



The Response

Monthly Newsletter of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
May, 2017



Ladies, Let's Do Brunch!

SVPC Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering
Honoring Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

Monday, May 15
10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Brunch (\$6)
RSVP Needed

Ladies, make your reservations now and welcome
our new pastor! Please sign-up on the sheet
outside of the Fellowship Hall no later than
Wednesday, May 10.



SVPC WORKDAY **Volunteers are** **GREATLY** **appreciated!**

Saturday, May 6
8 a.m. until noon

Some of our jobs will be stairwell painting, touch-up painting of doors and door frames, pressure washing, trim shrubs. Sign-up sheet on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Nelson.



ROAD TRIP!

SVPC travelers are planning a day trip on Friday, June 9 to the Museum of Natural History in Anniston, Alabama (admission \$6) followed by a Dutch-treat lunch at Classic on Noble. We will leave from the SVPC parking lot. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall. Please add your name and let us know if you would consider driving or would need transportation.

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

The next collection date is Saturday, May 6.

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.

Announcement regarding Wed. night dinner!

The last dinner in May is set for May 24 and dinners will resume in September. However ... there may be some changes to this schedule for the summer! Be watching and listening for updates.

BOOK CLUB

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

May 2—Wanda Richardson
May 3—Sharon Acton Schuler
May 4—Brandon Miles
May 9—Rhonda Byrd
May 10—Jake Pflasterer
May 11—Susan Romei, Christopher Morrow
May 19—Caitlyn Jones
May 23—Jim Hooper
May 28—Margaret Cole, Jane Anne Roddam
May 29—Bobbie DeVore, Bill Blake, Jr.,
Caroline Todd Whitney, Jack Henderson
May 31—Wilda Ritchie



Wednesday Night Dinner/ Programs

May 3—Dinner: Build-Your-Own Sandwich, Chips, Dessert Program: Worship Service.

May 10—Dinner: Penne Pasta with Meat Marinara Sauce, Seasoned Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert. Program: Small Groups (Knitting, Prayer Intercessors, Bible Study, Book Club)

May 17—Dinner: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Dessert. Program: Fun Fellowship

May 24—Dinner: Taco Salad with all the trimmings, Dessert. Program: Worship featuring old hymn favorites!

Notes from the Session Meeting Sunday, April 9, 2017

Ray McIntosh circulated the annual request for exemption from taxation renewal form.

We have invited Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church (MBPC) to dine and worship with us on Maundy Thursday. Likewise, MBPC has invited us to worship with them at noon on Good Friday (no meal).

There will be a lunch following the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday. The church will provide the main dish (ham) and drinks. Members who wish to attend are asked to sign up on the reservation sheet and to furnish side dishes and/or desserts.

The Administration team has publicized the change from Rev. Wade to Rev. Reed effective May 1 in several ways.

The Session voted to follow the Jefferson County School System for actions during projected inclement weather. In other words, the church will close and cancel events, programs, and services when Jefferson County schools close under the threat of severe weather. The staff will then issue a special email to the congregation and activate the telephone tree to notify the congregation without having to seek guidance or concurrence from the Session.

Joe Rives reported the following:

- 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 (\$ 75.00) or additional information.
- An extensive list of all of the work sites that our "blue shirts" have worked on since April, 2011.
- SVPC has offered to supply manpower to help reconstruct the damage at Montevallo PC (a very large tree crashed into their sanctuary last week).

The Property committee reported the following:

- Workday at church on Saturday, May 6 for some interior painting and some clean-up on the grounds.
- Ask members not to give directions or suggestions for work to be done directly to the grounds crew. Instead, tell Mark Nelson or Dr. John Eagan what work that you think that the grounds crew needs to do.
- They are going to have the exterior doors in the Fellowship Hall modified to be easier to lock.
- They are going to have the bench in the elevator and to have the carpet replaced with a different type of flooring.
- They are getting ready to finish the exterior trim restoring/painting.

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PLAN FOR TRANSITION – UPDATES INCLUDED

- April 30 & May 7 – Rev. Clyce Hurst will be filling the pulpit and leading worship. Rev. Reed will assist on May 7.
- April 17-30 – All congregational care needs will be addressed by Rev. Clyce Hurst.
- Tuesday morning Bible study is being led by Dr. John Eagan.
- April 26 – Wednesday night program will be directed by Kyle Henderson.
- Rev. Leanne Reed's contract begins on May 1.
- May 14 will be Rev. Reed's first Sunday to lead worship.
- An Installation Service for Rev. Reed will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 4 p.m. with a reception following.

