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April 2021

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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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From the Pastor's Pen

On Sunday, April 4, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Easter is a special day because it provides purpose, destiny, strength and hope for all those who place their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. In John Masefield's drama, 'The Trial of Jesus,' the Roman centurion who commanded the troops that crucified Jesus reports to Pilate after he performs the task. Pilate's wife begs the centurion to tell her the story.

- She asks, "Do you think he is dead?"
- "No."

- "Then where is he?"

The centurion replies, "Let loose in the world where neither Roman nor Jew can stop his truth."

Jesus is "let loose" in this world and His power flows freely to all who accept Him and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray that all of you will be transformed through your faith in Jesus Christ, who resurrected on this Easter Sunday.

The event of Christ's resurrection forever changed the lives of the disciples of Christ and they were galvanized by this event, which led to mobilization of the disciples in order to share the same life-transforming message to other people. They were not ashamed, embarrassed or afraid to tell others that "Jesus is Alive!" and this message of resurrection will contain life applications when we follow the encouragement from Paul in his letter to the Corinthians... *"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). Every day should be a resurrection day for believers of Christ. Meaning, each day should be an Easter day... a day of transformation, which is possible because Jesus Christ is

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the "Cornerstone". Paul, in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus, writes about unity believers have in Christ and how this transforming unity is possible because Jesus is the cornerstone. *"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."* (Ephesians 2:20-22).

Happy Easter!! Jesus is Risen!!

Mark



MAY HEAD ELDER & USHERS

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Allyson Haenlein	Administrative Assistant
Lauren Perkin	Financial Administrator
Jeanne McGrath	Financial Secretary
Anthony Tucker	Custodian
Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School (some classes on hold)	9:15am
Worship	10:30am

DEADLINES

May 2021 issue deadline is April 26th.

Articles received late will be included the next month.

Sunday Bulletin: Thursdays, 10:00am

Articles received late will be included the next week.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!



THE MONTH OF APRIL

Canned Meat

Please place items in the donation box located in the Church Narthex. Last month 105 pounds of food was delivered to the pantry.



Thanks to all you wonderful people for the food, cards and calls. You all have done so much and it has kept us going.
Toni, Greta & Dawn

To all in the congregation, we want to thank you for all of the cards, meals and prayers you have given us over that last weeks. It helps to know that members care and we are so fortunate to be a part of such loving people. Bob & Linda Blackwelder

Learn about Effective Ways to Give to the Church:

The Finance Team wants to remind everyone that there are other ways to give to the church other than writing a check from your checking account or donating online via your credit card. While sending a check or donating cash is a great way to donate, you can also send stocks or other securities from your investment accounts to the church. Please contact Holly Clapham via email at holly.thomas3@gmail.com or call/text at 704-361-0317 if you are interested in attending a 30-45 minute virtual meeting to learn about other ways to donate to the church financially that may be beneficial in your current financial situation. This meeting will plan to take place in late March or early April. Thank you-Holly

From our Interim Director of Music Ministries:



Dear Central Steele Creek,

I hope you are all as excited as I am to turn the corner into spring. It is a season of new beginnings which seems appropriate for our church as we welcome Nick as our new Director of Music Ministries. He will be a great new addition to our church and I look forward to working with him during this transitional period.

As we continue to incorporate contemporary Christian music into our church, I would like to highlight artist Chris Tomlin. He is a contemporary Christian singer, songwriter, and worship leader from Grand Saline, Texas. Since 1993, Tomlin has been writing music for all Christians to enjoy and has created many popular hits you have probably heard on the radio. Some of his most popular songs include: "How Great is Our God", "Good Good Father", and "Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)". He has sold over 7 million records worldwide and has been awarded 23 GMA Dove Awards, and a Grammy for his 2012 album "And If Our God is for Us".

