

**Weekly  
Announcements**

**5-28-23**



**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 – through daily practice, weekly community, and monthly service.**

**Congregational Announcements**

**Office Closure** – The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

**The Session wishes to share with the Congregation** that it is with regret they have accepted the resignation of Mrs. Keri Schafer. As Keri stated in her letter to the Session: *“Through much prayer, discernment, and insight from others, I have come to believe that I am not the best fit for this position and can more faithfully serve the kingdom of God through placing all my energies into the call to Christian counseling.”* Keri has agreed to stay with us through the celebration of Youth Sunday on June 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we will officially recognize her service to our church over the last year. Please keep Keri in your prayers as she looks for new opportunities to fulfill her passion of Christian counseling.

**Worship May 28**

**Sermon: Everyday Disciples are Connected**

**Scripture: Acts 2:1-28, 37-47**

**Sunday Bulletin** – Click [here](#) to view this Sunday’s bulletin May 28.

**The Flowers This Sunday** – are given to the Glory of God by Sandi & DeWitt Lauerman in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The flowers are also given to the Glory of God in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit by Keri & Jon Schafer.

**The Two Candles** – on the table, in the Sanctuary, are lit in honor of Lexie Simerly, U.S. Army, serving in South Korea and Brian Cox, U.S. Air Force, serving in Jordan. When we have someone serving outside of the U.S., we remember them, by lighting a candle, until they return. Please be in prayer for them.

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| Elder Greeters    | Christian McCall, Mac Winget   |
| Deacons           | Rachel Steele, Betty Harraman, Jessica Morgan, Gene Gilleland, Randall Brunson |
| Coffee and Bagels | Jon Schafer  |
| Counters          | May 23: DeWitt Lauerman, Betsy Stewart   |
| Signers           | May 25: Barry Small, Dave Thompson   |

### **Church Attendance May 21**

|               |               |            |              |             |
|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Inhouse – 180 | Children – 20 | Nursery -3 | Online – 168 | Total – 348 |
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**Member Info** – There is a member info bulletin board next to the men’s restroom.

**Welcome Center**– There is a welcome center where the donut table once was. Visitor gift bags and information can be found there. You can both sign-up for and pick-up nametags there and get a book for your child to read during worship. Kid’s activity bags are still on the hooks.

**Prayer Requests**– Submit via paper or through Church Center App. Paper requests may be found in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer box in the lobby. Digital requests can be made by [clicking here](#).

Please use one of these request forms. The Intercessory Prayer Team respects confidentiality and will not publish requests without permission. Additionally, a team member follows up with each person receiving prayer, so it is important that we get all the information requested in these forms.

If you are unable to complete one of these forms, please contact our lead intercessor Sandi Lauerman directly.

## **Special Events and Promotions**

**The Creation Museum & The Ark Encounter** – **The deadline for getting in your application and deposit, to hold your seat, is May 30<sup>th</sup>!!!!** The seats are filling up quickly for this fun filled trip on October 11, 12, 13. You will visit the Ark, the Creation Museum, the Purple People Bridge, and Keenland Racetrack. Please join us for a fun filled trip which helps you understand the Ark and its everyday workings for 40 days and 40 nights when on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth and the windows of heaven were opened. Have you ever had a chance to interact with and pet a million-dollar horse? You will see some beautiful Kentucky horse country! Get your application in to Christian Tours right away because the bus, is filling quickly! The cost is \$759 Single, Double \$635, Triple \$595, and Quad \$575. If you need an application, please contact the office right away! Your hosts for the trip will be Betty Davis and Jamey DeBerry.

**Celebration Luncheon** – Following our May 28<sup>th</sup> Service for volunteers and their families who have served in child or youth Sunday School or as a J-Walker volunteer this year. Join us in the Multipurpose Room.

**Monetary Donations for Montreat & Wilmington-** We have reached our goal for prayer volunteers but are still in need of monetary donations for scholarships and outings. You can donate at the church office or through Church Center giving.

