

JANUARY 21, 2024



STEELE CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
at Pleasant Hill

WORKING TOGETHER TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN JOYFULLY SERVING OUR
NEIGHBORS AS COMPASSIONATE, CONNECTED,
CONTRIBUTING, EVERYDAY DISCIPLES.

Your yearly Bible reading plan:

Reading the Bible in order: By next Friday read
Exodus chapters 11-34.

Reading the Bible in chronological order:
By next Friday read Genesis chapters 22-40.

Next week look for the following week's plan.

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Upcoming Worship

MESSAGE: FISH TALE

SCRIPTURE: JONAH 3:1-5 AND MARK 1:14-20

ELDER GREETERS	PRICE FREEMAN AND BILL FERGUSON
DEACON USHERS	DEBORAH O'CONNOR, DONNA MOODY, SKYLAR MORGAN, BECKY NEELY AND DAVID GILES
COFFEE AND BAGEL HOSTS	OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY
COUNTERS	BARRY SMALL AND PAM HORACK
SIGNERS	WALTER NEELY AND LEON DANIELS

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF LEON
DANIELS BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 23RD BY HIS WIFE,
RENEE DANIELS.



THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP POSTER IS ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD TO THE RIGHT OF THE CHURCH
OFFICE. IT IS AS EASY AS WRITING YOUR NAME IN A
BLANK. THE CHURCH WILL CALL YOU FOR DETAILS
AND PAYMENT. COST IS \$50.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 224	CHILDREN 21	NURSERY 5	YOUTUBE VIEWS 49	FACEBOOK VIEWS 23	TOTAL 296
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Odds and Ends

Lost & Found

Tap or scan QR code
to go to Church
Center for pictures of
items.



YOUR NEW YEAR

A new year brings about a great time to start a new activity, a new way of living, a new way of thinking, a new way of conducting your daily life. Consider joining a community group to build your personal circle of support; visit with that group weekly to keep your circle close. Consider setting aside 20 minutes a day with your Bible and read through the Book by year-end. At least 12 times per year, serve. Do something for someone else that is outside your norm. Daily. Weekly. Monthly. It is as simple as that.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you remember when Pastor Jeff walks around with those adorable babies and tells the babies how we will surround them, guide them, help them learn, support them, protect them, teach them about Jesus?

Well, we need you. We need at least 14 people to step-up and say, "I will be one of those people to guide, protect, lead and train." We need Jesus Walker volunteers.

You will be responsible for sharing a pre-planned and pre-made children's lesson to three year olds through first grade. Then watch over the children until their parents come for them at the end of a Sunday service.

You will not be alone. Each room will have two adults to help support each other in watching over the children.

The more people we have sign-up and work on your assigned Sunday, the fewer Sundays you need to serve. This fits in with your monthly service.

You must be able to pass background check. All children are fully potty trained. Reach out to Lindsey Lucariello through the church directory for more information or to sign-up.

Chili!

Perfect for the cold days we are in.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion -diced
- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper* -optional
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce



Add olive oil to a large soup pot and place it over medium high heat for 2 minutes. Add the onion. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the ground beef to the pot. Break it apart with a wooden spoon. Cook for 6-7 minutes, until the beef is browned, stirring occasionally.

Add the chili powder, cumin, sugar, tomato paste, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and optional cayenne. Stir until well combined.

Add the broth, diced tomatoes (with their juice), drained beans, and tomato sauce. Stir well.

Bring the liquid to a low boil. Then, reduce the heat (low to medium-low) to gently simmer the chili, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove the pot from the heat. Let the chili rest for 5-10 minutes before serving. Recipe from www.thewholesomedish.com

Calendar and Events

20 January, Saturday	23 January, Tuesday
21 January, Sunday	11:30 am - Staff meeting
9:30 am - Sunday School, Donuts & Coffee	11:30 am - Church Directory Team meeting
10:30 am - Worship	24 January, Wednesday
12:00 pm – BASIC Training & Youth Group	6:30 Praise Team
22 January, Monday	25 January, Thursday
11 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	10 am Beyond The Word - Ladies Bible Study
11:30 am - Grief Journey	26 January, Friday
	2:45 pm- Meal for Palisades Sports Team

January 21, 12 pm BASIC Training and Youth Group

January 28, Sunday *Ten Cents A Meal Sunday*. If you are unfamiliar with this Sunday, in this church the last Sunday of every month, the children race around the sanctuary collecting money to support people without the finances to have three regular meals per day. Can you afford 10¢ per meal per month? This comes, on average, to \$9 per month per person.

