

Here, we work together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing, everyday disciples.

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Worship

October 22, 2023

Message: The Things That Are God's

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

September	Donations—\$63,306.92 Expenses—\$59,542.53	
Elder Greeters	Jacob Cunningham and Meg Salmon	
Deacons	Megan Winget, Rachel Holzhauer, Crystal Siniarski, Dan Sturge, Rachel McAdoo	
Coffee and Bagels	Kelly Andrus	
Counters	Angie Neel and Bill Harraman	
Signers	Walter Neely and Leon Daniels	

The Flowers This Week -are given to the Glory of God by Courtney McAliley in celebration of her husband, David's birthday on October 13th. Flowers are also given to the Glory of God by Jeff & Miriam Pinkston in celebration of Caroline, Joshua, James, and Adam's birthdays today.



Available flower dates are as follows: October 22, November 19, 26, December 17, 24, 31. There is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board to the right of the church office, or you may call the office to provide the flowers for a Sunday service. Cost is \$50.

hĥ	ouse – 203	Children –22	Nursery—3	Online – 157	Total – 360

Fall Festival is here!!



Our youth group has provided some amazing baskets for a silent auction fundraiser. Be sure to take some time to look at all the baskets, and place your bids. To the right are two of the many different baskets up for grabs.

SPECIAL NOTE: THE HAYRIDE HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO EXPECTED RAIN AND CREATING A GROUND TOO SOFT TO HANDLE THE REPEATED LOADS. IN ITS PLACE IS AN ICE CREAM TRUCK. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN PURCHASES WITH THE VENDOR.





Odds and Ends

Would you like to submit a letter of gratuity, a fun child's drawing, a clever (and clean) joke. This page is your page to help build with fun notices, birthday or anniversary postings, letters, etc.

Send submissions to:

tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org

The Youth Leaders and Youth would like to thank everyone who has provided a meal for youth dinners. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. They have been delicious!

Be on the look out for another sign up coming in November! We will have many opportunities beginning in January to provide more dinners. Thanks again!"

Lost & Found – Don't forget to check the church office for lost or forgotten items. Our collection is growing.

Mary Coskrey would like to thank all who have called, sent cards, and prayed for her. She is starting PT this week and is doing somewhat better. Memorial gift given in memory of John Hovis. Courtesy of Logan and RoseAnne Peek.

Memorial gift to Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Sammy Gatewood. Courtesy of Dot Earp.

Thank You!!

I want to extend a Big Thanks for help with setting up for Scottish Heritage Luncheon to Leon Daniels, Fred and Dale Willis. Thanks to Bill and Betty Harraman for the meal. Thank you to Betsy for picking up the chicken. Thank you to Betty and Barry Small for donating lemonade. Thank you to Sara Harkey for serving.

And, thank you making this a beautiful day in the life of the church.

With God's Love, Phyllis

Kid's Corner



Children,

It is time to have your own spot in the newsletter. I need your help to allow this section to grow. Submit your art, favorite bible verse, a picture of you in your Halloween costume or send in your answer to the following question by 5pm, 10-26-23 to be featured in the next newsletter:

October is Pastor appreciation month. What do you like most about Pastor Jeff and/or Pastor Dexter?

Send your submissions to tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org



"Instead of saying 'Trick or Treat, aren't there any Halloween carols we can sing?"

A Letter From Your interim Communications and Operations Manager

Hello Congregation,

This week I am trying a new page called "Odds and Ends". This page's content will change weekly and include a "Kid's Corner" section in the lower right corner. The page will move around the first few weeks while I find a good page number for it to land. This week it is page 3.

This is a little CALL TO ACTION from your interim Communications person, me! I would love to receive emails from you! My address tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org. emails could be of pictures you would like shared, ideas of things you would like to see

your church, communications from your, ministry group, your children's art, thank you cards to the congregation, a favorite recipe, a gardening tip, a positive story from the past week of how God impacted your life, etc. This newsletter is your newsletter. I will do my best to help it grow and evolve while keeping it not so long that you don't read it.

We want you to read the newsletter, but if you don't, no worries. I will archive your email address after 6 weeks of inactivity; this helps keep our growing numbers within the mail service plan's parameters. When you are ready to have it reactivated, just reach out and I will take care of that for you. You can always go through Church published, details you feel are important to Center or straight to the website to see the

weekly announcements.

