

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Steve Thornburg Ted Setzer
Danna Perkins Rev. Earle Potts
Sherry Eckard Jane Bartholomew

HOMEBOUND

Diane Loftin Peggy Wright
Joan Saine Martha Sigmon
Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson (Room 240)
Joe Schell (Apt 205)
Jane Hamilton (Room 1007-Grace)

GATEWAY (Lenoir)

Pat Roark (Room E-146)

PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)

Jack Power (Room 512)

TRINITY VILLAGE

Sarah Hoffman (Room 1009)
Bobbie Whisenant (Room 405)

GENESIS REHAB (SILER CITY, NC)

Roy Stout (Rev. Peggy's brother)

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Margie Reaves Debbie Crotts
Isabel Beall Carl Spencer

*Kim Crotts (husband of Debbie Crotts)
*Michael Gantt-son of Charles & Brenda
*Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara)
*Barbara Gore (friend of Tommy & Jo Ann Simmons)

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Brenda Carter (friend of Deb Hill) who lost a son on Nov. 19th.

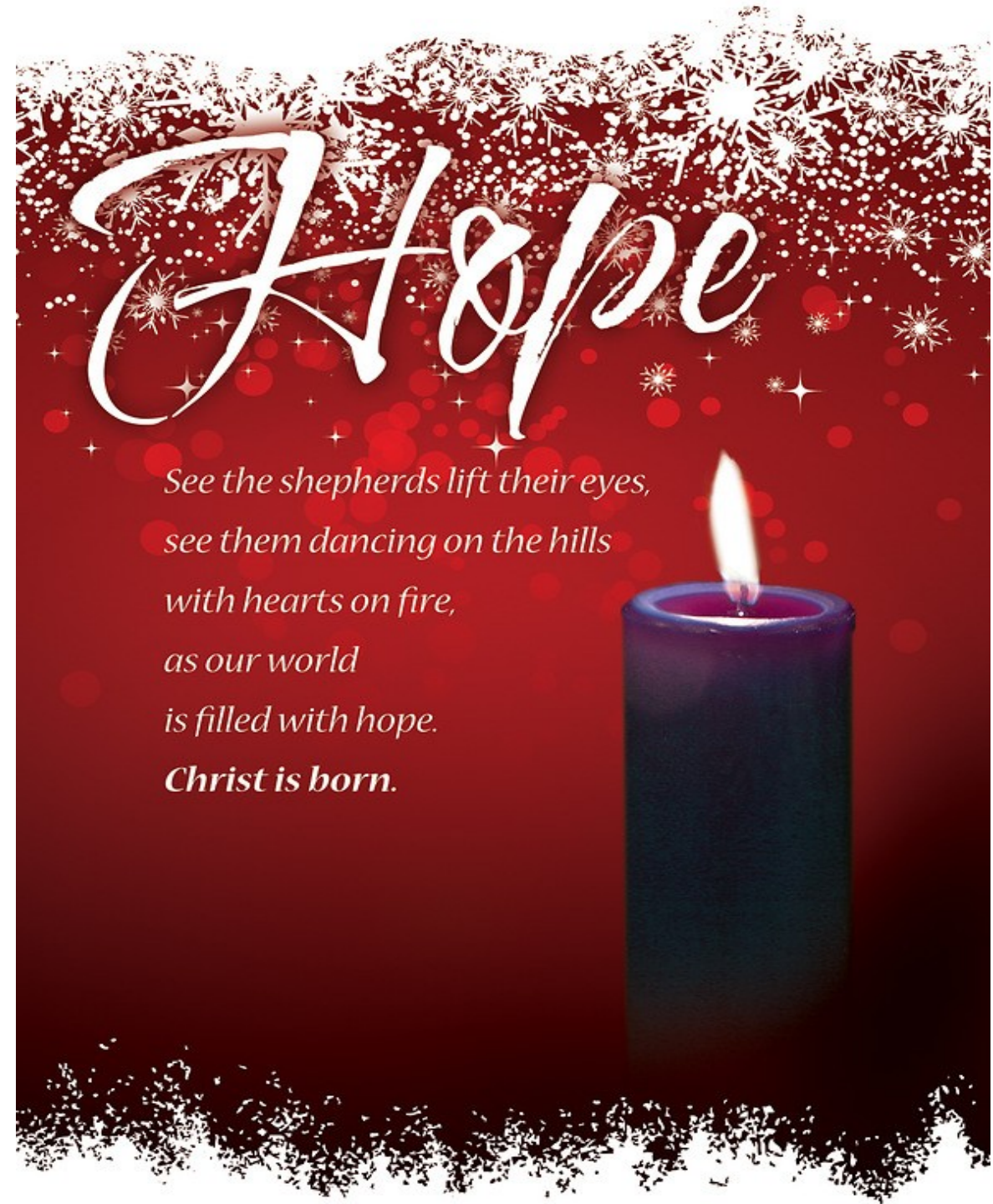
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Ron Young & family in the loss of his great-niece, Rebecca Boyd on Nov. 14th.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