As a child, Tomlin loved guitar and learned how to play by watching and listening to Willy Nelson. At age fourteen he wrote his first song and became a worship leader at his local church throughout high school. Although Tomlin majored in Psychology and planned to pursue a medical degree, he was heavily involved in campus ministry and continued with his passion for music. He decided to pursue music as a career and signed onto a label in the year 2000. Since then, he has produced nine albums and various singles. Listed below are a few of my favorite songs that he has written. I hope you enjoy listening! Emily

1. How Great is Our God
2. Good Good Father
3. Our God
4. I Will Rise
5. Jesus Messiah
6. I Will Follow

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Spending (for budgeted items) as of 2/28/21: \$54,756

Income (for budgeted items) received as of 2/28/21: \$53,655

Capital reserve fund balance (2/28/21): \$291,830

One Great Hour of Sharing

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to restore hope, feed the hungry and empower the oppressed.

The programs which address this are:

- Presbyterian Hunger Program,
- the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People,
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please donate on Easter Sunday, by giving securely on-line (see OGHS under special offerings), or sending a check to the church office.



**YOU SHALL BE
CALLED REPAIRERS
OF THE BREACH**

— ISAIAH 58

Providing relief from
natural disasters,
food for the hungry,
and support for the
poor and oppressed.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



For the next several months, we will be highlighting the teachers of the Central Fine Arts Academy. The Academy is an outreach of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and has been in existence since May 2019. Many prayerful hours of planning brought the program to fruition and our hope is to continue to provide excellent arts instruction to students of all ages for years to come.

Lori Cauley
CFAA Director



Meet Pam Murphy the visual arts teacher for the Central Fine Arts Academy. She has held that position since the academy opened in 2018. Pam and her husband Rick have been hands-on, both behind the scenes as board members and in the classroom, to get the program off the ground. Pam holds a BFA in metal sculpture from Cal State University in California and also a MFA in ceramic sculpture from Cal State University. "Ms. Pam" is loved by her students and their parents who appreciate her quiet, patient nature as she helps them make their visions come to life through sculpture and drawing.

Ladies of the Church: Christian Education is planning to host a Spring Gathering for all ladies of the church. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15 for a one-day morning event at the church which will include a Bible lesson, refreshments, and getting to see each other! A children's program is also being planned. All Covid-19 precautions will be in place. Contact Diane Price @ 704-589-6027 to register or for questions. Hope to see ALL of you there!

Missions Team

Central's Support helps Steele Creek Elementary Teachers



In February, Central provided \$25 gift cards to each of the 42 teachers at Steele Creek including classroom and special programs teachers (art, music, special education, English learners, and physical education). Your generous donations through the Angel-Apple appeal, an adaption of our Angel Tree program due to Covid-19, made this happen. We received many thank you notes from the teachers. Here are just a couple of the notes:

Thank you so much for your partnership with our school. The snacks are a wonderful treat which boosts my spirits. The gift card was used to replenish supplies and was very timely. I also appreciate your prayers for our school. They are much needed. (2nd grade teacher)

Thank you for your support of all the teachers/staff here at Steele Creek! It always brightens our day when we find special treats in the lounge. I am beyond grateful for the gift card to purchase items for my classroom. I cannot say thank you enough for everything that you do for the staff. (5th grade teacher)

Thank you so much for your kindness in thinking of us at Steele Creek Elementary School. It is nice to be appreciated!

Please note: We will provide Teacher Appreciation Snacks in April and May. Please bring your donations of snacks on the third Sunday, April 18th and May 16th or to the church office during the preceding week.



Welcome Nick Pierle

The Personnel Committee is pleased to present Nick Pierle as our new Director of Music Ministries.

Nick has a Bachelors degree in Vocal Performance from High Point University and a Masters degree in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance/Pedagogy from ECU. He teaches music in the Mecklenburg Area Catholic School system and is also a current voice and piano instructor with our Central Fine Arts Academy.

Nick grew up in Charlotte and was raised in the church, however, became interested and involved in music during his high school years. He has had experience working in churches as either an interim music director or as a choral scholar, during and after his college years. He enjoys all music genres. We believe he will be an asset to Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church as we continue to move to a more blended style of worship.

Please join us in welcoming Nick to our church.

