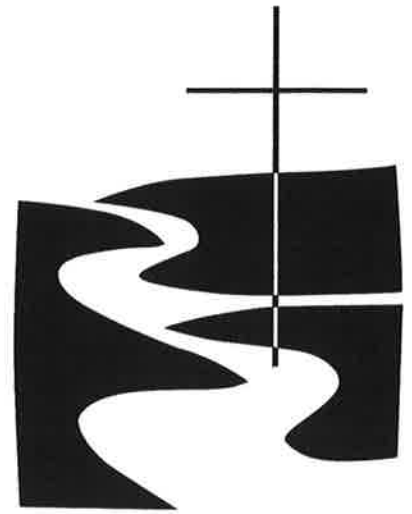




The Response

Monthly Newsletter of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
April, 2017



From the desk of Rev. Lindsey Wade

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
~Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Shades Valley Presbyterian has had many seasons since a group of believers gathered together years ago to form a church. You have had seasons in different buildings, with different pastors and teachers; there have been times of struggle and times of celebration. God has been leading the people of Shades Valley as they lived through weddings and funerals, Sunday school classes and mission trips, fellowship meals and conversations in the parking lot. Pretty soon, God will be leading Shades Valley Presbyterian Church into another exciting season of its life as you welcome the Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed as your new pastor.

I have been called to Shades Valley for different seasons of my own life. First as a kid in Sunday school, then as a youth elder and a few years later I was called back to be a youth director. About a year and a half ago, God called me to Shades Valley once more to be with you all during a season of transition. During this time we've experienced worshipped together, eaten many meals, mourned friends and families, worked through budgets and committees and listened for the Holy Spirit's leading. It was a privilege to be called here for a season and I am very excited to see what is next in the ministry of Shades Valley. I know that God has great things in store for you and that Rev. Reed is being called here for another wonderful season.

My last Sunday leading worship will be Easter, April 16 and there will be a short period of transition before Leanne begins work in May. There is more information about the details of this transition inside the newsletter. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this transitional time. Please know that while I will no longer be your pastor after Easter, Shades Valley will always hold a special place in my heart and that you will always be in my prayers. Thank you for being a place where I could learn and grow and answer God's call. May there be much learning, growing and serving God in both of our futures.

With Gratitude to our Lord,
Rev. Lindsey Wade

Enjoy LENT Sermon Series: Fasting from fear. Feasting on joy.

April 2 John 16:16-24

Sunday, April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday Hebrews 12:1-4, 12-13

Sunday, April 15 - Easter Luke 24:13-32

(Enjoy LENT theme inspired by Rev. Whitney Wilkinson)

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PLAN FOR TRANSITION

- April 9 - There will be a reception honoring Rev. Lindsey Wade at 10:15 - an extended Coffee Time, with a shortened Sunday School hour.
- Those wishing to contribute to a Love Offering to express appreciation to Rev. Wade can make checks payable to SVPC and designate it on your check memo line to read "SPECIAL OFFERING."
- April 16 - Easter Sunday will be Rev. Wade's last Sunday as Transitional Pastor.
- April 23 and 30 - Rev. Clyce Hurst will be filling the pulpit and leading Worship.
- April 17-30 - All congregational care needs will be addressed by Rev. Hurst.
- April 18 and 25 - Bible Study will be led by Dr. John Eagan.
- April 19 and 26 - Wednesday Night Programs will be directed by Kyle Henderson.
- Rev. Reed's contract begins on May 1.
- May 7 will be Rev. Reed's first Sunday to lead Worship.
- A reception for Rev. Reed will be held on the day of her Installation at a time to be announced soon.

It is the hope and prayer of the Session that this plan will allow us all to enjoy and celebrate our last few weeks with Rev. Wade while preparing for a smooth transition into welcoming Rev. Reed. God has indeed been merciful to us. We could not have asked for better leadership, encouragement, energy, and enthusiasm than we have had under Rev. Wade's leadership. God promises us a bright future with Rev. Reed. It is up to us as a congregation to carry out God's work in our community.