**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.](#)

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| <b><u>May 28, Sun.</u></b><br>09:30 am – Sunday School  | <b><u>June 3, Sat.</u></b><br>10:00 am – 12:00 pm - Practice for Youth Sunday                             |
| 10:30 am – Worship: Pentecost and Communion – Wear your Red!<br>10-Cents-A-Meal   | <b><u>June 4, Sun.</u></b><br>10:30 am – Worship: Youth Sunday  |
| 12:00 pm - Volunteer Celebration Luncheon following service for those serving in children and youth Sunday School or J-Walkers. Families are welcome! | <b><u>June 5, Mon.</u></b><br>11:30 and 7:00pm Grief Journey Groups<br>2:00 pm – Intercessory Prayer Team |
| <b><u>May 30, Tues.</u></b>   | <b><u>June 6, Tues.</u></b><br>6:45 pm – Christian Growth Youth Team                                      |
| The Creation Museum & The Ark Encounter – <b>The deadline for getting in your application and deposit, to hold your seat</b>                          | <b><u>June 8, Thurs.</u></b><br>6:30 pm – Congregational Care   |

**Volunteer or Donate**

**Youth Summer Trips** – Thank you so much to the 24 people who have signed up to support our youth and leaders in prayer and encouragement during their July mission trip and spiritual retreat to Montreat. We are still in need of monetary donations for outings and scholarships. Please give at the office or online through Church Center. Click on Give, enter the amount and choose Youth Scholarship donations from the drop-down menu. Thank you for the way you continuously and generously support the next generation of believers!

**Family Ministries**

**J-Walkers**

Please have your 3-year-old – 1<sup>st</sup> graders join us after the children’s message for this time of creative, engaged, playful learning. If it is their first time, please step out with them to register.

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

Please have your child join us for *Heroic*, a four-week series focusing upon the early church as represented in the New Testament. See the parent series email for tips and themes to encourage your child's learning. If you are new, please email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) to connect your child with this wonderful series.

### **Middle-High School Sunday School**

Join us for *Reasonable Doubt*, a four-week study from the Gospel on doubt and questions. 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! If you are new, please email [keri@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:keri@steelecreekchurch.org) to connect your student.

### **The Ben Brown Scholarship**

All scholarship applications are now available on Church Center!

**Scholarships for Wilmington & Montreat** - If you need financial support for your child or children to participate in these formational events, please fill out the scholarship application on church center. We have a generous congregation that wants to ensure your child participates in these formative experiences.

## **Adult Community Groups Summer Updates**

Here are the updates we have so far.

| <b>Class</b>              | <b>Leader</b>              | <b>Summer break beginning:</b>                   |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Digging Deep              | David McAliley             | After the last chapter in the current book study |
| Open Forum                | Clara Giles & Grace Saylor | May 28 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Beyond the Word           | Becky Neely & Grace Saylor | May 25 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Saints & Aints            | Jenn Michel                | May 24 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Women's Fellowship Circle | Susan Kurt                 | July 11 <sup>th</sup>                            |
| Faith Builder             | Pastor Elisa               | June 4 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Fellowship 55+            | Bill Harraman              | June 18 <sup>th</sup>                            |

**Grief Journey Groups** - will continue to meet throughout the summer.

**Pastor Dexter** - is going to teach a Sunday school class through the summer in the choir room starting on **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Curriculum topic will be announced later.



### VBS Adult Class

Let us know if you'd like to attend a faith lesson for adults during VBS taught by Pastor Jeff. Class would meet after dinner, 6:30-7:30, in the conference room. Topic TBD.



## *Praise and Gratitude*

### Praise the Lord:

Gloria Smith has received a very much improved test result and extends her gratitude to the prayer team, as she believes prayer has made the difference.

Betty Small had a pacemaker put in on May 24<sup>th</sup> and everything went well.

### Give Thanks in All Things:

Thanks to all who prayed for the Women's Retreat. It was beautiful time of growth, faith, and fellowship. Thanks to the awesome women who attended!



