



STEELE CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
at Pleasant Hill

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

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December 10, 2023



Upcoming Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

Children's Music Program

Elder Greeters	Mac Winget & Bruce Doane
Deacon Ushers	Rachel Steele, Betty Harraman, Jessica Morgan, Gene Gilleland, Randall Brunson
Coffee and Bagel Hosts	Jamey DeBerry
Counters	Barbara Burns & Donna Moody
Signers	Bill Harraman & Pam Horack

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK: are given to the Glory of God by Randall and Tiffany Brunson in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary on December 6 and their son Alex's 17th birthday on December 14..



The large red poinsettias on the table are given in the loving memory of Fountain Odom from his family.

The 2024 flower sign-up poster is on the bulletin board to the right of the church office.

Last Week's Worship:

Inhouse 304	Children 32	Nursery 4	Online 401	Total 705
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Odds and Ends

George and Betty Davis would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, and prayers during George's stay in the hospital and rehab. Having their church family stay in touch meant so much and helped them get through this difficult time.

Pleasant Hill Preschool is inviting you to attend their Christmas program performed by the toddlers to four year olds on

Tuesday, December 19

Toddlers and Twos:
9:30 a.m.

Threes and Fours:
10:45 a.m.

Door of Hope Mission

We are currently putting together a team for the Door of Hope in South Africa for May 15 to June 1st, 2024. This includes a trip to Kruger National Game Reserve. The size of the team is limited. If you are interested, please contact Dexter Greene, 704-575-0474

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be happening May 18-19, 2024, with Friday night, the 17th, optional. We will stay at the William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC. More details and registration information to follow after the holidays.

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.

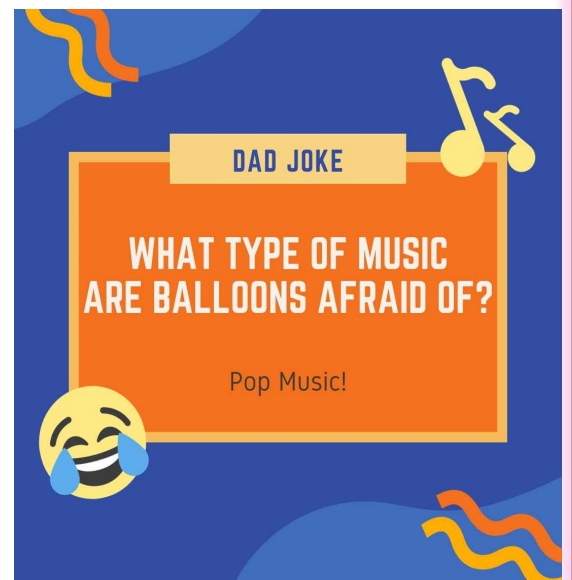
Kid's Corner

Children,

It is time to have your own spot in the newsletter. I need your help for this section to grow. Submit your art, favorite Bible verse, a picture, joke, etc.

Kids,

Have your art and cartoons featured here —> Submit to address above or bring drawings to the church office and you can get them back quickly.



