

**Weekly  
Announcements  
02-05-23**



**STEELE CREEK**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
at Pleasant Hill

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors.**

**VISION**

**Committed to being *Everyday Disciples* who are  
*Compassionate, Connected, and Contributing*  
through Daily Practice, Weekly Community, and Monthly Service.**

**Congregational Notices**

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5, 2023, following the 10:30 AM Worship Service to:

1. Provide a review of 2022 Annual Statistical Report.
2. Provide a review of 2022 Finances for the Church.
3. Receive the 2023 Approved Budget for information.
4. Consider the 2023 Pastoral Terms of Call.
5. Hold a meeting of the Corporation.
6. Consider action on property (if necessary).

**Stewardship Update**

**THANK YOU!** We appreciate everyone who has pledged during our Stewardship Campaign. With some additions from Sunday, we ended with 189 pledging members. We received cards from our youngest children to our oldest members, families and individuals, regular pledging and those who started for the first time. Your commitment to our church is a great step to helping us achieve our mission.

### **Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, After Worship: Church Center App**

Church Center App training will be offered immediately after worship on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. You can simply stay in the sanctuary and Pastor Elisa will share about how to navigate the Church Center App on both phones, iPads, tablets, laptops, and desktops.

You will be able to see live examples on the screens during the training, hear step-by-step instructions (like the ones listed below), and have your questions answered.

Please:

- Bring all that may apply to you: phone, iPad, tablet, or laptop
- For phones, iPads, or tablets: please bring your Apple App Store or Google Play ID and password
- Laptops can access Church Center through the link on the church website (SteeleCreekChurch.org), but will require 2-step authentication by sending you a code EITHER to your phone or email

If you are unable to attend this training, you can schedule a personal time with Pastor Elisa by:

1. [Clicking here to schedule.](#)
2. Emailing her a request. [Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org](mailto:Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org)
3. Calling or texting her: 803-810-7661
4. Calling the church office and selecting her extension.

### **Church Center App: Get access! Realm will be going away by the end of February!**

**On your computer (laptop or desktop):**

- Go to the church website [SteeleCreekChurch.org](http://SteeleCreekChurch.org)
- In the top right, click the words “Church Center Login”

- You will see this

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We'll send you a code you can use to log in or create an account.

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[Use email address instead](#)

- For laptops or desktops, you must get a code each time you login – for security reasons. You can get that code as a text to your phone or sent as an email.
- Enter the code as shown below.

Please enter the six-digit code sent to 8038107661:

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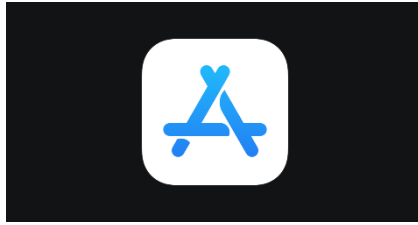
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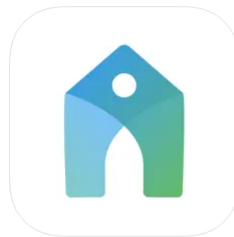
### On your iPhone and iPads:

- Make sure you have your Apple Id and Password

- Open your Apple App Store



- Search for and select Church Center



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- Scroll and select Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill



- Login with your email and create your own password.

**On your Android Phone and Tablets:**

- Make sure you have your User Id and Password
- Open your Google Play App Store



Google Play  
Store

- Search for and select Church Center

## Church Center App

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### Church Center Giving

**All electronic giving is now through Church Center Giving.**

- Login to Church Center either through your phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer
- Select “Give”
- Your laptop or desktop will have this screen

Give \$ USD

\$ 0 General

This discretionary money can be used where it's needed most.

+ Add donation

Frequency

One time

My information

Elisa Ashley  
elisa@steelecreekchurch.org

Select payment method

Add bank account

Add debit/credit card

Payment information is TLS encrypted and stored at Stripe - a Level 1 PCI compliant payment processor. Bank verification powered by Stripe.

- You can select:
  - Your donation amount
  - Particular fund from the drop down menu
    - on your phone you will need to put in a dollar amount to see the funds drop down menu
    - Fund options:
      - General
      - Flowers
      - Memorials
      - Good Samaritan Fund
      - Building Fund
      - 10 Cents a Meal
      - [Passthrough options will appear as need]
    - You can NOT split one donation between multiple pull down options. Each item must be paid separate, ie: 10 Cents a Meal separate from General Fund [there is no longer a memo line]
    - You can set separate recurring donations for different funds.
      - I.e.: General for regular giving and 10 Cents a Meal to recur on the last Sunday of each month.
  - One time or recurring donation
    - You can choose the day
    - Weekly
    - Every-other week/twice monthly
    - Monthly
  - You can select to add your bank account and use the ACH method of automatically withdrawing from your checking account.
  - You can select to use a debit or credit card.

