

<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Acolyte(s):</u></b> Nathan Lingle  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Marty Wilson  <b><u>Elder(s):</u></b>  Dennis Falder &amp; Kathy Winters  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant today:</u></b>  Dennis Falder</p>	<p><b><u>USHERS for September:</u></b>  Shuford Abernethy's Class</p> <p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b>  <b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Pat Bowers  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Rev. Earle Potts  <b><u>Treasurer Assistant:</u></b> Greg Reitzel  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Gloria Thomas</p>
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019—10:30 A.M.

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE Josh Herman, Guest Organist

\*PASTOR'S DECLARATION Rev. Peggy Stout  
Our hearts are called today, in unity of faith, to lift high the Holy name of our Creator God. So, let us worship the Lord our God in the beauty of His holiness.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #322 Blue Book

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(responsively)* Tommy Simmons, Liturgist  
Loving God, we have traveled to this place on many different paths. Our journeys are unique and each one is treasured.  
***Yet, at this time and place, our goal is always the same -- to meet You, O God, and to learn your ways.***  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

\*CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)* Tommy Simmons, Liturgist  
God of mercy, we come to you with penitent hearts seeking forgiveness.  
***We have been quick to learn the ways of the world: how to seek power over others, to always to be on the lookout for self and to make decisions based on greed,***  
but we have been slow in learning the teachings of Jesus: to love mercy, to lose one's self in service to others, to be forgiving, and to love you and our neighbors as ourselves.  
***Fill us with your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we may be cleansed of our sins and find what it means to be new persons in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***



Come and Celebrate with us—**Mary Schell's 85th Birthday!** We will have a light lunch and celebration on Saturday, October 5 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. *Please RSVP to Melissa Steelmon (828-409-4988) before October 1st!*

**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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**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout  
Friends, the God who judges us has been made known to us in Jesus Christ, who died and was resurrected for our sake. The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** “*Spirit of the Living God*” #155 Blue Book  
***Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.***  
(Please be seated.)

### LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*Unison*) Mike Brittain, Lay Reader  
***Eternal God, fill us this day with your Holy Spirit that we may be sensitive to your Presence, attentive to your Word, and faithful to your Way. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 16-19  
Mike Brittain, Lay Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Kathy Winters, Soloist

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 16:1-10 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

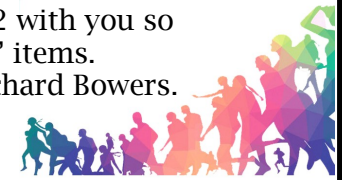
**ORGAN INTERLUDE** Josh Herman

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Peggy Stout  
**The Lord’s Prayer** (*unison*)  
***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

### Youth Luncheon & Hunger Scavenger Hunt

TODAY, immediately following Worship  
(to collect food for ECCCM).

All youth are invited to join us. Please bring \$2 with you so that we can go shopping for some “extra” items.  
Chaperones: Dennis Falder, Jennifer Lingle, Richard Bowers.  
Please see Rev. Peggy if questions.



**Volunteers are needed to help at ECCCM TOMORROW**—any time between 8am-4pm. If you can help for an hour or so, please show up at ECCCM and let them know you are with Trinity Reformed UCC! Thank you!

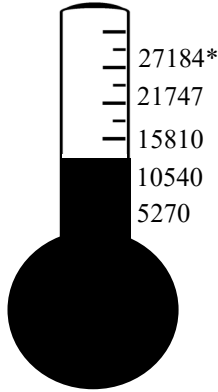
Next Sunday,  
Sept. 29:



We will celebrate **Homecoming** at the 10:30am Worship Service! This year, we are putting special emphasis on the MUSIC of the church. We have personally invited former Ministers, church members, and choir directors to join us on this special day! There will be various Anthems and special music for your entertainment—along with a delicious covered-dish lunch after the service. Face painting and balloon animals will be available for the kids during lunch!  
**We hope you will bring a dish to share and join us!**



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts. We will receive the Neighbors in Need (NIN) Offering on Sunday, October 6th during 10:30am Worship.  
**\*If you would like to donate early, envelopes may be found at the back of the Sanctuary today!\***



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
September 01	15	109	—	124	49	\$ 3,272.00	
September 08	—	149	—	149	49	\$ 5,346.00	
September 15	30	108	17	155	59	\$ 3,536.00	
September 22							
September 29							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>\$ 12,154.00</b>	

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

## This Week

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Ministry of Intercessory Prayer**

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
 11:45am—Youth Luncheon & Hunger Scavenger Hunt  
 \*NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00am—Volunteers to ECCCM

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00pm—Board of Budget & Finance Meeting, Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00am—Set-up for Homecoming

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Homecoming Sunday!**

9:15am—S.S. Assembly  
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)  
 10:30am—Homecoming Worship  
 11:45am—Covered-Dish Lunch  
 \*NO "Faith Alive!" Services Tonight!



**Donations and sign-ups are now being accepted for our FALL FESTIVAL!! We had an amazing turn-out last year—of over 500 children!! Please think about donating some candy this year!! A donation box can be found at the church office. Helpers are needed for Trunk-or-Treating and Cake Walk donations. (Please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary, or let Tamara know if you can help as soon as possible)!**

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

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Testimony

Tim Lail

Invitation

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

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.*

\*Offertory Prayer

Rev. Peggy Stout

\*HYMN

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#601 Blue Book

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

\*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE

Josh Herman



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Loving Memory of Matthew Deal for his birthday on September 21st.  
 - Given by Alicia Deal & Monica Wise

**THANK YOU** everyone for your calls, prayers, encouragement, care notes, and cards arriving daily. This meant so much during surgery and treatment. - Pauline Pope

Many **THANKS** to all for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits over the past several months to our dear father, Wade Shuford, Jr. - Hamp & Kathleen Shuford

**THANK YOU** for all your prayers, concerns, cards, calls, and visits during my rehab at Abernethy Laurels. I really appreciate you all. - Mabel Lawing



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 16-19*

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*GOSPEL READING**     *Luke 16:1-10*

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."  
<sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" <sup>6</sup>He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

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

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

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

<p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b> Mike Kilby Peggy Wright Sarah Hoffman Garland &amp; Darlene Whittaker</p>	<p><b><u>TRINITY RIDGE</u></b> Odessa Whitmire—Room 107  <b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING</u></b> Mary Crump—Room 114</p>
<p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b> Peggy Miller Paul &amp; Lula Towery Martha Sigmon Bobbie Whisenant Wanda Sue Ammerman</p>	<p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b> Mary Schell Todd Hendrix Virginia Brown Martin Light, Sr.—Marty Light's father Charles W Spencer, II—Debbie Spencer-Ahrens' son (in Kuwait) Becky Sherrill—cousin to Libby, Martha, Coy, Louise, &amp; Martha Caldwell</p>
<p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b> <b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b> Mabel Lawing—Room 1005 Joan Williamson Peggy Hollis Mary Tuttle Joe Schell</p>	

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the family of George Franklin Rockett, Jr. who passed away on September 13th. A funeral service was held this past Wednesday at Burke Mortuary Chapel.



**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the family of Robert Jay "RJ" York who passed away on September 13th. A funeral service was held yesterday at Conover Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Trinity Reformed UCC's Chancel Choir—217 2nd Ave NE—Conover, NC 28613.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Hamp Shuford and family on the loss of his father, Wade Hampton Shuford, Jr. on September 18th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 11:00am at Corinth Reformed Church in Hickory. The family will receive friends prior to the service, beginning at 9:30am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Catawba College, Wade H. & Joanne Shuford Scholarship Fund, 2300 W Innes St, Salisbury, NC 28144.