

12/22/2024



# 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 JAMES, 1 AND 2 PETER, 1-3 JOHN,  
JUDE, AND REVELATION 1-11.

IF YOU'RE READING THE BIBLE IN CHRONOLOGICAL  
ORDER: PLEASE SEE [PAGE 2 OR CLICK HERE.](#)

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## Upcoming Worship

SPEAKER:

REV. JEFF PINKSTON

SCRIPTURE:

LUKE 1:39-55

MESSAGE:

PRAISE IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

ELDER GREETERS:

PRICE FREEMAN, CHERYL SIMERLY

DEACON USHERS:

KARSEN PENNINGTON, RACHEL  
HOLZHAUER, CRYSTAL SINIARSKI, DAN  
STURGE, RACHEL MCADOO

COUNTERS:

BILL HARRAMAN, ANGIE NEEL

SIGNERS:

BILL HARRAMAN, PAM HORACK

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS WILL BE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF God BY TREY & PAM  
HORACK AND IN HONOR OF KEVIN'S  
18TH BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 25TH.



THE FLOWERS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN  
SUNDAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY  
BETTY DAVIS AND IN CELEBRATION OF  
GEORGE'S 93RD BIRTHDAY ON  
DECEMBER 20TH.

LAST WEEK'S MORNING WORSHIP:

INHOUSE 235	CHILDREN 26	NURSERY 2	YOUTUBE VIEWS 57	FACEBOOK VIEWS 13	TOTAL 305
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# Odds and Ends

## Your Yearly Bible Reading Plan (cont.)

12/20/2024: Hebrews 1 - 6  
 12/21/2024: Hebrews 7 - 10  
 12/22/2024: Hebrews 11 - 13  
 12/23/2024: 2 Timothy 1 - 4  
 12/24/2024: 2 Peter 1 - 3; Jude  
 12/25/2024: 1 John 1 - 5  
 12/26/2024: 2 John; 3 John



If you'd like a head start, next Friday will be Revelation 1 - 5.

THE 2025 FLOWER  
 CALENDAR IS POSTED  
 OUTSIDE THE CHURCH  
 OFFICE.

Jeff Brenner wants everyone to know how much he greatly appreciates everyone's prayers. He is back to work now and is doing fine!

## 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.

Those serving:  
 December 8: Rachel and Mary Lou  
 December 22: WE NEED YOU! Follow the QR code!  
 December 29: WE NEED YOU! Follow the QR code!



Cards will be placed around the church for you to sign for Mrs. Forrest Nunnally's 100th birthday. Look around the Sunday school rooms, lobby tables, etc.

You have until December 29 to bring in a card if you prefer. Please drop it off at the front office or you may place it in the offering plate with her name on the front, and the ushers will make sure it gets to the office.



**AGAPE**  
 DENTAL MINISTRY  
 7839 Idlewild Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28212  
 704-778-1204

To all the wonderful people at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill who volunteered, contributed, and/or participated in the golf tournament, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks from Agape Dental Ministry for your hard work and generosity. Your donation of the proceeds is truly invaluable to our mission of providing God's love through free dental care to those in need.

The success of this event and your contribution demonstrates your commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in our community. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase a brand-new panoramic x-ray machine. This is invaluable in diagnosing oral disease and abnormalities of the head and neck.

We are so grateful for your dedication to our cause. Your kindness helps us continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you again and may God continue to bless you all.

Sincerely,  
 Becky Faircloth  
 Executive Director  
 Agape Dental Ministry

## RECIPE

*I was looking for the perfect Christmas recipe to post. But, I found so many fantastic reads that I am sharing a few links here.*

[Yummy: Gingerbread Pancakes with Spiced Cranberry Syrup Recipe](#)

[Italian Christmas Cookies Recipe - BettyCrocker.com](#)

[Toffee Graham Crack Bars - Coco and Ash](#)

[Old Fashioned Glazed Ham Recipe | The Neelys | Food Network](#)

And a very simple egg recipe:

[Easy Deviled Eggs Recipe - Food.com](#)



# Calendar and Events

## UPCOMING WEEK OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday - 4th Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Wednesday - Christmas Day</b>
09:30 am - Donuts, Coffee & Sunday School	Office Closed
10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>Thursday</b>
08:00 pm - AA	Office Closed
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
11:00 am - Intercessory Prayer Team	Church office is open.
<b>Tuesday - Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Sunday - 10 Cents a Meal</b>
11:30 am - Staff Meeting	09:30 am - Coffee & Sunday School
5:30 pm - Love Feast	10:30 am - Worship
	<b>BRING IN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR FORREST NUNNALLY'S</b>
	<b>100TH BIRTHDAY. DUE DEC. 29.</b>



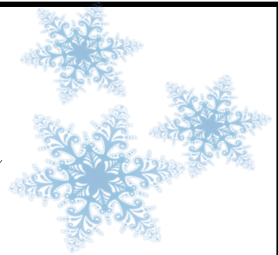
Select dates for the next four weeks and beyond:

### December

- 24 — Love Feast at 5:30pm
- 25 — Christmas (Office Closed)
- 26 — Office Closed
- 29 — 10 Cents A Meal Sunday
- 31 — New Year's Eve



### January



- 01 - New Year's Day (office closed)
- 05 - Communion
- 05 - Star Sunday
- 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
- 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!



