



First UCC News

May 2024



Sundays at 11:00
In-Person and Online Worship

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First UCC Mission Statement
**"To grow in faith, love and fellowship
as we serve God and all of our community."**

MAY SCRIPTURES

May 5

Acts 10:44-48
John 15:9-17

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19

Acts 2:1-21
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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- 5 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ex. 16:1-21)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Tea
- 6 6:00 p.m. Circle 7 Meeting at Wong's Chinese Restaurant
- 7 6:30 p.m. Circle 6 Meeting
- 9 11:30 a.m. Primetimers
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 12 9:30 a.m. **MOTHER'S DAY** Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting
- 14 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 15 5:30 p.m. EC Board Meeting
- 17 7:00 p.m. Choral Society Concert
- 19 9:30 a.m. **PENTECOST SUNDAY** Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Graduate Recognition
- 21 1:00 p.m. Bless These Stitches
- 26 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 28 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Deliveries

Pastor Carol will be away from 5/29 through 6/11. There will be no Bible Study during that time. Bible Study will resume on June 16.

If you are in need of pastoral care, you may contact Rev. Larry Bolick, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp or Rev. Kendra Joyner-Miller whose numbers and emails are located in the Church Directory.

Although you may be worshipping with us online, your offering can be dropped off at the Church during the week or sent to the Church at:

First United Church of Christ
207 W. Horah St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

There is a link on our website to donate online to First UCC or you may donate directly through PayPal.



You can scan this QR Code with your camera to donate to First UCC.



**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**



**Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings:**

**Bible Study
9:30 a.m.**

**Online and In Person Worship
11:00 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School
Available During Worship**



T E A - May 5, 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Church Women

CAROL'S CORNER

Fifty days after Easter. Fifty days while the disciples and followers come together to pray. Fifty days later Pentecost. According to the book of Acts Pentecost was the day that the Holy Spirit filled Jesus followers and pushed them out into the streets and into the world to share the good news of God's love and grace, of Jesus death and resurrection. Pentecost is May 19th this year. I would invite you on that day to wear the colors of flame, reds and yellows, purples and blues all are appropriate. I always imagine this day to be a day of joy and excitement, maybe even a bit of confusion to, so I share the following with you to share the joy that comes with the Spirit poured out. Hope to see you in church!

Pentecost

Reds and yellows
Purples and blues
The colors of the flames
That danced that day

The dry bones
Leaping as the
Spirit poured in
And flowed out

Despair fled
As hope filled
Light spread
Joy overflowing

Unleashed, the Spirit
Drove them
Into the streets

Speaking in
Many languages/ tongues
The good news
Of God's love

Peace,

Pastor Carol

Of the possibility
Of new life
Of grace and mercy

Poured out
like oil
running down
Aaron's beard

People from
Many places
Joining together
As One

Connected
By the gift
That is the Spirit
Of life and love

May

Meetings and Other Events...

Meals on Wheels Deliveries
Bible Study

Tuesdays May 14 and May 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the AV Room/Library

Afternoon Tea
Circle 7 Meeting
Circle 6 Meeting
Primetimers
Mission Committee Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting
Property Committee Meeting
EC Board Meeting
Graduation Recognition Worship
Church Council Meeting
Bless These Stitches Group

Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Wong's Chinese Restaurant
Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 19 after Worship
Tuesday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.



Highlights of April Thursday Thoughts

We wish to thank **Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp** and **Rev. Larry Bolick** who were our guest pastors for three Sundays in April while Pastor Carol was away.

Pastor Carol will be away from May 29 through June 11. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, you may contact Rev. Larry Bolick, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp or Rev. Kendra Joyner-Miller. Their numbers and email addresses are in your Church Directory.

We thank **Laurie Klaus** for stepping in as our substitute pianist during the month of April and welcome her back for the first two Sundays in May.

Primetimers met on Thursday, April 11 with a luncheon provided by Pat Beck. The program was presented by Rev. Kendra Joyner-Miller, Chaplain of Catawba College. The next meeting will be on May 11 at 11:30 with a catered meal and Fun & Games.

