

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Joyce Potts—CVMC (Room 435)

RECUPERATING AT HOME

David Epley Peggy Wright
Jack Power Cal Harmon
Sarah Hoffman Marjorie Reaves
Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

HOMEBOUND

Martha Sigmon Diane Loftin
Lula Towery Bobbie Whisenant

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

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

CAROLINA REHAB CENTER

Peggy Miller (Room 110)

CV ASSISTED LIVING

Mary Crump (Room 114)

BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern, NC)

Jackie Kanipe (Room 28)
(Cell: 252-497-5982)

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Rev. Earle Potts
Wally Davis
Vae Hamilton
Debbie Crotts
Debbie Dickerson
Brenda Adams
Randy Steelmon

*Gavin (great-grandson of Marjorie Reaves) - upcoming surgery

*Michael Gantt (son of Charles & Brenda Gantt) - at Atrium Carolina Acute Rehab in Charlotte

*Stephanie Hardy (wife of Phil Hardy, Executive Director at JRVC)

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

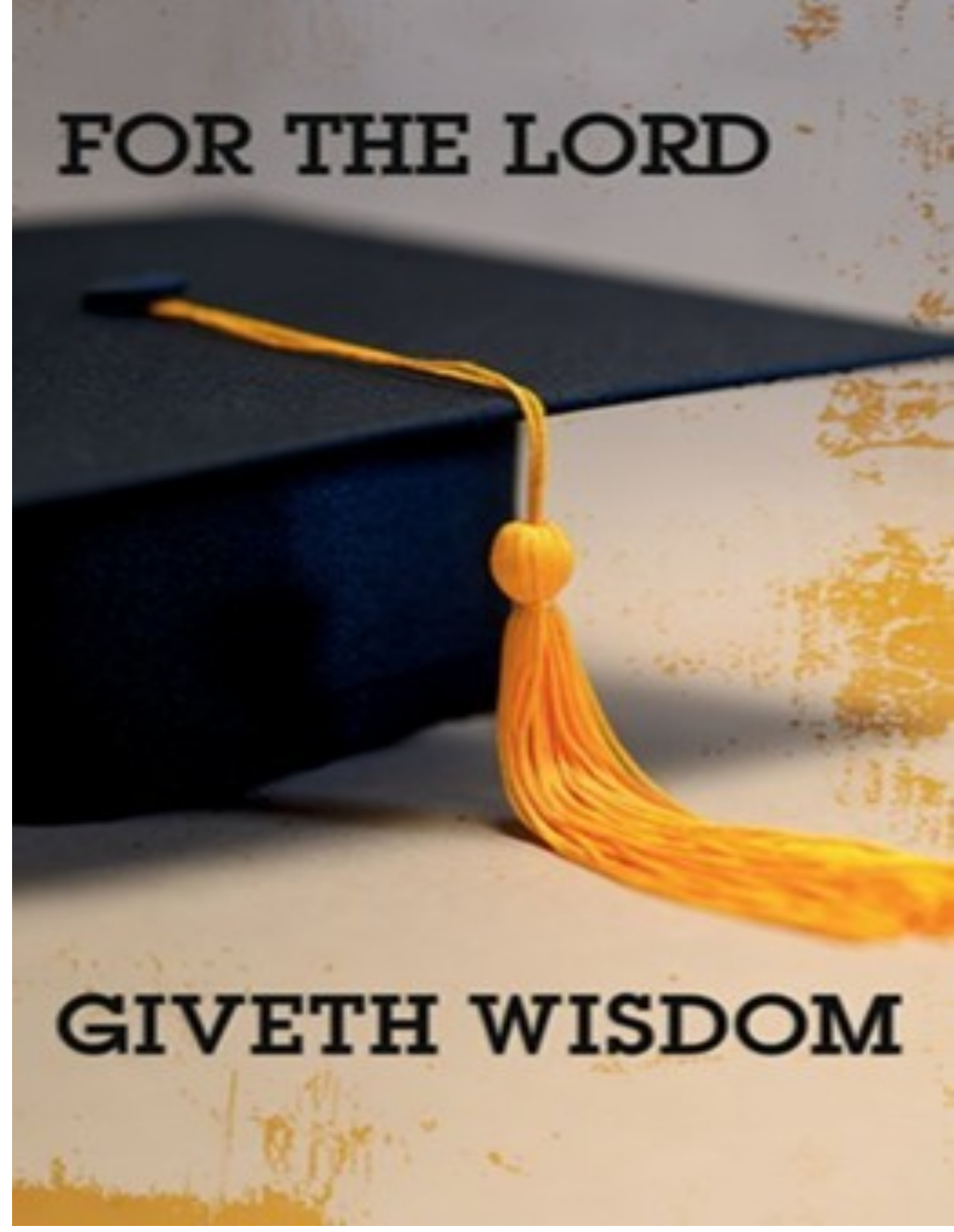
All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choirs
Marty Light, Organist
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

