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2025



Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors as compassionate, connected, contributing, everyday disciples

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Last  
Week's  
Service

ATTENDANCE

In house: 240

Children: 18

Nursery: 5

Upcoming  
Worship  
Service



Adult's Music Program

Click, tap, or scan the QR code to watch last week's service.



First Sunday of Christmas

Speaker: Rev. Dexter Greene

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Message: Do We Have Room for Jesus?

**End of Year Donations**

must be in turned in to the office or postmarked NO LATER than December 31 to count towards your 2025 donations for IRS purposes. December 31 is a Wednesday, and the church office will be open to assist you with this.

Greeters: Trey Horack, Cheryl Simerly

Ushers: Karsen Pennington, Rachel Holzhauser, Crystal Siniarski, Donald Horack, Josh Gilleland

Signers: Walter Neely, Leon Daniels

Counters: DeWitt Lauerman, Pam Horack

Flowers: Will be given to the glory of God by Michael Nunally in honor of his mother, Forrest Nunally's 101st birthday on the 27th, by Kate Lemond, in celebration of her husband Jeff's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday on the 26th, and by Jack Fowler, in memory of



**Stewardship  
Campaign**

**There is still  
time to pledge!**

**Pledge goal: \$800,000**

**Pledged to date: \$548,931**

**Number of pledges: 77**

**Camp Passport**

Camp Passport (for ages 6 - 12 grades) registration is OPEN!! I know summer plans seem far away, but this camp is filling fast! We have a group headed out to Camp Passport at Converse College in Spartanburg from July 12-17, 2026. Are you going? If so, please register at the link below. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.

[Camp Passport - Youth Camp - Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill](#) If you are interested, but the registration is full, please reach out to Chris early.

# Calendar

To assist with the speed of assembling the weekly calendar here, I will copy the whole public calendar from Church Center. If you do not see your group's event, either it has been cancelled or it is not on the main calendar for any number of reasons. Please call the office and let's see if there is an error that needs correcting.

## December

Sat., Dec. 27	Girl Scouts: Troop 1049	10:00am
Sun., Dec. 28	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	10 cents a meal	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Dec. 28	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Dec. 28	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Dec. 29	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Dec. 29	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
<del>Mon., Dec. 29</del>	<del>Pub Theology Dec.'s CANCELLED</del>	<del>6:30pm</del>
Tues., Dec. 30	Staff Meeting	11:30am
Tues., Dec. 30	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 1	Church Office Closed	

## January

Thurs., Jan. 1	Girl Scouts	All-day
Fri., Jan. 2	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Sun., Jan. 4	Star Sunday	6:30pm
Sun., Jan. 4	Sunday School	All-day
Sun., Jan. 4	Worship	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	Communion	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	J-Walkers	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 4	Outreach & Fellowship	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 4	AA	11:30am
Mon., Jan. 5	Intercessory Prayer Team	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 5	Grief Journey	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 5	Preschool Chapel	11:30am
Mon., Jan. 5	LWAA Basketball Practice	12:30pm
Mon., Jan. 5	Admin. and Personnel	5:30pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Stewardship Meeting	6:15pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:00pm
Tues., Jan. 6	Christian Growth	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 8	Beyond the Word	6:45pm
Fri., Jan. 9	Crafts Fellowship	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 9	LWAA Basketball Practice	10:00am
Sat., Jan. 10	Girl Scouts	5:30pm
Sun., Jan. 11	Sunday School	10:00am
Sun., Jan. 11	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 11	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 11	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 12	Preschool Ministry Team	10:30am
Mon., Jan. 12	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 12	Preschool Chapel	12:30pm
Mon., Jan. 12	River Pointe HOA	5:00pm
Mon., Jan. 12	LWAA Basketball Practice Mon.,	5:30pm
Mon., Jan. 12	Missions Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 13	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Tues., Jan. 13	Finance Ministry Meeting	6:30pm

