



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

October 2, 2018

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

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

**Sunday Sept. 30, 2018**

**The Good, the Bad  
and the Ugly**  
**Job 1:1; 2:1-10**  
**Hebrews 1:1-4**

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### FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

Life at Steele Creek is ever changing. That is the nature of God's creation, nothing, apart from God, remains unchanged. Life comes into being, grows and transitions through multiple stages and eventually comes to an end. It has always been that way and always will until Christ returns, death is finally defeated, and God's Kingdom ushers in a new heaven and a new earth. Life is certainly changing here at Steele Creek. I know that many of us, regardless of how we voted, are still grieving over the adoption of "The Plan For Merger" and what it means for Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill. I continue to pray for everyone to heal and find peace as we move forward with implementing "The Plan".

Even as we grieve, we also have much to celebrate. I am excited about the opportunity that God has set before us! I continue to reflect back on the very special day we had in worship at Pleasant Hill on July 1st. Surely, that day was a glimpse into our future and provides us with hope and inspiration to become the church that God has called us to be. The prospect of being a stronger more viable church, seeking to serve God as we serve others is something of which we can all be a part. Therefore, I want to encourage you all to join with us for the upcoming Convocation as we begin the multifaceted dialogue in order to plan for and successfully implement the transition to merger. This Sunday, October 7th, at 4:30 pm at Pleasant Hill we will meet to kick off the transitional process and begin the work of bringing our two church families together as one.

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### MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION CLASS

A Church Membership Exploration Class will be held on Sunday, October 7 at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor for all who want to know more about membership in the church.

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### THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, October 14 will be a special day in the life of Steele Creek as we present Bibles to our Third graders during worship. An email with additional information has been sent to those children on our roles. If you have not received an email and have a third grader that would like to participate that Sunday, please contact Lorie Lewis, [lorie@steelecreekpres.org](mailto:lorie@steelecreekpres.org) or on her direct line 704.927.4293.

We will meet in the Sanctuary for an overview of the process and then we will break out into various areas of ministry. Many of these breakout groups will be defined by the Manual of Operations adopted in "The Plan For Merger". We will begin the discussion of what worship will look like in the new church. We will discuss our mission, our youth, our education programs, fellowship, outreach and so much more. This is an exciting time to be part of something fresh. "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19) God is indeed about to do a new thing in our midst. I pray that each of you will bring your unique talents and abilities to this body of Christ. Come and join us for this important day and this important work! I look forward to sharing this journey with you! May God bless and keep you and may He guide and direct us into His future. To God be the glory!

Grace and Peace,  
*-+Pastor Jeff*

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### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on October 7, 2018, following the 10:30 AM Worship Service for the purpose of presenting the Session's suggestions for changes in the election procedures for officers to provide for the number of Elders and Deacons for 2019 and 2020 required in the Plan of Merger.

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### **CONVOCATION WITH PLEASANT HILL**

On October 7th at 4:30 PM at Pleasant Hill Church, we are planning a joint Convocation to prepare for our merger between Pleasant Hill and Steele Creek. All Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Team Chairpersons should attend this important meeting. In addition, each ministry team member and all other members of the congregation are encouraged to attend as we begin the process of planning for our January 1st merger and the first few months as a new church. We will meet together for an introduction to all the things that must be accomplished in the next three months, and then break up into groups by Ministry Team and personal interest for some detailed planning. Please plan to be present for this important joint meeting.

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### **BASIC TRAINING TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH**

BASIC Training (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) is a group designed for 2nd - 5th graders. Their next outing will be October 14 to Hall Farm Pumpkin Patch. We will eat

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### **PLEASE HELP**

The Good Samaritan Fund, which the church uses to help those who are struggling to pay rent or utilities, is running low. If you are able to make a gift so that we can continue to help our neighbors, please do so as soon as you can. Thank you!

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### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children's Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 9:00 am in the upstairs of the sanctuary building. All children (Four year old - 5th grade) are invited to participate and prepare for our Christmas Musical on December 23.

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### **SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY**

#### **RESCHEDULED**

Scottish Heritage Sunday has been rescheduled for October 14, 2018.

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

November 3rd, 2018, has been set for us to pack 10,000 meals. As always, we can use lots of help. More details to come.

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### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**October 2**

Lindsay Craddock  
Morrow

together at the Scottish Heritage lunch and then leave the church at 12:30 and return to the church at 3:30 for parents' pick up. Please send \$10 with each child; this will cover the corn maze and hayride and give them money for peddle cars (if there is time) and buy a drink. Please make sure your child(ren) have play clothes and closed toe shoes. For more information, please contact Kate Lemond, [klemond526@gmail.com](mailto:klemond526@gmail.com).

