

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here!*

Prelude
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
arr. Stephen Burtonwood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us go up to the house of our God.

ALL: **We come lifting holy hands, offering praise for all God has done.**

One: Come, let us join in praising our God.

ALL: **For God is good and deserving of our praise.**

One: Come, let us listen to God's word, let us worship and rejoice together.

†Hymn: *Community of Christ*

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;

The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

†Prayer of Confession

All: It's hard O God, to hold onto our faith in these times. There is so much tumult, pain, sorrow, violence and war all around us, too often we fall into despair. Forgive us our doubts, our limited faith. Help us to open our hearts to Your love and grace. May our faith deepen and grow despite all that is happening around us. Amen.

†Silent Confession

(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)

†Kyrie: *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with a final cadence.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with a final cadence.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


The third Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with a final cadence.

†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

†The Gloria Patri



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

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Scripture Lesson

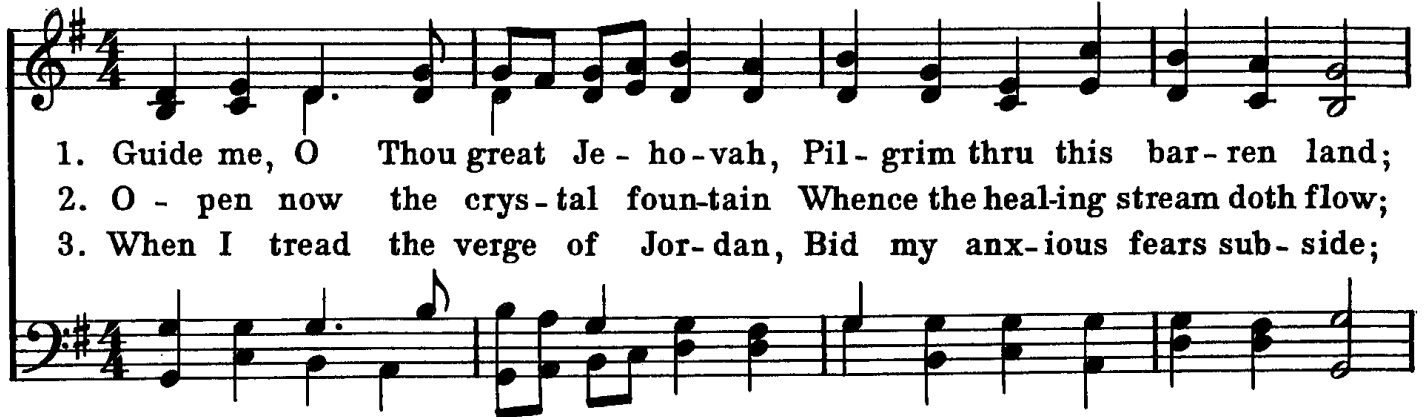
Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle Lesson

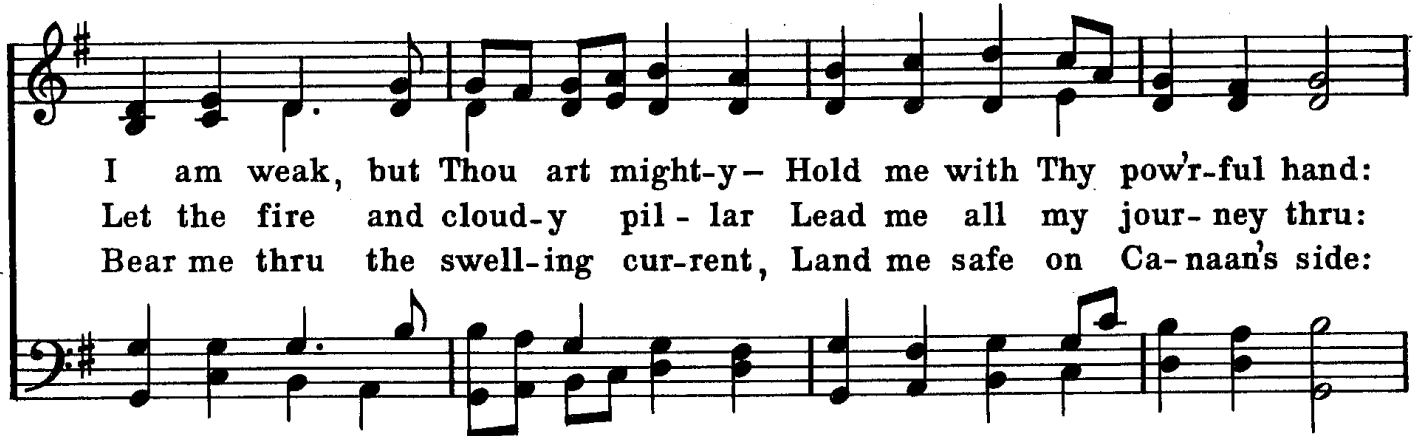
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

†Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Blue Hymnal No. 291



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim thru this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y - Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand:
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my jour - ney thru:
Bear me thru the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side:



Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, Feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, (want no more,) Feed me till I want no more.
shield, (strength and shield,) Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee, (give to Thee,) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Leader: This is a word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Of Treasures and Hearts”

Rev. Carol Hallman

†An Affirmation of Faith

The UCC Statement of Faith

All: We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

pp Devoutly

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;'. The second line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.'.