Birthdays-April

- 1-Anna Eargle
- 3-Cindy Shepard & Megan Tolley
- 4-Beverly Cheek & Stan Morris
- 5-Emily Cheek
- 9-Holly Clapham
- 11-Wray Moxley
- 12-David Osborne
- 14-Franklin Davis
- 16-Bennett Shepard
- 19-Jessica Smith
- 27-Roy Youngblood
- 28-Allyson Haenlein
- 29-Lori Cauley



Steele Creek Elementary School

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✉ 980-343-3814

March 3, 2021

Dear Reverend Lee,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the support Steele Creek Elementary School has been gifted with by your church. On a regular basis, Jeanne Smith reaches out to inquire about how parishioners from Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church can help our school. Through the work of teams of individuals from the church, students and staff have benefited from the following:

- Quarterly snacks
- Christmas "wish lists" being granted
- Gift cards
- School supply donations
- Use of the facility
- Clothing donations
- Food donations
- Support w/reading with students (prior to COVID)
- Foodbanks

This is not an exhaustive list, as I am sure there are other ways the church has blessed stakeholders of our school. Today, I pause to say thank you. We are incredibly grateful for your willingness to collaborate with and support our school on a consistent basis.

Kind Regards,

Karen Dozier

Principal

Church Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship (In Memory of Marion Blackwelder) for 2021 and applications for the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2021 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required) attending an institution of higher learning in 2021-2022 is encouraged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded each year for that school year only.

The Gallant Scholarship is awarded yearly and if the recipient maintains an acceptable grade point level he or she will automatically receive the award in the next year with the possibility of receiving it for 4 years.

Applications will be accepted through May 7, 2021. This year's recipients will be announced later that month, hopefully on Graduate Sunday if we return to regular church services.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.

Y School Plus on our campus

Adaptability is the key word for the YMCA programs on our campus. The Y is frequently adjusting its schedule as CMS makes changes to in-person student instruction for elementary and middle school students. The School Plus program for remote learning is continuing for selected days and for the children who are in the full remote program. The Afterschool program is now underway with a growing number of students.

With the frequent changes in the schedule, the volunteer opportunities had to be modified. Continuing is the **Be A Friend** remote program. You can be a friend by sharing notes, pictures to draw, reading materials, etc. to one of the elementary students. Ann Mzingo started this program and is willing to help others get started, sharing her expertise as an elementary teacher. The **Schoolwork Assistant** is now on hold.



WE'VE
MOVED!

New Address:

Jessica & Matt Smith
719 Hanna Woods
Cramerton, NC 28032



SCOUTS OF CSCPC Yard Sale

Now is the time to gather your unwanted items from your attic, garage and closets and give them to a worthy cause! We did not have a yard sale in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

Scouts of Pack and Troop 45, sponsored by the Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 8th, 2021 from 7:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M. This is to offset the cost of our program. **We are looking to have items donated.**

If you would like to rent a space and tables to sell your items and keep the proceeds, the cost of a space and tables is still only \$20.00 and payable to CSCPC - Scouts 45. You will keep any money that is sold from your space and tables.

The Scouts thank you for your continued support!

Info and table applications are available from Allyson at the CSCPC church office. Her contact info is 704-588-1211 or (churchoffice@cscpc.org).

Please contact Charlie Bricker at 704-654-0919, Lynn Snuggs at 704-936-7894 or David Werner at 704-674-7558 if you have any questions.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In memory of Roger Tripp, Teresa Canipe's brother; Paul & Martha Sigmon, Rozanna Lawing

In memory of Lester "Bill" Youngblood, Doug Youngblood's brother; Pat & Sandy Hart

In memory of Marge Caselli; Stacy Caselli Newlon

In memory of Leigh Ann Burns; Holly & Matt Clapham



*Worshipping and Serving Christ in
the Heart of South Carolina*

The Mighty Acts Class at Central wants to thank you for your past support of our annual Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament.

We are very excited to announce that this year's tournament will take place on Saturday, June 12th. The good news is that the donation cost to play and sponsor a hole stays the same as last year. Attached are sponsor and player forms with all the details.

