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A quick letter from your editor.

Going forward, it has been requested that the newsletter is published on Thursdays. For you to have an announcement put in the weekly newsletter, you need to have it submitted no later than noon on Wednesday. If it is submitted later, I cannot guarantee it will make it in that week's edition. You may submit your announcement, graphic, art, letter, request, etc. via email at Newsletter@SteeleCreekChurch.org, or by turning it into the church office (I have a mailbox in the workroom), or by calling the church office at 704-588-1290.

If you would like help with communicating your minis-

try team's events, activities, etc. within and outside the church, please reach out to me for any help you may have.

If you know of something that you don't see published and think it should be, odds are I don't know about it. Share information with me!

And yes, if you thought we were enthusiastic about QR codes before, just wait—we're taking it to the next level!

I'm genuinely excited about what 2025 has in store for our church. Let's make it an amazing year together!

-----Tiffany Brunson



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*Betsy is looking for helpers to take down the Advent decorations on Saturday, January 11 at 10 am. She is hoping for a few younger people to climb ladders for the higher decorations.*

*Scottish Heritage Sunday is January 12! If you would like to participate, please call the church office and speak to Jamey.*

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**J-WALKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
NEW QR CODE!



# Last Week's Service

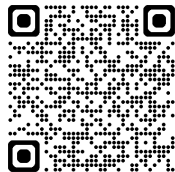
## ATTENDANCE

Inhouse: 104  
Children: 9  
Nursery: 3  
Online: 97

SPEAKER: REV. DR. CHRIS MURPHY

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17; LUKE 2: 41-52

MESSAGE: MY FATHER'S HOUSE



Click or scan the QR code to watch last week's service!

GREETERS: PRICE FREEMAN, CHERYL SIMERLY

USHERS: KARSEN PENNINGTON, RACHEL HOLZHAUER, CRYSTAL SINIARSKI, DAN STURGE, AND RACHEL MCADOO

SIGNERS: BILL HARRAMAN & PAM HORACK

COUNTERS: BILL HARRAMAN & ANGIE NEEL

FLOWERS: WERE GIVEN BY JACK FOWLER IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, NANCY WHO WAS THE 1939 NEW YEAR'S BABY FOR CHARLOTTE AND BY MICHAEL NUNNALLY IN CELEBRATION OF HIS MOTHER'S, FORREST, 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 27.

Last Sunday there were terrible storms in the morning. To all those who came in that day, thank you !

During the service last Sunday we welcomed two new members to the church! Zack and Brooke Gross are joining us by profession and reaffirmation of faith, respectively. Welcome Zack and Brooke! We look forward to many years of worship and service with you.

Last week was also the 10 cents a meal Sunday.



Nunnally Flowers



Fowler Flowers

# Upcoming Worship Service



Join us for our Star Sunday service  
January 5, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

**This coming Sunday is Epiphany and our Star Sunday!** The first Sunday of each year, we pass out paper stars with a single word on it. In the same way that the star guided the magi for nearly 2 years to find Jesus in Bethlehem, we hope the stars we pass out will serve as a guide, challenge, and encouragement over the coming year for you. Each star is random, and only He knows what you need.

SPEAKER: REV. DR. JEFF PINKSTON

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:1-12

MESSAGE: A STAR IN BORN!

When Jesus was born a star trillions of miles from earth came to life, proclaiming His birth and guiding the wisemen to His side. What is God's plan for our guidance?

GREETERS: ELDERS

USHERS: TOM BURNS, ALLISON BEACH, FRED WILLIS, ALLISON MOODY

SIGNERS: WALTER NEELY & LEON DANIELS

COUNTERS:

FLOWERS: WILL BE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF DAVID DeBERRY'S BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> BY JAMEY DeBERRY.

**COMMUNION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY. IF YOU ARE WATCHING FROM HOME, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHOSEN ELEMENTS READY.**

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS. PLEASE PLAN TO STAY A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE SERVICE.**



# Odds and Ends

I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me and my family after Ken's passing. My mother used to say....What do people do who don't know God. Well, I know what the people who know God do at this church. They pray for you, call, send heartfelt notes, and visit you. That is what the people who know God at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill do.

Thank you.

--Grace Saylor

**The Flower Crew is looking for someone who enjoys being and helping create & upkeep the church flower beds. If you are interested, please reach out to Gail Brenner or the church office at 704-588-1290.**

**THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

## J - Walkers

### NEEDS YOU!

Calling J-Walkers Volunteers! Please consider signing up to spend time with some of our youngest members in our J-Walkers program.

All you do is serve a snack, conduct an easy prepared lesson, and have fun! To sign up, please follow this QR code or talk to Chris Murphy. Youth

are welcome to sign up as the second helper.

If you are 18 or older, you must pass a background check.



