



July 2026

The Messenger

Shelton Presbyterian Church

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SUMMER FUN **ACTIVITIES IN JULY**

1. [Kids' Camp Sunday](#)
Sunday, July 12th, BBQ, bounce houses, games and activities for all ages. The service with a program (including Kids' Camp campers performing) starts at 10:00am. Following, from 11:00am - 1:00pm will be the BBQ and fun activities for all !!
2. [Movie Night for all ages](#)
Thursday, July 23rd, 6:30-8:30 (indoor/outdoor TBA)
3. [Worship Night Sunday](#)
Sunday, July 26th, Jeff Wilsor from Woodland Park Pres. will lead us in a night of worship through music, songs, and a "pop-up choir." 6:30-8:00pm

SUMMER FUN **ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST**

1. [Grazing Table Picnic Sunday](#)
Sunday, August 2nd, following church service. Bring your favorite appetizer.
2. [Hawaiian Bingo Night, all ages](#)
Thursday, August 6th, 5:30-8:00pm, pork sliders, prizes, and Bingo Hawaiian style!
3. [Outdoor Concert Sunday](#)
Sunday, August 16th, 6:00-8:00pm, come and enjoy a fun concert with amazing music, outdoors in the amphitheater, for all ages. There will be a Food Truck there, too.
4. [Movie Night for all ages](#)
Thursday, August 20th, 6:30-8:30pm, (indoor/outdoor TBA)

KIDS' CAMP July 7-10



Just a few more days until Kid's Camp 2026 starts. We are excited to welcome returning and brand-new campers as well.

Remember it is not too late to register as we will be signing up children through the first morning July 7th. We have a great group of adult volunteers and youth group helpers who are set to make the week a great experience.

Adult volunteers who are available on Monday, July 6th, please plan to come and help with set-up and organization. We will gather from 9:00am-Noon, with an information sharing meeting at 11:00am.

We need hammers and needle nose pliers for the woodworking experience on Friday. Please label and drop them off at the church prior to Friday. Donations of acrylic paint can be dropped off until Tuesday. If you are a crafter it may be a good chance to get rid of some of those half-used bottles of unique colors! Finally, we still need cookies to send home with kiddos on Thursday and Friday. Please let me know if you can help with this.

A big thank you for any and all help with these requests.

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Men meet Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM at the church. This study is led by Karl Nelson. Please join us.

Thursday Night Bible Study

This study is held every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm. The study is led by Pastor Jeff and is open to everyone. It is held in the lobby of the church. Please join us. *On summer break June-August.*

Women's Bible Study

Women meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at the church. The study is led by Lori Matlock. *On summer break June-August.*



July Birthdays



2 Kevin Angevine	15 Kathy Kent-Lanning
5 Julie Phelps	17 Dave Miser
6 Braden Bursch	22 Linda Ferguson
6 Elizabeth Jahnke	22 Dean Poole
14 Melissa Casey	23 Teresa Sanders
14 Carolyn Warren	29 Christina Davis
14 Bob Warren	31 Susan Hanson
15 Janna Johnsen	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	
Lay Leader	Pam Schlauderaff	Mary May	Linda Ferguson	Nancy Ostheller	

SPC Youth News

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE For Youth Entering Grades 6-12 + 2026 Graduates

JULY

WED July 8th 5:30-8:30pm Schlauderaff's on Island Lake, meet at location. If you need help with a ride, coordinate one with Marcus in advance. Address: 1850 E. Island Lake Drive

WED July 15th 5:30-8:30pm Burleson's on Island Lake, meet at location. If you need help with a ride, coordinate one with Marcus in advance. Address: 2112 E. Island Lake Drive

WED July 22nd 5:30-8:30 pm Gravers on Lake Limerick, meet at church at 5:00pm to carpool or meet at location if possible. Address: 530 E. Saint Andrews Drive

WED July 29th 5:30-8:30pm Wilgenburg's, meet at church at 5:00pm to carpool or meet at location if possible. Address: 1340 SE Arcadia Road

AUGUST

WED August 5th 5:30-8:30pm Baker's and Burkhalter's hosting at Walker Park, meet at location. If you need help with a ride, coordinate one with Marcus in advance. Address: 2400 SE Walker Park Road

WED August 12th No Youth Group
Black Diamond Camp will be going on August 10-14th.

WED August 19th 5:30-8:30pm VanderWal's, meet at church at 5:00pm to carpool. Address: 571 SE Phillips Road
Note: address is not on or near Phillips Lake

WED August 26th 5:30-8:30pm Shelton Presbyterian Church, *LAST SUMMER YOUTH GROUP*. Parents with students interested in Belize Service trip, come from 8:00-8:30pm.



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Tina VanderWal

I woke up around midnight and went in to take my thyroid pill - a nightly ritual for 39 years. But when I went to turn on the water all I heard was a gurgling sound. Oh, no! I forgot to turn off the water to the garden! Our water system is fed by springs that collect in a 500-gallon tank, and I had just drained it. Only one thing to do, turn the sprinkler off.

So, I get on my robe and slippers and hike out to the garden holding my phone as a flashlight. As I open the gate to the garden, I am overcome by the beauty of the buttercups all around me, their little yellow petals catching the sparkle of the stars – amazing! I make my way over to shut off the sprinkler.

I am no longer angry at myself for forgetting, nor irritated about having to make the trek in the middle of the night. Instead, I look up at the many stars twinkling in the sky and down at the butter cups lining my path and I am grateful. Through some of my darkest days with my husband's and brother's strokes God is showing me that He will provide both light and beauty for wherever my path may take me.

If you are going through some tough dark times, look to Jesus for your comfort and solace. He will be there to guide you and to lighten your path just as He has done for me.

Thank you, sweet Lord, for midnight trips of reassurance that you are always present and shining in our lives.

"...even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."
Psalm 139:12