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### **CHARLOTTE CROP WALK IS COMING SOON!**

Do you like to walk outdoors in the beautiful world God gave us? Then come and join us for our 40th annual Charlotte CROP WALK on Saturday, October 13th. We will leave the church at 8:00 am to go to the park and be ready to walk at 9:00 am. This walk is the biggest walk in the U.S. to help raise money for food and water, building materials and other necessities for poverty-stricken people around the world. We need all the walkers we can get to help make this work. You can't walk? That's okay, WE NEED SPONSORS TOO! We need as many people to sponsor our walkers as we can get. This is such a worthy cause and we are really asking for your support in helping us feed and provide clean water and so much more for people in need. And yes, some of the money is being used to help the people affected by Hurricane Florence. PLEASE make your check out to CWS/CROP and give it to Karen Cline or turn it into the church office. Karen will be available after church on Sunday, Oct 7th if you want to walk and need to get a walker packet from her. If you have any questions, please call Karen Cline at 704-458-5457. Thank you so much for your support of this special project to help those less fortunate!

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### **JOIN US FOR FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS**

The Fall session of Faith and Family nights will run from Thursday, October 4 - Thursday November 8. Dinner will be served 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm followed by studies for adults and children based on the movie "The Case for Christ." (see related article about viewing the movie). Dinner reservations can be made each week by completing the reservation form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Deadline will be noon on Tuesdays. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4.00/adult, \$3.00/children (5 yrs - 12 yrs), children under 5 yrs free with a family maximum of \$15.00. Childcare will be provided during the evening for Infants - Preschool.

Upcoming Dinner menus:

- 10/4 Meatloaf, Vegetable Casserole, Bread
  - 10/11 Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Rice and Gravy, Bread
  - 10/18 Pork and Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Cubed Potatoes, Bread
  - 10/25 Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Bread
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#### **October 4**

Andrew Smith

#### **October 5**

Allyson Rogers

Wayne Childs

Hunter Duke

#### **October 5**

Chaz Hovis

#### **October 7**

Mack Brown

#### **October 8**

Chip Gwynn

Claude Palmer

#### **October 9**

Allen McDowell

#### **October 13**

Cooper Freeman, IV

David McAliley

Bob Rhodes

#### **October 14**

Sarah Cathey Dockery

Joy Fowler

#### **October 15**

Cherry Counts

#### **October 17**

Lorie Lewis

#### **October 18**

Pat Roberts

#### **October 19**

Clay Ferguson

#### **October 20**

Beth Beaty

Lorie Beatty

Ashley Gwynn

#### **October 22**

Caroline Miller

Joshua Pinkston

#### **October 24**

Libby McGloughlin

Allen Warsaw

#### **October 25**

Dave Carpenter

Andy Moore

Kristen Moore

#### **October 27**

Gloria Smith

#### **October 28**

Adalynn Harraman

#### **October 29**

Victoria Brasch

Laura Lindsay

#### **October 31**

Cooper Lewis

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## FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 27

Our Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 27, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. This event is fun for our families but also a great way to reach out to our community!

There are many ways that you can help make this a great event:

- Volunteer to help that day with games, bounce house or cake walk (see bulletin insert or contact Cheryl Simerly, 704.577.8717 or [cheryl@csimerly.com](mailto:cheryl@csimerly.com))
- Donate candy to be used for prizes (bin outside Lorie Lewis' office)
- Bring your vehicle and candy and participate in our trunk or treat (11:00 am-noon)
- Invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you!

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## PRAYER UPDATE\*

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

**JR Misra** - Recovering from surgery (Judy Misra's husband)

### **Family of Jo Ann Freeman**

**All those adversely affected by Hurricane Florence** and a special request to pray for Pollocksville, NC. This was the location of Pastor Jeff's first church and the small town has been devastated by flooding of the Trent River.

**Steve Smith** - Recovering from procedure help with digestion

*\*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.*

## THIS WEEK

**Oct 2-9**

### **Tuesday**

Men's Basketball 7:00p

### **Wednesday**

Asheville Biltmore Trip

Pastoral Care Team

Meeting 6:30p

Christian Growth Team

Meeting 6:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### **Thursday**

Faith and Family Night

5:15p

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

### **Saturday**

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Lindsay/Wimmer

Wedding 3:00p

### **Sunday**

*World Communion*

*Sunday*

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Youth Group 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### **Monday**

Boy Scouts 6:00p

### **Tuesday**

The Circle 10:00a

Men's Basketball 7:00p

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