

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

David Epley Charles Harper  
Peggy Wright Jack Power  
Cal Harmon Sarah Hoffman  
Marjorie Reaves Virginia Brown  
Wanda Sue Ammerman

**HOMEBOUND**

Martha Sigmon Diane Loftin  
Lula Towery Bobbie Whisenant

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

Rev. Earle Potts—Room 1011  
Joyce Potts—Room 2022  
Joan Williamson—Room 240  
Joe Schell—Apt 205

**CAROLINA REHAB CENTER**

Peggy Miller—Room 110

**CV ASSISTED LIVING**

Mary Crump—Room 114

**BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern)**

Jackie Kanipe—Room 28  
(Cell: 252-497-5982)

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:**

Wally Davis Vae Hamilton  
Debbie Crotts Debbie Dickerson

Brenda Adams—outpatient surgery  
Randy Steelmon (with daughter)  
c/o Jody Davis  
6124 Joe Trail Ct  
Mebane, NC 27302

- \*Gavin (great-grandson of Marjorie Reaves) - upcoming surgery
- \*Michael Gantt (Charles & Brenda Gantt's son) - at Carolina Rehab Center of Burke
- \*Beverly Smith (friend and relative of Jerry & Susan Mallonee and Sandy Lawrence)
- \*Mrs. Sandra Foster (close friend of Rev. Peggy Stout)
- \*Gretchen Greiner (visitor)

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

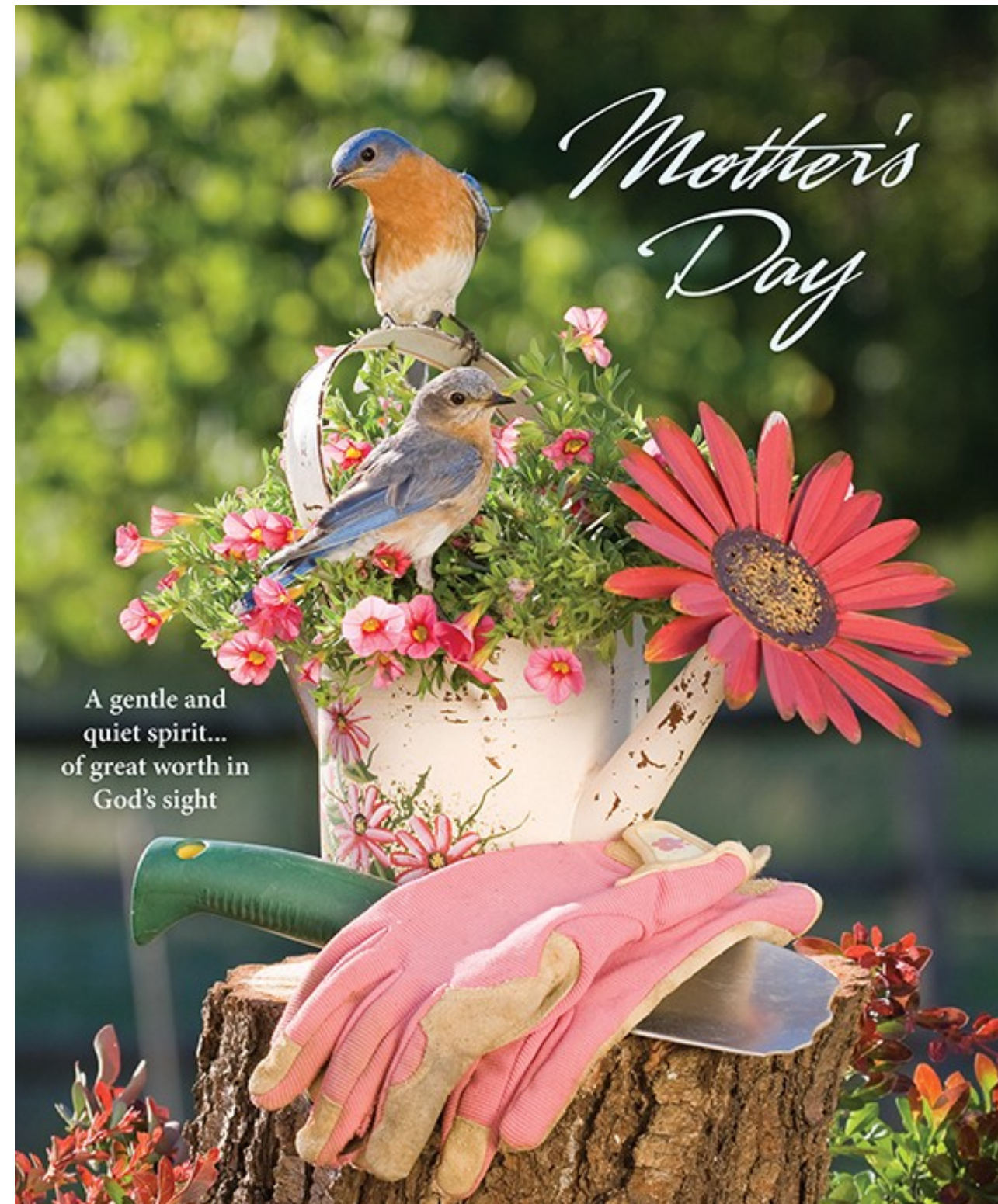
All Church Members, Ministers  
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor  
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader  
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs  
Marty Light, Organist  
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary  
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

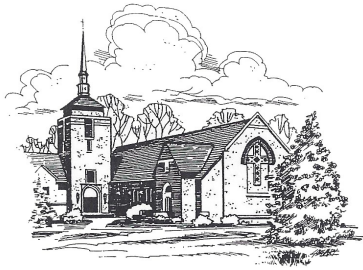
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 MOTHER'S DAY  
 MAY 09, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

*\*Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**HYMN**

*"O Worship the King"*

Choral Ensemble

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gloria Hill, Liturgist

Let us join together in praise and worship of the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us. Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us and the Holy Spirit who renews and empowers us.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gloria Hill, Liturgist

Most Gracious and Loving God, we greet you today with all humility and praise—for you are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the divine light and the spirit of guidance. Your light is in all things and your love is in all beings.

