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# STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Pleasant Hill

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

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### Your yearly Bible reading plan

If you're reading the Bible in  
book order: By next Friday  
read Acts 12-26.

If you're reading the Bible in  
chronological order: please  
see [page 2 or click here.](#)

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## Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER:

REV. DEXTER GREENE

SCRIPTURE:

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-9

MESSAGE:

“FOLLOW ME AS AN EXAMPLE”. REALLY?

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ELDER GREETERS

DEWITT LAUERMAN, ELLEN THOMAS

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DEACON USHERS

BILL FERGUSON, JENNIFER IRMIES, SKYLAR MORGAN, BECKY NEELY, DAVID GILES

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COUNTERS

PAM HORACK, BARRY SMALL

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SIGNERS

BARRY SMALL, DAVID THOMPSON

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SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION  
OF ROBERTA HARRIS'S BIRTHDAY ON  
NOVEMBER 18TH BY HER FAMILY.



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.  
DONATION IS \$50.

### LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE  
199

CHILDREN  
26

NURSERY  
3

YOUTUBE VIEWS  
32

FACEBOOK VIEWS  
40

TOTAL  
271

# Odds and Ends

## Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

11/15/2024: Acts 1 - 3  
11/16/2024: Acts 4-6  
11/17/2024: Acts 7-8  
11/18/2024: Acts 9-10  
11/19/2024: Acts 11 - 12  
11/20/2024: Acts 13-14  
11/21/2024: James 1-5

If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Acts 15 - 16.



We had many veterans attend the Veteran's Recognition Day Service held November 10, 2024 at SCPCPH. More than 30 photos were submitted for the slide presentation. Here, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis have their picture made in the

narthex before the service. Thank you all for your service.



## CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME!



Advent season will be here before you know it! Our church will be decorated Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help, please contact the office at 704.588.1290 [OR sign-up on Church Center!](#) It always helps to have a count of volunteers.

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## Presbytery of Charlotte

<https://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/>

Highlights of the 164th Stated Meeting

[The Presbytery of Charlotte](#)

Held Tuesday, October 29, 2024

If you would like to watch a video of the meeting, follow this link to YouTube:

[Presbytery Of Charlotte "Lunch & Learn" Mark Elsdon Presentation 10 29 24](#)

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: [tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org](mailto:tiffany@steelecreekchurch.org)

Have your submission in by Thursday at noon. Notices will run 2 weeks have a break and may run two more weeks.

## RECIPE

### Baked Pineapple Casserole

This is one of my favorite recipes to make at the holidays. It is easy, cheesy and sweet. Almost a dessert!

1 large can pineapple chunks, drained but save the juice  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
3 tbsp flour  
3 tbsp pineapple juice  
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese  
1 1/2 cups crushed Ritz crackers  
1/2 stick of unsalted melted butter

Mix the flour, sugar, and juice. Add the pineapple and cheese. Put in buttered glass baking dish. Top with crushed crackers and drizzle with melted butter. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes until bubbly.



# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday
09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm - Praise Team
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	07:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am - Worship	08:00 pm - AA
11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal	Thursday
05:00 pm - Youth Group	10:00 am - Beyond the Word
8:00 pm - AA	10:00 am - Shut-In meals
Monday	07:00 pm - Handbells
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	08:15 pm - Bronze Quartet
11:0 am - Grief Journey	Sunday - 10 Cents A Meal
Tuesday	09:00 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am - Staff Meeting	09:30 am - Coffee & Sunday School
06:30 pm - Men's Fellowship @ Jim 'N Nick's	10:30 am - Worship
	11:45 am - Hand Chimes Rehearsal
	05:00 pm - Youth Group
	08:00 pm - AA

**Safety team needs more members.**  
**Please see Dennis Rawls or call 704-588-1290 for more details.**

Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### November

- 17 — Shoebox Blessing Sunday [click here for more details](#)
- 19 — Men's Fellowship @ Jim 'N Nick's
- 25 — Decorating the Church for Advent [Sign-Up Here!](#)
- 26 — Thanksgiving Community Evening Service  
6:30pm at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church
- 26 — Session Meeting
- 28 — Thanksgiving (office closed)



### December

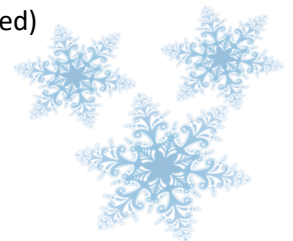
- 01 — Communion
- 01 — Palisades HS Music Program
- 07 — Adult Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 08 — Adult Music Program
- 08 — Birthday Party for Jesus -Bring A Toy!

