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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Members of Central,

Your church leadership gathered on Thursday evening for their March Session meeting. After receiving several items by consent the Session received an update on our two transformational goals:

**Development of an Arts Center** – Charles Wilkerson reported that the Committee was giving focus to development of a first-stage Fall program on the Arts at Central and has recommended to Personnel Committee the hiring of a director of the program.

Expanding Cultural Diversity – Andy Cheek reported that the Committee was weighing pros and cons of moving toward a Capital Campaign in the future. The Committee continues to meet to address needs.

Information was also shared by the Clerk of Session on the progress of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The Committee has completed the Ministry Information Form which allows the Committee to receive PIFs (Pastoral Information Forms) from those interested in the position of pastor.

There was joy in recognizing the presence of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel now worshipping at Central and time was devoted to sharing how their presence can be seen as blessing and opportunity.

There was a request made by the "Sons of the Confederacy Veterans" to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association for approval to hold a service recognizing Confederate veterans buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery of on May 11, 2019. The Association consists of members from both Pleasant Hill and Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Churches. It was the recommendation of the Session at Central not to grant this request. The action will return to the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association for definitive action.

Reports of Committees were shared which also included an update on the Facilities Task Force. There has been a significant increase in facility rental requests and Rev. Hyrams asked Elders to prayerfully consider distinguishing between "rentals" and "ministries" with the guiding question: "Does it glorify God?" The answer can ultimately have an impact upon determining who, and what ministries, use Central's facilities.

Worship Committee reminded all of Lenten/Holy Week opportunities. The community Maundy Thursday service will be held at Central and all are encouraged to attend (7:00 PM). A determination concerning an Easter (continued on next page)

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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am

#### **DEADLINES**

May 2019 issue deadline is April 25th.

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 approximately 130 pounds of food were donated.

# CSCPC WOMEN'S GROUPS

Circle #1
Room 300, 10:00am, Tuesday, April 2

Circle of Friends
Room 300, 10:00am, Saturday, April 6

Women's Bible Study
Room 300, 5:30pm, Tuesday, April 9

Sunrise service will be made this Tuesday at the Worship Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee reported that they are in the process of interviewing individuals for the position of church custodian with the desire to hire soon.

Finance Committee informed the Session that they would continue to work with Personnel in providing support to assist our Administrative Assistant Allyson Haenlein regarding the adoption of the ACS program. ACS is church management software which will place files, church membership and information on to an easy-to-use computer program for all members. The request by Congregational Care Committee to be granted a line-item funding for their committee work was granted.

Notes of Thanksgiving were expressed to Joe McGrath and Wray Moxley for their faithfulness in filling in during the period of absence of a custodian; to Joe McGrath, Wray Moxley, and Judy Corbett, and many church members, for their long hours to cleaning and preparing facilities for Iglesia Bautista.

To Jim Stikeleather serving as liaison to the "Y" and Judy Corbett serving as liaison to Iglesia Bautista, and to Sheila Fetner for her faithfulness during difficult times, gratitude was expressed

The gathering of the Session concluded with prayer and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

—John

## **MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS**

In memory of Everette Beaty; Toni & Greta Lambert

**In memory of John Granger;** Pat & Sandy Hart, Toni & Greta Lambert

**In memory of Edgar Smith**, brother of Eric Smith; Paul & Martha Sigmon, Emma B. Young class, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Linda Blackwelder, Toni & Greta Lambert

**In memory of Mae Belle Pridgen,** mother of Rock English; Barbara & Barry Choate, Burns & Jean Taylor

**In memory of Albert Coggeshall, Jr,** son-in-law of Bobbie & Tommy Therrell; Toni & Greta Lambert

In memory of Martha Choate; George & Marilyn Hege

**In honor of John Earl,** for his care and concerns; Paul & Martha Sigmon

## Color and Character

On March 10, 2019 members of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church met in the parlor for lunch and a discussion of the book "Color and Character West Charlotte High School and the American Struggle for Educational Equity" by Pamela Grundy. Those representing Central Steele Creek were Jean Smith, Pam Brooks, Diane Wilson, Herman Canipe Jr., Marge Caselli, Pat Hart, Judy Brown, and Mike Brown as well as British Hyrams.