**Saturday, June 12th
Shot Gun Start - 1:00 p.m.
Spring Lake Country Club, York, SC 29745**

Share the good news: You also can download forms and pay online at our church website at www.cscpc.org. Click on the tab on the homepage titled "2021 Charity Golf Tourney."

Attached is our letter of explanation with examples of those we were privileged to help this past year due to your generosity and involvement.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

In Christ,

Your 2021 Coordinators,

Russell Helms
Russell.helms@desouttertools.com

Donna Cook
donnaleacock@att.net

704-905-8436

2020 – 2021 Letter of Explanation

Some examples of support this past year:

- Funded the Y Parent Coffee Ministry on our campus that began in September 2020. Our pastor and volunteers handed out early morning coffee and snacks to Y parents dropping off their children for remote learning. A prayer request form was included in their snack pack. This led to prayer submissions to our pastor from some of the parents needing prayers from our congregation. The coffee and prayer requests gave us opportunities to connect with the Y parents and thank them for their sacrifice during COVID19.
- Provided support for an individual in jeopardy of losing housing and experiencing hardship during the pandemic.
- Provided families with food who were hard hit by loss of jobs last spring & summer due to Covid.
- Donated teacher supplies to at Steele Creek Elementary teachers during the pandemic managing remote learning.
- Provided educational resources to teachers who work with special populations (English learners, special education) and special classes (music, physical education, etc.).
- Provided clothing and Christmas toys to a ten-year-old girl, special needs child. Alerted by a local preschool as the child is overweight and has clothes that do not fit her.
- Supported a family of five with three small children during the Christmas holidays with clothing and some toys.
- Provided support for an older, partially blind woman who was homeless and who also needed food for her dogs that provided security as she lived in a tent.
- Provided special Valentines Day gifts and Christian materials with personal notes from the Mighty Acts Class to Y children during remote learning. Some kids are foster children traumatized from being abandoned by their natural parents.



*"Worshipping and Serving Christ in the **Heart** of Steele Creek."*

Saturday - June 12, 2021
Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament

Spring Lake Country Club, 1375 Spring Lake Rd
York, SC, 29745
Phone: 803-684-4541

4-Person Captain's Choice
Prizes: Top teams, longest drive, closest to pin & more.

■Registration: 11:30 ■Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30
■Shot Gun Start: 1:00



\$60.00 PER PLAYER



INCLUDES: FOOD, GOODIE BAGS, BEVERAGES, PRIZES, GREENS FEES, RANGE BALLS & PRACTICE.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: FOR \$300, A TEAM CAN SPONSOR A HOLE (NORMALLY \$100). SPONSOR INFORMATION IS SHARED ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE, FB PAGE, AND IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

Team Captain Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

2ND Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

3RD Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

4TH Player Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

I am paying via the following:* ☐ Cash | ☐ Church Website | ☐ Check ***(Amount paid: ☐ \$240 ☐ \$300)**

PAY ONLINE! Make payment on our church website at www.cscpc.org by clicking on the homepage tab "2021 Charity Golf Tourney." **Email your completed forms** to Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net.

If there are any questions contact Russell Helms at 704-905-8436; russell.helms@desouttertools.com, or Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net. Checks and forms may also be dropped off or mailed to the church: Central Steele Creek Church, 9401 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28273, Attn: 2021 Charity Golf Tourney.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

PRICING SAME AS LAST
YEAR! COME JOIN US!



"Worshipping and Serving Christ in the Heart of Steele Creek."

2021 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament
Saturday - June 12 - 1:00pm | Spring Lake Country Club
Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Proceeds from our tournament will provide support to families and children in need.

Sponsorship includes a custom printed sign advertising your company information that will be displayed on the course the day of the tournament. In addition, your information will be posted on our church website, FB page, and printed in our church newsletter.

Please provide the information below if requesting a custom printed sign. Required: Company Name, Contact Person and/or contact information and slogan if applicable.

First Line: _____

Second Line: _____

Third Line: _____

Fourth Line: _____

Email your company logo to Donna Cook at donnaleacock@att.net.

Please provide your name and contact number below in case there are questions about your sign:

Contact Person/Owner: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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