



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

July 17, 2018

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

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

**Sunday July 8**

**Doing for God  
2 Samuel 7:1-14**

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MERGER

In a continuing effort to insure the flow of accurate information, the Session has asked that our members of the Merger Exploration Committee periodically share what is happening in our discussion with Pleasant Hill. Hopefully, this information will keep the rumors and misinformation to a minimum.

#### **Has any new information come out about the Airport's plan for the development of the Steele Creek Community?**

Yes, the Airport has released information as part of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) indicating that Steele Creek Road (Hwy 160) will be rerouted down Douglas Drive. They currently have three possible routes all of which travel down Douglas. Two of those routes cut through the Markswood Community leaving the church on a dead-end road to the Intermodal Rail Yard. The third route continues by the church but straightens out the curve in front of the church.

Also, the Airport has released an Airport Commercial Development Strategy that calls for the relocation of the Air National Guard, the North Carolina National Guard Armory, addition Intermodal space and Airplane Maintenance to all surround the church should we stay.

#### **What would membership and attendance be like if we merge?**

Although we know some members would probably leave if we merge, the current membership of the two churches combined would be 550 members with approximately 289

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### JULY FUN BUNCH LUNCH

The nation has celebrated Independence Day but we still have another party here at Steele Creek! Fun Bunch will celebrate on Thursday, July 19th at noon. We will feast on hamburgers and hot dogs along with all the fixings. Dessert will be a sundae bar where you can build your own ice cream sundae. Come enjoy our picnic in the air-conditioned Family Life Center. All we ask is that you let us know you are coming by calling Frances Campbell at 704-588-4686 or the church office at 704-588-1290. We need to know you will be here so we can prepare the proper amount of food. Hope the crowd is large on the 19th.

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### TOWN HALL MEETINGS UPDATE

The Session scheduled two Town Halls for further updates from the Merger

in attendance. However, at our July 1<sup>st</sup> Service at Pleasant Hill we had 340 people in attendance!

**Is there any growth in the Pleasant Hill Community?**

Yes, there are new homes continuing to be built in the surrounding community, especially in the Palisades Park Community. Palisades Park Elementary School just recently opened across the highway from Pleasant Hill and a new High School is also slated for across the highway from PHPC.

**Will the SCPC Cemetery be protected and taken care of?**

Yes, the SCPC Cemetery will be accessible to anyone who wants to visit during daylight hours as is the case now. Also, if the merger takes place the Session is committed to further funding the Cemetery taking the perpetual care dollars up to ½ million.

**How will the merger actually take place from a corporate standpoint?**

If the merger passes and is approved by Presbytery's Administrative Commission, then the Pleasant Hill assets (land, buildings, etc.) would be transferred to SCPC. SCPC would also keep its PIN number with the PC(USA) – our identifying number within the larger church.

**If the merger passes, what would be the timeline for its implementation?**

The merger would officially take place January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. At that time Pleasant Hill's congregation would join us here at SCPC through Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. On Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 the whole church would move to Pleasant Hill's site, permanently.

**What about any obligations, financial or otherwise, from either congregation?**

The plan includes the adopting of Financial Responsibility and Accountability standards for the combined church. All property, all bequest, all gifts, all finances, and all financial responsibilities would remain with the merged church.

**What would our Worship look like?**

Both congregations worship services are fairly similar in their content and order. The differences that exist would have to be worked out by a combined Worship Ministry Team. However, PHPC does have a more contemporary service once a month called "Awaken". That service would also remain in place. The merger plan calls for only once worship service for at least the first 6 months in order to build community and grow relationships. Any decision about additional services would be the responsibility of the new Session.

Committee. The first Town Hall took place last Sunday (7/8). We had a good discussion and answered a number of questions. We heard from those who are in favor of the merger and from those who are opposed. We had a few questions and information on the condition of our physical plant that we will include in the next presentation. That Town Hall will take place immediately after worship on Sunday, August 12th. Again, we will have a presentation from members of the Merger Committee and an opportunity for questions and comments. Finally, the Session has called a Congregational Meeting for immediately after worship on Sunday, August 26th for the purpose of voting on the Plan for Merger. A summary of the plan will be available no later than August 19th with the whole plan available online through SCPC's Website. Please mark these dates on your calendar and be present with us if you can.

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**PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH**

Please be in prayer for the following who will be participating in Montreat Youth Conference July 22-28.

**Youth Participants:**

Donald Horack  
Kelly Ferguson  
Connor McAliley  
Caitlyn Moore

We hope these questions and answers are helpful to you as we continue to work toward a possible future merger. Please keep in mind that the Merger Committee is working on a Plan for Merger which it will present to both congregations on August 26<sup>th</sup> after worship during a called Congregational Meeting. At that time, both congregations will have to vote in favor of the Plan for Merger before it can go into effect. We will continue to provide information to our members about the process. We have one finally Town Hall meeting scheduled for after church on Sunday, August 12, 2018. If you have questions you would like to have answered in this format, please call the church office, or speak to Pastor Jeff or one of your Elders.

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### **FAMILY RETREAT REGISTRATION BEGINS**

It may be the hot days of summer now but imagine cool fall weather in the mountains and then imagine going there with your church family! Our Church Family Retreat is set to return to Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC, October 20-21 (with a Friday night option available). Make your reservation now for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, recreation and study. Rooms are hotel style, consisting of two double beds and a private bath. Meals will be prepared by the facility and your rate includes 4 meals (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch) during our stay. Full pricing is listed below:

- Rate per room/per night: \$109
- Meal rate/facility fee (adult) \$58
- Meal rate/facility fee (child 3-11) \$34
- Example-family of four for one night=\$293

A deposit of \$100 by August 5 will reserve your spot on this wonderful weekend. Please contact Lorie Lewis ([lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org), 704.927.4293) for additional information.

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### **SNACKS NEEDED FOR MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Five youth and their leaders will be heading to Montreat Youth Conference, July 22-28. This week is a great opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Our meals will be generously provided by our parents but donations of snacks and desserts are needed. You can bring your donations to Lorie Lewis July 15-21. Thanks for your assistance in making a memorable experience for our youth!

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### **College Students on Work Crew**

Dylan Moore  
Melinda Moore  
Maddie Tanner

### **Chaperones**

Mike Farnham  
Lorie Lewis  
Jonathan McCall  
Karsen Pennington  
Aaron Salmon

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### **THIS WEEK**

**May July 17-24**

#### **Tuesday**

Men's Basketball 7:00p

#### **Wednesday**

Staff Meeting 10:00a

CDC Board Meeting

11:00a

Birds of a Feather 7:00p

AA Meeting 8:00p

#### **Thursday**

Fun Bunch Lunch 12:00p

Sullivan's Trace HOA

Board Mtg 6:30p

#### **Saturday**

Girl Scouts 9:00a

#### **Sunday**

*Summer Camp Week*

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

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## PRAYER UPDATE\*

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

**Phyllis Osborn** - is back at work! Please pray for continued healing.

**Lynda Williams** - Beaufort Memorial/Rm 406, Beaufort SC (Fall/Hip Replacement - having rehab now)

### **Praise Report:**

Dina Kellliehan - She is doing much better and feeling really well right now. Thank you for praying for her - it really helped! (Karen Cline's friend)

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Following is an updated list of our members who are no longer able to attend our worship services on a regular basis, due to ongoing health issues. Please ensure your personal prayer list is up to date. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Joan Brown  
Mack Brown  
Betty Burgess  
Betty Byrum  
Ann Councilman  
Erwin Davenport  
Louise Freeman  
Ruth Hunter  
Lenora Fincher  
Hannah Mauerer  
Beth McKay

John McKay  
Jim McGee  
Ann Preslar  
Marilyn Price  
Gerry Roberts  
Bill Wert  
Margaret Wert  
Wayne Whiteside  
Lois Yandle  
Mark Yandle

*\*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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