Pamela Grundy's book covers the years from the founding of West Charlotte High School in 1938 until the year the book was published in 2017.

What made this a great discussion was that most of the members of both churches had lived through the events of the book either as students or employees of the school system or both.

Pamela Grundy uses the history of a community's beloved school to tell a broader American story of education, community, democracy and race-all while raising questions about present -day strategies for school reform.

The book on which the discussion was based follows the history of West Charlotte High School from the time it was segregated in the early years in which corps of skilled and dedicated teachers groomed young people to rise higher and go farther than their parents ever could. From there it led into the 1970's when a court-ordered busing plan allowed West Charlotte to emerge as a multiracial determination to move beyond the qualities of segregation and to educate black and white students for life in an increasingly prosperous city.

But as a new court order eliminated race-based busing West Charlotte became the city's poorest, least stable and academically troubled high school

Those at the meeting who had been Charlotte Mecklenburg School students during the 1960's remembered a very peaceful school experience but on two different sides of town.

That all changed during the 1970"s when court-ordered busing brought the civil rights struggles into the classroom. Several of the discussion participants were at the forefront of the movement as employees of CMS.

As the twentieth century neared it's close and the new court order eliminated race-based busing the children and grand children of the participants experienced many of the trials of resegregation.

see pictures of event





# Greetings from the Preschool

Happy Spring!! We have been talking in preschool about all the rain and cold weather we continue to have into April, and it reminded us that we are not capable of forcing things into our own timeline. God is in control and he has a plan for everything, always!

We are so excited to celebrate Easter with the children and remind them why it is such a special time. We will have a lot of Easter fun with Easter Egg hunts and other spring activities. Our spring break week will be April 15-19, when we will be completely closed.

During April we will also have a great time exploring all things spring, life in a pond and all the different gardens we are blessed with. We will even attempt to grow our own flowers!

We have continued our enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year and have 25 Children officially enrolled. We still have a lot of two-year-old classroom spaces. That Classroom always fills up over the summer because parents like to hold on to their babies as long as possible, before deciding to send them to preschool

Thank you for your continued support and prayers, Miss Joanna

Thank you,

Miss JoAnna

## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE:

Income (for budgeted items) needed as of 2/28/19:\$75,390
Income (for budgeted items) received as of 2/28/19:\$60,774
Capital reserve fund balance:\$290,261









Girl Scout Troop 3198 would like to thank you on behalf of our Service Unit (Meck 12) for allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall on two occasions. On November 4th, we held our first ever

Yoga class and had over 30 participants! Then on January 5th, we held Operation Sandwich, where we made over 400 sandwiches for the homeless population in Charlotte. (donated to Urban Ministries) None of this would have been possible without your 'open doors'! We appreciate Central! Thanks so much.

Troop 3198

I want to thank my Central friends for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent surgery. It has helped my recovery. **Paul Sigmon** 

To Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Your expressions of kindness were greatly appreciated.

Loretta Granger & Family

## **Graduation Sunday** June 2nd, 2019

Please join us in the Parlor after worship to celebrate our graduates.

## Central Missions-Read to Achieve **Books for Summer Reading**

For the last 2 years, Central provided packets of books to students who need additional help and are participating in the Read to Achieve Summer Program. In partnership with Mt. Olive, Pleasant Hill and Steele Creek Presbyterian Churches, we distributed readinglevel appropriate new books to 295 children from the 7 elementary schools in our area. Books were selected with the help of a school media specialist in an elementary school. Each of the churches shared the cost of

the books and provided a team to help assemble the bags. These were distributed to the schools near the end of the school year.

