

First UCC Focus
September, 2018



9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Welcome to our new Choral Scholars:

Choral Music Scholars:

Katie Zobel, Soprano; ***Sarah Botts***, Alto;
Daniel Morrison, Tenor;
Greg Florio, Tenor; ***Kevin Kent***, Bass;
Emory McNeely, Bass

Please greet these Catawba Students and welcome them to our church as they lift up their voices to help us in worship each Sunday!

SEPTEMBER USHERS

John Wagoner, Captain
Greg Alcorn
Henry Alexander
Tom Loflin
Patty Shuping
Janette Yost

GREETERS

Sept 2 & 9

Paul & Glenda
Shrewsbury

Sept 16

Janette Yost
Tom Loflin

Sept 23 & 30

John & Lucy
Robinson

Church Office Hours

**Church Office Hours will be
Monday through Thursday 8-1**

**SEPTEMBER
LAY READERS**

2 Sandy Wagoner
9 Ethan Chirico
16 Weston Henderson
23, 30 Susan Ward

Circle Meetings

Circle #2 Tuesday, September 4 at 2:00 with hostess
Glenda Shrewsbury

Circle #4 Tuesday, September 4 — 11:30 at Jeter's
Restaurant

Circle #6 Tuesday, September 4 at the church with
hostess Carolyn Cline

Circle #7 Monday, September 3, at the church with
hostess Phyllis Little

The items you brought for the **Little Red Wagon** have been taken to Rowan Helping Ministries....a total of 100 pounds.. Thank you

Dear Friends,

As we move into September I can't help but be thankful, for Autumn is my favorite season. I love the sound of the leaves crunching under foot, the smell of fires, in the cool crisp air in the evenings, the scents of cinnamon and cloves, the taste of fresh apples and pumpkin pies. As I thought about the seasons and how they change I was just reminded of our amazing Creator who put it all in place. I thought I'd share the fruit of that reflection with all of you.



Rev. Carol Hallman

Autumn (As the Seasons Turn)

Cool crisp mornings
warm sunny days
leaves changing color
russets and orange
yellow and reds

In tall grass prairies
The grass changes
Color
Bronzes, blues, purples
Fields that had lain fallow
Planted with grain
Or winter wheat

signs reminding us
that seasons change
laid-back summer days
of vacation and slower pace
are gone

school bells ring
Friday night lights
Marching bands
All speak to the coming
Of Autumn
Seasons come and go
There is rhythm
Reminding of
Seasons past
And offering hope
Of seasons yet to be

Awe-inspiring when you
Think that it does this
Without our turning on
A computer or flipping
A switch
The earth just knows
When it's time

Would we
God's people
Listen to the earth
To the rhythm of
The land
We might
Just find
Our commonality
With God and with
one other

Looking forward to seeing you all in church! Remember, no matter who you are or where you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Carol

FIVE ALIVE: HELPING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

A client came to Rowan Helping Ministries seeking assistance to keep his water from being disconnected. He is 74 years old and is on a fixed income. This past winter, his HVAC system went out and he had to pay almost \$600.00 to have it repaired. Several months later he had problems with the HVAC system again that required an electrician. These repairs cost \$180.00. He also had unexpected car repairs a few weeks later. These unexpected expenses caused him to get behind on his water bill. A voucher was written by RHM to the Salisbury water department to keep his water from being disconnected.

The Five-Alive Fund is a non-budgeted mission of our church, and its purpose is to aid citizens of the Salisbury-Rowan area and our Church Family.

**Special thanks to
Bobbie Troutman and Sarah Schiemann for providing the
meal for Church Council on August 12.**

WELCOME to new Church Council members:

**Jeff Smith
Leslie Dent
Dennis Neelam
Jeff Bernhardt
Lizzy Roy**

Pastor Carol will be out of the office from
September 10 though 12 to attend a seminar and
September 22 through October 5 for vacation

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE

- 2:** James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 9:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,
22-23
James 2:1-10
Mark 7:24-37
- 16:** Proverbs 1:20-33
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
- 23:** Proverbs 31:10-31;
Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8b;
Mark 9:30-37
- 30:** Esther 7:1-6,9-10;
9:20-22
Psalm 124
Psalm 19:7-14
Numbers 11:4-6,
10-16, 24-29
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



All members of the
church—whatever
their needs are!

Weston's Word



August was a very challenging month for us as we all started school and our fall sports seasons. It was a new beginning for all of us, new classes, new faces, etc. But one thing that was not new is the love that God has for us in these times of joy, excitement and even anxiety. As a Church you have shown all of the students and teachers that we are cared for. Part of our mission as Christians is to be educated and to educate. God wouldn't have all of the fascinating things in our world if we were not supposed to learn about them. Proverbs 18:15 reads "an intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge". No matter what your role in this school year is, let us celebrate our wonderful brains and the wonderful brains of others as one of many very important gifts from God.