**Congratulations to Casey Snyder, from our student list, for graduating from college this December!**

**Brian Cox, US Air Force, is now stateside in California after being stationed in Italy.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF GRATITUDE, A CHILD'S DRAWING, A CLEVER JOKE OR CARTOON. THIS PAGE IS YOUR PAGE TO HELP BUILD WITH FUN NOTICES, BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY POSTINGS, LETTERS, ETC. SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:  
[NEWSLETTER@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@STEELECREEKCHURCH.ORG)

BIG, BIG Thanks goes out to:

- Tiffany for the banners, Jeff for letting us order them, and Tiffany and Randall for putting them up.
- Thanks to Bill and Betty for food and his cooking crew for Christmas dinner.
- Thanks Anna, Dale, and Fred for helping with the tables and for all you do to help with making sure the church gets things done.
- Roberta and Donna helping with cookies and cider set up.

Thanks again!

Happy New Year,

Phyllis

## KID'S CORNER!



Hey there kids!! What did you do or get for Christmas? Send in your pictures today! Share your favorite activities or items with your church family throughout the month of January. Send your submissions to

**[Newsletter@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:Newsletter@steelecreekchurch.org)**

# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY - COMMUNION &amp; STAR SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
09:30 AM - DONUTS, COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL	6 PM - FAITH AND FAMILY DINNER
10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE	6 PM - PRAISE REHEARSAL
11:45 AM - OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING	7 PM- HANDBELL REHEARSAL
11:45 AM - OFFICER TRAINING	<b>THURSDAY</b>
08:00 PM - AA	6:30 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
11 AM - INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM	10 AM - CRAFT'S FELLOWSHIP
11:30 GRIEF JOURNEY	<b>SUNDAY</b>
6 PM - ADMIN AND PERSONNEL MEETING	09:30 AM - COFFEE & SUNDAY SCHOOL
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:30 AM - WORSHIP
11:30 AM - STAFF MEETING	
6:45 PM - CHRISTIAN GROWTH MEETING	

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### *January*

- 01 - New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 - Communion
- 05 - Star Sunday
- 05 - Officer Training (abt. noon-5pm)
- 05 - Outreach and Fellowship
- 06 - Admin and Personnel meeting
- 06 - Registration for Faith and Family dinner closes at noon
- 07 - Christian Growth meeting
- 08 - Faith and Family Dinner
- 09 - Congregational Care meeting
- 10 - Crafts Fellowship
- 12 - Youth Group Sunday

- 12 - SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY!
- 14 - Finance Committee meeting
- 16 - Shut-in meal prep and delivery
- 21 - Men's Fellowship at Jim 'N Nicks
- 26 - 10 Cents A Meal Sunday
- 28 - Session meeting

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendars now, Ladies -

May 16-18, 2025!

Black Mountain and Montreat are still recovering from Helene, but we are happy to share that the William Black Lodge hopes to be up and running in time for our annual Women's Retreat! More exciting details to follow!

# Missions & Ministries

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:** The next congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately after worship to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and proceed with the election of Elders and Deacons to serve in the class of 2026, if the way be clear.

Please refer suggestions for individuals to serve as an Elder or Deacon in the class of 2026 to Al Winget or Cheryl Simerly by Sunday morning.

**OFFICER TRAINING:** All officers in the class of 2025 and 2026 will need to attend Officer Training, immediately after church on Sunday (01/05). We will serve sub sandwiches for lunch and then move into our training. We will wrap up around 5:00 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

## "Servers of Hope"

This group is open to ALLLLLLL! You may be of any age, any gender, and have any crafting skill level!!

Have preschoolers who love to glue and color? They can surely help out with the crafts, and you get to grow new friends (and may adopt a few grandparents).

This group meets the second Friday of the month in the small dining room at 10 am.

"It is for all folks, even if they are not crafters...like me! It's a good fellowship, and we even go to lunch afterwards. Most items we make are donated to nursing homes, schools, etc. .... During the summer, we even bring our kids, grandkids, etc. They love crafting."

---Betty Small, crafter not crafter

Next meeting:

*Jan. 10!*

## Beyond the Word

Beyond the Word is taking a short winter break after the holidays! We will resume our regular Thursday morning meetings on February 6, at 10:00, with a study of the Twelve Disciples. We will let you know when study guides are available! Enjoy your holidays, see you in February! Come join us!



**MUSIC ADVENTURE**  
INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC AGES 4-6

Join Music Adventures and let your child embark on a joyful journey into the world of music! Our engaging classes will spark their creativity while building essential skills for playing instruments like piano and violin, setting the stage for a lifetime of musical exploration!

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## Faith & Family Fun Night

6pm Wednesday

January 8

Lasagna  
Garlic Sticks  
Salad & Dessert



Looking for a way too get involved this year? Try the cooking team! They are always busy feeding the congregation, sports teams across the road, and the shut-ins and firemen. Reach out to Outreach and Fellowship or drop into their meeting this Sunday right after church in the conference room!!



# Prayer Concerns

Please be in prayer for the following that they receive peace, comfort, support, healing, strength, and the love of Christ as He knows all the needs of all people. For more details on each, please see Church Center's Prayer List.

