



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

May 1, 2018

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

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

Sunday May 6

Conquering the World
1 John 5:1-6

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Dear Friends,

Life is always busy at Steele Creek. We are blessed that so many of our folks work so hard to lead us in worship, ministry, outreach and fellowship. Here are a few of the upcoming events you will want to make sure you attend.

Once again, Steele Creek will serve as a polling place for the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections. The primary is next Tuesday, May 8th. I share this to remind you that SCPC is actively involved in our community and to remind you all to vote, wherever your polling place might be. Although, I would never presume to tell you how to vote, I do believe it is our Christian obligation and responsibility to participate in our republic and to vote in every primary and election.

Also, Ladies Circle meets on Tuesday, May 8th at 10:00 am. This is the last lesson of the current study before the summer break and as such it is an excellent opportunity if you have not been attending Circle to come and check it out. It is not necessary for you to have attended the other lessons to benefit from the study and you can check out the process without making a long-term commitment, since Circle won't resume meeting again until September. The ladies celebrate the end of their series by having lunch. So, bring a side or desert to share and come out for the fellowship. Please call the church office to let us know you plan to attend so we will be adequately prepared for everyone.

On Sunday, May 13th, we will celebrate Mother's Day during our morning worship service. In addition to recognizing all the ladies in our congregation, our Children's Choir and Musicians will also be singing and

LOAVES AND FISHES

Please help our hungry neighbors by donating non-perishable groceries to be given to Loaves and Fishes. The ***Food-of-the-Month*** list for May is: Boxed Cookies & Crackers.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Please sign up to provide flowers for a worship service. Flowers are still needed for June 24, July 1, 8, 15 & 22. You may put your name on the date of your choice on the flower calendar in the narthex or call the church office. Arrangements are \$50.00 each. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

playing. This is always a special treat guaranteed to put a smile on your face. So, come out and celebrate the mother figure in your life and enjoy the children leading us in worship. Their hard work and enthusiasm will lift our spirits with energy and joy!

On a sad note, Mother's Day will be our Music Director, Jeremy Mims', last Sunday with us. We are all heartbroken to see Jeremy go, but he feels he has been called to minister in his own community at Grace Lutheran near Winthrop University. We wish him and Craig our best as they transition to a new ministry.

On Saturday, May 19th, we will pack meals for "Rise Against Hunger" beginning at 9:00 am. See the related article for more information.

On Sunday, May 20th, we will celebrate Pentecost. We encourage all our members to wear red, yellow or orange to mimic the tongues of fire that the Holy Spirit used to touch those present on the very first Christian Pentecost. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on this day as the major focus of our worship, so be in prayerful preparation to receive the sacrament and plan to join with us on this special day! And don't forget that some of our children will be celebrating Communion for the first time that day. See the related article in this newsletter about the class Children at the Lord's Table for more information.

Finally, though it is several weeks off in the future. Remember that Sunday, June 3rd, is Youth and Graduate Recognition Sunday! Our youth will be leading us in all aspects of our worship that Sunday and we will recognize those in our church who are recent graduates. This is always a unique time in which our youth challenge us with a message from scripture related to the issues that are on their hearts. And of course, we celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our graduates! Mark your calendar, so that you will be with us for this special time of worship.

There is so much more to look forward to in our life together as the family of God at SCPC. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, we have our July 1st Community Worship at Pleasant Hill and much, much more. I look forward to sharing these events and experiences with you! May God continue to bless us and give to us a vision of the church He is calling us to be in the future!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MAY 19

Once again, we will be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now). This time we will pack 10,000 meals. Start time will be approximately 9:00 am. Remember, there are sitting jobs, standing jobs, and walking around jobs. There is something for all ages. Questions? Call Roger Palmer (704-588-9482).

END HUNGER

Last year in the Charlotte area, 2,400 volunteer gleaners moved an incredible 650,000 pounds of food at 259 separate events! They were busy and they were productive! Thanks to those of you who came out once or a dozen times. We need all our volunteers. And a huge thank you to our generous farmers! And finally, we're always looking for new drivers, particularly those with pickup trucks who are willing to pick up and deliver produce to local hunger agencies. If you're interested, email (gleanclt@endhunger.org) and let them know and they will get you plugged in! As always, thanks for all you do to keep good food from going to waste and making sure those who need it have access to it.

