

BEING THANKFUL

Sunday, April 15, was like most any Sunday until a little after five in the afternoon. Then the tornado came down ravaging homes in our community. That night I tried to pick my way through the mangled trees and power lines. There was no way to get through to see if people were alright. Our church was blessed and spared, but many in our neighborhood were not.

The amazing thing was how the people of the church and from all over rallied to open our doors to help feed those who were displaced (over 300 meals were provided 3 times during that first week) and the volunteers who were helping with the cleanup. For countless hours, volunteers showed up, cooked, brought in donations of food, clothing and school supplies. The response was truly overwhelming.

A week later and some are just getting power and many are still without a place to stay. You can keep them in your thoughts and prayers, but true prayer is about reaching out to help and do what you can to help our community recover.

Want to help? The greatest need now is for financial assistance to help with housing and repairs. If you want to contribute, please mark your check "Tornado Relief".

Also, for your information – none of the members of our church were injured, and none of them had major property damage.

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR

B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts which meets during the school year providing weekly lessons in piano, guitar, percussion, voice, and dance for children age 5-14, invites you to come enjoy the talents of our students at their **SPRING RECITAL** on Saturday, May 19, at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. This marks the end of this session.

B Natural's mission is to provide affordable music and dance lessons – and instruments on loan – to children who might otherwise not be able to have the opportunity. Anyone who is interested in more information or in signing up a child for lessons that will begin after Labor Day should contact the Director, Kaye Peeples, 336-580-6324.

Teachers are also needed as well as tax-deductible donations to help with scholarships. You may also contact Kaye Peeples at the above number if you are interested in a position or in donating.

SHARING SUNDAY REPORT

Harry and Sue Patterson report that they delivered 123 pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry on March 27, making a total of 227 pounds for the first quarter of 2018! Donations of trial size personal care items have been taken to IRC, but no report has been made on how much. To date, you have donated a total of \$385 for Salem Presbytery's Hunger Offering. Let's keep up the good work!

HONORING OUR MOTHERS

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. You are invited to honor your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc. with a donation to the church by **May 6**. The donor(s) and honoree will be included in a special Mother's Day bulletin. Be sure to mark your donation for "Mother's Day" and include a note with:

- the name of the donor(s)
- the name and relation of the honoree
- if it is being given as a memorial or honorarium

SOCCER

Children age 6-14 can play soccer and receive training **FREE** from volunteers of the Greensboro United Soccer Association on our soccer field on Saturdays at 9:00 am. Lunch is served to the children at 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve lunch and are asked to come at 10:00 am.

There will be **NO soccer** on Saturday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Weekend.

PCC PEOPLE

We extend our love and sympathy to **Sharon Ozment** and family at the passing of her brother-in-law, Robert Scales, husband of Sharon's sister, Pat Scales.

Welcome to **Andrew Smith**, who was recently hired to care for our church grounds.

Many thanks to **Kelly Patterson** for trimming tree branches, removing branches and trash from the roof, cleaning drains and downspouts, moving wet items to a dry location, etc., etc., etc., and to **Sharon Ozment** for mowing the courtyard and B Natural grounds.

There is no way to list all of the individuals who have helped feed and donate items and funds to help with our tornado relief efforts and I don't want to leave anyone out, but I do want to spotlight the two people who got it all started: **Kaye Peeples** and **Brooke Shaffer-Price**, and the gentleman who loaned us a generator for the kitchen (PCC was without power for 3 days): **James Zeitler**.

There were also a number of groups, businesses and organizations who helped. (Please forgive me if I leave anyone out – and I probably will!):

- Pepper Moon Catering
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Tau Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- West Market St. United Methodist Church Youth Group
- Fellowship Presbyterian Church
- New Creation Community Presbyterian Church
- Greensboro United Soccer Association