How you can help: Help in planning the pro-

gram and/or assembling the book bags will be appreciated next Spring. In addition, donations will be needed. Our church's share has been \$600, since more than 2000 books were purchased for the 295 students. Please contact: Jeanne Smith at jeanees@netzero.com

## Church Scholarship **Applications**

Scholarships

Applications for the Central Steele Creek Church Scholarship (In Memory of Marion Blackwelder ) for

2019 and applications for the Pete and Gertrude Gallant Memorial Scholarship for 2019 are available in the church office. Any church member (church membership required ) attending an institution of higher learning in 2019-2020 is highly encouraged to submit an application for both scholarships.

The CSCPC Scholarship is awarded on a year to year basis, so past recipients and others sophomores, etc. must reapply again this year.

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

Applications will be accepted through May 3, 2019. This year's recipients will be announced on Graduate Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Brown.



The Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament will take place again this year at the Spring Lake Country Club in York, SC on Saturday, June 8, 2019, with a 1:00 p.m shotgun start. The play-

er fee is \$60 PP, or \$240 for a foursome. The hole sponsor fee is \$100. If you organize a team and sponsor a hole the cost is only \$300, a special discount for supporting our fundraising efforts! We hope you will support our tournament this year to raise funds to help needy families and children in our community. Contact Becky Helms at 704-488-0486 if there are any questions. Player and Sponsorship forms are included in this newsletter.

## **Family Life Center Kitchen Cleaning**

Saturday April 27th from 8:00am - 1:00pm is scheduled for spring cleaning day in our Family Life Center kitchen. Wray Moxley will need assistance with pressure washing all tables and carts. Volunteers are also needed to clean appliances and perform smaller tasks. Willing hands and hearts are asked to sign up. Contact Becky Helms or Wray Moxley. We will wrap up the day with a special prayer of blessing and thanks for our freshly cleaned and beautiful

commercial kitchen. Lunch will

be provided.



## Wednesday Lenten Community Services 12:00 – 12:30\*

McClintock, Mt. Olive, Steele Creek at Pleasant Hill, and Central Steele Creek

"The Way of Sorrows – Via Dolorosa"

## April 3 Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

"Feet Wet with Tears"

Luke 7: 36-50 Psalm 51 Galatians 2: 15-21

### **April 10** Mount Olive Presbyterian

"Jesus Wept"

John 11:35 Psalm 22: 1-11, 22-24 I Corinthians 15: 20-28

## April 18

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM

Central Steel Creek Presbyterian Church

## A Special Offering will be received each Wednesday and directed to "Beds for Kids".

Beds for kids empowers families with children by delivering beds and other essential furniture items to supplement the family's resources as they rise out of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

\*Lunch is *not* provided by the churches however Showmars at Rivergate will offer 10% off the noon time meal when you show a copy of the Lenten bulletin.

## The Lenten Prayer Room

During the Season of Lent room 301 (off the office building) will be open every Friday, from 12 noon to 1:00 PM, to church members and those in the community. The room provides for spiritual reflection, prayer, and growth. The Prayer Room will also be open to church members from 9:15 – 9:45 AM on Sundays.

#### Christian Education Opportunities During Lent

April 7 9:45 – 10:15 A single class taught by Dr. Earl entitled: "Preparing for Your Own Funeral". Location to be determined.

Please refer to the flyer on page 6 for Easter Day activities for children!

## APRIL HEAD ELDER, USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

**Head Usher:** Debbie Stikeleather

Ushers/Servers: Diane Wilson, Lynn Snuggs, Susan Osmar

Communion Server: Judy Brown

## SEASON OF LENT – 2019 Worship at Central Steele Creek "The Cross We Carry"

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:23

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days and six Sundays prior to Easter Day. It is a period of spiritual discipline and reflection. The season officially ends at noon on Saturday prior to Easter Day. The liturgical color for the season is violet. The theme and focus of our 2019 Lenten journey is "The Cross We Carry". Members are asked to wear their crosses during the season of Lent. Make visible the symbol of the season which affirms your faith and belief in the resurrection.

**April 7** Lent 5 John 12: 1-8 "The Cross – Facing Our Own Death" Art: Iron Lung lady - death, resigned, reconciled

April 14 Lent 6 Palm Sunday Psalm 118, Luke 19:28-40

#### **HOLY WEEK**

## Maundy Thursday Community Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

The service of Tenebrae, meaning "Darkness" or "Shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Readings on this evening trace the story of Christ's passion and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of holy week. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated.