HOLY WEEK SPECIAL SCHEDULE AND SERVICES

On Thursday, we will be seeing some visitors from Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church as we join together for this special week of services and we, the members of SVPC, will visit MBPC for the Good Friday Service. The extra familiar faces and sweet new faces will enhance these special services in both numbers and wonderful Christian fellowship.

Maundy Thursday at SVPC—Dinner at 5:45 followed by a 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service with Communion.

Good Friday Worship Service at MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN—12 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday at SVPC—8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. An extended Coffee Time starting at 10:15. Bring-a-Dish Luncheon following the 11 a.m. worship service.



Wednesday Night Dinner/Programs

April 5—Dinner: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Dessert Program: Lenten Worship Service.

NO DINNER WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.. Please join with everyone on **THURSDAY** this week for a Maundy Thursday dinner and service during this special Holy Week schedule.

April 13—**THURSDAY** Dinner: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Seasoned Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert. Program: Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

April 19—Dinner: Build Your Own Sandwich, Chips and Dessert. Program: To be announced

April 26—Dinner: Fish, Seasoned Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert. Program: To be announced.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Easter lunch will immediately follow the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 16 in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide ham, rolls and drinks and we ask that you bring a large covered side dish (casserole, vegetable, salad, dessert). If you plan to attend, please do so by signing up on the sheet outside of the Fellowship Hall or contact Lana in the church office. Please RSVP by Monday, April 10. Indicate the number in your group, along with the dish(es) you'll be bringing. A small donation may be collected to help with the church's expense for the items provided.

EASTER LILIES



Easter lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16. There are a limited number available. If you would like to have one placed in honor, thanksgiving or loving memory of someone please complete the form outside of the Fellowship Hall or email Lana in the church office. The cost is \$12 each.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

April 1—Jean Archibald
April 2—Jim Pittman, Ann Burt
April 4—Gayle Moore
April 6—Emily Davis, Carrie Morgan
April 8—Jane Culverhouse, Gloria Hudson,
Nancy Marshall
April 10—David Orrell
April 12—Gina Gray
April 14—Michael Byrd
April 17—Gregory Byrd
April 18—Allen DeVore
April 21—Rick Jones
April 25—Harriet McElroy
April 27—Bonnie Rives, Mike Wade, Sydney Riggs
April 29—Phil Brown, Betty Orrell, Alec Harvey



FROM OUR MAILBOX



Once again, I want to thank you for all your prayers, calls and many kindnesses over the 3 months I was in the hospital and recovery. I am thrilled to be back in church and appreciate all who have helped me accomplish this fete!

*Love,
Mary Nelle Shelton*

Dear Friends of SVPC,

You were so thoughtful to send us the Lenten Devotional material. When I read mine, I feel you are there with me.

Every Wednesday night, Billy says, "Are we going to church?" We miss you and feel great things are ahead for Shades Valley.

*Love,
Claudia Barnes*

Look Who's On the Move!

Mary Vandegrift is settled in to her new home at 400 University Park Drive, #234, Birmingham, AL 35209 and has the same telephone number (822.0630). Phone calls and visitors are welcome!

PLEASE TELL US



If you have any suggestions for our lawn care vendor, please ONLY address those with the Property Committee members (Mark Nelson, George Blomeley, John Eagan or Walt Moore). Their workers who service our property are only instructed to do what their SVPC contact has advised them to do and we've worked out a pay schedule for. They will not take instructions from anyone else and they don't want to seem disrespectful to our members. We appreciate your help or concern with suggested items that need taken care of, so just simply tell one of the committee members and it will be taken into consideration. If deemed necessary, we'll take appropriate action with them and get it done.

SVPC Foundation Educational Grants

The Shades Valley Foundation is currently accepting applications for modest educational grants to assist students with the cost of attending colleges, universities, and vocational/ technical schools in the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Applicants must be SVPC members or supported by an active member of the church or staff. They must be a student in good standing enrolled in an accredited institution or be a high school senior who has been accepted at an accredited college or school.