Thurs., Jan. 15	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Thurs., Jan. 15	Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Fri., Jan. 16	Shut-in Meals	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 16	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Fri., Jan. 16	Girl Scouts	6:30pm
Sun., Jan. 18	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	Worship	10:30am
Sun., Jan. 18	J-Walkers	10:45am
Sun., Jan. 18	Girl Scouts	2:00pm
Sun., Jan. 18	AA	8:00pm
Mon., Jan. 19	Office Closed - MLK Day	All Day
Mon., Jan. 19	Intercessory Prayer Team	11:00am
Mon., Jan. 19	Grief Journey	11:30am
Mon., Jan. 19	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Tues., Jan. 20	Preschool Pancakes and Pajamas	8:00am
Tues., Jan. 20	Jesus Has a Jumper Basketball	6:30pm
Wed., Jan. 21	Shoppes of the Landing HOA	6:30pm
Thurs., Jan. 22	Beyond the Word	10:00am
Fri., Jan. 23	LWAA Basketball Practice	5:30pm
Sat., Jan. 24	Girl Scouts	10:00am
Sun., Jan. 25	Sunday School	9:30am
Sun., Jan. 25	10 cents a meal	10:30am

## *Epiphany, Holy Communion*

## *Star Sunday*

Will be celebrated on January 4.



**We always accept donations of food. The basket is in the main office lobby. Non-perishables. No glass containers. No expired foods. Donate today.**

## Mission Trip Meeting

If you are interested in going on a summer 2026 mission trip, a meeting will be held in the conference room at noon on Jan 11th. If you cannot attend the meeting, it will also be available by Zoom. Link to be announced.

# Odds, Ends & Events

Join this  
**DYNAMIC**  
group!

## Beyond the **WORD**

This ladies Bible study group meets weekly on Thursday. Join us Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in the conference room for the start of the new study: Heaven.



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Work on our Education building has started again. Most of the permits have been approved. This is allowing work to start up again. Plumbers are doing what plumbers do, and Roby is sawcutting floors. More details to come as I have them. Thank you for your patience on this project.

## Music Notes

**J-Music** Children's Choir will run from Sunday, March 1 - Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

- ◆ J-Music Children's Choir **dress rehearsal** will occur on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 am - 11 am
- ◆ J-Music Children's Choir **Presentation** will occur on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

**Praise Team** rehearsal runs from Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Wednesday, May 27, 6 pm - 7 pm

**Sanctuary Choir** runs from Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

**Handbell rehearsal** runs from Thursday, Feb. 5th - Thursday, May 28, 7 pm - 8:15 pm

# Missions



The Stepping Stones Care Community group at SCPCPH has stepped up to provide the gift of light, a night at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden's Holiday at the Garden for one of the families the Care Community ministers. The Baber family sends a big thank you to the church!

Stepping Stones Care Community, led by Sandi Lauerman and Mamie Gaver, is part of the Missions Ministry Team at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill. SteppingStones partners with Fostering the Family of South Carolina to support foster families assigned through SC DSS. Our volunteers come alongside these families with prayer, meals, tutoring, errands, and other practical help—building a caring network of encouragement and stability.

## Defend the Fatherless and Congregations For Kids

The Tithing committee has previously donated money to these organizations which are focused on helping support foster families with practical and material needs, and we are hoping to be able to continue our links with them with volunteering opportunities in the forthcoming year.

Defend the Fatherless recently had a Breakfast with Santa event where around 250 children were invited along with their families to enjoy games, crafts, activities, breakfast and a chance to meet Santa. Volunteers manned the registration tables, helped the children with the crafts, supervised the games and set up and cleared away the tables and chairs before and after the event. Some of our members were there to enjoy the festive fun and meet with other foster families.

Congregations for Kids is also an organization well known within our congregation and this past week we had the opportunity to help social workers shop for their individual kids in a unit donated at Carolina Place Mall. *continued next page*

Palisades High School hosted an Angel Tree in their building for select students. The school's social worker reached out to the church a few weeks ago. Included in their email, "This year, we are seeking sponsors and community partners to help support at least 50 students experiencing homelessness, along with several others navigating financial challenges. Each of these students carries a story of resilience and determination. Despite the instability and obstacles they face, they continue to show up every day—committed to their education and their dreams for a brighter future. Our goal is to ensure that each of them feels seen, valued, and cared for during this holiday season."

This week we were able to meet with Stephanie and Howard to hand over 65 gift cards for the Angel Tree. These cards will be given to the students who are homeless, in foster care and are living in distressful and traumatic circumstances.

As you can see from the smiles – they were both overwhelmed by the generosity of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill's congregation.