## *Prayer Concerns*

### Condolences

The family and loved ones of Frances Currie, who passed away on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, as they mourn her loss.

Mamie Gaver, and her entire family, as they grieve the passing of her father.

### Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

For Christians who are being persecuted around the world.

For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.

Admin and Personnel Team as they continue to lead our church.

Agape Dental Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry

**Door of Hope Mission to South Africa** – departed May 24<sup>th</sup> and will return June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for safety, faith formation, and a fruitful impact from their work. Robin Beachley, Abby Brody, Barbara Burns, Tom Burns, Bruce Doane, Saundra Doane, Dexter Greene, Allison Moody, Donna Moody, Allyson Rogers, Rachel Steele, (Rachel's mom) Althea Huggins, Jim Weeden, Pastor Dexter, (Dexter's granddaughter) Amy Hazewindus, Dexter's daughter and Amy's mom) Christi Owens.

**Door of Hope Update:** The team has arrived safely in South Africa. They are on their way to Kruger. Their cell and internet service are minimal, but all is well.

### Surgery

Lisa, the artist who created the Mother's Day coasters, has asked us to pray for her husband who is having quadruple bypass on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### General Health Concerns:

Chickie Miller

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.

Louise Freeman, Bob Freeman's wife, had a pacemaker put in – it went well, and she is at home receiving therapy.

Phyllis Osborne is improving but still needs prayers for complete recovery.

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

Bill Griener, friend, and neighbor of Betty Small, is battling kidney and cancer issues and has started radiation. Please also pray for his wife Etta.

Danita Hines, friend, and neighbor of Betty Small, is in dire health in the hospital.

Barbara Thompson is facing some heart complications.

Elaine Giles, Clara Giles sister-in-law, is in rehab after a serious fall.

Debra Thrower is home and doing much better. She would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and visits. Your kindness helped her get through this difficult time.

John Hovis is at home recovering from pneumonia.

### **Ongoing Illness**

Linda Neely is doing much better with her healing and is continuing physical therapy.

Meg Salmon's dad, who has taken a turn for the worse.

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

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

Cooper Freeman III as he faces kidney complications.

John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, is on dialysis again and awaiting a match for a kidney transplant.

Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.

Charles, friend of Deborah Thrower, is still struggling with dialysis.

Richard Thetford (wife Betsy), friend of Pam Horack, is struggling with kidney issues and needs them to improve so that he will be eligible for a transplant.

### **Cancer**

David Lindsey, son-in-law of Phil and Ann Seaman, has completed chemo treatment. Surgery is anticipated in three to four weeks.

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

Donna Garrison, pancreatic cancer, starting chemo.

Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, was recently diagnosed with cancer and is almost finished with chemo treatments.

Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is doing well on chemo.

Diana Hunter, pancreatic cancer, is doing a bit better but still struggling.

Ruth McGaha, suffering a setback while battling lung cancer, has a port, and has started chemo.



Terri Plotkin, Kelly Burkhart's best friend's mom, is starting chemo treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Larry Aaron, co-worker of Kate Lemond.



Joan Brown

Frances Campbell

Joyce Carpenter

Dot Earp

Jimmy Earp

Lois Yandle

Katharine Freeman

Louise Freeman

Joe Furr

Sammy Gatewood

Elaine Kotraba

Danny Martin

Hannah Mauer

Margaret Niell

Forest Nunnally

Gerry Roberts

Mike Spratt

Margaret Wert

Wayne Whiteside



Brian Cox – US Air Force, Jordan

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Olivia Hommes – US Air Force Academy, Colorado

Lexie Simerly – US Army – South Korea

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Will Warsaw – US Navy, Virginia

Gabe White – US Army – Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Bradley Lauerman, Sandi and Dewitt Lauerman's grandson, US Navy, Virginia.

### **Higher Ed Students**

Parker Beachley

Sarah DeBerry

Erin Whitaker

Kelly Ferguson

Donald Horack

Leah Warnke

Connor McAliley

Melinda Moore

Regan Snyder

Andrew Tanner

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