*Allow us to recognize you in all of your holy names and forms, and may the message of your love reach far and wide, illuminating and making the whole of humanity as one single family in the parenthood of God. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.*

**PIANO INTROIT**

Marty Light (*recording*)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Peggy Stout

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and whose mercy we often forget in the blindness of our hearts:

*(Hear now our silent confessions).*

Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

**ATTENTION ALL BOARD CHAIRPERSONS:**

If you would like to resume your meetings, please contact Tamara in the Church Office as soon as possible, so we can put you on the calendar!

The **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will meet **TOMORROW, May 10th at 7:00pm.** Please join us as we discuss summer activities for the kids and youth!

**Singles:**



Our Singles group will meet again on **Tuesday, May 11th** at Cracker Barrel in Hickory. This group is open to ALL single folks age 18 and older—never married, divorced, or widowed.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 16th:** Graduates Recognition & Scholarship Presentations—10:30am

**Sunday, May 23rd:** Strengthen the Church Offering received—10:30am

The Adult **CHANCEL CHOIR** will resume its regular weekly meetings on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm.

Please see Martha Caldwell for more information.

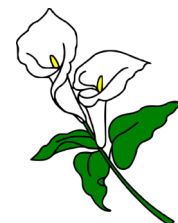


**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Liturgist:** Stephanie Anderson

**Lay Reader:** Kathy Alexander

**Flower Calendar:** Natalie Inman



**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Sonya Starnes in the loss of her father, Ed Starnes on May 6th. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer

\*HYMN

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Choral Ensemble

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

\*POSTLUDE

Marty Light (recording)



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and to thank all of the earthly and heavenly mothers as well as the mother-like figures that have blessed our lives.  
- Given by Susan Mallonee

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Martha Sigmon & Family in the loss of her son-in-law, Billy Lawrence Little on April 29th. A memorial service was held on May 2nd at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Claremont. Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Lincoln County, 900 Dontia Dr., Lincolnton, NC 28092; or to St. Mark's Lutheran Church Preschool, PO Box 550, Claremont, NC 28610; or Hearts & Hope Foundation, PO Box 596, Terrell, NC 28673.

How do you say **"THANK YOU"** when the words don't begin to seem enough? I have been humbled and so grateful to each and everyone of you. You were the ones who kept me strong throughout this horrible journey that I walked. But, I didn't walk it alone. Each of you walked it with me with your constant prayers, your cards and your phone calls, your words of comfort, understanding and strength. Your uplifting ways were my "God Sends" every day. You all are my brothers and sisters in Christ, my friends, but more than that you have become my extended family and I love you all.  
- Linda J. Hill



OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ruth 1:1-8, 16-18*

In the days when the judges ruled,<sup>1</sup> there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. <sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

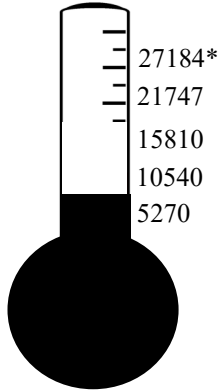
\*GOSPEL READING

*John 15:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

**All praise to You, Christ our Lord!**



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
May 02	—	129	—	129	—	\$ 6,419.50
May 09						
May 16						
May 23						
May 30						
<b>TOTALS</b>	—	129	—	129	—	\$ 6,419.50

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184\*.

## This Week

### SUNDAY, MAY 9

**Mother's Day**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)

10:30am—Traditional Worship

10:30am—Radio Broadcast

(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

### MONDAY, MAY 10

7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

### FRIDAY, MAY 14

### SATURDAY, MAY 15

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Graduates/Scholarship Presentations**

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)

10:30am—Traditional Worship

10:30am—Radio Broadcast

(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

Dear Trinity Members, I just want to **THANK YOU** so much for your constant love for all people and how you support and love one another with your service to God through this church. Your leaders and flock are special people. Your light shines of love and service! Thanks for allowing my family to honor our Mother in the beautiful memorial service held on April 24th. Your service and love to the people and to me and my family has made a huge spiritual difference in my life!

- Sincerely, Debbie Spencer-Ahrens

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** "O How He Loves You and Me" Choral Ensemble  
*O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;  
 He gave His life, what more could He give:  
 O how He loves you, O, how He loves me,  
 O how He loves you and me.*

*(Please be seated.)*

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

**RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS**

Jessica Spain

*(Please see Mother's Day Prayer insert.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Linda Hill, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Open our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ruth 1:1-8, 16-18*

Linda Hill, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

"Celtic Prayer"

Choral Ensemble

**\*GOSPEL READING**

*John 15:9-12*

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

**All praise to you, Christ our Lord!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Peggy Stout

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**HYMN**

"This is my Father's World"

Choral Ensemble

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*)

Kelsey Wise

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the***