Each card is given to a pupil with the knowledge that we, as a congregation, are here as a help, a comfort and a support. What a wonderful way to start our Christmas holidays.

Pictures next week!!



You are Loved.  
You are Valued.  
You are Remembered.

We are here.

**Your Friends**  
at  
Steele Creek  
Presbyterian Church  
at Pleasant Hill



# Missions

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It was humbling to listen to the social workers figure out what gifts would work best for each child and was obvious that they knew them all personally and had a heart for them individually. This incoming year there will be many more opportunities to get involved as volunteers, mentors, helping with deliveries and supporting social workers.

If you feel called to find out anything more about these opportunities and others, please do speak with Anne. There really will be something that everyone can do to work together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors.



In the past, scams were more common during holiday seasons but know this is truly a year round activity now. It is common to get emails, calls and text messages from someone claiming to be someone they are not. Be very cautious what link you click on, text message you respond to or even to whom you are speaking on the phone. If you can tag something as spam or block their calls from your phone, do so.

In the office we often get emails from "Jeff", "Kaarin", and "Chris" asking for things from us that seem off. If you get a questionable email, call the office or the person sending it to verify. No pastor/staff/admin will email you with directions to buy gift cards or request a list of all our members and their contact information or need an urgent wire transfer. Safeguard your passwords, your wallets and your contact lists.

A couple of our latest examples for you to be mindful of are Churcheso25@gmail purporting to be Jeff and lwrence701@gmail trying to be Chris. One wanted gift cards and one needed a copy of our database.

# Wreaths Across America with the American Legion



Saturday, December 13, American Legion Post 221 and people across the nation came together to lay Christmas wreaths on graves across the nation, at sea, and abroad.

American Legion Post 221 partnered with Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill congregants to lay 100 Christmas wreaths on US Veterans' graves at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery a.k.a. Big Steele Creek.



# 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.

## Praise

- ✝ Baby Penelope the granddaughter of Joe and Sandra Wood is doing great. The feeding tube is no longer needed. She is now over 11 pounds up from under 2 pounds at birth.

## Condolences

- ✝ To the friends and family of Cindy Sawyer who passed away Dec. 9. Please hold her family in prayer.

## Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ Please be in prayers for the people of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. Over 1100 people have been killed by the devastating floods and landslides. Many people are still missing and searching is difficult.
- ✝ Please be in prayer for Jamaica and the Caribbean countries affected by Hurricane Melissa. The devastation caused by winds and water have left a number of individuals dead, property damaged and individuals without water and electricity. Pray also for the safety of humanitarian groups headed to these countries to provide help.
- ✝ Pray for food pantries like Nourish Up. There are many people still in need of food.
- ✝ Pray for future peace in the Middle East, Israel, its people, and for the innocent individuals being affected in the Gaza region.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Pray for Jackson Roberts, Lynn Roberts' grandson, and the group he's traveling with for 6 months. They are teaching Christianity and life skills as they move from country to country on a mission trip. Currently, they are ministering in the country of Ja-

pan.

- ✝ Ukraine and its people.

## Life's Issues

- ✝ Jenna Ainsley asks for prayer to give her strength and for the safety for her children.
- ✝ Taylor and Rachel Steele's foster children have upcoming court dates in January and February.

## Ongoing Illness

- ✝ Olivia Eiger, a friend of the Carroll family, is 19 years old and living with Juvenile Onset of Huntington's Disease. Please pray for Olivia as she lives with this debilitating disease
- ✝ Cooper Freeman, III has his prosthesis and is in therapy to learn how to use it. This has been a long journey for Cooper. What a praise to know he is going to be able to walk again. Pray for Cooper as he is in PT learning to use his prosthesis.
- ✝ Kelly Bledsoe is having a number of ongoing health issues. Brenda Bledsoe asked that we lift her daughter up in prayer.

## General Health Concerns

- ✝ Dan Puetz a friend of Renee and Leon Daniel's is recovering from back surgery. Please be in prayer for his recovery.
- ✝ Lou Osborn, grandmother of Anne Marie Moore, is recovering from her surgery but needs continued prayer.
- ✝ Linda Clark is on hold for having a valve replacement. She is having a difficult time getting around and is using a walker. Please lift her up in prayer.
- ✝ Sondra Gillette is out of the hospital in rehab doing good. Terry asks that we continue to pray as Sondra continues to recover.
- ✝ Jeffrey Hovis, grandson of Martha & Leighton Brown is still having trouble getting around and will have one more surgery. Mar-

tha & Leighton ask for prayers as he regains the use of his leg and recovers from the accident.