## **Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns**

- ✝ Please pray for New Orleans, LA
- ✝ Pray for the DHSS Agencies in both North and South Carolina for the challenges they are facing in carrying out their mission regarding foster children and foster families.
- ✝ Prayers for the people affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.
- ✝ Prayers for those affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida.
- ✝ Pray for the country of Ukraine and its people.
- ✝ Pray for the country and people of Israel. Also, please pray for the safe return of the hostages being held by Hamas and for the killing of further people to be stopped.

## **General Health Concerns**

- ✝ Eugene Botterio, son-in-law of Larry & Helen Shav-

er, needs prayers that his health issues will improve.

- ✝ James, the infant son of Tim and Terry Gillette's niece, Jordan, is still in the NICU. He is expected to be there until December. He is gaining weight, and his breathing is improving. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers.
- ✝ Johnny Simms, the brother of Gloria Smith is doing better. He's able to go to rehab.

## **Cancer**

- ✝ Jennifer Belk, caregiver for Margaret Wert and Hannah Maurer, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. She had surgery and has been discharged from CMC Main. Please be in prayer.
- ✝ Jim Ragan a friend of Pastor Jeff's was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. He is requesting prayer.
- ✝ David Carter, friend and co worker of Mac Winget is responding well to his treatment for Lymphoma. Please continue to pray for him and his family.
- ✝ Raquel Mercer, sister of Ragan Haston and daughter of Gina and Tom Settle-

myre, had surgery at Duke. She continues to need prayers as she receives treatments. Her family thanks you for your prayers.

- ✝ Kaarin Record started her chemo treatments. Please be in prayer for her and her husband Don.
- ✝ Allison Spratt has completed her radiation treatments and now has 39 targeted chemo treatments before proceeding with her next surgery.
- ✝ Carol Pridgen, Betty Small's sister, had CT scan at Duke. The spots on her lungs are disappearing. The chemo is doing what it is supposed to do on her tumor. They were all pleased. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- ✝ Ruth McGaha met with her doctor regarding her scan. She is able to travel and visit with family.
- ✝ Elaine Scarborough has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancers. Her latest scan has shown spread. She will start radiation soon. Please continue to pray for her.
- ✝ Johnny Bethea, cousin of Anne Moore, has been diag-



nosed with liver cancer in addition to pancreatic cancer. He is continuing chemo treatments.

- ✝ 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

- ✝ Kelly Bledsoe is having a number of ongoing health issues. Brenda Bledsoe asked that we lift her daughter up in prayer.
- ✝ Cooper Freeman has returned home following surgery and rehab. Please pray for his continued recovery.
- ✝ Mrs. Darrell Bonapart is still suffering the side effects of long Covid. She and her husband appreciate all prayers lifted up for them.
- ✝ John Williams, Mary Beth Monroe's brother-in-law, has been put on the kidney transplant list. Please pray for this to happen timely and for a donor match to be found.

## Fostering the Family

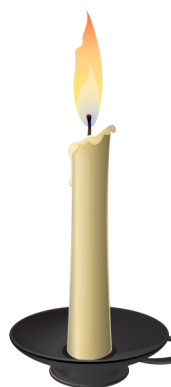
- ✝ Fostering the Family asks for prayers for all of our support churches and care communities that are wrapping around these vulnerable families.

- ✝ Please pray for the organization *Fostering the Family* and the children that are looking to be adopted.

## 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, California
- ✝ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado
- ✝ Bradley Lauer-  
man, US Navy, Virginia
- ✝ \*\*Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea
- ✝ Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina



## College Students

Clay Ferguson	Ben Shanti
Kelly Ferguson	Regan Snyder
Alexa Hill	Andrew Tanner
Donald Horack	Charlie Warnke
Melinda Moore	

## Homebound

Joan Brown	Hannah Maurer
Linda Clark	Pat McCorkle
Joyce Carpenter	Sarah Middleton
Dot Earp	Forrest Nunnally
Cooper Freeman, III	Gerry Roberts
Katharine Freeman	Kat Sparrow
Louise Freeman	Mike Spratt
Elaine Kotraba	Margaret Wert
	Wayne Whiteside

If you would like to submit a prayer request, private or public, you may:

<sup>1</sup>Complete the prayer card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark if it is a private or public prayer request. The card will be sent to the Intercessory Prayer Team.

<sup>2</sup>Email any prayer concerns to [IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:IntercessoryPrayerTeam@steelecreekchurch.org)

<sup>3</sup>Submit a prayer concern through Church Center. On the computer go to [scpcph.churchcenter.com](http://scpcph.churchcenter.com) and select the "Prayer Works" image. If you have the app, scroll down for the "Prayer Works" image on the homepage and select it.

The Intercessory Prayer Team is honored and privileged to pray for your prayer requests. We want to pray for concerns close to your heart. You can also feel to call or text members of the Intercessory Prayer Team, Clinton Corbett, Mamie Gaver, Dexter Greene, Sandi Lauerman or Karen Rawls.