Easter Sunday 2017 at SVPC

Meaningful worship services, an Easter egg hunt and a delicious Easter luncheon was enjoyed by many!



HELP BUILD ANOTHER SCHOOL IN CONGO

Last year our Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley assisted our partner Presbytery of Nganza build a 7 room school building to educate primary and secondary school children. This year our partnership team is raising money for the Presbytery of Tshibashi to build a similar school.

The elimination of poverty is the greatest challenge facing the world today. Following Christ's command to serve the least of these, World Mission of PCUSA has chosen to address the underlying causes of poverty as one of 3 critical global issues for the church.

The initial global poverty campaign of our World Mission Agency emphasizes access to quality education and is titled "Educate a Child, Transform the World". Specifically the goal of the World Mission Poverty Campaign will be "quality education for one million children by the year 2020." It's a goal established by the 221st General Assembly of the PCUSA.

The Democratic Republic of Congo ranks last in the world in per capita income and the government provides very little for education. There are 1.25 million Presbyterians in Congo. The Presbyterian churches assume responsibility for education and operate primary and secondary schools as best they can. Our partners in Congo have asked for some help.

The cost for a 7 room school building, furnished with desks and blackboards, including a block of latrines and a cistern with water catchment system is approximately \$86,000, which allows for the cost of transferring the money to Congo. Our goal was to build two schools and the first school in Nganza Presbytery was completed last year in time for the beginning of the current school year. Now we're working toward the new school for Tshibashi Presbytery. Construction on this school, to be performed by local workers, will begin as soon as the money is raised. We hope to have the children at Baolonga School in their desks by next school year!

Our mission workers, Gwenda Fletcher, education consultant, working with the Congolese Church school administrators, and Jeff Boyd, regional liaison for central Africa, monitor the use of funds so that we have accountability and know that our money is used for the project intended.

Besides the three R's these church schools include the Good News in their curriculum. By helping to build Baolonga School we are helping to share God's love with the children in Congo. Gifts for Congo Schools can be sent to the church or to the Presbytery Office, designated to "Build Congo Schools". Please be a part of this important project.

Picture of Bupole finished school



**Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
Summary of Income and Expenses
Year to Date Through March, 2017**

Income	March YTD 2,017	Budget YTD 2,017	March YTD 2,016
General Offerings			
General Offerings	164,468	98,814	114,606
Interest Revenue	7	19	41
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	287	60
Total Income	164,475	99,120	114,707
 Expenses			
Personnel	56,443	57,837	86,805
Operating Expenses	28,405	39,331	33,784
Build, Bond, & Go Beyond	6,175	9,018	2,301
Session & Misc. & Pulp. Nom. Comm.	198	25	0
Total Expenses	91,221	106,211	122,891
 Net Total	73,254	(7,091)	(8,184)

NOTE: The Session approved a modest deficit budget at the Session meeting on March 19, 2017 and will work to balance it by the end of the year.

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.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	2 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Grief Support 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	3 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	4 Bday: Brandon Miles	5	6 SVPc Workday 8 a.m.—Noon Volunteers needed
7 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School	8 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	9 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	10 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	11 5:00 p.m.—Firehouse Shelter Meeting, F. Hall	12	13
	14 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School	15 10:30 a.m. - P.W. Gathering 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	16 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 10:00 a.m.—Grief Support 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	17 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	18	19 Bday: Caitlyn Jones
21 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 12:15 p.m.—Session Meeting	22 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg 6:30 p.m.—Handbells 6:30 p.m.—Choral Meeting	23 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	24 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	25	26 7 a.m.—Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	27
28 8:30 & 11 a.m.—Worship Svcs. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Staff Holiday— Church Office Closed 6:00 pm.—Spirituality Mtg	30 10:00 a.m.—Bible Study 5:00 p.m.—Handbells	31 5:45 p.m.—Dinner/Program 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir			
Bday: Margaret Cole, Jane Ann Roddam	Bday: Bobbie DeVore, Bill Blake, Jr., Caroline Whitney, Jack Henderson	Bday: Jim Hooper	Bday: Wilda Ritchie			

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



The deadline to submit articles for the June issue of the Response is Thursday, May 25 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