### Walking the Labyrinth Good Friday

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. With the Christian faith the labyrinth has long been used as a tool for prayer and deepening spirituality.

On Good Friday, April 19, three church vehicles will depart from the church parking lot at 11:30 AM and arrive at Avondale Presbyterian Church to walk the garden labyrinth at noon. This spiritual exercise of meditation is one of personal prayer and reflection. We will return to Central by 1:30 PM. If you desire to participate you must sign up on the posting found in the narthex.

#### **Easter Day**

**Easter Day Education Hour:** The showing of the video "A Special Place" is a documentary on the Garden Tomb outside of Jerusalem most frequently associated with the crucifixion and burial place of Jesus. (Sanctuary -9:30)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: This Special Offering of the PC(USA) will be received on Easter Day and enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disaster, provide food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and the oppressed. Giving can be done through envelopes found in the pew racks or with on-line giving at PC (USA).

# Christ is Risen! Let's Celebrate!

Easter Morning 9:30am in the FLC Children birth to 5th grade



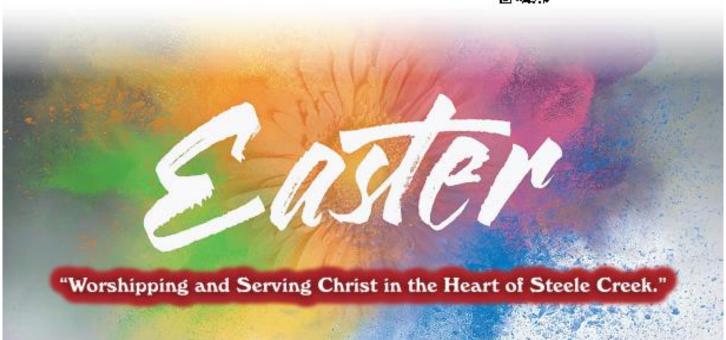
- Easter Story Presentation
- · Craft Time
- · Easter Egg Hunt



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## Central invites you to join us!

## Saturday, June 8, 2019 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament

Spring Lake Country Club 1375 Spring Lake Road York, SC 1:00 PM Shotgun Start (lunch, prizes and more!) \$60.00 per player and \$100 hole sponsorship \$240 team or \$300 includes a hole sponsorship



In memory of John Granger, friend and supporter. October 26, 1944 - February 20, 2019

Registration and sponsor forms are available at: the church office, online at www.cscpc.org, or by email to Becky Helms at rebechel3@aol.com.







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

## 2019 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament Saturday - June 8 - 1:00pm | Spring Lake Country Club Hole Sponsorship - \$100

Proceeds from our tournament provide support to families and individuals in need throughout the year with a focus on children at Christmas.

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, Facebook 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 Becky Helms at	rebechel3@aol.com or call 704-488-0486 if there are any questions.
Please provide your name and contact nu	mber below in case there are questions about your sign:
Contact Person/Owner:	
E-Mail Address:	
Phone Number:	
Make checks payable to: Central Steele Cre Mighty Acts Charity Golf"	eek Presbyterian Church (or CSCPC). Notate in the memo line: "2019
Mail completed form(s) along with your che Central Sto	ck (unless paying online) to: eele Creek Presbyterian Church or (CSCPC)
	Attn: Golf Tournament
	9401 South Tryon Street

ONLINE OPTION! You may also download sponsor/player forms and make payment on our church website at <a href="http://csepc.org/giving/">www.csepc.org</a>. To pay online go to: <a href="http://csepc.org/giving/">http://csepc.org/giving/</a> and select the "2019 Charity Golf Tourney" option. You can send completed form(s) via email to Becky Helms at <a href="rebechel3@aol.com">rebechel3@aol.com</a>. Call Becky at 704-488-0486 if there are any questions.