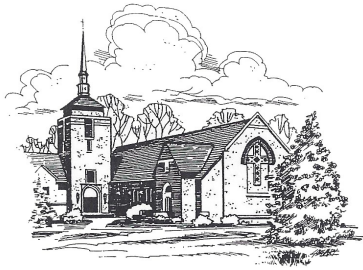
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Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 GRADUATES SUNDAY
 MAY 16, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephanie Anderson, Liturgist
 "This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24).

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Stephanie Anderson, Liturgist
 Come among us, O Lord and receive our worship this day. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light and hope into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son—one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTROIT Marty Light, Organist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout
 Holy and Merciful God, we so often get involved with the things of this world, and we forget Your purpose for us in it. Too often we get attached to what will not last and we forget eternity, or we see only the here and now and forget that we are set aside not to be of this world, but sent into this world. Lord, forgive us and grant us strength to be living witnesses for you, in both our words and our actions. 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,



Graduates' Prayer Shawls

HIGH SCHOOL: The knit prayer shawls are done in the "Basket Weave" pattern, utilizing three rows of three knit stitches followed by three purl stitches across the width of the shawls, then reversed for the next three rows. This is symbolic of the Holy Trinity and our church.

COLLEGE: "Chained Star" is a traditional quilt block pattern that actually requires four blocks put together in order to see the star, reminding us that we can only see a portion of God's plan for us. The star reminds us of the star of Bethlehem that heralded the birth of Christ. The squares are the chains—representing our sins that He paid for with His death on the cross. The three colors symbolize the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as well as your Trinity family.

Rev. Peggy would like to meet with ALL Kids and Youth Sunday School teachers, TODAY.

Please join her in the Chapel, immediately following Worship Services.



The Adult **CHANCEL CHOIR** will resume its regular weekly meetings THIS Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm.

Please get your folders from the choir room and come to the Sanctuary. We need to figure out how to sing at a safe distance. Please see Martha Caldwell with questions or concerns.

Sunday, May 23rd: Strengthen the Church Offering received—10:30am

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

Choral Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

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

Rev. Peggy Stout

*HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Choral Ensemble

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Peggy Stout

*POSTLUDE

Marty Light, Organist



OLD TESTAMENT READING *I Samuel 16:1-7*

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 5:1-10

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them. He said:³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

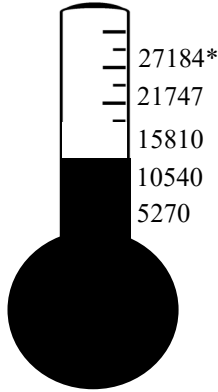
All praise to You, Christ our Lord!



THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients. May your future be full of great success and fortune!

- Given by Bud, Patricia, and Natalie Inman

The **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will meet again on Monday, May 24th at 7:00pm. Please join us as we discuss upcoming events for this summer.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
May 02	—	129	—	129	—	\$ 6,419.50
May 09	—	121	—	121	—	\$ 5,168.59
May 16						
May 23						
May 30						
TOTALS	—	250	—	250	—	\$ 11,588.09

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 16

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Graduates/Scholarship Presentations**

- 9:30am—Sunday School (adults)
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship
- 10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)
- 11:45am—Kids/Youth Sunday School
teachers' meeting, Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 17

TUESDAY, MAY 18

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

6:30pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 20

6:00pm—Sweet Adelines' (Parlor)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

SATURDAY, MAY 22

SUNDAY, MAY 23

**Pentecost Sunday
Strengthen the Church Offering**

- 9:30am—Sunday School (adults)
- 10:30am—Traditional Worship
- 10:30 am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Tim Lail

Lay Reader: Todd Dickerson

Flower Calendar: Alma Barringer

forever. Amen.

PRAISE RESPONSE

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Choral Ensemble

*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.*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

GRADUATES RECOGNITION

Rev. Peggy Stout & Jessica Spain

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

**Graves Family Memorial Scholarship
Dewey A. Houston Scholarship**

Rev. Peggy Stout
Kathy Alexander?

Prayer for Graduates

*Heavenly Father, Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager
and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights
gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with
challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may
they grow ever more grateful and wise. All of this we ask in the name
of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.*

PIANO INTERLUDE

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Marty Light

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, may your Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light
unto our path. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Samuel 16:1-7 Kathy Alexander, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“The Borning Cry”

Choral Ensemble

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-10

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All praise to you, Christ our Lord!