Calendar and Events

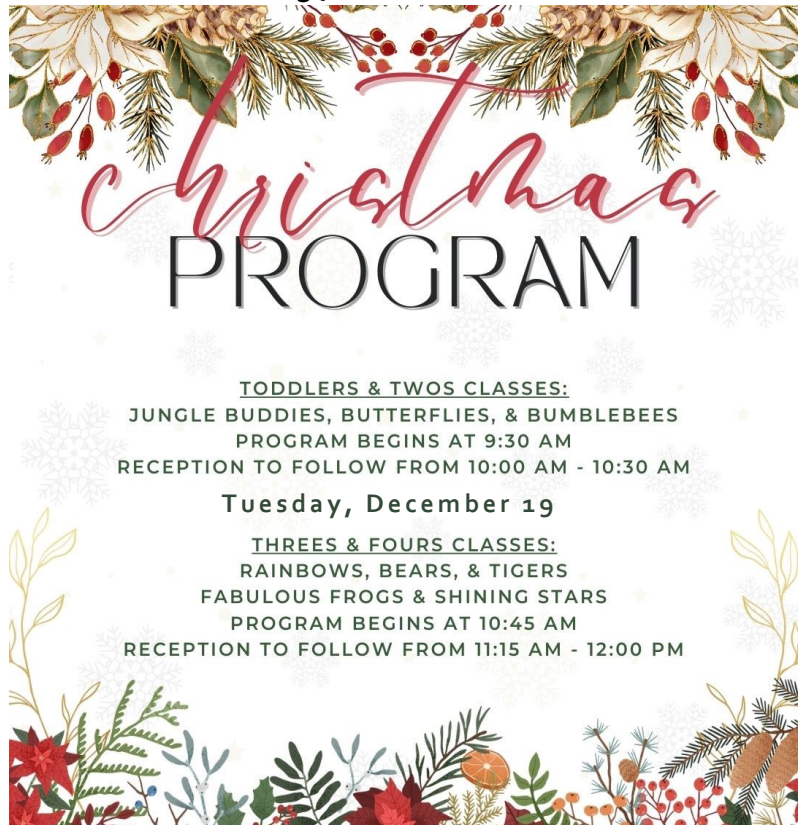
9 December, Saturday	13 December, Wednesday
10 am Children's choir rehearsal	11:30 am – Flower Crew Luncheon
1:30 pm Odom Funeral	6:30 pm – Outreach & Fellowship Ministry Team
10 December, Sunday	6:30 pm — Praise Team Rehearsal
Second Sunday of Advent - Children's Music Program	7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am—Children's Choir Rehearsal	14 December, Thursday
9:30 am - Sunday School, Donuts and Coffee	10 am—Beyond the Word
10:30 am - Worship	5:00 pm – A Roof Above
12pm— Deacon's Meeting	6:30 pm – Congregational Care Meeting
5:00 pm – Youth Group Christmas Party—Winget's Barn	7 pm—Handbell Rehearsal
11 December, Monday	7:30 pm— Tech Team
2 pm – Intercessory Prayer Team	15 December, Saturday
6:30 pm— Missions Ministry	10:00 am—Adult Music Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Monthly Tithing Meeting	17 December, Sunday
12 December, Tuesday	Third Sunday in Advent - Adult Music Program
10:00 am – Friendship Circle	12:00 pm Church Family Christmas Luncheon w/ a visit
6:30 pm – Finance Ministry Team	from Santa , followed by caroling, cookies and hot chocolate.

Donuts and Coffee

A WONDERFUL TREAT BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH. I KNOW IT “MAGICALLY APPEARS” EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, BUT SOMEONE GAVE UP A LITTLE OF THEIR MORNING FOR YOU. CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO JOYFULLY SERVE YOUR NEIGHBORS DONUTS AND COFFEE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO SERVE. IT IS SO SIMPLE, AND A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE. YOU DO NOT ORDER, PAY FOR, PICK-UP OR RETURN ANYTHING. YOUR JOB IS TO CUT THE TREATS IN HALF, LAYOUT THE TABLE, TIDY UP AT THE END AND HAVE A GREAT TIME MEETING PEOPLE. SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE TABLE AT THE OFFICE. NO SIGN-UPS, NO DONUTS.

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Christmas PROGRAM

TODDLERS & TWOS CLASSES:
JUNGLE BUDDIES, BUTTERFLIES, & BUMBLEBEES
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FROM 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 19

THREES & FOURS CLASSES:
RAINBOWS, BEARS, & TIGERS
FABULOUS FROGS & SHINING STARS
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10:45 AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FROM 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Second Sunday of Advent,

December 10 We will enjoy a wonderful arrangement by the children's choir.

Deacon Meeting, December 10

Deacon meeting right after church. Be sure to wear your smile! Deacon Class of 2024 will have their pictures taken that day. Deacons, see your email for more information.

Christmas Luncheon, December 12

at 11:30 a.m. for the Women's Fellowship Circle. The luncheon will be at John's Restaurant off Westinghouse Blvd.

Spirit Night, December 14, Nothing but Noodles in Steele Creek will be hosting a spirit night for the pre-school! They will be giving 25% of all dine in, take out, and online orders between 4 and 8 pm back to the pre-school. Help support the preschool, one of the church's outreach programs.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024
IS STARTING SOON.
INFORMATION TO COME.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Third Sunday of Advent, December

17 Toys are due for the West Blvd. Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys will be collected for boys and girls ages three to fifteen.

If you would prefer to donate money, make checks payable to "West Blvd Ministry" and they'll do the shopping for you.



