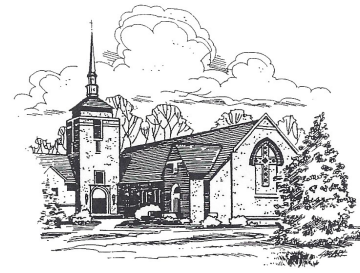


REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Gloria Hill

Lay Reader: Linda Hill

Flower Calendar: Susan Mallonee



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021—10:30 A.M.

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Greg Reitzel, Liturgist

Let us draw closer to the Lord who is our true source of life. For we are the branches that grow from God's Vine, and we are called upon to bear God's good fruit. Let us give praise then to the living Lord with all that we are!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Greg Reitzel, Liturgist

Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. We take our life from you. If we bear fruit in this world, it is from the nourishment we receive from your Spirit. Bless us in our gathering today as we seek to draw others into this blessed relationship you have granted to us. These things we pray in your mighty name. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light, Pianist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Merciful God, we have often neglected to nurture our relationship — our connection to you. We are slow to admit that we have been unfaithful branches of your vine. We too quickly forget the love and mercy we have received from you, and our witness to the world often leaves much to be desired. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to accept your loving pruning that we might bear the likeness of your Son and our Savior, 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

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 Choir

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
This is the good news of God's grace: though we were sinners, Christ died and paid the penalty for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

PRAISE RESPONSE "*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*" Choral Ensemble
*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for those blessings We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kate Wedrychowicz, Lay Reader
Holy and Loving God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.
Softener 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 4:10-16* Kate Wedrychowicz, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!


VOCAL SOLO "*My Tribute*" Ned Setzer, Soloist

GOSPEL READING *John 15:5, 8-17* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout



National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6th at 11:00am
Norman B. Coley Amphitheater
Conover City Park at Conover Station
361 5th Ave SE—Conover



- Preschool:**
- [May 4th](#): Virtual Spring Program & Children's Art Auction—"Following the Yellow Brick Road"
 - [May 6th](#): Mother's Day Outdoor Picnic Luncheon for all 3-4 and Pre-K Moms

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 9th: Mother's Day Recognition—10:30am

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

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

ATTENTION ALL BOARD CHAIRPERSONS:
As of now, NO board meetings are scheduled. 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!



NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 4:10-16*

¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING *John 15:5, 8-17*

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Randy Steelmon—UNC, Room 3715

RECUPERATING AT HOME

David Epley Charles Harper
Peggy Wright Don Patrick
Cole Reitzel 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 CTR OF BURKE

Peggy Miller—Room 110

CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn

Mary Crump—Room 114

BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern)

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

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Brenda Adams Wally Davis
Vae Hamilton Debbie Crotts
Debbie Dickerson

*Michael Gantt (Charles & Brenda Gantt’s son) - at Carolina Rehab Center of Burke

Home address: 1890 Knolls Dr
Newton, NC 28658

*Mrs. Sandra Foster (close friend of Rev. Peggy Stout) - at the Fountains of the Albemarle

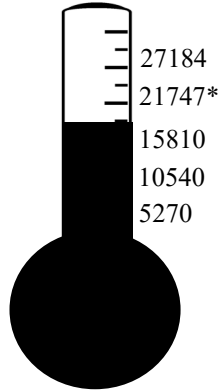
*Beverly Smith (friend and relative of Jerry & Susan Mallonee and Sandy Lawrence) - third degree burns all over upper torso

213 Eller Cove Rd
Weaverville, NC 28787

*Gretchen Greiner (visitor and friend of Sandy Lawrence)

THANK YOU for all the cards and calls I have received over the past several weeks. It is both comforting and reassuring to have that kind of support from Pastor Stout and our church family. Thank you to everyone for your kindness.
- Don Patrick

Trinity and Hugs & Stitches Ministry: I received my beautiful prayer blanket yesterday from you and others from your church. I am so very touched that I’ve been shown such love and compassion! **THANK YOU** so very much and please tell those who helped make it thank you and that I really love it! It has been a difficult, painful and scary time for me but I know so many prayers have lifted me up! I am so blessed! It is so special! It will always mean a lot to me!
- Beverly Smith



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
April 04	—	122	—	122	—	\$ 7,094.00
April 11	—	76	—	76	—	\$ 4,914.55
April 18	—	87	—	87	—	\$ 2,400.00
April 25	—	69	—	69	—	\$ 3,012.00
TOTALS	—	354	—	354	—	\$ 17,420.55

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30am—Sunday School (adults)
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship
(BACK in the Sanctuary!)
- 10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)
- 11:30pm—Consistory Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 3

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Preschool Virtual Spring Program

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

THURSDAY, MAY 6

- 11:00am—National Day of Prayer
Assembly @ Conover Station
- 12:00pm—Preschool Mother's Day
Luncheon, Outside

FRIDAY, MAY 7

SATURDAY, MAY 8

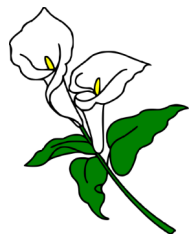
SUNDAY, MAY 9

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)

The **Adult CHANCEL CHOIR** will resume its regular weekly meetings on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm. Please see Martha Caldwell for more information.



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Margaret Lloyd "Peggy" Hollis who died on April 25th. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Abernethy Laurels, 102 Leonard Ave, Newton, NC 28658.



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory and Honor of God for the loving support of this church staff and its members!

- Given by Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM (*communion*)

"For the Bread"

Choral Ensemble

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Sharing

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup, and have made us one with Christ and each other. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and share the good news of your healing love and salvation for all people. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

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**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light, Organist