



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

October 30, 2018

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Sunday Nov 4, 2018

Much More

Important

Psalm 146

Mark 12:28-34

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

Life continues to be busy here at Steele Creek Church, even as we make ready for the newly merged congregation beginning in January. There are lots of activities and events that need your support!

First, let me give a big shout out to all those who made the Fall Festival such a success. I could never begin to name all the folks involved, but I do appreciate the hard work of the Fellowship and Recreation Ministry Team and all the volunteers who kept the games and the activities going. We had a very good crowd for a cool cloudy day and hopefully some of our visitors have heard about the exciting news regarding the upcoming merger and will join with us. Regardless, our hospitality was excellent, and I greatly appreciate those who were such a big part of the welcoming spirit that was evident for the Fall Festival.

Second, don't forget that we have another exciting mission opportunity this Saturday, November 3rd. The Mission Ministry Team is sponsoring a "Rise Against Hunger" packing event. Set up will begin at 8:00 am and the packing will begin at 9:00 am. We need lots of help to bring it all together. We have invited Pleasant Hill to join with us, so this would be an excellent opportunity to get to know some of their members and let them get to know us. I hope you'll plan to be with us for this worthwhile endeavor as we seek to provide food for the "least of these".

Third, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, this Sunday, November 4th. Please make plans to be here to offer your support and encouragement to those families who are still grieving over the loss of loved ones this year. We will

RISE AGAINST HUNGER THIS SATURDAY

This coming Saturday (11/3) 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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, join us for Circle on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00. We will continue our study of "God's Promise - I Am With You", Lesson 3. Mark your calendar now! Hope to see you there!

remember those who have joined the church triumphant and will celebrate their lives and the way in which they have touched our lives. This is an important service and I know you will all want to be here to offer your love and support.

Fourth, on Sunday, November 18th, we will have our Shoebox Dedication Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. We need everyone's help to pack as many boxes as possible. Would you please consider stretching your efforts this year and pack a few additional boxes? The need is tremendous and growing every year. This is such a simple way to touch the life of a child and their family and to show and share the love of Jesus the Christ. Stop by the church and pick up a box to pack or just pack a shoebox that you have at home. What a wonderful way to kick-off the Christmas Season and to teach our children that there are many children around the world who need our love and for whom a small well-packed shoebox will be all the Christmas they will know.

Finally, let me just remind you again that this Sunday, November 4th, Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening!

I look forward to sharing these events and ministries with you. May God bless and multiply our efforts to honor and serve Him as we serve others and seek to spread the Good News of Jesus the Christ with all those who have yet to hear and believes!

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

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.

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.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FRUITCAKE FACTORY AND POTTERY TRIP:

Join us on Tuesday, November 27 as we head to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory in Bear Creek NC and the Pottery Shops in Seagrove, NC. We will leave on the church bus at 8:30 am and return around 6:00 pm. There is no fee for this trip, just bring your money for shopping and lunch. Our own David Moody will be our chauffeur for the day and Betty Davis will be our tour guide. Please contact Lorie Lewis to reserve your seat (704-927-4293 or lorie@steelecreekpres.org). Call soon - first come first served and only 24 seats!

STEELE CREEK HISTORY BOOK

An early history of Steele Creek, which includes

Upcoming Dinner menus:

11/1 Beef and gravy, corn, rice, Bread and salad bar

11/8 Beef Pot Pie, vegetable medley, 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

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

It's been a while since we had our last Dinners for Eight. With Steele Creek Presbyterian and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian merging, this is a great time to have a fun activity like this to get to know one another better. If you haven't participated before, give it a try. I think you will enjoy it tremendously. We hope to start up in February and go through May. If you are interested in a chance to meet new people or gather with old friends, share good food and have fun, then please join us.

Each month a different group of individuals will meet. One of the couples or individuals will host the meal and will be responsible for determining the date, time and location of the dinner. That individual will invite the other members of the group to dinner. The other individuals in the group will be asked to bring salad and bread, vegetables or dessert and beverages.

I will make every effort to make sure each couple or individual participating will host a meal one month, bring the salad and bread one month, bring vegetables another month and bring the dessert and beverages one month. If you are unable to serve as host, please let me know with your response. The Dinners for Eight Coordinator will assign the groups of individuals to meet each month along

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!)

PRAYERS NEEDED

Prayers are needed for the family of Thomas W. Neely, Jr. who passed after a very brief illness this past weekend. Tommy was born and raised in Steele Creek. His immediate family resides in Williamstown, MA and Denver, CO. Harriette Neely Baker and myself, are first cousins. ---Ralph Neely, Jr.

THIS WEEK

Oct 30 – Nov 6

Tuesday

Men's Basketball 7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Faith and Family Night
5:15p

Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00p

with their respective role for that month. This information will be emailed to each participant.

We need to have everyone interested in participating register no later than Friday, January 11, 2019, to allow time to get the teams set up. Anyone signing up after that date will be placed on a substitute list to fill in when someone cannot make their assigned dinner. To sign up you can e-mail Betty Small at ncbesmall@gmail.com, providing your names(s), phone number, residence address and your email address as part of the email. If you do not have email please contact Betty Small at 704-579-1842 to register. Once registration information is received, participants will be provided with additional information.

We look forward to your joining us for this event. We have received many positive comments about the dinners held the past few years and we know you will enjoy it as well. If you have participated during previous dinners, please share your experience with others in church. Let's strive to have as many people as possible participate. If you have questions, feel free to contact Betty Small.

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a
Rise Against Hunger
9:00a

Sunday

Time Change Back 1 Hour
All Saints 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

General Election
NO Men's Basketball

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

Thanks to all the volunteers who help make this year's Fall Festival such a big success. A big thank you to Lorie Lewis for her organization of us all. Bill Harraman for coordinating groups. Dave Carpenter and company for cooking. All the Trunk & Treaters, youth for manning the game booths and bounce house. The cake walk volunteers and contributions of baked goods. Phyllis for her photo booth. Robbie and his hay ride. The bags of candy donated. It's all of you that makes it happen. Thank you!

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Betty Harraman - Home recovering from neck surgery
Ernie Coskrey - Home recovering from shoulder surgery
Family of Thomas W. Neely, Jr. (Harriette Baker & Ralph Neely, Jr.'s cousin)

**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 a minimum of two weeks but should remain on your personal prayer list until informed otherwise. Thank you for your understanding.*