Application forms are available in the church office and will be considered at the June 14th meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Please complete your application form and return to Lana in the church office no later than Sunday, June 11.

Questions can be directed to any of the Board members: Jean Archibald, George Blomeley, John Glover, Bill Kimrey, Bruce Ludwig, Gail Parrish, Dot Riley, Sandy Schrohenloher or Shirley Shipman.



No meeting in April. Please join us for our continued Lenten Wednesday night services. Our upcoming book for May is shown below: Come join us on May 10 in the church library following dinner!
May: Ordinary Thunderstorms by William Boyd

MONTHLY DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR Presbyterian Home for Children Thrift Store at SVPC

The next collection date is Saturday, April 1. Bring your usable discards and gently used clothing to the Presbyterian Home for Children's reception center in the rear parking lot, below the playground, of SVPC. Volunteers will be on hand to unload your vehicle and to give you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. The Center will be open from 8 am to 12 noon.

Notes from the Session Meeting on March 19, 2017

Our leaders for the PneuMatrix process will be: Jim Isaminger, Diane Newland, Don Brown, Mike Wade, Augusta Vos, and Phil Bowers

Elaine Peavy said that there will be a lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday for anyone who wants to attend. Additional details will be announced soon.

Joe Rives reported the following:

- The Habitat House that our blue shirts have been working on will be dedicated on Saturday, March 25.
- The Foundation has approved contributing 5,000 dollars to a new Habitat House. That makes the current total commitment of 32,000 dollars of the 50,000 dollars needed to start a new house.
- The annual fund raiser for The Firehouse Shelter is on Saturday, April 27 at the Harbert Center. See Charlie Krauth or Mike Wade for tickets or additional information.

The Administration team will publicize transition plans soon concerning the change from Rev. Wade to Rev. Reed effective May 1.

The Session approved the AA group that normally meets at St. Luke's to meet in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights during April through September while St. Luke's undergoes some construction.

The Session approved a General Fund Budget effective retroactive to January 1, 2017. Details are summarized below:

Total projected income **\$396,480**.
Total projected expenses **\$420,077**.
(after a few adjustments to accommodate quirks in our accounting system). Projected deficit **(23,597)**.

This is a much more manageable deficit than we projected starting 2016. The Session also reapproved the use of some Reserved/Restricted funds to balance the budget in the event of an actual deficit at the end of the year. As a reminder, we finished 2016 with a surplus of 2,903 and never had to use any of the Reserved/Restricted funds.

Highlights of the changes in the 2017 budget are as follows:

- No bonuses projected for staff.
- Includes modest increases for selected staff members
- Added 20,000 towards the rest of the exterior painting
- Increased general benevolences to 50% of the 2015 amount (was 22.5% of 2015 amount for 2016)
- Adjusted operating expenses based on actual expenses for 2016

REMINDER ... CAMPERS!

SVPC campers will be gathering at Gulf State Park for Memorial Day weekend. Come join us!

Call 800-252-7275 or 251-948-7275 and make your reservation now. Campsites are going fast! For more information, email Elaine Peavy at ewpeavy@bellsouth.net



Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
Summary of Income and Expenses YTD through Feb., 2017

