

**Weekly
Announcements
4-2-23**



STEELE CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
at Pleasant Hill

Mission/Vision Framework

We work together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing everyday disciples who value praise, family, grace and mission. Here we are committed to everyday practice, weekly community, and monthly service.



You can donate using the envelopes in the pews or through Church Center App

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Worship April 2nd: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 118, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: Do you have what it takes to finish the race?

Palm Sunday

This coming Sunday youth and children will be processing in today and circling the sanctuary waving palm branches during our opening hymn. All children 1st grade and under need to be accompanied by a parent or older sibling as they march around the sanctuary. If you'd like to join the group on Sunday, please wait in the lobby before worship and Deacons will help everyone lineup. You are also invited to wave your palm branches in celebration from your seat.

On Palm Sunday we will celebrate and remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday begins our turn from Lent to Holy Week, with a **Maundy Thursday communion service** to be held this Thursday, 6:30pm, Central Presbyterian church. Hymns will be sung during this service with a joint choir singing a special song. Reverend Mark Lee will give a short devotional. Communion will be led by Pastor Jeff and Pastor Elisa with the elements being served by all four pastors.

Sunday Bulletin – Click [here](#) to view Sunday bulletin for April 2nd.

Elder Greeters	Trey Horack, Walter Neely
Deacons	Tom Burns, Becky Faircloth, Fred Willis, Kelly Andrus, Clinton Corbett
Coffee and Bagels	Brunson's
Counters	April 4: Bill Harraman, Pam Horack
Signers	April 5: Walter Neely, Leon Daniels

Church Attendance March 26

Inhouse – 154 Children - 24 Nursery – 4 J Walkers - 19
Facebook & YouTube Views – 235
Total – 389

Special Events and Promotions

Easter Sunday: Bring your own flowers to place on the outdoor Easter cross in front of the sanctuary. There will be a bucket of flowers there which is meant for visitors who do not have flowers, so please reserve those for them.

Please let Donna Moody know if you are interested in attending the play, He is Alive, on Sunday, April 16th. The church bus will leave at 5pm. Doors open at 6 and the play begins at 7. This is a free production done each year at the Stanley Pentecostal Holiness Church. Join us for a fun, as well as meaningful evening!

All Easter Lilies have now been purchased. Thanks for your support!

Lost & Found – nice clippers left behind on the outside Church Workday!

Women's Retreat May 2023

William Black Lodge in Montreat



Come join us for faith, fellowship, and heaps of fun! Heck, bring a friend!

Pastor Elisa will be leading this year.

Topic details will follow after registration surveys have been gathered.

Sat, May 20th

9:00-10:30am = Check-in
10:30-12:00pm = First Session
Noon - Lunch
1:00-2:00pm - Second Session
2:00-5:30pm - Open Time
5:30pm - Dinner
6:30-8pm - Third Session
8-11pm - Open Time (Quite Time starts at 11pm)

Sun, May 21st

8:00am - Breakfast
9-10:30am - Pack up and check out
10:30am - Worship
11:30am - Dismiss

Fri, May 19th, Bonus Night

3-5pm - Check-in
No meals provided by the lodge.

Quiet Time Hours Fri. & Sat Night

11:00pm - 7:00am

Partial Scholarship

Scholarships are available. Contact Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org to request one.

Please have kids stay home, except for nursing infants.
No childcare will be provided.

Cost

Double Occupancy: Sat. night only (3 meals): \$135

Double Occupancy: Fri. night AND Sat. night (3 meals): \$180

Single Occupancy: Sat. night only (3 meals): \$180

Single Occupancy: Fri. night AND Sat. night (3 meals): \$270

\$50 Deposit

Registration Closes May 3rd



[Register Here](#)

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.](#)

<u>April 2, Sun</u>	<u>April 8, Sat</u>
Palm Sunday	10:00 am – Easter Musical Rehearsal
09:00 am – Children’s Choir	<u>April 9, Sun</u>
09:30 am – Sunday School	Easter
10:30 am - Worship	<u>April 10, Mon</u>
<u>April 3, Mon</u>	Office Closed
Grief Journey 11:00 am and 7:00pm	6:30 pm – Missions Ministry Team
<u>April 4, Tue</u>	7:00pm – Tithing Team
6:45 pm – Christian Growth Youth Team	<u>April 11, Tues.</u>
<u>April 6, Thu</u>	10:00 am – Women’s Fellowship Circle
10:00 am – Beyond the Word	<u>April 12, Wed.</u>
06:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 pm – Community Engagement Team
Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm – Saints & Aints



Vacation Bible School!

Read all about this year's program and register now!

[Click here.](#)

Volunteer or Donate



Please Give!

We are a little behind our normal food donations. Please remember to buy a little extra to give to those in need.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission – and the church are partnering to clean more of the old historic headstones at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Memorial Cemetery at the old church on Saturday, April 22nd from 9-12. This will be held rain or shine. All materials are furnished. Everyone is invited to help.