If you have questions about Church Center Giving or the list of available Funds, please let us know by sending an email to [office@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:office@steelecreekchurch.org).

## *Worship February 5<sup>th</sup>*

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)**

**Sermon: Wise and Foolish**

**Sunday Bulletin** – Click [here](#) to view Sunday bulletin for February 5

Elder Greeters	Cathy Farnham, Mike Morgan, Sr.
Deacons	Tom Burns, Becky Faircloth, Fred Willis, Kelly Andrus, Clinton Corbett
Coffee and Bagels	Brunson's
Counters	Feb 7: Donna Moody, Angie Neel
Signers	Feb 9: Mike Morgan, Bill Harraman

## Church Attendance

**January 29**

**Inhouse – 242          32 - Children    19 – J’Walkers**

**Facebook & YouTube Views – 233**

**Total – 474**

## *Special Events and Promotions*

### Mark Your Calendar

You can also find these and more on the Church Center App and the calendar on the church website. [Visit the website calendar here.](#)

<b><u>February 5</u></b>	<b><u>February 9</u></b>
09:30 am – Sunday School	09:30 am – Preschool Council Mtg.
10:30 am - Worship	06:30 pm – Congregational Care Mtg.
11:30 am – Annual Congregational Mtg.	<b><u>February 12</u></b>
<b><u>February 6</u></b>	10:30 am – Sunday School
0:90 pm – Worship Committee	11:30 am - Worship
02:00 pm – Intercessory Prayer Team	Souper Bowl of Giving
<b><u>February 7</u></b>	11:00 am – BASIC Training
11:30 am – Staff Meeting	11:30 am – Deacons Meeting
6:45 pm – Christian Growth: Youth Team	12:00 am – Student Life Weekly Mtg.
<b><u>February 8</u></b>	<b><u>February 19</u></b>
06:00 pm – Outreach Mtg.	11:30 am – Church Center Training

**The New Flower Calendar** - is now up on the bulletin board outside the Admin Office and there are plenty of open dates.

### Dinners for Eight

Congregational Care Ministry Team is going to host Dinners for Eight in the Spring. If you have not participated in the past, this is an opportunity to meet new people or gather with old friends, share good food, and fellowship outside of church. This event will start in March and run through May, once a month.

We need to have everyone interested in participating **register no later than Monday, February 13**, to ensure timely notification is made to the groups.

**Are You Missing Anything?** If you recognize anything that is yours, you will find it in the Lost & Found basket outside of the church office. Anything that is not claimed by February 13<sup>th</sup>, will be donated to the Ashe County Mission.



## *Volunteer or Donate*

### **Church Workday: March 11, 8:00am**

The Property Committee will hold a church workday on March 11, from 8 AM until noon. Lunch will be served afterwards. Please bring hand tools such as rakes, blowers, and hedge clippers, etc. This should be a great day to get some work done and have some fellowship. Please reach out to Mac Winget if you have any questions.

You can register for this workday through the Calendar or Signups in the Church Center App.

**The Men's Fellowship** - is looking for service projects from the church congregation and outside of our church family. Please email Barry Small if you have such a project need.



You can join the Men's Fellowship through "Groups" in the Church Center App.

### **Christian Growth: Adult Team...Members Wanted!**

The Christian Growth Ministry Team now needs to be separated into Youth and Adult Teams, as we look toward a more robust vision of Christian growth for all the adults in our congregation. With this new division, we need volunteers to serve on the Adult Team.

This team is a good fit for you if:

- You feel that God's given you a passion for ever-continuing Christian Growth for adults.
- You can commit to 1-1.5 hours a month to meet either in-person or Zoom.
- You will consider committing to taking on one (or more) tasks such as:
  - Reviewing Curriculum
  - Contacting people through email or phone calls
  - Reminding community group leaders of deadlines
  - Reviewing/conducting surveys
  - Coordinating childcare for adult community groups
  - Learning how to train leaders to manage their groups through Church Center
  - Have some awesome fresh ideas and desires for the future growth of adults!!

If you'd like to have a conversation with Pastor Elisa to feel things out, you can schedule a phone call or office visit with her. [Click here](#).

You can join the Christian Growth: Adult Team through "Groups" in the Church Center App.

