

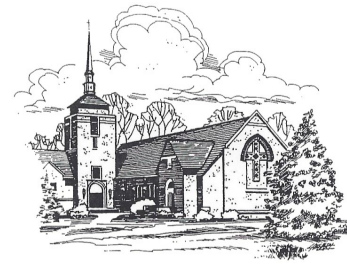
<p><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u> <u>Cross Bearer:</u> Joye Lane <u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u> Pat Bowers <u>Nursery Attendant:</u> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u> <u>Liturgist:</u> Sydney Mateyunas <u>Lay Reader:</u> Cindy Abel <u>Flower Calendar:</u> Deb Hill</p>
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Beginning immediately, we will be using **Twigs & Twine in Conover** for our Altar Flower vases. Please call (704) 325-0557 to order your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday. *(Flowers must be paid for when ordering.)*
If you have any questions, please contact Becky Setzer at 828-962-8282.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
All Church Members, Ministers
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Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 2023—10:30 A.M.

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE Marty Light, Organist

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Responsively)* Greg Reitzel, Liturgist
Holy God, we gather because you have called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation, and for this, we join all creation in praising and thanking you.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
As we offer our praise today, we ask you to continue to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope.
Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"* #323 Blue Book

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Responsively)*
Rev. Peggy Stout

We have made our choice to follow you, Father. But we forget that every day we must choose. Too often, our negligence to choose righteousness leads us into the way of sin. Forgive us for our failure to consciously decide each day to live in accordance with your will. Convict us of our sins and share with us your forgiveness that we may remain in fellowship with you.

***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**

*“Spirit of the Living God”
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.*

#155 Blue Book

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Jessica Spain

HYMN

“Jesus Love Me, This I Know” (vs 1)

#226 Blue Book

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Unison)*

Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

Send your Holy Spirit among us, O God. Prepare our minds to hear your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear, and purify our will to obey in joy and in faith. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:11-16, 19-20a

Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:21-26

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

Todd Dickerson

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 seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living***

The Church Staff will meet TODAY, immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your calendars as we discuss upcoming events from January—June 2023!

Our Community-wide Conover Churches are sponsoring a **“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Ceremony”**

Sunday, January 15th
7:00pm

@ McQueen’s Chapel UMC



GOOD TIMERS’ LUNCH & GIFT EXCHANGE

Wednesday, January 18th

11:45am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

We will be having homemade vegetable beef soup, chicken salad and pimento cheese croissants, & homemade cake for lunch. Tea, lemonade, and water will be provided. Cost: \$10/per person.

****Let’s do a “re-gifting” — if you have something you can’t use or want someone else to enjoy, please bring your wrapped or “bagged” gift and let’s exchange with one another. (Any gifts left will be donated to LINC Gift & Thrift Store in Newton.)***

Please sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary or call the church office (828-464-8226) as soon as possible.



Conover Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 18th

2:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed—please contact Dawn Kilby (828-381-2704) if you can assist.

Helpers are needed at **ECCCM** (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries) on Monday, January 23rd any time between 9am-4pm.

ECCCM has a number of volunteer opportunities to appeal to every person, allowing you to use your gifts and interests. For more information, please call 828-465-1702: (thrift store: ext 123 for Christina or food pantry: ext 116 for Allen.)



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:11-16, 19-20a

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. ¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:21-26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, ^a and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister ^{b|c} will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' ^d is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. 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

<u>RECUPERATING AT HOME</u>		<u>ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:</u> Carl Spencer Margie Reaves Jeanne Whitmire *Kim Crotts (husband of Debbie Crotts) *Michael Gantt-son of Charles & Brenda *Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara) *Roy Stout (Rev. Peggy's brother) *Nancy Greer (friend of Libby Overcash)
Jane Hamilton	Ted Setzer	
Sherry Eckard	Jane Bartholomew	
<u>HOMEBOUND</u>		
Diane Loftin	Peggy Wright	
Joan Saine	Martha Sigmon	
Virginia Brown	Danna Perkins	
Wanda Sue Ammerman		
<u>IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES</u>		
<u>ABERNETHY LAURELS</u>		
Joan Williamson (Room 240) Joe Schell (Apt 205)		
<u>GATEWAY (Lenoir)</u>		
Pat Roark (Room E-146)		
<u>PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)</u>		
Jack Power (Room 512)		



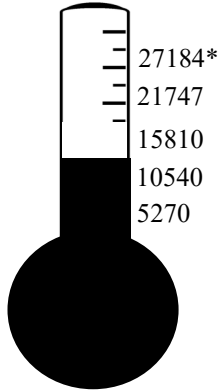
Church-wide Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, January 22nd—5:00PM

Please join us for a night of fellowship, food, and fun!!

Bring your favorite Chili dish to share!!
(These may be beef chili, chicken chili, vegetarian chili, etc...)

Come HUNGRY!! We will have dinner after judging—where you pick your favorite.

Prizes to be presented to: Best Overall, Best Beef Chili, Best Chicken Chili, etc.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
January 01	35	25	66	\$ 6,642.24
January 08	97	18	40	\$ 5,525.50
January 15				
January 22				
January 29				
TOTALS	132	43	106	\$ 12,167.74

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

This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
Second Sunday after Epiphany
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 (Lahu Mission Report/Thailand)
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
 11:30am—Church Staff Meeting
 7:00pm—Dr. MLK, Jr. Remembrance
 Service @ McQueen’s Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
**Preschool Closed*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 11:45am—Good Timer’s Lunch & Gift
 Exchange, Fellowship Hall
 2:30pm—Community Blood Drive
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
Third Sunday after Epiphany
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

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.

*HYMN “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” #421 Blue Book

OFFERING 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.*

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN “Trust and Obey” #454 Blue Book

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Love and to the Glory of God.

THANK YOU for all the well wishes, prayers, phone calls, prayer shawls, and notes sent while I was undergoing and recovering from surgery. I am very appreciative to be a part of such a caring congregation.. - Bruce Rockett