Also, if you or someone you know is having trouble seeing or receiving the newsletter, have them email or call me (704-588-1290 ext. 215), and I will look into the different distribution lists and see if they should be added or an email corrected. If it was just lost in an inbox that week, reach out and I will send another email with the hyperlinks to both the PDF and web page.

Remember, you will be able to find your weekly announcements on the website www.steelecreekchurch.org/weeklyannouncements/ every Friday after 2 p.m.

Here to serve God and you,

Tiffany Brunson

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

for PLEASANT HILL PRESCHOOL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 DINE IN FROM 5 P.M.-7 P.M. OR

TAKE OUT AT THE SCHOOL'S DISMISSAL

SPONSORED BY:

LUIGI'S PIZZA OF CHARLOTTE

Adult Meals—\$10

w/ meatballs—\$12

Child Dinner—\$7

w/ meatballs—\$8

SEE ORDER SLIP INSIDE WEEKLY BULLETIN ON SUNDAY

Calendar and Events

Find these dates on the Church Center App and the church website.

21 October, Saturday	24 October, Tuesday
10 am—Carolina Voices Singing Rehearsal	6:30 pm Men's Fellowship Group at John's Restaurant
9 am—Fall Festival Set-up	25 October, Wednesday
10:30 am – Trunk -or-Treat Volunteers need to be in place	06:30 pm Praise Team interested in auditioning? See Kaarin
11 am—2 pm Fall Festival	07:30 pm Choir Rehearsal OPEN TO ALL, AGES 14+
2 pm—4 pm Breakdown and clean-up	26 October, Thursday
22 October, Sunday	11:30 am – Fun Bunch & Meal Deliveries
9 am—Children's Choir	6 pm Faith and Family Fun Night
9:30 am—Sunday School (aka Community Groups)	7 pm Handbells interested in joining? See Kaarin
10:30 am—Worship	27 October, Friday
BASIC training starts 11:30-2pm	2 pm Palisades Varsity Football Feed
23 October, Monday—	28 October, Saturday
Intercessory Prayer Team: Prayer Session	29 October, Sunday 10 Cent A Meal Sunday *bring your change*

Cookbooks

Cookbooks From Old Steele Creek Church – will be on sale this Sunday and future Sundays. Becky Neely and Betty Davis will be in the sanctuary lobby selling books. The cost will be \$10.00 per book. The proceeds will go towards the 10 Cents-a-Meal fund that will help feed people.

BASIC Training October 22. 11:30-2pm BASIC training group for all 2nd – 5th graders starts right after church and lasts until 2pm. See page 7 for more details.

Kairos Prison Ministry October 26 Cookies need to be at the church. See more details page 7.

All Saint's Sunday Service November 5

Blood Drive November 5 Schedule an appt. for faster service on the day of donation. Time will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More information to come.

<u>Veteran's Day Service</u> November 12 If you are a veteran, the Congregational Care Ministry Team would like to know. Please see page 7 for more details.

<u>Turkey Truck!</u> November 12 Yes, a "turkey truck" will be here to collect the frozen turkeys you are donating now until November 12. These frozen turkeys will be distributed by Loaves and Fishes to families in need in time for Thanksgiving. Bring your birds to the church office.

<u>Friendship Circle</u> November 14, 10 a.m. A women's group that meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am in room 302 - the small dining room. Join us! Other dates are as follows:

Dec 12 Feb 13 Ap 9
Jan 9 Mar 12 May 14

Fruitcake Factory Tour & Shopping

November 15, SOLD OUT. If you would like to go, you are welcome to carpool and follow behind the bus.

<u>Crafts Fellowship</u> November 17 Come out, share in the fellowship and have fun crafting. All are welcome and no skills needed.

<u>Church Work-</u> <u>day</u>, <u>November</u> 18 There will be

a church workday on Saturday, November 18th from 8 a.m. to noon. Be sure to bring your rakes, clippers, etc. with you.



Thanksgiving Community Worship Service, November 21, 6:30 pm at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church located at 9401 S. Tryon

Street Charlotte, NC 28273.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in and ready to be picked up!

Sunday, November 19, our shoeboxes will be

blessed in worship. Be sure to bring yours. Start collecting your small items today!!