### **Door of Hope in South Africa Donations: Clothes and Suitcases Wanted**

The Mission Team is collecting new and gently used children's clothing, birth to 3-years. **The greatest need, right now, is 6 suitcases that can be permanently donated.** The members of the team will use the suitcases to transport the donated clothing to South Africa. The suitcases will be left there. There is a tub in both the sanctuary lobby and Admin lobby for you to put the clothing in. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!

## **Family Ministries**

### **J-Walkers**

We are continuing the series on the beauty of God's good creation. The kids will be making galaxy bottles, building a rocket playhouse, and engaging in creation themed play. Be sure to register your 3-1<sup>st</sup> grader today!

### **Pre-school-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School**

Please have your child join us in our 5-week series Measure Up! This 5-week, amusement park themed series focusing upon the early years of Jesus's ministry.

Middle-High School Sunday School: Join us for *The Exchange* a four-week study from 2 Timothy on wisdom. Find postcards with the QR code to the daily devotional link for this series in the lobby on the member information table or in the Youth Center.

## **Praise & Gratitude**

### **Give thanks in all things:**

- Thanks be to God for the faith and baptism of Alexa Hill, one of our new 17-year-old members!
- We celebrate our new members Van and Mary Lou Pundt! Let's reach out to them and help them feel welcome!
- Thanks to all of our adult community group leaders who give of their time, talents, and love: Bill Harraman, Walter Neely, David McAliley, Clara Giles, Grace Saylor, Becky Neely, Abby Brody, Susan Kurt, Barry Small, and Pastor Elisa.
- Thanks to Beau Byrum for climbing the roof once again to help care for our buildings.
- Thanks to all who work to make our ground neat and beautiful with care and flowers.
- Thanks to these Christian Growth members who will be giving up a large chunk of their Saturday to better align with the church vision and work on plans for this new year: Allison Beach, Ashley Rawls, Becky Neely, Cathy Farnham, Christian McCall, Jessica Morgan, Kate Lemond, Kelly Byrum, Lindsey Lucariello, Mary Hammond, Mary Beth Monroe, Megan Winget, Rachel Steele, Ragan Haston, and Pastor Elisa. Thanks to Megan Winget for being such a gracious host!

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Surgeries**

Beverly, Sandi Lauerman's sister, biopsy on a nodule, now awaiting results.

Barry Small, knee replacement on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Farnham, spinal disc surgery on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **General Health Concerns:**

Frank Medlock

Barbara Thompson

Shirley Crump, sister of Gail Brenner

Beau Byrum's worker Tony Ramirez as he recovers from a severe fall and broken arms.

Harvey & Margi Cole, grandparents of Kelly Burkhart, Harvey with a stroke and Margi with dementia – both are having falls.

Grace Kuto, return visitor, struggling to recover her blood pressure after Covid, praying to be healthy enough to do mission trip to Africa in March.

Catherine Day, friend of Gail Brenner, is in rehab recovering from hip surgery.

Nancy Starnes, Judy Watkins's mom, is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia at the age of 93.

### **Ongoing Illnesses**

Meg Salmon's dad as he is suffering with Parkinson's.

John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, home from the hospital but on dialysis.

### **Cancer**

David Lindsey, son-in-law of Phil and Ann Seaman, now on more advanced chemo treatments.

Melinda Shows, daughter of Betty Byrum, upcoming breast cancer surgery.

Maxine Haskett, mother of Rebecca Economon, advancing liver cancer and now in hospice.

Sara Aldridge, friend of Caroline Miller, now well enough to receive liver transplant, praying she gets one.

Justin Williamson, friend of the Hastons, both parents are battling cancer with his mom doing worse and his father improving.

Jim Conner, father of Beckie Ennis.

Andy Griffith, friend of Cheryl Simmerly, is awaiting update from doctor about his lung cancer.

Donna Garrison, pancreatic cancer.

Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker, recently diagnosed with cancer.



Joan Brown

Frances Currie

Louise Freeman

Hannah Mauer

Mike Spratt

Lois Yandle

Betty Byrum

Dot Earp

Joe Furr

Margaret Niell

Margaret Wert

Sammy Gatewood

Joyce Carpenter

Katharine Freeman

Danny Martin

Gerry Roberts

Wayne Whiteside

Forest Nunnerly



Brian Cox – US Air Force, Italy

Olivia Hommes – US Air Force Academy, Colorado

Lexie Simerly – US Army – South Korea

Will Warsaw – US Navy, Virginia

Gabe White – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska