



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

July 24, 2018

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

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

Sunday July 29

**Forgiven and
Blessed
2 Samuel 11:1-15**

REGISTER NOW FOR FAMILY RETREAT

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. Our study will be based on Max Lucado's book "*Anxious for Nothing*" where we will explore Philippians 4:6-7 and what that can mean for us in today's crazy world.

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, 704.927.4293) for additional information.

THE CIRCLE LADIES BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Ladies, have you ever noticed that the Circle is meeting and wondered what is that? We first of all are a Bible Study

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

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

Youth Participants:

Donald Horack
Kelly Ferguson
Connor McAliley
Caitlyn Moore

College Students on Work Crew

Dylan Moore
Melinda Moore
Maddie Tanner

Chaperones

Mike Farnham
Lorie Lewis
Jonathan McCall
Karsen Pennington
Aaron Salmon

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

We have a large group of children attending Camp Grier this week. Please

group. We meet monthly from September through May to study the Horizon study program provided by the PCUSA. We enjoy visiting with each other, caring about one another and sharing fellowship over refreshments. In December we celebrate Christmas with a covered dish luncheon at Sharon Towers and invite the Church staff and members who are residents of Sharon Towers to join us for lunch. We end the year with another covered dish held at church after our May lesson. We also pledge monies to the Presbyterian Women. Gifts have been made from that fund this past Circle year to Alexander Youth Network, Children's Hope Alliance combining Barium Springs and Grandfather Homes, Crisis Assistance Ministry and our own Good Samaritan Fund. A contribution was also given to the Presbyterian Historical Society. In years past, we have helped members directly when they were experiencing difficulties. The rose that is placed on the Communion Table at the birth of a child is also a gift from the Circle. We maintain the bride's room and help when things are needed for the "little" kitchen. All we ask is that you think about the part you could play if you joined us. It's a great way to make new friends. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. Give us a try. If you would like to discuss the possibilities, Betty Harraman is our chairman and Becky Neely is the treasurer. They or any member would be happy to talk to you about what Circle means to them.

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP

Please sign up to provide fresh flowers for a worship service. Flowers are still needed for Aug 12 and Sept 16. Please 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!

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

remember these campers in your prayers.

Gavin Beck
Spencer Beck
Kinsley Byrum
Colin Cathey
Liam Cathey
Eleanor Cunningham
Jacob Economon
Joshua Economon
Brady Farnham
Harper Farnham
Piper Haston
Rowan Haston
Tatum Haston
Kevin Horack
Alli Salmon
Blakely Whitby
Delaney Whitby

TOWN HALL MEETINGS UPDATE

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

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 in attendance. However, at our July 1st 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 1/2 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 1st, 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

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 3

Lee Fish

Aug 5

Larry Briggs
Blanche Corbett

Aug 6

Olivia Cain
Phyllis Clark
Betty Reep

Aug 7

Bill Cathey

Aug 8

Mandy Beck
Robert Davenport
Donald Horack

Aug 10

Wendy Kauffman

Aug 12

Jessica Fish
Betty Small

Aug 13

Sandy Byrum
Mary-Margaret Donato

Aug 14

Courtney Flewelling
Hunter Myers
Betty Warren

Aug 17

John Freeman
Beth Walker

Aug 18

Kaitlyn Price

Aug 19

Joey Bridges
Carter Campbell
Gary Ruppalt

Aug 21

James Beatty
Cheryl Simerly

Aug 22

Mary Turner

Aug 25

Kat Sparrow

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.

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 26th 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.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Lynda Williams - Scheduled to go home today (Fall/Hip Replacement - having rehab now)

Bob Sadler - Lung Cancer (Annette & John Freeman's brother in law)

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

**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.*

Aug 26
Shirlene Starkey

Aug 27
Tom Maske
Graham Cathey, III

Aug 28
Marguerite Aycoth
Mollie Holzhauer
Larry Monroe

Aug 29
Joan Hoover

Aug 30
Ralph Neely, Jr.

Aug 31
Brenda Bledsoe
William Lewis
Blaine Wallace

THIS WEEK

May July 17-24

Tuesday
Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday
Staff Meeting 10:00a
AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday
Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00a

Friday
Square Dancing 7:00p

Saturday
Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday
10 Cents A Meal Offering
Ethiopian Evangelical
Church 10:30a
AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday
Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday
Men's Basketball 7:00p