Charlotte, NC 282273

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## Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

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## June 8, 2019 Mighty Acts Charity Golf Tournament Player/Team Form

Where: Spring Lake Country Club What: 4-person Captain's Choice 1375 Spring Lake Road Prizes for: Best Team, York, SC 29745 Closest to Pin, Phone: 803-684-4541 Longest Drive & more!

When: Saturday June 8

11:30 – 12:30 PM Registration 12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Pricing same as last year! What a deal!

Players: \$60 per player - Includes at no additional cost: Lunch, Greens Fees, Range Balls, Access to Driving Range

For \$300 (only an additional \$60), four-player teams receive all the above benefits <u>plus</u> one company sponsor sign on the course that advertises your business (a \$100 value). In addition, you will receive recognition on our church website, Facebook page, and in our church newsletter.

This year the tournament is limited to 80 golfers. We will need your information as soon as possible in order to reserve carts, food, etc.

Team Captain Name:

E-Mail: Mobile Phone:

B-Mail: Mobile Phone:

Standard Name:

Mobile Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Lam Player Name:

Mobile Phone:

Lam paying via the following:\* Cash | Church Website | Check \*(Amount paid: \$240 \$300) Make checks payable to: Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (or CSCPC). Notate in the memo line:

"2019 Mighty Acts Charity Golf"

Mail completed form(s) along with your check (unless paying online) to:

Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church or (CSCPC)

Attn: Golf Tournament 9401 South Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 282273

ONLINE OPTION! You may also download sponsor/player forms and make payment on our church website at <a href="http://cscpc.org/giving/">www.cscpc.org</a>.

To pay online go to: <a href="http://cscpc.org/giving/">http://cscpc.org/giving/</a> and select the "2019 Charity Golf Tourney" option. You can send completed form(s) via email to Becky Helms at <a href="rebechel3@aol.com">rebechel3@aol.com</a>. Call Becky at 704-488-0486 if there are any questions.

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# **APRIL 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	AA, 12:00pm Personnel Team, 5:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	Circle #1, 10:00am Worship Team, 6:00pm B&G Team, 6:00pm	3 Lenten Noon Community Service, CSCPC AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm	4 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	5 AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	6 GS Troop 3532, 8:30am Circle of Friends, 10:00am
7 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Missions Team, 11:45am	8 AA, 12:00pm Publicity Team, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	9 Ladies Bible Study, 5:30pm	10 CE Team, 10:00am Lenten Noon Community Service @ Mt. Olive PC AA, 12:00pm Scouts, 6:30pm&7:00pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm	11 Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Finance Team, 6:00pm Food Addicts, 7:00pm	AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	13 GS Troop 3532, 8:30am
Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Fellowship Team, 11:45am	AA, 12:00pm Cub Scout Leaders, 5:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	16 Wellness on Wheels, 3:00pm Congregational Care Team, 3:30pm	AA, 12:00pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	18 Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae Service @ CSCPC, 7:00pm	Walking the Labyrinth@Avondale, 11:30am AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	20 GS Troop 3532, 8:30am
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Outreach Team, 11:45am	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA, 12:00pm Handbells, 6:30pm	23	AA, 12:00pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm Chancel Choir, 6:45pm Boy Scouts, 7:00pm	25 Session, 6:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm Food Addicts,7:00pm	AA, 12:00pm Bridgewater BB, 6:00pm	FLC Kitchen Cleaning 8:00am GS Troop 3532, 8:30am
28 Sunday School, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am	AA, 12:00pm Facility Use Task Force, 6:30pm Handbells, 6:30pm	30				

## Birthdays-April

- Anna Eargle
- Cindy Shepard
- Megan Tolley Beverly Cheek Stan Morris
- Emily Cheek Holly Clapham
- 11 Wray Moxley
- David Osborne
- Franklin Davis
- 16 Bennett Shepard
- Jessica Smith
- 21 Evelyn Ervin
- Charles Winter
- Roy Youngblood Allyson Haenlein



Worship Child Care Volunteers April 2019				
April 7	Martha Osborne			
April 14	Teresa Canipe			
April 21	Sandy Hart			
April 28	Ann Mozingo			