- 14 — Children's Music Program **DRESS REHEARSAL**
- 15 — Children's Music Program
- 15 — Congregational Christmas Luncheon after service
- 24 — Love Feast
- 25 — Christmas (Office Closed)
- 29 — 10 Cents A Meal
- 31 — New Year's Eve



### January

- 01 — New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 — Communion
- 05 — Star Sunday
- 10 — Crafts Fellowship



### Future Dates

**March 4 - TENTATIVELY Mobile Mammography Bus will be onsite from 9-3. Plan your appt and share with a friend!**  
**May 16-18 - Women's Retreat at Montreat!**

# Missions & Ministries

## BLESSING DATE

Be sure your boxes are in by

# This Sunday



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are HERE! Please pick up your shoeboxes in the sanctuary lobby or main office lobby. Get as many as you wish to fill. PLUS ONE MORE!!!!

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|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Candy      | Nail Polish             | Medicines                |
| Gum        | Liquids or Semi-liquids | Vitamins                 |
| Food       | Money                   | Glass Aerosol Containers |
| Toothpaste | Over-the-counter        |                          |
| Lotions    |                         |                          |

Do **NOT** pack these items in your shoebox: If possible, a suggested \$10 donation that helps with the collection, processing, and delivering of the box can be paid online instead of leaving money in your box. [Follow this link to pay online](#) and then scroll down to step 5.

Our church will bless the boxes on **November 17**. Please take your box to the office or place them on the stage in the sanctuary.



Have fun filling your box with wonderful and useful gifts for a child to know God loves him/her and wishes to be a part of his/her life.

## Stewardship Campaign

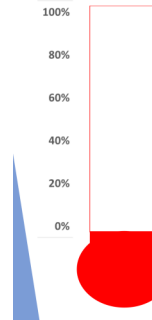
**November 17 to December 15**

**Scan or click the QR Code to make your pledge today.**



2025

## Stewardship Campaign



Goal: \$800,000  
Pledged: \$0  
Remaining: \$800,000

**Starting November 17**

Your support makes a difference!

*Working together to follow Christ in joyfully serving our neighbors*

## 2025 Stewardship Campaign

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign starts this Sunday, November 17! Each year, we ask our congregation to make a pledge for the following year. Your pledge plays a vital role in shaping our annual budget, giving us a clearer picture of the fi-

financial support we can expect in the coming year. This budget funds our day-to-day operations and supports our various ministry teams, helping us fulfill our mission together. Please consider making a pledge to support our church's mission of joyfully serving our neighbors as we work together to follow Christ.

## 2024 Budget

Administration	\$59,640
Christian Growth	\$36,900
Congregational Care	\$1,140
Community Engagement	\$23,800
Finance	\$67,440
Missions	\$78,000
Personnel	\$741,218
Property	\$173,000
Worship & Music	\$14,520

**Total Expenses** \$1,195,658

*Expect 2025's budget to be similar*

# Missions & Ministries

Members of the Congregation,

Your Property Overview Committee would like to update you on the Hopper Communities Land Swap Deal. You may recall that the congregation voted for the corporation to sign the contract to swap 4.5 acres of property in exchange for a deceleration turn lane, sewer connection, remediation of the current septic system, and a landscape buffer between the church and the new townhomes. Armed with your input from the congregational meetings held on June 30th and July 21<sup>st</sup>, the contract was updated as follows:

1. After further negotiations, the escrow amount was raised from \$275,000 to \$450,000 to address concerns.
2. Whereas the intent was always to have a sidewalk running alongside the deceleration turn lane, a member of the congregation pointed out that the contract did not explicitly state as such.