As the school year starts it also is the start of the long awaited fall sports season. Many of our youth are participating in fall sports this year. We have some of our very own competing in sports ranging from cross country and football as well as the joyful noises from the band on Friday nights and their various band competitions. Please support our athletes by attending events or just simply ask about their seasons. As we celebrate our minds this school year let us also celebrate our athletic gifts.

Another aspect that comes with the school year is the social atmosphere it creates. Relationships are made, renewed and maintained throughout this time. It is always nice to be able to see friends on a regular basis for encouragement and advice. You also can make new friends, there is always someone around you who needs someone to be there for them. Take some time this school year to reach out to someone in need, or reach out to someone that you need. Let us celebrate the personalities and people with whom God surrounds us.

Most of all let us use the school year to glorify God. We can glorify God through our relationships, extra-curricular activities, and our academics. As we pray for this school year let us celebrate these areas in our lives and pray for the challenges that are ahead. I am ecstatic about our first school year together, let's make it a great one!

Blessings,

- Weston

The following was received from Sam Reeder.:

Please read this to the congregation. And thank you for everything the church has done.

I just wanted to say thank your for inviting me into your church and choir three years ago. Sorry I can't thank you in person, but a lot of changes happened very quickly and I had to move at an unexpected date. Anyway, I came to the church one Sunday to fill in for Alijah Motika and after seeing how fun the church choir was and the loving congregation that was there, I could not help but come back to continue to sing with the UCC. I know he isn't there, but I would like to thank Matt Newton for also being the choir director that invited me to continue singing in the church and other various choral organizations in Salisbury. I also want to give a special thanks to Pastor Carol, Dr. Burgess, Susan, Dan, Winnie, Ms. Flo, Caroline, Lydia, and Larry for making the choir such a fun and welcoming experience. I finally want to thank the congregation for being loving and supporting of me as well as the other college students that find their way to this amazing congregation. This church truly does an amazing job of loving and caring for its college students and members, and I hope that more students find their way to this church. I will never forget the love and care that was provided to me by the congregation whether it be from people welcoming me on Sunday to the wonderful opportunities of praising and worshiping the Lord you provided for me. I will never forget how amazing this congregation was and the choir that I sang in. I will be back soon to visit for sure.

To a loving and caring congregation,

Thanks for everything,

Sam

Sam Reeder's Address is 4201 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016

HIGH FIVE to Hunter Bernhardt for being the good Samaritan we all know he is!

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I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to Chris, the night manager at the Food Lion on Mahaley Avenue, and Hunter, the bag boy who changed my tire on Sunday evening, Aug. 5.

I was buying groceries when I was paged to come to the Service Desk. Someone had reported my flat tire. Chris immediately checked my spare and said he would see it changed. Neither would accept pay for helping me. My husband was home recuperating from a broken leg, so I couldn't call him.

In this day and age, kindness is still evident. Thanks to two nice guys!

—Donnie Whitesides, Salisbury

SEPTEMBER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 Pray-Rowan at Catawba Chapel
2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Holy Communion	3 7:00 Circle #7 Labor Day Office Closed	4 11:30 Circle #4 2:00 Circle #2 6:30 Circle #6	5 5:00 Executive Council 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 5:00 Mission Committee	7	8
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Church Women have purchased a variety of first aid and medical supplies that will be kept in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Our hope is that we will never need to use the band-aids, bandages, stethoscope and other items that have been purchased, but we know we have them “just in case.” Please let the ushers know if you need any of these items during worship.

High chairs and toddler covers for our new chairs have been purchased by **Church Women** for the Fellowship Hall. Please enjoy them!

Jean Dagenhart is in rehabilitation at Trinity Oakes

Julia Callaway has moved to a retirement home in Rockwell

Neighbors in Need is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries. The Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected on **October 7**, World Communion Sunday.

Western Carolina Association Meeting will take place on **October 6** at Abernathy Laurels from 9-3.

<p>Special Dates to Remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor Day, <i>September 3, 2018</i>• National Grandparents Day, <i>September 9, 2018</i>• Patriot Day, <i>September 11, 2018</i>• First day of autumn, <i>September 22, 2018</i>

Primetimers will meet September 13 at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Name That Tune. Come enjoy the fun! Hosts will be Brenda Bernhardt and Jackye Nolan. A covered dish lunch will follow the meeting.

Primetimers Officers for the new year are:

- Susan Trivette - President
- Larry Bolick - Vice-President
- Carolyn Cline - Secretary
- Jackye Nolan - Treasurer

The program will be *Name That Tune*. Come enjoy the fun! Hosts will be Brenda Bernhardt and Jackye & David Nolan. A covered dish lunch will follow the meeting. All are welcome!

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 FOR 2017-2018 YEARBOOK

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