



Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

Cross Currents

November 20, 2018

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

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

Sunday Nov 25, 2018

***The King Is
Coming
Revelation 1:4-8
John 18:33-37***

ADVENT-A TIME TO PREPARE

Advent is the season the church sets aside to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. This season lasts for 4 weeks and begins this year on December 2. To help make this a meaningful season for you and your family, please pick up a listing of all the activities available at Steele Creek and an Advent devotional book. Both will be available in the narthex or outside the church office. This year's devotion book is "God with Us" by David Boyd and will focus on ways in which God is with us through Jesus. Also, on December 2, supplies will be available in the narthex to assemble or refresh an advent wreath for your home. Our hope is that you will be able to set aside some time to worship and reflect on the true meaning of this Holy Season-the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!

NO CROSS CURRENTS NEXT WEEK

Due to the holiday this week, there will not be a regular issue of the Cross Currents next Tuesday. Instead, look for a special email regarding the changes being made to the delivery format and frequency of the Cross Currents. The changes will take place in two weeks.

BASIC TRAINING'S NEXT MEETING

BASIC Training, our fellowship group for 2nd - 5th graders, will meet again on November 25 after worship. Bring a lunch and things to put in an Operation Christmas Child Box. Examples of items needed are: special WOW toys, other small toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Do Not bring: 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. You may also make a donation to mail the boxes (cost is \$9.00 per box). Contact

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 1, at 9:30 AM! Please join us if you are available. We need lots of hands and strong backs! If you have any questions, contact Becky Neely! See you then!

Kate Lemond for additional information,
klemond526@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TREE LOT

We are picking up the trees and completing lot set up Wednesday 11-21-2018 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Please sign up for this time slot or let Trent Haston know if you plan to help and he will coordinate. We need a number of people to help to make a short time of it. Meet at the church at 3:00 pm.

Use [this link](#) to sign up for your time to work the Tree Lot. Week day time slot: 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Weekend time slots are: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and 3:00 – 8:00 pm. I am asking folks/ family units to sign up for two shifts at least. It is a great time for fellowship and fire. --Trent Haston

ETHIOPIAN “THANK YOU” COFFEE

After more than a year worshipping in our Chapel, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church will be leaving us soon. Their last Sunday with us will be December 2, 2018. They have been very appreciative of our hospitality and thus would like to offer an official “Thank You!” They have invited us to a traditional Ethiopian Coffee to be held on Sunday, November 25th at 10:00 am. The Session has accepted their invitation and encourages all members to attend. Sunday School classes should plan accordingly. After being such generous and outgoing hosts for the last year, let’s make sure we support our Ethiopian sisters and brothers in Christ as they share with us their hospitality and a heartfelt “Thank You!”

CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH HONORING OUR SENIORS

Our annual Christmas Lunch will take place after worship on December 9th. This traditional holiday meal is a gift for our Senior Adults but monetary donations and desserts from others will be appreciated. There will be a special visitor at the lunch that your children will not want to miss!

TUNE UP YOUR PIPES!

We will go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins on Dec. 9th after the Church Christmas Lunch. Our plan is to leave the Church around 1:00 pm. The bus will go to Sharon Towers and Merrywood. The rest of us will go in cars to carol to

ANNUAL STEELE CREEK CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

The lot will be open for two weeks, Friday Nov. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 9. Weekdays from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Weekends from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm.

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!

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

shut-ins close to the Church. We hope to get back to the Church around 3:30.

ASHE COUNTY UPDATE

Steele Creek will sponsor a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th. If you would like to help, Basic Training is collecting toys for the party.

Dates to remember

- Dec. 09 – All presents need to be at the church
 - Dec. 14 – 10:00 am Gift Wrapping party at the church
 - Dec. 14 – 4:00 pm Loading vehicles to go to Ashe County
 - Dec. 15 – Christmas Party in Ashe County
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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 boy's, or gender-neutral toys. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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

questions or are interested in signing up, please email aaron_salmon@yahoo.com or call 704-607-0138.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 2**
Wayne Whiteside
- December 3**
Cindi Craddock
Keegan Norcom
- December 4**
Susan Brown
Andy Donato
Debbie McDowell
Kate Rogers
- December 5**
Spencer Kraus
- December 6**
Wesley Warsaw
- December 7**
Brad Freeman
Laurel Hedger
- December 8**
Spencer Beck
Kinsley Byrum
Matt Miller
- December 12**
Jana Cathey
Alli Salmon
Marjorie Smith
- December 16**
Price Gwynn, III
- December 20**
Dick Bigham
George Davis
- December 21**
Tatum Haston
Anne Preslar
- December 25**
Kevin Horack
- December 26**
Winnie Keels
Jeff Lemond
- December 27**
Camille Cunningham
- December 28**
Elizabeth Brasch
Beau Byrum, III
- December 29**
Robin McDowell
Margaret Niell
- December 30**

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!

PRAYER UPDATE*

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

Harvey Thrower – In rehab following a fall (Deborah Thrower's father)

Barbara Sanford – In rehab for recovery from fall and hip repair surgery (Mary Beth Monroe's mother)

Shannon Malone – Home now recovering from severe leg injury requiring several surgeries (Karen Cline's daughter)

Family of John T. (Jack) O'Hare (Friend of Barry & Betty Small)

Praise Report:

Louise Freeman – Test results from Nov. 5 indicate she does not have cancer. It is a benign cyst that does not require surgery or treatment.

**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.*

Lou Manza
December 31
Sandi Lauerman

THIS WEEK

Nov 20-27

Tuesday

Scripture and Starbucks
Ladies Bible Study 6:30p
Community Thanksgiving
Service at Pleasant Hill
7:00p

Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a
CDC Board Meeting
11:00a

AA Meeting 8:00p

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day
Staff Holiday

Friday

Staff Holiday

Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Sunday

10 Cents a Meal Offering
Children's Choir 9:00a
Ethiopian "Thank You"
Coffee 10:00a
Ethiopian Evangelical
Church 10:30a
Basic Training 11:45a
American Legion Meeting
2:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

Tuesday

Fruit Cake Factory Bus
Trip 8:00a
Men's Basketball 7:00p