Third Sunday of Advent, December

17 The adult music program will present a collection of music for your enjoyment.

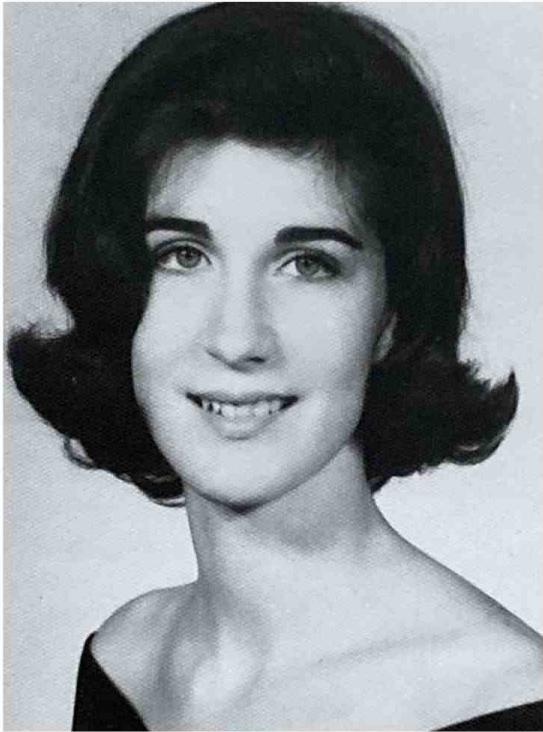
There is also a church wide luncheon after the service in the multipurpose room. In order to prepare, **WE NEED A HEADCOUNT!!** You must reserve your spot by any of the following methods

- 1) call the office
- 2) Complete the slip that will be in the bulletin.
- 3) Sign-up [on line through Church Center starting December 11.](#)

Santa is expected to make an appearance during lunch, so you don't want to miss it!

Afterwards, there is caroling to select houses, cookies and cocoa.

Music Notes



SCPCPH Musician Spotlight

• Get to know our wonderful musicians here at Steele Creek •

Linda Marie DeForest Hess

I was reared in a small town 70 miles south of St. Louis Missouri. I say 'reared' because Elizabeth Cutler (my psychology professor at Central Methodist College) insisted chickens and pigs are 'raised,' while children are reared. I have a Bachelor of Music Education from said college, sang in the a cappella choir there and played tenor saxophone in the marching band and stage band. Living in St. Louis post-graduation found me in a retail music store, occasionally subbing on organ at my boss's church, and singing with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus. We moved to Charlotte in 1980 where I've played and sung with different groups. When we moved to Steele Creek in 1988, John (my husband) was drawn to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian by the pastor Bob Jack, whom John could understand. Being a New Yorker, the Boston accent was easily distinguishable. Offering myself as a substitute accompanist was the beginning of a more permanent position. And here I am!



THE
CHRISTMAS
CROSS

A musical presented by the children of
Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
at Pleasant Hill

Sunday, 12.10.2023 • 10:30 am

SCPCPH MUSIC

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, 12.10	10:30 Children & Youth present 'The Christmas Cross'
Sunday, 12.17	10:30 Adult Music Presentation



MINISTRIES

You may request to join the following ministries anytime.



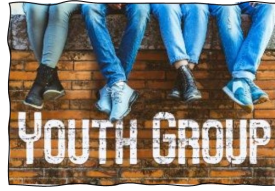
CHRISTIAN GROWTH
MINISTRY IS ANNOUNCING:
ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE.

Advent devotionals have arrived for the different age groups in our church. They are ready for pick-up Sunday morning.

The children's is a two-part piece that includes a booklet and a Christmas tree poster to punch out and build.

The youth (middle and high school) have available a single advent booklet titled It's About Time, while the adults Advent devotional book is titled A Season of Peace. The latter book says it is for seniors on the cover, but it is for all our adults. Grab your Advent devotional from the lobby.

Barry Small is looking to get a group of persons to go to the National Cemetery in Salisbury, NC to put wreaths on our Veteran's graves with ***Wreaths Across America*** for Christmas. I'm sure you have seen pictures of the cemeteries with the Christmas wreaths on the white headstones. We will leave church **Saturday, December 16** at 10:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. We will use the bus if we have enough volunteers and drive other vehicles if needed. Please bring a snack and drink. [Sign-up here](#) or call Barry at 704-351-8575.



