



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

October 23, 2018

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

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

Sunday Oct 28, 2018

**God Is Good
Psalm 34:1-8
Mark 10:46-52**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

Things are moving along with our Transition Teams and much work has already been accomplished! I am so pleased at the number of participants from both congregations who are willing giving their time and talents to this endeavor. If you're not yet involved there are plenty of opportunities to do so! Contact me or any other member of the Transition Oversight Team to indicate your interest and find out where you can serve!

The Finance Ministry Transition Team is doing a lot of good work, reconciling how the two churches exercise their responsibilities when it comes to our finances. One item that, of course, is on their plate is the upcoming Stewardship Season. All members of both churches will soon be receiving letters announcing the Stewardship Campaign and containing a Pledge Card. Remember this is your first opportunity to truly commit to the "new church" moving forward. I know that some of us are still not comfortable filling out a Pledge Card. Please keep in mind, that the only responsible way for the church to plan the budget for 2019 is to know in advance a reasonable projection of what income will be for the year. Please keep in mind that no one sees your pledge card except for our Finance Manager Tom Applegate. He will be working with Ken Saylor from PHPC and will compile the pledges. Tom is not a member of the church, he is a paid staff member, bonded under our insurance and charged with maintaining the confidentiality of all members. He has faithfully served PHPC, taking seriously his responsibility to safeguard the privacy of all members regarding their Pledge and their Giving. I know he will continue to execute his obligation and protect the information which he receives. So please, consider carefully and prayerfully

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Laurel Hedger is having a book drive to collect children's books to contribute to the Legal Advocacy Center. The Legal Advocacy Center provides legal assistance to low income persons. The books will be used to educate and entertain the youth while their parents receive consultations. Please consider donating English and Spanish children's books (age 8 and under). A box has been placed by the office.

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

your commitment to the Lord through Steele Creek Presbyterian at Pleasant Hill and fill out a Pledge Card and return it as outlined in your letter!

Our Outreach Ministry Transition Team is looking at a variety of ways to reach out to the larger community and to help “brand” or identify the new church. They are looking at a new church logo and lots of ways to market the new church in the community. They have several other tasks ahead of them including signage at the church, a new website and many others!

Fellowship and Recreation Ministry Transition Team is planning our first Congregational Meal and Fellowship as the new church. They are also working with Outreach to plan a Spring Festival and open up the Campus at Pleasant Hill just prior to our first Sunday Worship there on Easter Sunday in April 2019.

The Mission Ministry Transition Team is reviewing the many programs the two churches are involved in and working to consolidate and focus more intentionally on the ministries to which the new church will be committed. Room in the Inn will take place on both campuses for this year pretty much as both churches have done it in the past. We will need lots of volunteers to help make this outreach to our neighbors a success.

Pastoral Care Ministry Transition Team is creating a protocol for Bereavement Teams, focusing on serving our shut-ins, and planning a new church directory to help us all get to know one another better.

These are just a few of the first steps to bringing us together as a new church. Again, we need everyone to offer their time and talents in service to the church. I'll have more updates next week from the hard work of the Transition Teams not mentioned above. This is an exciting time in the life of our churches as we work toward becoming one body of Christ. Please keep all these Transition Teams in your prayers and volunteer to help!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

VOLUNTEER FOR HURRICANE RELIEF TEAMS

I've recently returned from helping with hurricane relief efforts in eastern NC with Samaritan's Purse. This was an Awesome, faith reinforcing experience. For those affected, their need is NOW and their need is great. I plan to return and would like those interested to come with me. For more info you may email me (mcdowellex@yahoo.com), use the contact info on the church website or you can contact Samaritan's Purse directly. You will be thankful you did! --Robby McDowell

THURSDAYS ARE FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS

CORRECTION: BASIC TRAINING WILL MEET OCTOBER 28

BASIC Training (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), our group for 2nd - 5th graders, will be meeting again on Sunday, October 28 after worship. Bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for games and preparation for a mission project. Contact Kate Lemond with any questions, klemond526@gmail.com.

FRUITCAKE AND POTTERY – SAVE THE DATE!

A day trip to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory in Bear Creek, NC and to the Potteries of Seagrove, NC is set for Tuesday, November 27, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. More details will be published later but mark your calendars now!