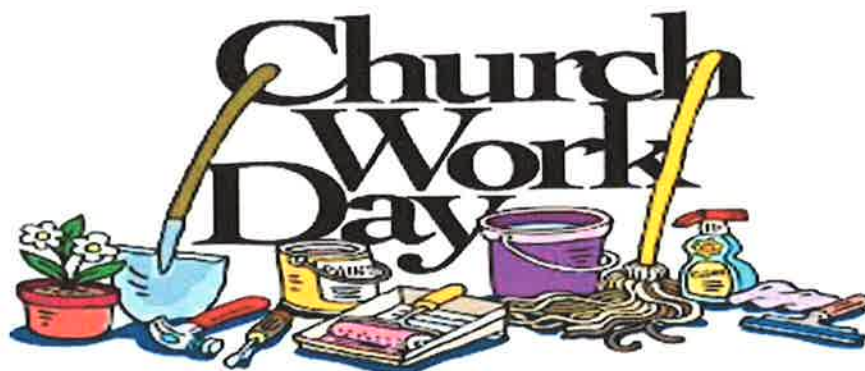
Income	February YTD 2,017	Budget YTD 2,017	February YTD 2,016
General Offerings			
General Offerings	142,325	N/A	88,587
Interest Revenue	7	N/A	27
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	N/A	60
Total Income	142,331	0	88,674
Expenses			
Personnel	37,290	N/A	56,576
Operating Expenses	21,412	N/A	21,807
Build, Bond, & Go Beyond	5,318	N/A	686
Session & Misc. & Pulp. Nom. Comm.	198	N/A	0
Total Expenses	64,218	0	79,068
Net Total	78,113	0	9,605

Finance Committee: Anne Doty (Co-Chair), Ray McIntosh (Co-Chair), Jim O'Connor, Mary Wyatt Bowers, John Childers (Treasurer), and Henry McPherson

A complete 2017 budget will be available in the church office soon.

NOTE: The Session approved the General Fund Budget on March 19. The budget information will be available with the report for the end of March in the April Response.

Mark Your Calendar!



Saturday, May 6

More details coming soon!

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bday: Jean Archibald
2 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School Bday: Jim Pittman, Ann Burt	3 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	4 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Grief Support 5:00 p.m.—Handbells Bday: Gayle Moore	5 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	6 5:00 p.m.—Firehouse Shelter Board Meeting, Rm. 208 Bday: Emily Davis, Carrie Morgan	7	8 Bday: Jane Culverhouse, Gloria Hudson, Nancy Marshall
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 12:15 p.m.—Session Meeting	10 HOLY WEEK 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting Bday: David Orrell	11 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	12 NO DINNER (See Thurs.) Bday: Gina Gray	13 Manny Thursday 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	14 Good Friday <i>Good Friday Worship Service will be held at 12 p.m. at Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church.</i> Bday: Michael Byrd	15
16 Easter Sunday 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:15 p.m.—Coffee Time 12:00 p.m.—Luncheon	17 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting Bday: Gregory Byrd	18 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Grief Support 5:00 p.m.—Handbells Bday: Allen DeVore	19 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	20	21 Bday: Rick Jones	22
23 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School	24 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	25 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 5:00 p.m.—Handbells Bday: Harriet McElroy	26 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	27 Bday: Bonnie Rives, Mike Wade, Sydney Riggs	28 7 a.m.—Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	29 Bday: Phil Brown, Betty Orrell, Alec Harvey
30 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School						

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The deadline to submit articles for the May issue of the Response is Thursday, April 20 at 9 a.m. Articles received after the deadline will be held for the next newsletter or used in our weekly congregational emails.

OUR VISION

*Shades Valley Presbyterian Church exists through God's love to
BUILD a strong spiritual foundation,
BOND together in Christian fellowship,
GO BEYOND our walls to serve in Mission and bear Witness
to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ..*

THE SESSION

Class of 2017: Courtney Brown, Anne Doty, Jim Gray, Mark Nelson, Cindy Tarrant • Trustee: Ed Parrish

Class of 2018: Martha Ann Cooper, John Eagan, Jim Isaminger, Elaine Peavy, Jennifer Riggs • Trustee: Lydia Wilfong

Class of 2019: Mary Wyatt Bowers, Laura McDonald, Ray McIntosh, Dot Riley, Joe Rives • Trustee: Augusta Forbes

Armed Services: Lt. J.G. Erin Bischoff, Lt. Col. J.B. Marshall
Mission Co-Workers in Congo: Bob and Kristi Rice; John and Gwenda Fletcher