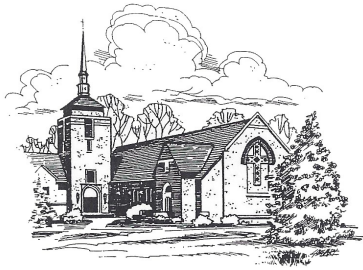
All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs
Marty Light, Organist
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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*I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation:
my God will hear me. Micah 7:7*



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 HANGING OF THE GREENS
 NOVEMBER 27, 2022—10:30 A.M.**

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Jennifer Lingle, Liturgist

As we worship today let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#193 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Responsively)*

Jennifer Lingle, Liturgist

Holy and Faithful God, we wait for you to come.

While we wait, O Lord, send us your Spirit to purify our lives that we may welcome your coming with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Responsively)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity and await with joy the coming in glory of Christ our Redeemer.

We ask all these things in the name of 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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)



Come back and join us **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm for our **Advent Craft Workshop!** Christmas Crafts, Music, & Food for all ages!!

Lunch Fellowship for Older Adults (age 60 & older)
Wednesday, November 30 from 11:45am—1:00pm

Subway box lunches (sandwich, chips, & cookie). Tea, Coffee, and Water will be provided. Please join Rev. Peggy for an informal time of food, fellowship, and conversation with your church friends. (Door prizes to be awarded!)

Cost for box lunches: \$9.00 per person

Please sign-up on the paper at the back of the Sanctuary or call the church office to make a reservation.



TANGLEWOOD OUTING ~ Sunday, December 4

We will leave from the church at 4:00pm. Our group will stop and eat in Statesville and then head on to Tanglewood to see the lights. Please bring money for dinner on the way (fast food), plus \$3/per person for gas and the van admission to Christmas lights. *Greg Reitzel will be driving the van.*

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Sanctuary.

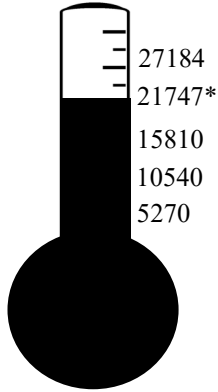
Christmas Cookie Swap
Saturday, December 10—10:00am

Please RSVP by Monday, December 5th by calling the church office—(828)464-8226.

We hope you can join us!

If you have questions, call the church office or Susan Mallonee at (828)423-5060 or email susanmallonee@gmail.com.





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
November 06	88	14	28	\$ 9,874.00
November 13	84	18	8	\$ 3,602.30
November 20	92	14	66	\$ 6,388.50
November 27				
TOTALS	264	46	102	\$ 19,864.80

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

The Trinity Foundation will receive requests for project funding from the Shuford Fund beginning on November 7, 2022 through December 23, 2022. Applications are in the church office and should be completed and submitted to the Trinity Foundation Mail Box in the church office lobby. Approved projects will be based on demonstrated need and earnings available from the Shuford Fund in 2022. Expected approval is in February 2023.