The Catawba Singers presented Our Song IX on Sunday, April 21 at Catawba College. The singers were directed by **Dr. Phillip Burgess** and accompanied by **Susan Trivette**. First UCC's Choral Scholars, **Teresa Greene**, **River McGehee** and **Jennifer Barrios-Gomez**, were among those who performed. Jennifer Barrios-Gomez, a Senior at Catawba, was featured in a solo selection. Teresa Green and River McGehee also sang solo parts.

Thanks to all who contributed to our **Drive Through Community Food Drive** on April 27. 164 pounds of food have been donated to Rowan Helping Ministries..

On Sunday, May 5, First UCC Church Women will sponsor an **Afternoon Tea** in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m. Tea and light finger foods will be provided. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you at this new event.

Circle 7 will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6 at with a Dutch-Treat Dinner at Wong's Chinese Restaurant, 107 Council Street, Salisbury. Please contact Flo Peck or Phyllis Little by Sunday, May 5, if you plan to attend.

Please keep **Janette Yost** in your prayers. Notes or cards would be welcome. Her address is 155 Home Road, Salisbury, 28147.

The Salisbury Choral Society will present "For a Better Tomorrow." The Concert, directed by **Brian Sevison**, will be held at First UCC on Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. It will focus on the strife and pain which is happening across the world and our hope to create a world that is better for everyone around us.

If you would like to buy a \$5 Raffle Ticket for the 2024 Fun Fest at Nazareth Child & Family Connection to be held on Saturday, June 1 from 10-4, please contact Flo Peck or the Church Office.

The **Strengthen the Church Offering** will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, during Worship. First UCC is a UCC 5 for 5 Church. Being 5 for 5 means that our church is a leader, providing support to Our Church's Wider Mission and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund.

May 19 is **Pentecost Sunday**. Please plan to wear flame colors of red, orange, yellow, purple or blue that day.

Last Chance for the Computer Monitor or Organizational Bins before they are taken to Habitat for Humanity.

Kitchen: If you use the kitchen freezer, please be sure that it is locked when you are through. The freezer does not make a proper seal without it being locked. If you are needing ice, the ice machine is not working. You will need to provide your own.

The metal shelves in the Decorating Room are in need of replacement. If you have any shelves you'd like to donate, see Mark Schiemann.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Roger Hogendorn (grandson on Linda Hauze), Emily Hauze (daughter-in-law of Linda Hauze), Rick Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's uncle), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Dan Morgan, Pat Norris, Patsy Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Molly Tripp and Baby Owen Scott (Lucy Robinson's granddaughter and great-grandson), Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Janette Yost, Charlotte officers who were injured or lost their lives during last week's incident as well as their families.

If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.

Mission Committee News

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Drive By Food Collection on Saturday, April 27 and the "Food for Thought" Backpack Program these past months. A total of 164 pounds of food items have been delivered to the Rowan Help Ministries Food Pantry.

Also, thank you for your Easter Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing for Emergency and Disaster Relief through the UCC. To date, \$3,020 has been received for OGHs.

In May, we will honor Teachers, Staff and Administrators of North Elementary School where Kristen Symonds, our Worship Time Teacher, is a 1st Grade Teacher and Carson High School where Chuck Carte is Drama Teacher. Special treats will be delivered to these two schools.

Strengthening the Church Offering for local church and conference grants and programs will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Click on the link below for more information about STC Offering:

[Strengthen the Church - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](http://www.stc.org)

A date has been set for Saturday, June 15 for members of First UCC and their friends to prepare and serve an evening meal for RHM shelter guests and staff. Dr. Ken Clapp has agreed to coordinate the meal with volunteers. Please let Dr. Clapp 704-213-3128 or Rev. Larry Bolick 828-612-8146 know if you can volunteer to help or provide a dessert for the meal.

The Mission Committee will not meet in May since there are a number of projects underway. They will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Please let Pastor Carol or Larry Bolick, Chair of Committee know if you feel called to this ministry of First UCC.

Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and a Fun and Games Program called "Yes or No." Sarah Schiemann will be hosting our meeting with a "Memorial Day Picnic" theme and providing a complimentary meal. The menu will be KFC chicken tenders, creamed potatoes, slaw, gravy, biscuits, watermelon, apple pie, tea and water. Please register with Sue in the church office or with Larry Bolick by Tuesday, May 7 if you plan to attend.

A very special "Thank You" to Pat Beck who provided our meal on April 11 when Chaplain Kendra Joyner-Miller presented a program on Catawba College Campus Ministry and the Lilly Center for Values and Vocation. A gift was contributed to Catawba Campus Ministry. The First Foundation Grant for the Lilly Center helps to provide refreshments for the Lilly Coffee House which is visited by students, faculty and staff. Rebecca Schiemann Wrights, a member of First UCC, is the Administrative Assistant for Campus Ministry and the Lilly Center. Thank you notes were received from Rev. Misty Polston-York, Chaplain of EveryAge Carolina Senior Care, Lexington and from EveryAge Foundation for the gift to Spiritual Life/Campus Enrichment at CSC.

Church Council Notes

We invite you to share any suggestions you may have with church council, the pastor or Pastor/Parish Relations. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Our 2023-2024 Council members are:

Don Whitfield
Patti Marion
Donna Odrosky
Bobbie Troutman
Phyllis Little
Shirley McNeil
Greg Alcorn
Ken Clapp
Carolyn Cline.
Lucy Carte

Pastoral/Staff Relations Committee members are:

Dan Mikkelson
Greg Alcorn
Karen Alexander
Ken Clapp

Copies of approved monthly Council Minutes will be made available on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office. They can also be emailed upon request.

Bless These Stitches

The Bless These Stitches Group will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. for crafting, fellowship and conversation. Please consider joining us. Skills are not required, just the willingness to try knitting or crocheting. Patterns, yarn and instruction are available.

If you are in need of a handmade gift for someone, there are many crafts for sale at the Church and plenty of new items have been added. If you are in need of something specific, that might also be arranged.

Please consider joining us on the 21st!



The UCC has just published "Spirit of Generosity Donor Newsletter".

In it you will find
2023 Giving: A Year in Review
Book of Worship
Your Gifts Inspire us

The link to the newsletter is:
<https://support.ucc.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=1338877&trid=3757b6fd-06bb-4e90-814b-6acdf07bb47b>



Johns River Valley Camp is now offering Summer Camps for 2024.
Middle/Senior (Grades 7th-12th)
 Classic Camp: June 16-21, 2024
 Adventure Camp (June 23-28, 2024)
Junior (Grades 3rd-6th)
 Classic Camp: July 7-12, 2024
 For more information: <https://www.jrvc.org/summer-camps>
 Contact Pastor Carol for scholarship opportunities.

Through the **Strengthen the Church Offering**, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/ multi-cultural church.

On Holy Ground

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

First UCC's Strengthen the Church Offering will be received during Worship on Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday.

DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

MAX EHRMANN

Thanks Phyllis for your addition to our May Newsletter.
 Contributions are ALWAYS welcome!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.
 CWU Celebrations 2024
 May Friendship Day

What Does the Lord Require of CW-You?
 Celebrations 2024 Theme Scripture
 "... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 (NLT)

LOVE MERCY
 May Friendship Day 2024
 Celebration
 Matthew 5:7

YOU'RE INVITED!

DATE: May 3, 2024
 TIME: 12:00 NOON
 LOCATION: Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
 500 Partee Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

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Ecumenical Action Outreach is for Good Shepherd's Clinic which is in need of Copy Paper, Ballpoint Pens with BLACK ink and Amazon Gift Cards. \$10 Box Lunch is available for take out following the celebration. See Flo Peck by Sunday, April 28th for a lunch ticket, and bring any items you wish to donate to the church by Thursday, May 2nd.