Loaves & Fishes – needs inexpensive hand can openers. They have found people are unable to open the cans of food because they don't have an opener. Please leave your donation in the office so they can be put in the bins of food that are picked up each month.

Door of Hope in South Africa Donations: Clothes Are Wanted

Thanks to your generous donations, each member of the South Africa Team will be carrying an extra suitcase filled with clothing for the children. **Only two suitcases remain to be filled with new and gently used children's clothing, birth to 3-years.** 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

Candy Donations Needed

We need candy donations for the, *He is Risen! Party* for ages 3yrs – 5th grade Easter Sunday. Please drop candy off with Jamey or Keri during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

J-Walkers

Our kiddos will be focusing on the Easter message April 2nd-30th. This is a time of creative, engaged, playful learning. Be sure to register your 3year-1st grader today!

Pre-school-5th grade Sunday School

Please have your child join us for *Arise & Shine*, a five-week series focusing upon the celebration of Easter April 2nd-30th. See the parent series email for tips and themes to encourage your child's learning.

Middle-High School Sunday School

Join us for *Plot Twist*, a six-week study on Easter, March 26-April 30. Find postcards to access the series devotional in the lobby on the member information table or in the youth center. Be sure to check out the tip video in the parent series email!

Man Up! High School Boys

High School boys please register on Church Center for this overnight at the Winget Farm. This will be an amazing time of faith formation, fellowship, and fun! You are welcome to bring a friend. Remember if you are under 18 your parents will need to fill out the permission slip on the registration page.

Adult Community Group

Grief Journey Groups

These groups are a time of sharing where you are on your grief journey, how you got to this place, and to seek the grace of God for how he is directing your path forward. In these groups sharing of both pain and healing are welcomed – tears and smiles. In most situations, grief expressions or discussions are not welcomed. They can make people feel uncomfortable, not knowing what to say or do. This space is different. In these groups all are deeply intimate with grief and will welcome your sharing. We will additionally engage in learning and reflecting on the Biblical model of mourning and healing as well as prayer. Let's journey and heal together!

- Starting: April 3rd
- Day Option: 11:00 am
- Night Option: 7:00 pm
- **Please register** through Church Center app (links below) or by emailing Elisa@SteeleCreekChurch.org

We are keeping the number of these groups small for sharing purposes. So please secure your spot by requesting to join now!

Some of you have already requested to join these groups through Church Center. Wonderful! If you'd like to attend and haven't requested to join yet, please do so!

If you'd like to chat further with Pastor Elisa before deciding, you may call her at 803-810-7661. Attendees are not required to be church members, so you're welcome to share this information and invite others. You are welcome to request to join both groups, visit both, and then decide which one you want to continue attending.

Anyone can request to join through Church Center: [Click here](#) for day. For the night offering [click here](#). They can also join by emailing me directly. Please join a group so we can prepare for your attendance and have enough materials ready.

Ministry Team Vision Allignment

As we work to more closely align our ministry teams with our mission and vision framework, session has approved some moves in this direction.

The Outreach and Fellowship and Rec teams have been combined and renovated. The new ministry team is Community Engagement. If you are a current ministry team member of Outreach or Fellowship and Rec, you will now be a member of the Community Engagement team. (If you are currently on the Outreach team and have a heart to serve on a team focused on local, national, or international mission you will want to move to the Missions ministry team. You can request to join the Missions team by [clicking here](#) or you can contact Allyson Rogers.

Community Engagement

Promote events on-site to build community internally and welcome the community to our campus and into our church family.

Responsibilities include:

1. Events to both serve the church community and invite the larger community (such as movie nights, Fall Festival, Spring Festival, Invite a Friend, etc.)
2. Support staff with follow-up including follow up to Sunday visitors with cards, emails, calls, new member integration/tours, new member receptions.
3. Community building internal events (such as fellowship lunches, Faith & Family Fun Night, Mentoring Programs, etc.)
4. Maintain equipment and supplies relating to fellowship activities.

Sub-teams:

1. First Impressions Team

- a. Welcome/Greeting including greeting visitors on Sunday, identifying visitors, providing visitor bags, training welcome team
- b. Coffee and Bagels
- c. Friendship pads in pews