January 28, Youth Group will be ice skating at Whitewater Center. Don't forget your thick socks and warm clothing.

PLEDGE DRIVE

EXTENDED ONE WEEK!

Stewardship Campaign of 2024

You may pledge with the brochures in the back of the pews. You can tap or scan the QR code to the right to pledge.

Resources will also be available to pledge after church in the narthex.

All pledges are private and can be changed up or down anytime throughout the year as your family needs. Reach out to the financial office to change your pledge if necessary - 704-588-1290 X 220.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be happening May 18-19 with Friday night, the 17th, optional. The stay will be at the William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC.

Lori Lewis, formally of SCPCPH staff, will be our retreat leader. More details and registration information to follow.

A Word of Caution

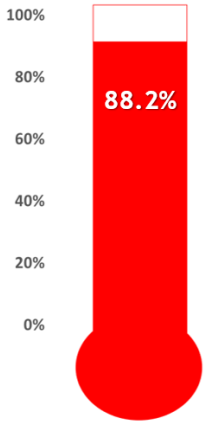
Please keep your cars locked anytime you are on campus.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

A person stopped by the preschool to conduct business on Thursday afternoon. In the less than five minutes this person was away from their car, this person had personal affects removed from the car.

MINISTRIES

You may request to join the following ministries anytime.



Stewardship Campaign

Goal: \$700,000

Pledged: \$617,130

Remaining: \$82,870

**Consider your 2024 pledge today.
See the QR code on page 3.**

Your support makes a difference!

Congregational Care Ministry Team

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is updating its list of church members who are willing to provide transportation to our members. From time to time there are needs for rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, rides to church on Sunday or events during the week. This isn't an everyday thing, but it's something that is greatly needed. If you are willing to help with this mission, please let the church office know. You will be included on a list of available folks who can help. Your willingness will mean a great deal to those in need and to all church members. Thanks for your consideration. Also, if you are aware of anyone who needs this kind of assistance, please let the office know as well. We can't help folks if we don't know they need us.

THE YOUTH GROUP SAYS

THANK YOU!

AND, WE HAVE TWO SLOTS LEFT

Just a HUGE shout out to all who have signed-up to provide a meal to the youth and youth workers in our church. We know teens can really put away some food, so this is greatly appreciated by the parents and leaders of the youth group. They tend to be the primary provider of meals for our ever growing group of 6th - 12th graders.

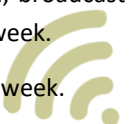


The group has only two more slots available to help feed these growing people. Would you or a group like to serve as provider of the meal? March 17 and April 14 are the only dates left. Link is below.

Per [Sign-Up Genius](#), the leaders are asking for dinner and drinks (dessert optional but always appreciated) for 25-30 people. You can cook or purchase food for the group. Pizza, tacos, spaghetti, burgers, hot dogs, etc. are fan favorites. [The following dates are available: March 17 and April 14.](#)

As many of you are aware, last Sunday's broadcast had some internet connectivity issues. We had an abrupt power outage on Tuesday, January 9 with the storm and struggled with bringing things back online on Wednesday. Then, broadcast issues followed on Sunday and email trouble this week.

We all pray that technology is working better next week.



Music Notes

GENESIS

Do you have interest in ringing handbells just for the fun of it? Maybe for the fellowship and exercise? Email with the link below to our music director, Kaarin Record or our assistant music director, Laura Thompson to be included in our upcoming communications about the formation of [Genesis: the beginner handbell group](#).

NAME CONTEST

As announced in church this past Sunday, the music department is holding a contest to name that handbell quartet. Prize? The honor of knowing your suggestion was chosen! Play with alliterations, Biblical allusions, onomatopoeia, handbell references and more. Submit your ideas here: [Contest](#)

CHOIR

The Choir has enjoyed a break since Christmas. They will start singing again on Wednesday, January 31. Meet in the choir room before 7pm if you like to chat, but be in a seat ready to go at 7 pm to make the most of our time together. If you have wanted to join, this is an excellent time to do so. New year, new season of music. Open to all 14 and older.



**SCPCPH
Music Ministry**

Christmas
Shenanigans



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Prayer Concerns

Praise

- Kevin, Anne Moore's father, is doing much better, and it looks as if he will be going back to work soon.
- Gloria Smith's Aunt Alma Simms is at home doing well.
- Mandy Beck's Aunt Cheryl is home doing well following her hip replacement.