STEELE CREEK HISTORY BOOK

An early history of Steele Creek, which includes early stores, businesses, churches and schools is now available. The book is footnoted, indexed and has a bibliography of sources used to write the history. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, email the author, Linda Blackwelder at lblackwldr@bellsouth.net. The cost is \$27.00. If you want it mailed an additional \$4.00 is added for postage and packaging for a mailing total of \$31.00. You can pick up a copy at her house or, if you contact her and live in the neighborhood, she is willing to meet you or leave it at your church. (Walter says it is a very good book!)

Faith and Family nights continue with dinner served 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm followed by studies for adults and children based on the movie "The Case for Christ." Dinner reservations can be made each week by completing the reservation form in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Deadline is noon on Tuesdays.

Upcoming Dinner menus:

10/25 Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Bread and salad bar

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

You may pick up your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child now. They are available on the table near the church office entrance. Include a special WOW Toy and then fill the box with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Due to customs in some countries, Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Please include a check for \$9.00, made out to Samaritans Purse, in each box to cover the cost for shipping and handling. This is such an important mission of this church. I hope that you will be generous, both in packing a box and contributing to help with the shipping. If you also include your address, the child may be able to write to you. You can also include a photo of yourself and your family. Please bring them to the church from now until the November 18 deadline. The Shoe Box dedication service will be on November 18. Thank you for me and, especially, the children who will receive a box.
--- Annette Freeman

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 27

Our Fall Festival will take place this Saturday, October 27, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. 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!

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to everyone who made Scottish Heritage Sunday the very special occasion it has become. The Kirkin' O' the Tartans was led by our own Beadle, Donald Horack, to the sounds of the bagpipe played by Dave McKenzie followed by

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1

Tink Helms
Olivia Holzhauer
Kelly Ferguson

2

Mark Yandle Sr.
Joan Brown

5

Bernard Simmons

6

Dot Earp
Cooper Freeman III

7

Donald Baker, Jr.
Sammy Gatewood
Page Hall Sanders

9

Alexander Earp

11

John McGloughlin

12

Margaret Osborne
Karen McGloughlin

13

Arlene Higgins
Chase Gwynn

14

Anne Marie Moore

15

Gary Craddock

16

Melinda Moore
Isabelle Nielsen

17

Marilyn Price

18

Jack Fowler
Roberta Harris
Linda R. Freeman

21

Heather Kauffman
Matthew Davenport

23

Star Gwynn

24

Sarah Middleton
Mary Coskrey

25

Karen McCorkle

THIS WEEK

Oct 23-30

Tuesday

the flags of Scotland and Ireland and 68 tartans carried by family and friends.

Special thanks to the many groups of people who worked behind the scenes to ensure a successful Scottish Heritage Sunday. These groups include:

Worship Team members who contacted the tartan donor families to confirm the donor's representative for the Kirkin'. The youth and their leaders who brought the poles and stands from the second floor of the sanctuary, placed the poles in the Narthex, the stands in the aisles, and under the guidance of Mike Farnham rehung the tartans in the FLC.

Martha and Leighton Brown, Jack Fowler, John McGloughlin, and Anne Marie Moore who removed the tartans from their display places in the FLC, carried them to the Narthex, attached them to the poles, and sorted them in Dixie and Shopton order.

Gerald Brown, Anne Moore, and Ellen Thomas who helped the tartan bearers claim their tartan and form lines for the Kirkin'. All the cooks who prepared their special dishes to cover the tables with food to spare, and the Fellowship and Recreation Team members who took charge of the luncheon and made sure the serving lines were covered with that delicious food. Phyllis Osborne and crew who made sure the tables were setup and decorated for the luncheon (twice).

The many family members and volunteers (some who were "conscripted" Sunday morning) who carried the tartans.

As you can see it really takes a congregation of people working together to prepare for what is now a memorable tradition. Thanks to each one of you for your hard work and to the families and friends who joined our celebration. On behalf of the Worship Team, thanks again. --Roberta Harris

Combined Christian Ed Meeting 6:30p
Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00a
Faith and Family Night 5:15p
Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

Friday

Set Up for Fall Festival

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a
Fall Festival 11:00a

Sunday

10 Cents a Meal Offering

Children's Choir 9:00a
Ethiopian Evangelical Church 10:30a
BASIC Training 11:45a
AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

All those adversely affected by Hurricane Michael and still recovering from Florence

Joan Brown - having cataract surgery on Thursday

Betty Byrum - Health concerns

Betty Harraman - In rehab for neck injury from a fall

**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.*

