



# Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

## Cross Currents

December 11, 2018

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

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

**Sunday Dec 16, 2018**

**Christmas Music  
Special**

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### FROM PASTOR JEFF

Friends,

We've been blessed with some unusual weather in the last few months! We missed our original Scottish Heritage Sunday, September 16th, due to the hurricane passing through our area. This past Sunday, December 9th, we had the big winter storm. Both of these weather issues caused us to cancel services in order to keep everyone safe. That is always our number one concern. I don't like canceling services, but I am usually guided by the apprehension that one of our members might come out when they probably shouldn't and could possibly get hurt. That is something none of us wants on our conscience. So, we have canceled church twice this fall/winter and will likely have to do so again as we enter into the New Year.

One major concern that accompanies a decision to close the church on Sunday, is that we don't collect an offering. Our church depends on the regular and faithful giving of our members. Remember, just because we didn't meet on Sunday, doesn't mean we don't still incur costs all week, from keeping up the property to pay our staff. I'm asking your help on behalf of the church you know and love. Can each of us please review our giving and make sure that we make up any gifts that we would have normally given to the church on the Sundays we missed? This would greatly help us meet our ongoing obligations.

So far, through the loyal support of our members and the careful management of our expenses, we have stayed in the black this year. Our expenses have not been greater than our income which is truly a blessing. However, a couple of missed Sundays with no income, if not made up, could easily put us behind. Please, take this opportunity to review

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### LAST ISSUE OF CROSS CURRENTS!

This is the last issue of the weekly e-newsletter, Cross Currents. If you signed up for the Weekly Posts option, you will be receiving it each Friday after 90:00 am. It will include everything posted since the previous Friday issue. The Daily post includes all the posts from the previous day. If you haven't yet changed your preference for one or both posts, please do so today to ensure that you will be receiving important information from the Church. Click on the underlined words "update your preferences" at the bottom of this newsletter and check the box(s) of your choice.

And don't forget the contest to come up with a name for our new newsletter! If you have a good idea for a name, please send it to Pastor Jeff.

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where you stand in your giving to the church. If you have any questions about your giving, please call Tom Applegate in the church office. And, if you can, please make up the giving you would have shared with the church on the two Sundays we have missed. Thank you for your love and support of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Jeff*

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### **SESSION CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The session has called a Congregational Meeting for December 16th immediately following the worship service. The purpose is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and a request to amend the Bylaws of the Cemetery Committee. We may also have a report on the sale of the church property.

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### **LET'S TRY AGAIN!**

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

### **BASIC TRAINING**

BASIC Training, our fellowship group for 2nd - 5th graders, will not be meeting on the 16th. All BASIC Training Kids are free to go caroling with their families.

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### **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

### **2018 END OF YEAR GIVING**

2018 contributions must be postmarked by 12/31 or in church office by Monday 12/31.

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### **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.

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### **MUSIC REHEARSALS**

The choir will be meeting this Wednesday (12/12) at 7:00 pm. They will resume their regular rehearsal schedule of Thursday nights on 12/20. The praise team now meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. If you are interested in singing with us, please let Brian know.

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### **DECEMBER FUN BUNCH**

Please accept this invitation to the December Fun Bunch. It will be at noon on Thursday, December 20th. We will have a traditional turkey dinner to enjoy, desserts to

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. Every effort is made 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. You will receive your group and role assignments for each month by email

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](mailto: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.

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### **LOVE FEAST CELEBRATION**

Every year on Christmas Eve here at Steele Creek, members, neighbors, and friends come to celebrate the birth of Jesus. At 6:30 we gather for the Love Feast. In this family friendly service, we hear a Christmas message, sing carols while we share Moravian cookies and cider. At the end of the service, as the lights are turned down, everyone lifts a candle to the glory of God.

We need at least 28 people to prepare or serve the cookies, cider and candles for this service. Volunteers are asked to come at 6:00 for a quick easy training session. To volunteer, call Walter Neely at 704-588-1069 or Ellen Thomas at 704-351-0904.

tempt us, holiday music and special door prizes. This is a very special Fun Bunch as it is our treat to you. All you need to do is call the church office (704-588-1290) or Frances Campbell (704-588-4686) before Noon on Tuesday Dec. 18 to let us know how many will be in your party and then come and have FUN! See you there.

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### **ASHE COUNTY CALENDAR**

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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### **NOVEMBER SPECIAL GIFTS**

#### **IN HONOR OF**

***Annette & John  
Freeman***  
**Samaritan's Purse  
Fund by**

George & Betty Davis

***Price Gwynn***  
**Good Samaritan Fund  
by**  
Wayne Whiteside

***Mary Beth Monroe***  
**Good Samaritan Fund  
by**  
Laura Lindsay

**IN MEMORY OF**  
***Marcia Yandle  
Coleman***  
**Good Samaritan Fund  
by**  
Sharon Catledge

***Jo Ann Freeman***  
**General Fund by**

## IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Andy & Mary Margaret Donato on the birth of their son, Ryan Donato. Ryan was born on December 6th and welcomed by his older brother, Henry. Let's all give Ryan a warm welcome into our church family.

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## PRAYER UPDATE\*

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

**PFC Whitehead** - Serious medical concerns (Kate Lemond/In Chandler Lemond's US Army Unit)

**Thad Carroll, Jr.** - Surgery scheduled for 12/6 to remove adenoids and insert ear tubes

**Theresa McGough** - Brain Tumor (Beth Carroll's Aunt)

**Shannon Malone** - The leg operated on is now infected (Karen Cline's daughter)

**MacRae Elliott's mother** had another fall at home and has a caretaker assisting her in her recovery from hip surgery and latest fall

**Jeff Massey** - In final stages of multiple myeloma (Bob Freeman's cousin)

**CELEBRATION REPORT: Mary Margaret & Andy Donato** - Birth of Ryan Donato on 12/6. Everyone is doing well.

*\*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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## Up Coming Events

[Click here to go to the Church Calendar](#)

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## THIS WEEK

**Dec 11-18**

### Tuesday

Children's Program rehearsal 4:00p

NO Men's Basketball

### Wednesday

Staff Meeting 10:00a

Stewardship Team

Meeting 6:30p

Combined Christian Education Meeting 6:45p

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

AA Meeting 8:00p

### Thursday

Birds of a Feather 6:30p

### Friday

Toy Wrapping 10:00a

Square Dancing 7:00p

### Saturday

Girl Scouts 9:00a

Haston Birthday Party 10:00a

Smith Family Dinner 12:00p

### Sunday

Choir Christmas Music

Birthday Party for Jesus

Children's Choir 9:00a

Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00a

Congregational Meeting 11:30a

Church Christmas Lunch 11:45a

Session Meeting 12:30p

GS Leaders Meeting 1:30p

Cheerleader Practice 3:00p

Youth Christmas Party 5:30p

AA Meeting 8:00p

### Monday

Boy Scouts 6:00p

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Children's Program rehearsal 4:00p

Scripture & Starbucks 6:30p

NO Men's Basketball

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