Our Youth Christmas Party will be next Sunday 12/10 at the Winget's Barn. Join us from 5-7pm to celebrate Christmas together! We are asking that everyone brings a dish to

share. If you are in Middle School bring something sweet and if you are in High School something savory.

This year we will have a white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift that is \$10 or less.

If anyone needs transportation please reach out to me ASAP and we will make sure every youth that wants to attend can do so.

Winget's Barn
1202 Green Pond Rd
Clover, SC 29710

THE YOUTH GROUP IS ASKING FOR HELP WITH MEALS FOR 2024.

Please sign-up below through Sign-Up Genius and give those parents and leaders a break. The link is below. [Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill: Youth Group Meals \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Name Change!

The Ministry Team known as *Community Engagement* has a new name!!

This Ministry will be now known as
OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP.

Their mission has not changed. It is to care for family and community.

Are you interested in joining this or any other ministry team?

[Please click here.](#)

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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the following children that are looking to be adopted:
- ◆ Mario—pray for his adoption to be completed in December. Mario has been in foster care for three years.
- ◆ Laila—pray for permanency with the family she is with and an adoption. Laila has been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Jenifire—a child waiting for adoption—foster parent undecided about whether she can do it, but another family would be thrilled to adopt her.

Jenifire has been in foster care for four years.

- ◆ Princeton, Desiyah, Destiny – parents rights were terminated and adoption prospects are scarce for the girls. Need permanency soon. They have been in foster care for four years.
- ◆ Brittany—has a court case this month. Parents may lose their parental rights so permanence can happen. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

Ongoing Illness

- ◆ Cooper Freeman III has kidney disease and diabetes. Please pray for healing for the issues he's experiencing with 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

- ◆ Please pray for Karen Rawls who has been diagnosed with pneumonia.
- ◆ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is in the hospital with a serious blood infection. Please pray for healing.
- ◆ Alma Simms, the aunt of Gloria Smith, has congestive heart failure. She also had a bypass surgery. Please pray for her recovery.
- ◆ Becky Beck, the grandmother of Spencer and Gavin Beck, is in the hospital with a concussion and other health issues following a fall. Please pray for healing and rehabilitation so she can walk and become independent again.
- ◆ Mandy Beck's Aunt Cheryl had hip replacement surgery. Please pray for healing and continued strength.
- ◆ Danny Martin is in Presbyterian Hospital with heart issues.
- ◆ Anne Marie Moore's father, Kevin, is doing better but has a long recovery ahead of him.
- ◆ Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, has been diagnosed with kidney disease that may require dialysis.

- ♦ Pat McCorkle was released from the hospital to return to Lake Wylie Assisted Living.

Cancer

- ♦ Teresa Hartman, neighbor and friend of Angie Neel, has been diagnosed with stage 4 neck cancer. Please pray for both Teresa and her husband Scott as they deal with this overwhelming situation.
- ♦ Fletcher Wilson, father of Ashley Rawls, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Ashley's prayer request is that his body responds to the chemo and radiation treatments and stop the spread of cancer and heal him.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Donna Garrison is doing well after her surgery and is continuing to heal.
- ♦ Dan Baird, Kate Lemond's co-worker'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 is doing well after her last round of chemo. They are looking at her entering a clinical trial.
- ♦ 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.

Homebound

- ♦ Joan Brown
- ♦ Linda Clark
- ♦ Joyce Carpenter
- ♦ Dot Earp
- ♦ Katharine Freeman
- ♦ Louise Freeman
- ♦ Joe Furr
- ♦ Elaine Kotraba
- ♦ Danny Martin
- ♦ Hannah Maurer
- ♦ Sarah Middleton
- ♦ Margaret Niell
- ♦ Forest Nunnally
- ♦ Gerry Roberts
- ♦ Mike Spratt
- ♦ Margaret Wert
- ♦ Wayne Whitesides
- ♦ Lois Yandle

Students

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

Military

*****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.***

- ♦ ****Brian Cox, US Air Force, Germany**
- ♦ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- ♦ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- ♦ ****Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea**
- ♦ Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia



If you would like to add or remove a church member who is in college or the military from the prayer list, please reach out to tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org and/or Betty Small.