Condolences

- Lynn Kuehl, a friend of Allyson Rogers, passed away on January 7th following a long battle against cancer. Please pray for her husband Alan, her daughters, family and friends.

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 persecuted around the world.
- For youth in all circumstances who are facing bullying.
- For teachers.
- Kairos Prison Ministry, for the inmates and those serving in the ministry, that they would know Jesus as their Savior.
- Prayers for Mason Freeman, Louise Freeman's grandson, who is a student at a college in Charleston, S.C. Louise would like prayers that he will be successful.
- 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. 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 – parent's 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. Parents may lose their parental rights so permanence can happen. Brittany has been in foster care for 18 months.

General Health Concerns

- Linda Clark has pneumonia and was admitted to ICU at Atrium Hospital in Albemarle. She has improved enough to now be in a regular room. If you would like to get in touch, call the church office for contact details. All prayers are greatly appreciated.
- Carolyn Baber has COVID and asks for prayer for her recovery.
- Ernie and Mary Coskrey had COVID. They are doing well and coming to the end of their isolation period.
- Betty Small has recovered from COVID, but is battling an ear infection.
- Danny Martin is currently in Carolina Continue Care. His stay is projected to be 10 to 14 days.

Please continue to pray for Danny who is dealing with many health issues.

- Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith, is home recovering after a two-month hospital stay for a blood infection.

Cancer

- Janet Harlan, friend of Kate Lemond, had a lumpectomy for early stage breast cancer. She is recovering well from surgery. She will start radiation treatment on January 29th for 3 weeks.
- Elaine Scarborough, friend of Becky Neely, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. She has started chemo.
- Teresa Hartman, neighbor and friend of Angie Neel, is receiving treatments for stage 4 neck/throat cancer.
- Fletcher Wilson, father of Ashley Rawls, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Ashley's prayer request is that his body responds to the chemo and radiation treatments and stops the spread of cancer and heal him.
- Ruth McGaha is doing well. Her next cancer scan is scheduled for February.
- Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is 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 in August and is continuing to heal.
- Dan Baird's, Kate Lemond's co-worker's father, last cancer

scan was good. He still has cancer, but it's contained and has not spread. His quality of life is good. Dan's wife, Ann, has a number of medical issues. She has dementia and recently fell and fractured her hip. She was taken to the hospital in tremendous pain. Currently, she is in rehab and doing well. Kate Lemond asks that we remember Dan and his wife Ann in prayer.

- Jim Conner, Becky Ennis' father, is coming to the end of his chemo treatment.
- Diana Hunter, a friend of David McCorkle, has pancreatic cancer. Recently, she entered a clinical trial and is seeing good results. Praise God for the good results.
- Larry Aaron, a friend of Kate Lemond, is struggling with cancer. He's had to stop work due to his condition. He is feeling better, and the doctors feel that he's healthy enough to start chemo soon. Please pray for Larry.
- Dave Prouty, a friend of the Morgan's, had a recent cancer scan that reveals his cancer has advanced. Please pray for him, his wife and twin daughters.

Ongoing Illness

- Becky Beck, the grandmother of Spencer and Gavin Beck, is suffering from a number of different health issues and appreciates all the prayers you can send.
- Donna Garrison had surgery in August and was advised by her doctor her recovery could take up to a year.
- Paul Brenner, Gail Brenner's nephew, needs prayer for ongoing medical issues.
- Pat McCorkle, David McCorkle's mother, is in Lake Wylie Assisted Living. She is suffering from pneumonia and issues with her legs. Please keep Pat in your prayers.

- 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, friend of Bruce Doane, is doing well and scheduled to go off steroids in March. Transfusions will continue, and they'll see how he progresses. There is no cure for Wegener's disease. Please continue to pray for Daniel and his family.
- Cooper Freeman III has kidney disease and diabetes. Please pray for healing for the issues he is experiencing with his feet.
- Andy Griffith as he struggles with Cystic Fibrosis.

Students

Clay Ferguson
 Kelly Ferguson
 Donald Horack
 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, Italy
- Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- Bradley Lauerma, US Navy, Virginia
- **Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea
- Will Warsaw, US Navy, Virginia



Homebound

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

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, jamey@steelcreekchurch.org, and/or Betty Small our Congregational Care leader.