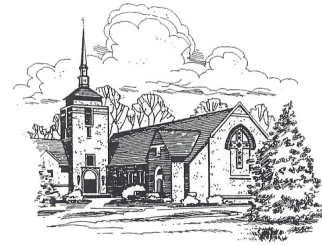


<p><b><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u></b>  <b><u>Alcolyte:</u></b> Jacob Houston  <b><u>Cross Bearer:</u></b> Jerry Mallonee  <b><u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u></b>          Shuford Abernethy &amp; Jerry Mallonee  <b><u>Nursery Attendant:</u></b> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><b><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Liturgist:</u></b> Tim Lail  <b><u>Lay Reader:</u></b> Cindy Abel  <b><u>Flower Calendar:</u></b> Alicia Deal</p>
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*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 SEPTEMBER 11, 2022—10:30 A.M.

**Please welcome our very special guest, Rev. Sandi Hood!** Rev. Hood serves as the Director of Community Outreach for Carolina Caring. Prior to joining Carolina Caring, she served as an Associate Pastor at Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory. She believes in giving back to the community and was previously an Adjunct Chaplain for Catawba Valley Medical Center, Associate Chaplain for Frye Regional Medical Center, Board of Ministers member for Gardner Webb University, and board member for the Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. Rev. Hood is married to local attorney, David Hood. They have two children, Callie and Wilson.

**Flowers By Lester Lane**  
 4932 Macedonia Church Rd—Vale, NC 28168  
 (704) 462-2406

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>To ensure your flowers are delivered by Sunday, Lester Lane asks that you give him plenty of time to get your vases together. He requests that calls be made by <u>TUESDAY</u> of the week that you have flowers. Tamara will try to get reminders out as soon as possible during the week. Thank you for your help in this matter.</i></p>
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**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  
 Marty Light, Organist  
 Joe Hart, Financial Secretary  
 Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dennis Falder, Consistory President

**PRELUDE** Marty Light, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)** Linda Hill, Liturgist  
 God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home—***God calls when we wander from the path and waste the gifts we have been given.*** God calls and always welcomes us back, no matter how far we stray. ***Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's Presence and welcoming love!***

**\*HYMN** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #240 Blue Book

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsively)** Linda Hill, Liturgist  
 We praise you for creating this world in all its beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of the Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. ***May your Holy Spirit work among us now to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.***

**\*PIANO INTROIT** Marty Light

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Responsively)** Pat Bowers  
 Gracious and Loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world and see only violence, pain, destruction,

and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength and devices rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through life's circumstances.

**Forgive us, O Lord!**

Help us to turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us to navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us to put our trust in you, day by day, moment by moment. 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 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.***

\*PRAISE RESPONSE

*On Eagles' Wings*  
***And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 Make you to shine like the sun,  
 And hold you in the palm of my hand.***

*(Please be seated.)*

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Responsively)*

Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader

God of mercy, shine the truth of your unwavering love for us through the reading of the scriptures, ***and through your Holy Spirit, may all that is lost in our lives be found and may all that is broken be healed, that we might be your faithful disciples. Amen.***

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Timothy 1:12-17*

Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Duet—Todd Dickerson & Cindy Abel

\*GOSPEL READING

*Luke 15:1-10*

Rev. Sandi Hood

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

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

SERMON

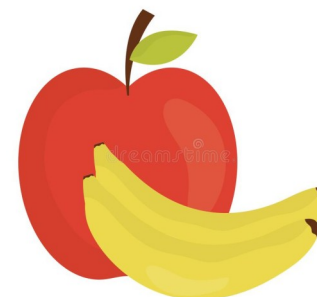
*"Hide and Seek"*

Rev. Sandi Hood

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are Care Note pads provided on 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>HOSPITALIZATIONS</u></b>          Don Patrick—Baptist</p> <p><b><u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u></b>          Martha Sigmon      Virginia Brown          Margie Reaves      Rev. Earle Potts          Sherry Eckard</p> <p><b><u>HOMEBOUND</u></b>          Diane Loftin      Peggy Wright          Wanda Sue Ammerman</p> <p><b><u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u></b>          Joan Williamson (Room 240)          Joe Schell (Apt 205)</p> <p><b><u>CV ASSISTED LIVING</u></b>          Mary Crump (Room 114)</p> <p><b><u>GATEWAY (Lenoir)</u></b>          Pat Roark (Room E-146)</p> <p><b><u>TRINITY VILLAGE</u></b>          Sarah Hoffman (Room 1009)          Bobbie Whisenant (Room 405)</p> <p><b><u>PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)</u></b>          Jack Power (Room 512)</p>	<p><b><u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u></b>          Nathan Lingle      Linda Hill          Tim Setzer      Pauline Pope          Ted Setzer      Jo Ann Simmons          Libby Overcash      Homer Laube</p> <p>*Kim Crotts (husband of Debbie Crotts)          - to have carotid artery surgery 9-15</p> <p>*Michael Gantt (son of Charles &amp; Brenda)</p> <p>*Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara)</p> <p>*Jackie Huffman (sister of Becky Setzer)          - at Conover Rehab/fractured hip</p> <p>*Gretchen Greiner—at Charlotte Hospital</p> <p>*Gene &amp; Beth Holland (friends of Hamp &amp; Kathleen Shuford) - Hospice</p> <p><b><u>CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY</u></b> to David Michael &amp; Family in the loss of his nephew, Berlie Michael, III on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Longs, SC. <i>Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.</i></p>
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**Attention Trinity Women—SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, October 15th at 9:30am.**