2. Meal Prep

- a. Bill Harraman's team, including his own budget line

b. Other teams (such as Missions or Christian Growth) may also connect directly with this sub-team if they want meals at an event

a. Maintain kitchen supplies/equipment

April Birthdays

Carson Smith	1-Apr	Jane Sifford	15-Apr
Ashley Rawls	2-Apr	Adi Sweet	16-Apr
Frances Currie	2-Apr	Susan Winget	17-Apr
Olivia Hommes	2-Apr	Fountain Odom	18-Apr
Madelyn RIDDICK	2-Apr	Adelaide Collins	18-Apr
Kelly Byrum	3-Apr	Elisa Ashley	19-Apr
Emily Warnke	5-Apr	Pam Shubert	20-Apr
Joyce Carpenter	6-Apr	Keith Ashley	22-Apr
Adrienne Smith	6-Apr	Kelly Andrus	23-Apr
Mary Beth Monroe	7-Apr	Dewitt Lauerman	23-Apr
Andrew Whitaker	8-Apr	Haley Mathiasmeier	23-Apr
Brady Brunelle	9-Apr	Joey Torres	23-Apr
Jeanne Baucom	10-Apr	Lucy Burkhart	23-Apr
Elizabeth Hovis	10-Apr	Trey Horack, III	23-Apr
Gracen Snyder	10-Apr	Lee Hembree	24-Apr
Meg Salmon	11-Apr	Brayden Kauffman	24-Apr
Shannon Mari	11-Apr	Renee Daniels	27-Apr
Ann Seaman	11-Apr	Ozzie Simerly	28-Apr
Ainslee Wrenn	12-Apr	Carrie Kelly	28-Apr
Mila Bridges	12-Apr	Bill Harraman	29-Apr
Ainslee Wrenn	12-Apr	Ernie Coskrey	29-Apr
Gerald Brown	13-Apr	Brenda McGee	29-Apr
Kelly Burkhart	14-Apr	Robert Reid	29-Apr
Graham Smith	14-Apr	George McCall	30-Apr
Barry Small	15-Apr		

Praise and Gratitude

Thanks to Mary Beth Monroe and Mac Winget for sharing the children's message.

Thanks to Betsy Stewart, Becky Neely, Ann Seaman, Ashley Rawls, and others for working hard to improve the interior design of our narthex.

Thanks to all who joined any of the Lenten Zoom gatherings and to Pastor Jeff and Pastor Elisa for their contribution.

Thanks to the anonymous donor who gave a generous gift card to each member of the Door of Hope Mission Team.

We've had answers to two confidential prayer requests. **Submit your own prayer request** by [clicking here](#).

Prayer Concerns

Condolences

Prayers for the loved ones of Mary Hutchinson as they mourn her loss and celebrate her life.

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

For Christians who are being persecuted around the world.

For the new Grief Journey Groups that will begin in April, as many of our church family and loved ones continue on their journey of grief and healing.

For wisdom for our church staff as they move forward.

For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.

Rowan Haston, as she travels to Germany for a two-week exchange trip.

For CJ's daughter, a local man struggling.

Philip, a man new to the area praying for work.

Surgery

Derrick Davis and his wife, brother-in-law of Trey Horack, as he recovers from surgery due to a biking accident.

Friend of Karen Rawls who had emergency surgery after having a car accident due to experiencing a heart attack.

Barbara Thompson's gallbladder surgery on March 30th was successful, but she's facing heart complications.

General Health Concerns:

Barbara Thompson

Felicia Clark Peaseley, sister of Marcia Henderson and Rachel Howell, is in rehab.

Harvey & Margi Cole, grandparents of Kelly Burkhart – Health concerns.

Grace Kuto, return visitor, long COVID.

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

Darrell Bonapart is a veteran, member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harraman. His wife is having heart issues due to long COVID.

John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, on dialysis again.

DJ & Amanda LeGate, cousins of Ragan Haston, serious health conditions.

Louise Freeman, Bob Freeman's wife, is at the Peak Resources rehab in Gastonia.

David McAliley recovering from bronchitis.

Campbell Johnson, Becky Faircloth's niece's 3 year old, at Levines PICU due to asthma.

Phyllis Osborne, staff member, recovering from bronchitis.

Ed Mason, brother of Dale Willis and Pat Williams, struggling with pain.

Ongoing Illness

Nancy Starnes, Judy Watkins' mom, in skilled nursing at Wellmore.

Mick O'Donnell, Keri Schafer's dad.

Cancer

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

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.

Donna Garrison, pancreatic cancer, starting chemo with a very serious condition.

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

Diana Hunter, pancreatic cancer, in a worsening situation with a grim diagnosis.

Jim Conner, Becky Ennis father, receiving chemo.

Ruth Mcgaha, suffering a setback while battling lung cancer.



Joan Brown

Joyce Carpenter

Frances Currie

Dot Earp

Katharine Freeman

Louise Freeman

Joe Furr

Danny Martin

Hannah Mauer

Margaret Niell

Gerry Roberts

Mike Spratt

Margaret Wert

Wayne Whiteside

Lois Yandle

Sammy Gatewood
Elaine Kotraba

Forest Nunnerly

Frances Campbell



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

Bradley Lauerman, Sandi and Dewitt Lauerman’s grandson, US Navy, Northern Mediterranean.

Dennis Rawls, Karen Rawls son, in Qatar working with a medical evac unit.



Higher Ed Students

Parker Beachley
Kelly Ferguson
Connor McAliley
Regan Snyder
Leah Warnke

Sarah DeBerry
Donald Horack
Melinda Moore
Andrew Tanner
Erin Whitaker