SCPCPH is a collection center (drop-off site) for the Steele Creek community. Maybe your neighbors would like to fill boxes too. These are the times our church will be open as a drop off site:



November 13, 10 am—12 noon November 14, 10 am—12 noon

November 15, 10 am—12 noon

November 16, 10 am—12 noon

November 17, 10 am—12 noon November 18, 1 pm—4 pm

November 19, 1 pm—4 pm

November 20, 10 am—12 pm

Music Notes



During the Middle Ages hymnody developed in the form of Gregorian chant or 'plainsong'. It was sung in Latin and most often by monastic choirs. But in the 16th century, church goers were given much greater access to hymns as a result of the invention of the printing press and the influential German theologian, Martin Luther, who began encouraging people to sing together in congregations.





Special Musical Guest

Kendra Johnson, guest vocalist, will be joining us this Sunday, October 22nd. Come hear her stunning rendition of Billy Porter and Brian Steckler's song 'Time'.

Adult Choir

Our adult choir is growing! Please join the fun. The adult choir comprises singers from all walks of life, ages 14 and up. The choir meets every Wednesday, 7:30 - 9pm, in the choir room. Rehearsals are infused with a wide range of repertoire styles, along with educational opportunities for vocal technique, choral sound production, music theory, sight reading, and reflection on why music moves our hearts.

Spotify Playlist

Introducing the SCPCPH Praise Team Spotify playlist!

Spotify is a digital music, podcast, and video service that gives you access to songs and other content from creators all over the world. The basic functions such as playing music are free, but there will be ads. Sign-up using the QR code above and sing our praise music anytime it suits you.



Ministries

Attention Veterans: If you are a veteran and have received cards from the Congregational Care Ministry Team in the past, then no action is required. If you have not received cards from us, we are requesting some details from you.

With so many new members this year, we are asking that anyone who is a veteran and has not provided information to us, please let us know the following details as soon as possible: name, rank, branch of service and service dates. We would also like to have a picture of you, preferably in uniform. You can email the details and photo to Jamey@steelecreekchurch.org or rawls.karen@yahoo.com. If your prefer, bring your details and photo to the church and we will photocopy and return original photos to you. We need these pictures in the next few weeks to prepare for Veteran's Day Service. Thank you so very much.

BASIC Training

Abby Hi families, here! excited am for BASIC Training to start back again. We will kick off the year in October. For all new families, "Brothers And group is Sisters Christ" (BASIC). Grades 2nd—5th meet once a month (after service on Sunday) in order to learn about Jesus and provide community service work to our neighbors. We will meet every third Sunday of the month except October due to Scottish Heritage Sunday; we will meet October 22. The following schedule has been confirmed so go ahead and put dates in your calendar!

Oct 22	
Nov 19	Please email/text me with any questions
Dec 17	and excited to work with your kiddos!!!
Jan 21	
Feb 18	Abby Brody (and Courtney McAliley!)
Mar 17	843-450-6756 amcarter@coastal.edu

May 19: Pizza Pool Party at Abby's House! The other activities are pending and will be decided closer to the dates.

April 21



Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry has put a call out again for cookies October 26. Can you find some time to bake? These cookies are so important to those that are incarcerated. Please pray over your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and the staff. Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats one closer to God.

The guidelines that must be followed are from the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Do not deviate.

KAIROS COOKIE GUIDELINES

The types of cookies that are acceptable are:

Chocolate chip, sugar, ginger, molasses, oatmeal and peanut butter.

Cookies should be between TWO (2) and TWO AND ONE HALF (2.5) INCHES ACROSS and not more than half (0.5) inch thick.

DO NOT USE ICING, POWDERED SUGAR OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF COATING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE COOKIE. DO NOT ADD ANY KIND OF FRUIT OR NUTS TO THE COOKIES.

IMPORTANT: Bag thoroughly cooled cookies in a clear QUART sized zip lock bag only. A dozen cookies to a bag. We cannot re-bag or hand-out in any other packaging.

Our church uses October as a time to reflect on the magnitude of cancer. Please visit the pink quilt in the sanctuary. Take time to pray and to tie a knot into one of its strings.

This year, as part of our awareness month, we will collect for Make-A-Wish of Central and Western North Carolina. Local funds grant local wishes in 51 NC counties. Let's make a wish come true for a child. Donate today.