**Farm-to-Table Brunch & Learn**

Bring a friend and enjoy a delicious brunch while learning about family and budget-friendly farm fresh nutrition, recipes, and more with Tina McGillvary, Family and Consumer Sciences Catawba Extension Agent. Stay tuned for more information. Volunteers needed to help—please contact Susan (828-423-5060, [susanmallonee@gmail.com](mailto:susanmallonee@gmail.com)).



**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

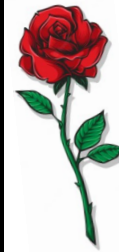
<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners —of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**\*GOSPEL READING**      *Luke 15:1-10*

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” <sup>8</sup>“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup> and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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



**THE ROSE** on the altar today is given in honor of Howard “Howie” Monsees Carter, born on September 6th to parents Nolan & Kelsey Carter. Howie was born at 4:01pm in Greensboro and weighed 8lbs, 12oz! He is John & Terra West’s grandson.

The Consistory will meet **TODAY**, immediately following Traditional Worship in the Chapel.

**Conover Community Blood Drive**

Wednesday, September 21st from 2:30—7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Please schedule your appointment today by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
and enter: Trinity Reformed OR call 1-800-733-2767.

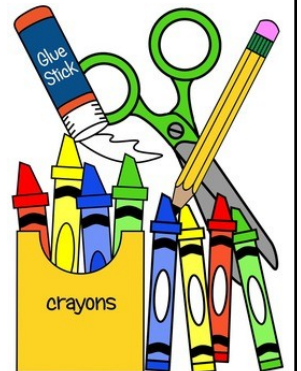
**Southern Conference UCC’s 57th Annual Gathering**—“*Becoming a Community of Hope & Healing: A Path toward Trauma-Informed & Resilience Building Ministry*”  
**September 24, 2022**

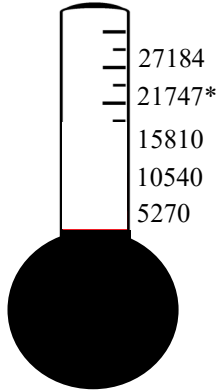
*Due to the restrictions that the new COVID variant has imposed upon our society, we will be once again having a virtual gathering where we will rely on technology completely. It will begin with opening worship at 10:00am and conclude at 3:30pm. Registration Fee—\$25. Register by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southern-conference-57th-annual-gathering-tickets-404287584047>.*

**Throughout the month of September**, we will be collecting School Supplies for Snow Creek Elementary School. Donations may be placed in the box outside of the church office or in the Sanctuary foyer.

We are looking for things like:  
#2 Pencils, Notebook Paper, Spiral Notebooks,  
Pencil Boxes, Children’s Scissors, Crayons,  
Glue Sticks, etc.

Thank you for your help!





<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
September 4	79	10	65	\$ 5,041.00
September 11				
September 18				
September 25				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$ 5,041.00</b>

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

## *This Week*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship  
(with Rev. Sandi Hood)
- 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
- 11:30am—Consistory Meeting

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 7:00pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 9:00am—Preschool in Session
- 3:00pm—Feeding the Football Team

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

#### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Fall Kick-Off Sunday!

- 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
- 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
- 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
- 11:30am—Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon
- 12:15pm—Face Painting & Balloon  
Artist to visit!

All are invited to join us for our informal **Cookie/Lemonade Fellowship on Sunday, September 25th in the Sun Room, immediately after worship.** (Patsy Wells' Class will host our fellowship.) Please join us for refreshments as we fellowship and introduce ourselves to our visitors.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN "Amazing Grace" #107 Blue Book

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*) Rev. Sandi Hood

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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Pat Bowers

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

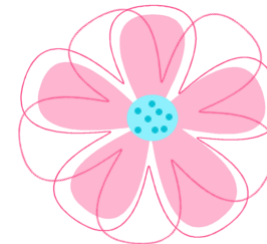
\*HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #455 Blue Book

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION Rev. Sandi Hood

My friends, go into the world—knowing that it is God who loves us, Christ who strengthens us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for service. **Amen.**

\*CHIMES

\*POSTLUDE Marty Light



### HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of all of our Grandparents! Please take a moment to appreciate all the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring to our lives!

- Given by Shirley Poovey