like a seat, please contact Barbara Cain, btcain@nc.rr.com, 919-782-0944.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Rob Spence - Post surgery cancer treatments (Linda Elliott friend)

Family of Emily Koon - After long battle with cancer - age 30 (Fred Willis' cousin's daughter)

Sandi Smith - Stroke (Barry & Betty Small's friend)

Jamey DeBerry - Honduras Mission Trip this week with Carolina's Medical Center Mission Team

Andy Moore - Starting on 6 months hike on the Appalachian Trail this week

Deb Hawes - Moving to Pennsylvania

Family of Dayton Dwy

Rev. Bob Jack - CMC Pineville (Fluid on the lungs and pneumonia)

Glenn Kales - End stage mesothelioma (High school friend of Bob Freeman)

PRAISE REPORT:

Frances Campbell - Good report - everything is as it should be and next check-up in 3 months

Marilyn Price - Home (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.*

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Brayden Kauffman

April 29

Ernie Coskrey

Brenda McGee

Robert Reid

Bill Harraman

April 30

Barrett Freeman

THIS WEEK

Mar 20-27

Tuesday

Scripture & Starbuck's

Ladies Bible Study 6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

CDC Board Meeting

11:00a

Community Lenten Service @ Central Steele

Creek Presbyterian

Church 12:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:00a

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Hand Bells Rehearsal

6:45p

Choir Rehearsal 7:30p

Friday

Spring Festival Setup

9:00a

Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Spring Festival 10:00a

Donna Gibson Memorial Service 1:00p

Sunday

Children's Choir Practice

9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

American Legion Meeting

2:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p