This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
 5:00pm—Advent Workshop, LEC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Deadline for Christmas Poinsettias
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 9:00am—Volunteers needed @ ECCCM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 11:45am—Good Timers’ Luncheon
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
 *FH, P—Reserved (Sonya Starnes)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
Second Sunday of Advent
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
 11:30am—Consistory Meeting
 4:00pm—Tanglewood Outing

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

Saturday, December 10 from 9am-8pm
 at Walmart in Conover. *We are hoping for two volunteers for each hour!*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE Jason, Lisa, Aubrey, & Olivia Herman
 Today is the beginning of Advent—the preparation for celebrating Christ’s birth. During Advent we have the practice of lighting the Advent wreath. We light the candles to remember that Jesus’ light is born into the world and is all around us.

(Please light one purple candle in the wreath.) We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but we are to share that hope with the world.

Let us pray:
O God, we thank you that Jesus brought hope into our world. By the good news of the Bible you are still bringing hope to people. Take the light of Christ and magnify it within us that we may point others to the hope of the world. Amen.

CHANCEL PRAISE RESPONSE “Light One Candle” Chancel Choir

HANGING OF THE GREENS

(In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of the prophets let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.)

Litany (Responsively) Rev. Peggy Stout
 How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God’s Royal Son?
With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
 How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?
With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever-green and with candles that symbolize the eternal light of Christ.
(The cedar branch and holly will be placed on altar and a candle will be lit on the altar.)

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
With wreaths of holly, ivy, and the humble poinsettia, symbolizing His passion, death and resurrection.
(Poinsettias to be put on pulpit and lectern table.)

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?
By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.
 “For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”
Glory to God in the highest.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2-5a* Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
ANTHEM *"An Invitation to Advent"* Chancel Choir
OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7* Duane Alexander, Lay Reader
HYMN *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* (vs 1 & 3) #197 Blue Book
(Wreaths are hung on the pulpit and lectern.)
OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1-6* Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
*HYMN *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"* #190 Blue Book
(Placing of Chrismons and Lighting of the Christmas Tree.)
*GOSPEL READING *Luke 8:26-33, 38-39* 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 MEDITATION Marty Light
PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
 Invitation Rev. Peggy Stout
 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
*HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* #377 Blue Book
*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout
*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir
*CHIMES
*POSTLUDE Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Grayson Wyatt Hill (11-29-19), the infant son of William & Samantha Berry Hill.

- Given by Deb Hill

THE FLOWERS on the piano today are given in Loving Memory of my son, Samuel Walker Adams (1986-2013), whose birthday is being celebrated in heaven today.

- Given by Brenda Adams

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to John Houston & family in the loss of his father, George Houston on November 19th. A celebration of life was held this past Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Woodlawn Baptist Church, 440 7th St Pl SW, Conover, NC 28613.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Sonya Starnes, Alonzo Cunningham, & family in the loss of her life partner and his father, Rashard Cunningham on November 20th in Virginia Beach, VA. Funeral arrangements?

Hugs & Stitches: I cannot express in words what your blanket gift means to me. The time that it took to create it was pure love. Your gift is greatly appreciated and will be cherished for the rest of my life. **THANK YOU** for remembering me with your kindness.
- Lawrence Warf

Hugs & Stitches, **THANK YOU** for the shawl that I received. Whenever I wrap it around me I feel secure and at peace. I feel the presence of others praying for me and our family. I praise God for your ministry. Thank you again for your wonderful love.
- God's Blessings, Brenda Powell

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Alcolyte: —

Cross Bearer: Dennis Falder

Elder(s) of the Month:

Dennis Falder & Kathy Alexander

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Jerry Mallonee

Lay Reader: Dawn Kilby

Flower Calendar: OPEN

Advent Readers: Mike & Patty Fay,
Jessica Spain