

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Charles Gantt
Mabel Lawing
Mike Kilby
Sarah Hoffman
Garland & Darlene Whittaker

HOMEBOUND

Paul & Lula Towery
Martha Sigmon

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson—Room 240
Mary Tuttle—Memory Care
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219
Joe Schell—Apt 205

BRIAN CENTER REHAB (Tate Blvd)

Wanda Sue Ammerman—Rm 503

CONOVER NURSING & REHAB

Bobbie Whisenant—Room 402

TRINITY RIDGE

Odessa Whitmire—Room 807

CAROLINA REHAB CENTER

Peggy Miller—Room 110

CV ASSISTED LIVING

Mary Crump—Room 114

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Lawrence Warf

Diane Loftin

Peggy Wright

Jasmine Badeaux

Debbie Spencer-Ahrens & mother,

Gloria DiSanto

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Will Hill & Samantha Berry

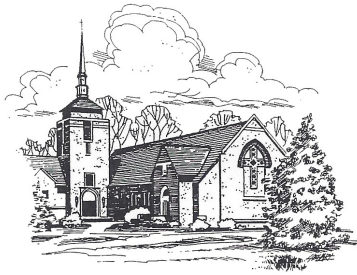
THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Sechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs
Marty Light, Organist
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019—10:30 A.M.

**Designates—“Those who are able may stand”*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE “*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*” Basque Carol/arr by Paul Manz
 Marty Light, Organist

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (*Responsively*) Jennifer Lingle, Liturgist
 Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive our worship.
Accept our joyful praise, O God, for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” #169 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*) Jennifer Lingle, Liturgist
 Most Gracious and Loving God: we thank you for your blessed Son, God made flesh among us. As you sent words of comfort and commission to Mary,
may you do so to us: steadying us in our walk as your disciples on earth, empowering us to carry forth your message of peace and justice into the world. We pray this, trusting in your most holy name. Amen.

***CHORAL INTROIT** Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Responsively*) Rev. Peggy Stout
 Holy God, We long to entrust our lives to you, and yet we struggle to do so, falling short time and time again despite our best intentions.
Help us to rise up when we stumble, trusting in your mercy and promise of redeeming love.
 We ask all these things in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom



TONIGHT at 5:00pm, come hear Marty, Kellie Light, and the Praise Team as they perform “**A Festival of Carols!**”

Light Supper will be provided after the program in the Sun Room at 6:00pm.

Helpers are needed at 3:00pm THIS Tuesday, December 24th to set-up Luminary bags for our Christmas Eve Service. Please join us in the front LEC parking lot to help. We will set-out almost 300 luminaries along the sidewalks of the church! Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 “Carols, Candles, & Communion”
 Tuesday, December 24th
 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

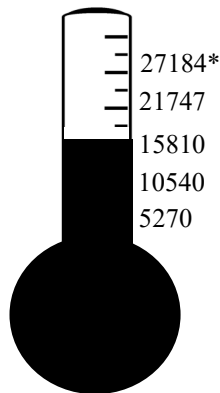


From the Lahu: Our Lahu members will host a very special **Christmas Worship Service** on Wednesday, December 25th in the Fellowship Hall! Worship will begin at 10:30am—followed by lunch together. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share and join us!



The Church Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th. We hope you all enjoy this time with your family and friends!!
Merry Christmas!

The UCC Christmas Fund Offering will be received during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. If you would like to donate early, you can find some purple envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary today.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>							
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving	
December 01	14	139	55	208	51	\$ 3,972.00	
December 08	16	129	—	145	—	\$ 4,055.00	
December 15	14	154	—	168	61	\$ 7,123.00	
December 22							
December 29							
TOTALS	44	422	55	521	112	\$ 15,150	

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

This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Christmas Cantata!
- 11:45am—PA Volunteers with Jeff W
- 5:00pm—Faith Alive! Christmas Program, “A Festival of Carols”
- 6:00pm—Supper

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Preschool **CLOSED**

Helpers will NOT be needed at ECCCM today—they are also closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Preschool **CLOSED**

*January Tablet Information Due

*Christmas Offering Fund Received

- 3:00pm—Helpers needed to assist in setting-up Luminaries
- 7:00pm—“Carols, Candles, & Communion” Service, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Preschool & Church Office **CLOSED**

- 10:30am—Lahu Christmas Worship & Lunch, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Preschool & Church Office **CLOSED**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Preschool **CLOSED**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

First Sunday after Christmas

*Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

- 9:15am—S.S. Assembly
- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- *NO “Faith Alive!” Services Tonight!

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

(Please be seated.)

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE *(Responsively)*

Judy Irwin, Soliel, Jaiden & Jax Seechang

Out of love for the people of God, the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah and said, “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God With Us).”

On the night Christ came to earth, the prophecy was fulfilled—out of the house of David, the Savior arose—a Savior given to redeem the whole world.

In celebration and gratitude for God’s amazing love for us in Jesus Christ, we light the candle of LOVE.

(Please light the candle.)

Let us pray: *(Unison)*

God of hope, Prince of Peace, and Lord of Love, your goodness is beyond our imagination. You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibility in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAISE RESPONSE “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 4) #178 Blue Book

*O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jessica Spain

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts. Amen.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-18

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN "Away in a Manger" (vs 1 & 3) #185 Blue Book

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout

Offertory "Offertory on a French Carol" arr by Edward Broughton

*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 (Please be seated.)

OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA—"A Great and Mighty Wonder" - presented by the Adult Chancel Choir under the direction of Martha Caldwell, Director.
(Please see insert.)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE "Raise Now Your Song on High" by Camille Saint-Saëns/
arr by Todd Kendall—Marty Light



THE POINSETTIAS adorning the church today are given in Loving Memory and Honor of our Loved Ones.
(Please see insert.)

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Ken Poovey and Family on the loss of his cousin, Jimmy Ray Poovey on December 13th. Jimmy was the son of the late church members Ray & Margie Poovey. A memorial service was held this past Tuesday at Bennett Funeral Home in Newton.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Randy Steelmon and Family on the loss of his mother, Mary Ruth Schell on December 17th. A memorial service will be held on January 11th. *More details will be forthcoming.*



*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-18

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

We are in the process of updating information for the Directory!
If your address or phone number has changed since the last Directory, please let Tamara know—so we can update yours!!

Also, a **church email prayer list** is sent around at least once a week. If you aren't receiving the emails (and would like to), please contact Tamara ASAP—Call 828-464-8226 OR email trinityucc@trucc.net!!

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE
Acolyte(s): Jakob Lackey
Cross Bearer: Eric Misenheimer
Elder(s): Tony Wells & Dawn Kilby
Nursery Attendant: Sonya Starnes
Treasurer Assistant today:
Sandy Lawrence
Ushers for December: Consistory

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Liturgist: Shuford Abernethy
Lay Reader: Ted Setzer
Treasurer Assistant: Natalie Inman
Flower Calendar: OPEN
Advent Readers (Christmas Eve): Ted & Becky Setzer, Eric & Nate Misenheimer