



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

November 11, 2018

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

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

**"A People with a Past Building in
the Present for the Future"**

Sunday Nov 11, 2018

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

As we rush ever onward toward the end of the year and a new year with a new church and a new beginning, we are hard at work reflecting on how to reinvent ourselves. Many of you are actively involved in the process as you participate in the Transition Ministry Teams that are meeting regularly to take on this important work. I want to thank all of you who are responding to God's call and helping us to define our future as a new congregation, seeking to serve God and His people. If you're not yet involved but would like to be, feel free to join any of our Transition Ministry Teams. If you need to know their schedule or want to discuss where you could best serve, call or email me at any time.

As part of the transition to a new way of doing things, I'm making some changes to the Cross Currents. First, we're changing to a new format for the email version. The amount of time that the entire staff puts into producing two editions of the weekly newsletter (the email version and the printed one mailed to those who are not able to get it by email), takes away from the opportunity to focus on other worthwhile ministries. Second, we repeat so much of our information over and over again that I think many of you miss important new information because it's buried in repeated articles and information. So, we're going to try and limit the amount of repeated information in upcoming editions of the newsletter. Third, Judy is putting together a regular email update that we will send out with the latest information. You will have the opportunity to make a selection to receive either a daily update or once a week. Watch for the email that will be coming from Judy in the next few weeks which will explain the process and your options. The mailed version will change from weekly to twice a month. Fourth, we're going to need your help to get articles and relevant information into the office on a timely basis so that we will be able to publicize events in advance.

NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

No Children's Choir
Sunday, November 11th.
Practice will resume
Sunday, November 18th.

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!

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

Please take the time to look ahead at the calendar for your group, Ministry Team, or other activities you regularly advise us on and help us keep the membership informed in advance. Finally, we're looking for a new name for the newsletter. So, all you creative types send in your suggestions. I'll share them with the leadership and we'll pick a new name!

Thanks again for your commitment to our church family, even as it grows and expands. The body of Christ is made up of God's people and we are truly blessed that God's people at Steele Creek are loving, caring, and generous as they share their talents and gifts. Praise be to God! Amen.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeff

BASIC TRAINING TRIP TO BOWL AND BOUNCE

BASIC Training (a group open to all 2nd - 5th graders) will be going to Lake Wylie Bowl N Bounce on 11/11. Please pack a lunch for your kids, we will eat together in the Big Room right after church and then leave about 12:30 on the church bus for Lake Wylie. Please ensure your kids have socks, \$12 and an extra drink with them (for the ride home). They will each have the option to pick 2 out of 3 activities; bowl, laser tag or bounce. The \$12 covers all costs, including shoe rental. We should return to SCPC by 2:30 for parents' pick-up. Contact Kate Lemond for any additional questions, klemond526@gmail.com.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDS

The Session of Steele Creek has authorized a special offering to assist those who are still struggling to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence. They have approved that funds collected will be sent to Pollocksville Presbyterian Church for distribution to those in the Pollocksville Community. Pastor Jeff's first call was to Pollocksville Presbyterian Church where he served for 8 years. He still has many close connections with the community. Nearly 70 percent of the homes in the small community were damaged by the flooding of the Trent River. Many of those families have no flood insurance. If you would like to support this effort, please make out your checks to SCPC and mark them for "Hurricane Relief". If you would prefer that your donations go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, please mark your checks "PDA". Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

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!

LOAVES AND FISHES TURKEY COLLECTION

Two ways to support this project:

(1) Bring a turkey to put in our freezer that will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. (2) Make a monetary donation to be used to purchase a turkey. (Please write "turkey day" on the memo line of your check). Last day to donate either a turkey, or the

on the church website or you can contact Samaritan's Purse directly. You will be thankful you did! --Robby McDowell

NOVEMBER FUN BUNCH LUNCH

The year 2018 is passing too fast. It is November and the holiday rush is beginning. Take a little time off on Thursday, November 15, at noon, to join the Fun Bunch for our Thanksgiving celebration. We will be serving ham with macaroni and cheese, green beans, and pineapple casserole, along with the salad bar. I'm not sure what the ladies have planned for dessert, but I do know it will be something good to tempt us to indulge. If you haven't participated in the group before, it is a perfect time to give it a try. If you are a regular, ask someone to come with you and learn what we are all about. As usual please call Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) or the church office (704-588-1290) to give us a number so the proper amount can be prepared. We look forward to seeing a big crowd. And think about something you are thankful for. Hopefully we can share those with the entire "Bunch".

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

TOY DRIVE FOR ASHE COUNTY

The children of BASIC Training are holding a toy drive for the children of Ashe County. SCPC has been supporting this community, one of the poorest in NC, for almost 50 years. Please bring new, unwrapped toys and drop them off in one of the donation boxes between now and December 9th. There is a donation box outside Lorie's office and in the Narthex. They have more of a need for boys, or gender-neutral toys. Thank you for your generosity!

money to purchase turkeys, is November 18.

EL SALVADOR MISSION

February 8-16, 2019
Building Hope in
Ahuachapan

This coming February we will return to Ahuachapan to work with Habitat for Humanity, building and improving housing and community solutions. We would love to have some new participants join in this mission. If you have questions or are interested in signing up, please email aaron_salmon@yahoo.com or call 704-607-0138.

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank everyone for their care and compassion over the past three weeks. Thanks to Pastor Jeff for his visits before and after surgery and while in rehab. A special thanks to those members of my church family who visited, sent cards and called on the phone. I appreciate the prayers and concerns of everyone and want you to know that your support was felt, especially during those low times we all experience following a traumatic incident. You are loved and appreciated.

---Betty Harraman

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

Thank you for all your support of our packing event on Nov 3rd. I continue to be both amazed and grateful for all the support for this Mission Project. We make the commitment each year and exceed our goal each time. Thank you to those who participated by your presence at the event, and to those who support this program financially. This time we packed 10,152 meals. This brings our total number of meals to 253,890. Again, thank you. ---Roger Palmer.

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Hannah Mauer - Health concerns

Tommy Tuttarow - Health Concerns (Brenda McGee's brother in law)

Jack O'Hare - Is in poor health and may pass away soon (Barry & Betty Small's friend)

Jones Family - Lost house in fire last week (Jeff & Kate Lemond)

Family of Sanya Ross, and Reed Harkey (Haston family)

Family of Sonya Douglas who passed away unexpectedly last Wednesday (David McCorkle)

Bobby Blackwelder - Can't work due to health issues, lost his job and is in great need (John & Annette Freeman)

Louise Freeman - Recovery from surgery for early stage breast cancer and taking cancer treatments

Betty Byrum - Bronchitis

Betty Harraman - Home recovering from neck surgery

Family of Thomas W. Neely, Jr. (Harriette Baker & Ralph Neely, Jr.'s cousin)

CELEBRATION REPORT

Ernie Coskrey - He thanks everyone for their prayers and that he is doing much better.

Terri & Ronnie Phelix – By the grace of God and prayer, they have both recovered and have resumed their daily routines. (Larry Monroe's sister and brother-in-law)

**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.*

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THIS WEEK

Nov 6-13

Tuesday

General Election

NO Men's

Basketball

Wednesday

Staff Meeting

10:00a

Pastoral Care Team

Meeting 6:30p

Transition Team

Meeting 7:00p

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

Friday

Square Dancing

7:00p

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

Ethiopian

Evangelical Church

10:30a

BASIC Training

11:45a

Youth Group 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Circle Ladies Bible

Study 10:00a

Men's Basketball

7:00p