# Advent Season

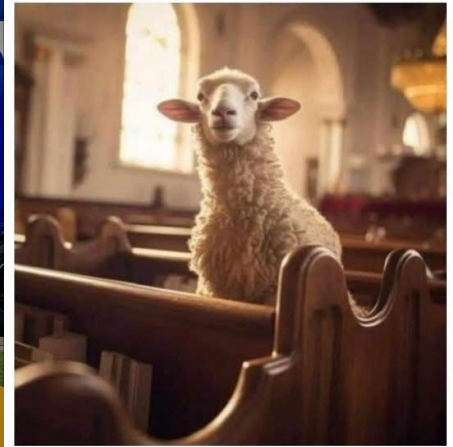


  
**DON'T MISS THIS SUNDAY!**  
 DECEMBER 22ND  
*Pre-service music beginning at 10:15 am in the sanctuary*  
 PRESENTED BY  
**THE CLOVER BAND BRASS QUINTET**



**THIS Sunday!**

You've heard of Elf On The Shelf. Now get ready for...



We need "Ewe in the Pew" every Sunday!

Steelecreekchurch.org/music • 15000 York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278  
 Kaarin Record, director of music • kaarin@steelecreekchurch.org

## Merry Christmas



**We are asking for two or three people to help pour cider on December 23 from 10 am - noon. Please reach out to the church office to sign-up. 704-588-1290.**



**Instrument Petting Zoo**  
 Brass edition!  
 THIS Sunday!  
 Stop by and check out the fun after worship TODAY!!  
 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
 MUSIC SCPCPH

*For the kids and kids at heart!*  
*How many distinctly different types of brass instruments exist in the world?*

12, according to the internet. Want to learn more? Go here: [Brass Instruments List - MusicalHow](#)

# Missions & Ministries

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:** The Congregational Meeting that took place on December 15<sup>th</sup> elected David Giles, Bill Harraman, Toni McCall, and Rachel Steele to serve with 2 members of the Session and one member of the Diaconate on the nominating committee. The nominating committee helps compile a list of candidates for Elders and Deacons.

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.

## 2025

### Stewardship Campaign

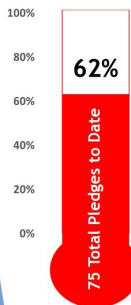
The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has officially concluded after running for five Sundays. As of December 20, we fell short of our goal, with a total of 75 pledges received—less than one-third of our congregation.

We understand that not everyone is able or willing to pledge



## 2025

### Stewardship Campaign



**Goal:** \$800,000  
**Pledged:** \$498,231  
**Remaining:** \$301,769

Scan the QR Code to make your pledge today

Your support makes a difference!



financial support to their home church. However, we ask you to continue praying about the matter and consider following the provided links to pledge whatever amount you feel called to give. The campaign will remain open, and we encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so.

[PLEDGE ONLINE TODAY!](#)

Your pledge helps us anticipate the donations the church can expect next year, enabling us to set budgets for daily operations and the ministry teams that support our community. Your pledge is not binding, and no one will contact you if your actual contributions differ from your pledge. You may also update your pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

[PLEDGE ONLINE TODAY!](#)

If you need assistance submitting your pledge electronically, please reach out to the church office or Randall Brunson. Someone will guide you through the process on your device without requiring you to share your pledge details.

## Christmas Joy Offering

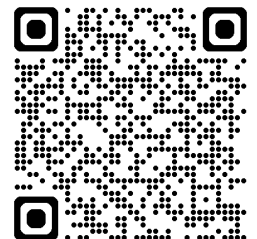
December 1 - December 22, 2024

[Presbyterian Special Offerings - Christmas Joy](#)

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial

and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years

To learn more, participate, and give, please follow the link above or complete an envelope at church and put it in the offering plate.



# 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.

## **Condolences**

- † Our condolences to Rebecca Economon, her family and friends on the passing of her father, Robert Gordon Haskett.
- † Our condolences to Grace Saylor, her family and friends on the passing of her husband Ken. His memorial service is Dec. 21, 11am in the sanctuary.

## **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 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 Shaver, needs prayers that his health issues will improve.
- † Linda Clark fell and is in Mercy Hospital.
- † George and Betty Davis would like prayers for George's health.
- † 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. The surgery is scheduled for

next week. 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 Settlemyre, 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.
- † Kaarin Record had 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, was back at Duke yesterday. They did CT scans. The spots on her lungs are disappearing. The

chemo is also 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 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 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, Italy

✝ Olivia Hommes, US Air Force Academy, Colorado

✝ Bradley Lauerma, US Navy, Virginia

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

✝ Will Warsaw, US Navy, North Carolina

The Flower Crew is looking for someone who enjoys being outdoors and helping create & upkeep the church flower beds. If you are interested, please reach out to Gail Brenner.

## 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 Lauerma or Karen Rawls.

# *In Memoriam*

## Kenneth Saylor

June 15, 1943 ~ December 5, 2024 (age 81)



Mr. Kenneth Russell Saylor, 81, of Lake Wylie, SC, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill, SC.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 21, 2024 at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill 15000 York Road, Charlotte, NC 28278 with the Rev. Dr. Jeff Pinkston and Rev. Dr. Bob Jack officiating.

Mr. Saylor was born June 15, 1943 in Wilmington, DE to the late Russell Lester and Ida Mae Reynolds Saylor. Before retirement, he was the Business Director for Celanese Corporation.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Short.

Survivors are his wife Grace Elizabeth Hale Saylor; daughter Irene Elizabeth Saylor (Rob Kallenbrun) of Indian Land, SC; and son Brian Russell Saylor of York, SC.

Memorials may be made to the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Hill, 15000 York Road, Charlotte, NC 28278 or to the charity of your choice.

M. L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home, Lake Wylie, SC is serving the family of Mr. Saylor.

[Kenneth Saylor Obituary | Dec 5, 2024 | Lake Wylie, SC](#)