- ✝ Milan was diagnosed with Guillain Barre's Syndrome. This resulted from a vaccine reaction and will be treated with multiple doses of steroids and other infusions. Having a diagnosis is a relief and now treatment can begin. Continue to pray for Milan as he starts treatment.
- ✝ Ruth McGaha is home recovering from spinal surgery. Ruth has a long recovery period and appreciates your prayers.
- ✝ George and Betty Davis appreciate all your prayers.
- ✝ Carol Boot would like prayers for health concerns.

## Cancer

- ✝ John McGloughlin has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Fred Willis asks that we lift up John in prayer during his journey with cancer.
- ✝ Charlie Taylor, Brandon Burkhardt's uncle diagnosed with multiple kinds of stage 3 cancer is having chemo once a week. He has developed blood clots during his treatments. Please be in prayers for Charlie and his family through this tough, long journey.
- ✝ Rick Necklen, the husband of a friend of Ashley Bolender has been sick so his surgery has been rescheduled to January 30. Ashley said the family appreciates the prayers for Rick.
- ✝ Preston Meynardie, Meg Salmon's mother was diagnosed with cancer. Please be in prayer for her as she continues her cancer treatment.
- ✝ Mike August, a friend of Mary Turner was diagnosed with stage 3 prostate cancer. He's self-employed with poor insurance coverage. He's concerned about medical bills and the treatment he is receiving.

- ✚ Ava Barrett, the daughter of a friend of Ashley Bolender, is doing much better but continues chemo treatments. Her next appointment is November 7th. Ava appreciates the continued prayers.
- ✚ Beau Rowe, Barry Small's friend has completed his chemo and radiation. Pray for his healing and for comfort and strength for his family.
- ✚ Jonathan Boot's stomach cancer has returned. Carol Boot asks for prayers for strength and healing for Jonathan.
- ✚ Ron Freeman, a friend of Trent Haston was diagnosed with cancer. He's had surgery and is receiving treatment. The treatment makes him sick, and he's losing weight. Please pray for Ron to be able to better tolerate the treatments.
- ✚ Pam Garris Bland, a friend of Linda Freeman started chemotherapy treatments for a reoccurrence of lymphoma. Linda asks that we lift up Pam in prayer.
- ✚ Raquel Mercer, had a good report from her visit to Duke. No new cancer in the lungs and some spots had decreased in size. Liver is still clear and no new cancer anywhere else. She will continue chemo for now and her next appointment is January 26th. If her tumors continue to recede they may look at some radiation and/or surgery options on those. The family is so thankful for this news. They thank you for continued prayers.
- ✚ Travelle, the sister-in-law of a friend of Sandi Lauerman, please pray for her as she continues experimental treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Continue to pray for the long cancer journey she is facing.

**Fostering the Family (FTF)**

- ✚ Fostering the Family wants prayers for all of the support churches and care communities that are wrapping around vulnerable

families.

**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, Air Force Reserve, March AFB, California
- ✚ Claudia Hesse, Coast Guard, Guam
- ✚ Olivia Hommes, Vance AFB in Enid, OK
- ✚ Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia
- ✚ Dennis Rawls, IV Air National Guard
- ✚ Lexie Simerly, Army, Tacoma, Washington. Will be transferred to Hawaii in the near future.
- ✚ Will Warsaw, US Navy, NC

**Important**

Thank you for calling the church office to make us aware when someone is in the hospital. We are certain that person and the family appreciates the visitation and prayers.

As a growing metropolis, the Charlotte area has 12 hospitals, and it can be difficult with HIPPA privacy policies to call a hospital and ask if someone is admitted. To assist our Director of Visitation, Dexter Greene, please let us know which hospital the person is admitted.

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 any pew and place it in the offering plate. Mark it as 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.

**Homebound**

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

**College Students**

Spencer Beck	Alexa Hill
Alex Brunson	Kevin Horack
Jacob Economon	Ben Shanti
Joshua Economon	Peyton Snyder
Ethan Fenske	Charlie Warnke
Clay Ferguson	