

<p><u>IN THE LORD'S SERVICE</u> <u>Alcolyte:</u> Jacob Houston <u>Cross Bearer:</u> Jerry Mallonee <u>Elder(s) of the Month:</u> Shuford Abernethy & Jerry Mallonee <u>Nursery Attendant:</u> Sonya Starnes</p>	<p><u>REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:</u></p> <p><u>Liturgist:</u> Deb Hill <u>Lay Reader:</u> Kathy Alexander <u>Flower Calendar:</u> Gene Hamilton</p>
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Flowers By Lester Lane

4932 Macedonia Church Rd—Vale, NC 28168
(704) 462-2406



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 TUESDAY 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.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022—10:30 A.M.

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *"This is the Day"* Chancel Choir

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Tim Lail, Liturgist
Holy God and our Redeemer, draw near to us as we worship. Open our hearts and minds to encounter the revelation you have for us today. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the One who loved us and gave Himself for us—Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #21 Blue Book

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

Forgive us, O Lord! Help us to live our lives inspired by your generosity, reassured by your mercy, and empowered by your love.

We ask all these things in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus 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 Eagle's 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 *(Unison)*

Cindy Abel, 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Timothy 2:1-7

Cindy Abel, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ORGAN MEDITATION

Marty Light

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 16:1-15

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev Peggy Stout

HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

#6 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**

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

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Danna Perkins—CVMC

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Don Patrick Martha Sigmon
Virginia Brown Margie Reaves
Rev. Earle Potts Sherry Eckard

HOMEBOUND

Diane Loftin Peggy Wright
Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson (Room 240)
Joe Schell (Apt 205)

CV ASSISTED LIVING

Mary Crump (Room 114)

GATEWAY (Lenoir)

Pat Roark (Room E-146)

TRINITY VILLAGE

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

PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)

Jack Power (Room 512)

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Linda Hill Tim Setzer
Pauline Pope Ted Setzer
Jo Ann Simmons Homer Laube
Vae Hamilton

*Kim Crotts (husband of Debbie Crotts)
- to have carotid artery surgery 9-15
*Michael Gantt (son of Charles & Brenda)
*Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara)
*Jackie Huffman (sister of Becky Setzer)
- at Conover Rehab/fractured hip
*Gretchen Greiner—at Charlotte Hospital

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

to the family and friends of Eugene Matthew Holland, Jr., who passed away on September 11th. Gene and his wife (Beth) are close friends of Hamp & Kathleen Shuford.



WNCA Annual Meeting—Saturday, October 1st at Abernethy Laurels in Newton. We will begin gathering at 9am and hope to be adjourned by 3pm. The theme is "We Are Family." Registration is \$25 per delegate, which includes lunch. Please register by September 21st through Eventbrite.



NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 16:1-15

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ ³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ ⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶“Nine hundred gallons^{sq} of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ ⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels^{sq} of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ ⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” ¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!



After Worship, please join us in the LEC for a delicious Baked Potato/Salad Bar Luncheon, Special Music, and Teacher Recognition. We will have Face Painting and Balloon Animals for the kids!

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 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>.

NEXT Sunday, September 25: High Attendance Sunday!

Please bring a friend or two to join you during Sunday School and/or Worship!

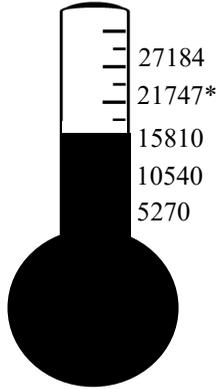
We will also have our Cookie/Lemonade Fellowship after church!

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	59	13	37	\$ 2,456.10
September 18				
September 25				
TOTALS	138	23	102	\$ 7,497.10

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

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Kick-Off Sunday!

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 2:30pm—Conover Community Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
 9:00am—Preschool in Session
 9:30am—Hugs & Stitches Ministry
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines'

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
 9:00am—Preschool in Session

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
 10:00am—Southern Conference UCC Annual Meeting (Virtual)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
High Attendance Sunday!
Possible New Member (Bita)
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
 11:30am—Cookie/Lemonade Fellowship, SunRoom

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*) Deb Hill

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.

(Please be seated.)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Choir & Congregation
Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire. Flow, River, flow, Flood the nations with love and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "The Trees of the Field" Chancel Choir

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Loving Memory of Matthew Deal for his 45th birthday on September 21st.
 - Given by Alicia Deal & Monica Wise

We would like to **THANK** the members of Trinity UCC who took the time to send a card, visit, or call Mother on her 90th Birthday. The card shower was a big hit. She read each card, and she was so excited to hear from members she has not seen in a long time. It was an amazing show of love and kindness, and remarkably, she did not receive any two cards alike. Your thoughtfulness touched her heart and ours too!
 - God's Blessings, Marjorie Reaves' Family