The language in the contract was updated to specify that a sidewalk would be installed.

3. The deceleration turn lane was extended from 150 feet to 200 feet to address any concerns about the length of the turn lane. Whereas the taper into the turn lane was originally planned to start after the 1<sup>st</sup> entrance, it now starts before the 1<sup>st</sup> entrance.

4. Finally, it was agreed that Hopper would complete the deceleration turn lane within 12 months of closing (by next fall) and sewer connection within 18 months of closing (by the spring of 2026).

Thank you all for your input and participation in this process. We now have a signed contract allowing the projects to move forward.

-Jacob Cunningham



**Bring a new unwrapped toy  
for ages 3-15 for West  
Blvd. Ministry by  
December 8.**

## 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!



# Birthday Party FOR JESUS

DECEMBER 8

9:30 AM

FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

*Cupcakes, Juice, Crafts, Story Time*

Everyone! You too may celebrate by bringing a new unwrapped toy for ages 3-15 for West Blvd Ministries.



# Missions & Ministries

This past Sunday evening, the youth group visited Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia. Partnering with their youth group, the two groups had dinner together and then visited Displaced Roses, an advocacy outreach for those experiencing homelessness in Gastonia. The youth toured the facility, had a chance to paint, assembled shelving, helped with organizing donated resources, and assisted the staff with some heavy lifting. They also learned more about how Displaced Roses serves the people experiencing homelessness in Gaston County. To learn more about the non-profit organization called Displaced Roses please see their website at [DisplacedRoses.com](http://DisplacedRoses.com).



# 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

- ✝ Paul and Grace Kuto are so grateful for our prayers. Paul's shoulder is healing well with PT. They said their Oregon trip was God blessed! Book tour for Education Scholarships went well. We look forward to sharing with our congregation here. We are happy to be back.

## Surgery

- ✝ Ezra Miller had tubes put in his ears and his adenoids taken out on his birthday. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

## Special, Congregational, and Community Concerns

- ✝ 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 Danny Pogalz, the brother of Steve Pogalz, who is the son-in-law of Fred Willis. Danny lost everything in the disaster caused by hurricane Helene.
- ✝ 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

- ✝ Jeff Lemond is continuing to heal from the infection in his leg. He will be facing another surgery sometime before the end of this year. Please continue your prayer for Jeff's healing.
- ✝ Michael Morgan, Jr. is recovering from back surgery and would like prayers.
- ✝ George and Betty Davis would like prayers for George's health.
- ✝ Linda Clark is back home from the hospital and is improving daily.
- ✝ 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

- ✝ Sherry Abel, Judy Watkins' stepsister, has stage 4 breast cancer. Continue to pray for

her as she receives treatment.

- ✝ 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 Settlemire, had surgery at Duke. She continues to need prayers as she receives treatments which is a process over a long period of time. Her family thanks you for your prayers.
- ✝ Kevin, Anne Marie Moore's dad, has started radiation treatments for his prostate cancer. While having treatments he will also move households.
- ✝ Kaarin Record, SCPCPH's Music Director, as she recovers from her double mastectomy and faces her upcoming treatments for breast cancer. Please be in prayer for her and her husband, Don, as they face this journey.
- ✝ 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, met with the oncologist at Duke on October 22. She began chemotherapy at Duke on Oct. 29. She had it again the

following Tuesday. She will be off next week and continue the following week with the same routine. She had a PET scan on Nov. 8. Please be in prayer for Carol during this time.

† 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 diagnosed 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

† Cooper Freeman has moved to Encompass Rehab Facility in Rock Hill following his surgery. Please pray that he regains his strength.

† Margaret Wert has moved to Pruitt Health for rehabilitation.

† 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 (FTF)

† 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, Italy

† Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

† Bradley Lauerman, US Navy, Virginia

† \*\*Lexie Simerly, US Army, South Korea

† Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina

### College Students

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

### Homebound

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