



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

October 9, 2018

Blessed by God that we might
be a blessing to others
Scottish Heritage Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Sunday Oct 14, 2018

God's Plan
Mark 8:27-38

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

This past Sunday (10/07) we had our Convocation at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian and officially began the process of bringing our two churches together. It was a good event and I am so pleased that many of you willing gave up your afternoon and participated. At the same time, it is going to take everyone being involved in order to successfully complete the work that needs to be done for us to come together as one church, brothers and sisters in Christ. Much of the work is being done by the Ministry Teams that were agreed to and approved in the Plan for Merger. Below you will find a list of the Ministry Teams and a very brief description of their work. There are also Specialized Ministry Teams that you may want to know more about. I pray that each of you will look over this list and commit yourself to being involved with one of these Ministries. If you cannot participate, then commit yourself to learning more about their work and lifting them up in prayer. Again, "Thank you!" to all those who participated on Sunday and I look forward to more of us getting involved. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

- **Christian Education:** Responsible for the planning and oversight of the educational ministry of the church.
- **Outreach:** Lead the congregation to share the good news of the gospel with those in our community who do not know Christ or have a church home.
- **Fellowship and Recreation:** Both sponsor and plan congregational functions as well as provide for the needs of other Ministry Team functions and activities.

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 or on her direct line 704.927.4293.

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!

- **Mission:** Lead the congregation in its mission and outreach to the community and to the world.
- **Property:** Handle all matters related to church facilities.
- **Pastoral Care:** Lead the congregation in its mission to its own members and develop that sense of community that is the mark of the church of Jesus Christ.
- **Congregational Nurture and Talents:** Will find a place for every member to participate in church programs and activities.
- **Worship:** Will plan and supervise all worship services of the church.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

Be ready to wear your plaid for our annual tradition of Kirkin' the Tartans next Sunday, October 14. A covered dish lunch will follow in the Bledsoe Family Life Center. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special Steele Creek tradition! Thanks to member donations, we now have 68 tartans in our collection, so plan to attend what has become a most colorful tradition.

FLOWER GUIDELINES

The Worship Ministry is grateful to everyone who sponsors flowers on Sunday mornings. The use of fresh, cut flowers enhances the worship experience and serves as way to share celebrations and memories with the congregation. While there have always been informal guidelines, we felt it would be well to put them in writing as a reminder when signing up to sponsor an arrangement.

Steele Creek has had a long tradition of using fresh, cut flowers to enhance the Sunday worship experience. When you sign up to sponsor flowers in the church, you agree to follow a few guidelines listed below.

- The church has a standing order with Wilmont Basket and Bloom to provide at least one flower arrangement each Sunday, so the flowers will come from this florist.
- One arrangement costs \$50.00. If two arrangements are requested, the cost is \$95.00. If you are requesting two arrangements, please note that on the Flower Calendar with a "(2)".
- More than one person may sponsor flowers for any given Sunday.
- If you have a special request for your arrangement, contact the church office; and your request will be given to the florist. Requests might include a particular variety of flower or a favorite color you would like included in the arrangement.
- Contact the church office by Tuesday of the week you sponsor flowers with the message you would like included in the bulletin for the flowers you are sponsoring.
- If you have another florist you want to use, contact the church office by Tuesday before the Sunday you've chosen so the standing flower order can be cancelled for that week.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to proud grandparents Linda & MacRay Elliott, and Dustin & Katie Elliott, the proud parents, on the birth of Anna McDowell Elliott on October 1st.

CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM

We will not be having choir rehearsal or praise team practice on October 18th.

OCTOBER FUN BUNCH LUNCH

Save the date of Thursday, October 18, 2018 for FUN BUNCH. We will meet at noon for "Deli Day". We will have all the fixings to make sandwiches just as you like them. Potato salad, slaw and a salad bar will be the sides. As usual, we'll have an assortment of desserts. All you need to do is call Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) to let us know how many are coming. All are welcome, so ask friends and neighbors. No age requirement is in place. All you need is an appetite and desire to make friends. See you there.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On November 3, 2018 (save the date) we will pack 10K meals for Rise Against Hunger. Start time is 9:00 am with instructions from Valerie Carpenter. As always, there are jobs for all – sitting, standing, and walking around. Call

Using another florist should only be done on rare, exceptional occasions.

We appreciate everyone who chooses to sponsor flowers each Sunday. Thank you for sharing them on your special occasion or remembrance.

PASTORAL CARE TRANSITION TEAM

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team has begun working on the transition of our Team so we can be up and running when we merge with Pleasant Hill PC on January 1, 2019. We would like to invite anyone in the church who is interested in this Ministry Team to join us for our next transition meeting on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6:30 pm, at the church in the Billie Watt Classroom. If you are unfamiliar with our Team, a few of the things we work on/with are Bereavement Meals, Shut-ins, Church Directory, College Students, Military and First Responders, and visitation of shut-ins. We would love to have anyone interested to join us at the next transition meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Small at 704-579-1842 or ncbesmall@gmail.com.

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 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.

CHARLOTTE CROP WALK DONATIONS

PLEASE make your check out to CWS/CROP and give it to Karen Cline this Sunday or turn it into the church office. This is such a worthy cause and we are really asking for your support in helping feed and provide clean water and so much more for these people in need. And YES, some of the money is being used to help the people affected by Hurricane Florence right here in North and South Carolina so please, let's give big and make this our best year ever for SCPC. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry! It means so much to all those who are less fortunate than we are. THANK YOU!

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

Roger Palmer (704-588-9482) if you have any questions.

INVITATION FROM MCCLINTOCK PRESBYTERIAN

The McClintock Presbyterian Church Family cordially invites your congregation and choir to join us at our "2018 Revival and Homecoming Celebration". Our theme, "Refresh, Reconnect, Recommit", is a challenge for us to seek new vision, develop a fresh hope and expectation, and to commit to be better disciples for Christ. Our guest speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Alexander Porter of Beth Page Presbyterian Church. The schedule is as follows: Revival Services: 7:00 pm, Praise and Worship; Monday October 15, 2018, 7:30 pm - Revival Night #1; Tuesday October 16, 2018, 30 pm - Revival Night #2; HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday October 21, 2018 at 10:00 am.s.

THIS WEEK

Oct 9-16

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Stewardship Team

Meeting 6:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:00a

Faith and Family Night

5:15p

Birds of a Feather 6:30p

Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

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:

- 10/11 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

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)
- 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!

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

David Stoner requested prayers for healing for **Buffy, Charles, his Mother and Uncle Bill.**

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

All those adversely affected by Hurricane Florence

**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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Saturday

CROP Walk

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Scottish Heritage Sunday

3rd Grade Bible

Presentation

Children's Choir 9:00a

Ethiopian Evangelical

Church 10:30a

Scottish Heritage Covered

Dish Lunch 11:45a

BASIC Training 12:30p

Deacons Meeting 12:45p

Session Meeting 1:45p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Scripture & Starbucks

Ladies Bible Study 6:30p

Men's Basketball 7:00p