Donate - Steele Creek Presbyterian
Church at Pleasant Hill
(churchcenter.com)







Cancer Awareness Ribbon Colors





Have you thanked and prayed for your pastor? Remember Jeff and Dexter in your daily time with God, and say thank you when you see them.

Prayer Concerns

Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- Prayer for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- Prayer for the country of Israel and its people.
- Prayer for Dexter Greene, Donna Moody and Tom Burns as they join a mission team for disaster relief in Hawaii. This team will leave for their two week mission on October 19.
- For Christians who are persecuted around the world.
- For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.
- ♦ Agape Dental Ministry
- Kairos Prison Ministry: For the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their savior.
- Pray for the current foster parents and pray that more foster parents come forward. There is a drastic shortage and such a strong need.

Surgery

 Joey Bridges will have back surgery on November 9th. Please pray for a successful surgery and relief from pain. Mary Turner has cataract surgery October 23, 2023.

Ongoing Illness

- ◆ Linda Neely is continuing to heal and can attend church more – great to see you, Linda.
- Meg Salmon's dad has had a bump in improvement – praise the Lord.
- Cooper Freeman III has been diagnosed with kidney disease but is not scheduled for dialysis. He needs prayer for healing for his feet.
- Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.
- Darrell Bonapart is a veteran, member of the American Legion, and friend of Bill Harraman. His wife has now been diagnosed with congestive heart failure, diabetes, nerve damage, and high blood pressure. He appreciates our prayers.
- Daniel Morris, a friend of Bruce Doane's diagnosed with Wegener's disease. There is no cure for this disease and will require lifetime treatment. Please pray also for his wife and two children.

General Health Concerns

- Anne Marie Moore's Dad, Kevin, was attacked by a neighbor's dog and required surgery.
 Surgery went well. Kevin is in the trauma unit and has been put on oxygen.
- Katherine Freeman is fainting from possible blood pressure issues.
- Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, has been diagnosed with kidney disease that may require dialysis.
- Pat McCorkle, David McCorkle's mother has been moved to Lake Wylie Assisted Living and is doing better.
- Anita Holland, a friend of Kelly Andrus with health concerns.
- Jason Sims, Gloria and Steve Smith's nephew is still in CMC Main's trauma ICU unit with severe head injuries.
- Fred Willis asks for prayers for Jim Medlock who is experiencing health issues and awaiting test results.

Cancer

<u>Homebound</u>

Military

- Ruth McGaha had surgery and is home resting comfortably.
- Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He's undergoing chemo treatment.
- Margaret Renward, a family member of Deb & Paul O'Connor has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic, lung and liver cancer. Please pray for Margaret and her family.
- Donna Garrison is doing well after her surgery and is continuing to heal.
- Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's coworker's father, is now having more energy and will have another scan in September.
- Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.
- Diana Hunter has finished her round of chemo treatments and is doing better.
- Terri Plotkin, Kelly Burkhart's best friend's mom, is not doing well on chemo treatment for Hodgkin Lymphoma.
- Larry Aaron, co-worker of Kate Lemond, asks for prayer for healing, a treatment plan, and understanding of the situation.
- Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, who is battling cancer.
 Please also pray for his wife and eleven-year-old twins.

- ♦ Joan Brown
- ♦ Katherine Freeman
- ♦ Louise Freeman
- Hannah Mauer
- Danny Martin
- Joe Furr
- Margaret Niell
- Forest Nunnally
- Elaine Kotraba
- Mike Spratt
- Margaret Wert
- Gerry Roberts
- Wayne Whitesides
- ♦ Lois Yandle
- Joyce Carpenter
- Dot Earp
- ♦ Jimmy Earp

Students

- Sarah DeBerry
- Kelly Ferguson
- Clay Ferguson
- Donald Horack
- Connor McAliley
- Melinda Moore
- ♦ Ben Shanti
- Regan Snyder
- ♦ Andrew Tanner
- Charlie Warnke
- Leah Warnke
- Erin Whitaker

**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.

- Gabe White, US Army Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia
- Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- **Lexie Simerly, US Army,
 South Korea
- **Brian Cox, US Air Force, Jordan

Special

On October 1, I was to add:

"Please pray for Mary Coskrey who is recovering from surgery for a broken leg."

My apologies for failing to add this request. Mary is currently doing better and attending physical therapy.

If you would like to add or remove a college student or military member from the prayer list, please reach out to

tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org and/or Betty Small.