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE – EXPERIENCE THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME WITH GOD!

Get ready to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at *Rolling River Rampage* Vacation Bible School! This white-water rafting adventure includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life!

The adventure takes place June 10-14, 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm. Dinner will be served each night, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Go to our [VBS website](#) to check out dinner menus and register for all the fun. Those who register by May 15 will receive a free *Rolling River Rampage* music CD!

Adults are welcome to roll on the river with us. There are many opportunities to help with all the excitement at Rolling River Rampage. Contact Kelly Byrum kfbyrum@gmail.com, Ragan Haston, raganhaston@yahoo.com or Lorie Lewis, lorie@steelecreekpres.org for more information on how you can help with our river adventure.

CIRCLE NEWS

Ladies, our last circle meeting of the current session will be held on Tuesday, May 8. NOTE A CHANGE IN TIME! We will meet at 11:00 am for our lesson and then enjoy a covered dish luncheon before dismissing for the summer. The meat (baked ham and turkey breast) will be furnished from our “Blessing Box” fund and we will provide side dishes and desserts. We won’t be coordinating the menu, so just bring a favorite dish to be shared. Jeff will be leading our lesson, *In Community with all the Saints*. This has been a great study and we greatly appreciate Jeff and Lorie leading us. Please try to be present for the last session so you can enjoy fellowship with friends before the summer arrives. See you there. (Voting Day - Car pool if you are able.)

CUB SCOUT PACK 45 YARD SALE

Cub Scout Pack 45 sponsored by the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 19th from 7:00 to 11:00 am to offset the cost of our program. We are looking to have items donated. If you would like a table to sell your items and keep the proceeds, the cost of a space and table is still only \$20.00 and payable to CSCPC - Cub Scout Pack 45. You will keep any money that is sold from your table/space. The Scouts thank you for your continued support! Info and table applications are available from Allyson at the CSCPC church office. Her contact info is 704-588-1211 or

MISSION TRIP EL SALVADOR 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.

READ TO ACHIEVE

Once again, we will team up with our area churches for the Read to Achieve project. A project to encourage summer reading among students in the 7 elementary schools in Steele Creek and Berryhill. The objective is to provide select 3rd grade students a book bag with school supplies and books. A follow-up survey of teachers and staff from last year showed that the project was helpful for the students. How you can help:

- 1) We need to raise \$600 to contribute for supplies. Please consider giving a monetary donation to help with this project.
- 2) Stay tuned for the packing date to help pack the book bags.

Thanks!

(admin@cscpc.org). Please contact Charlie Bricker at 704-654-0919 if you have any questions. Sign up forms are on the bulletin board outside the church office.

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE BEING OFFERED MAY 19

Children at the Lord's Table will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. This is an opportunity for children to learn what it means to participate in the sacrament of communion and to help prepare the elements for the following day's communion service. This event will be led by Mary Beth Monroe, Jeff Pinkston, and Lorie Lewis and is open to all children in first grade or older who have not previously attended a session, or feel they need a "refresher" on the meaning of communion. A session for parents will take place 2:00 - 2:30 pm. Please let Lorie Lewis know by May 6 if your child will be attending, lorie@steelecreekpres.org, 704.927.4293.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Louise Freeman - Back Surgery Scheduled for May 8th
Ray & Carol Pridgen & Family - death of Ray's father (Betty Small's sister & brother-in-law)

Family of TJ Diguardo - Premature passing (Trent Haston friend)

Family of Ruth Setzer (Barry & Betty Small's close friend)

Query Byrum - Back home (Health concerns)

PRAISE REPORTS:

Doris & Roy Berryhill are both doing much better

**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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THIS WEEK

May 1-8

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Pastoral Care Team

Meeting 6:30p

Christian Growth Team

Meeting 6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:15p

Hand Bells Rehearsal

6:45p

Choir Rehearsal 7:30p

Saturday

Meck12 GS Powder Puff

Derby 7:00a

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Strings Class 12:00p

Sunday

Children's Choir Practice

9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Youth Dinner & Meeting

5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Set Up for Election 3:00p

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Primary Election

AP Testing 7:00am

Ladies Circle 11:00a

NO Men's Basketball