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

Invitation

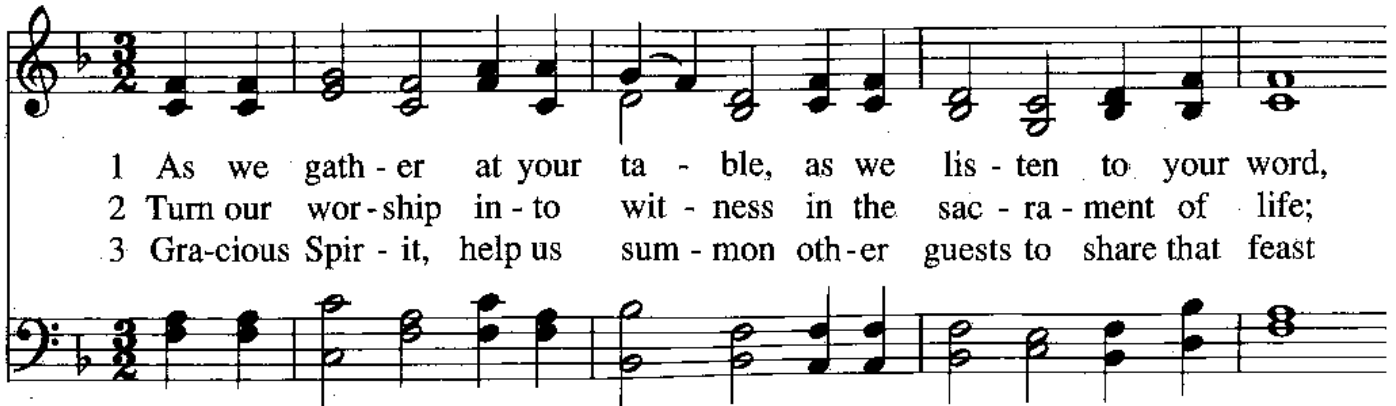
Offertory Anthem

Lord, Make Us Worthy

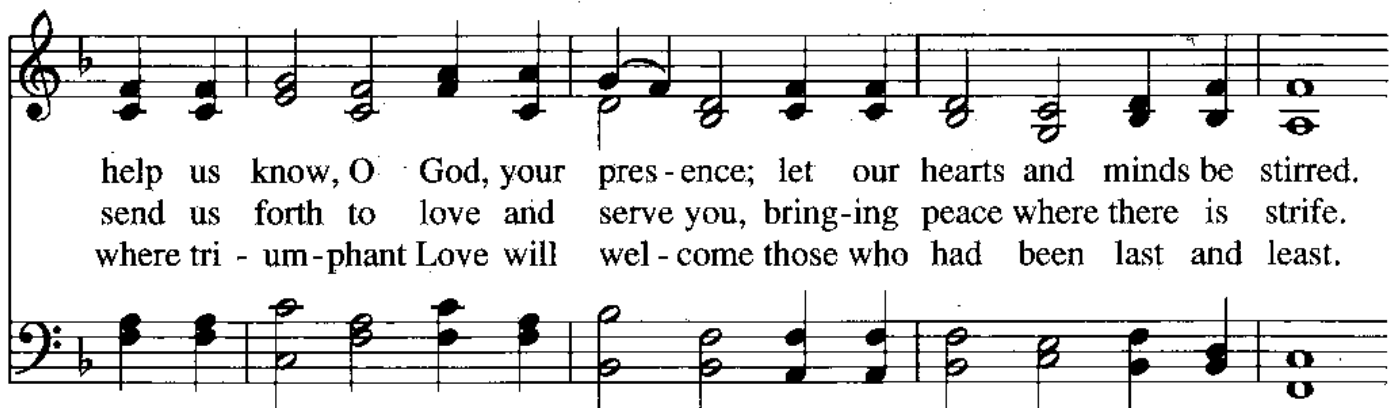
Natalie Sleeth

Blessing

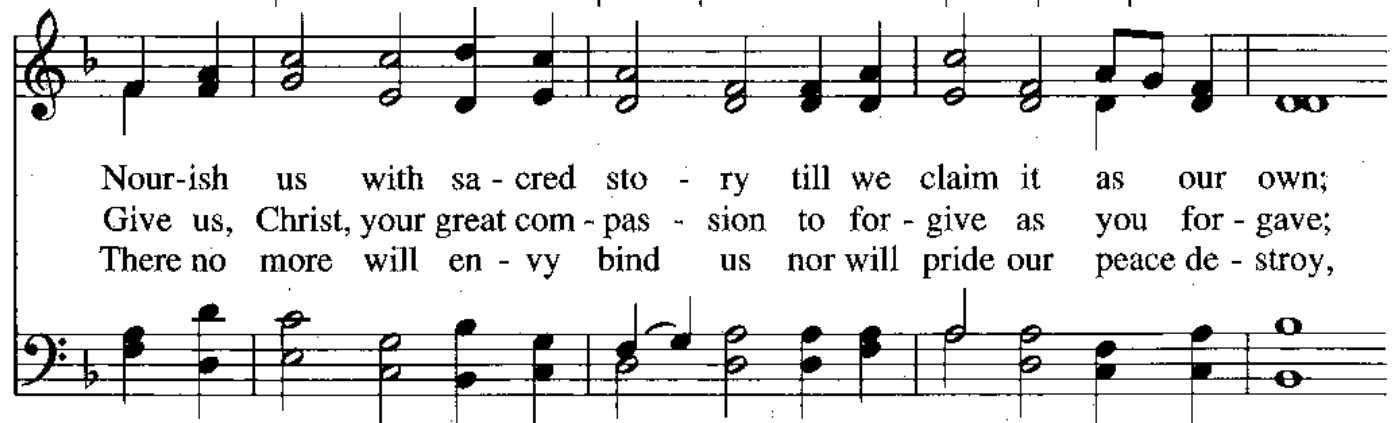
†Communion Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table*



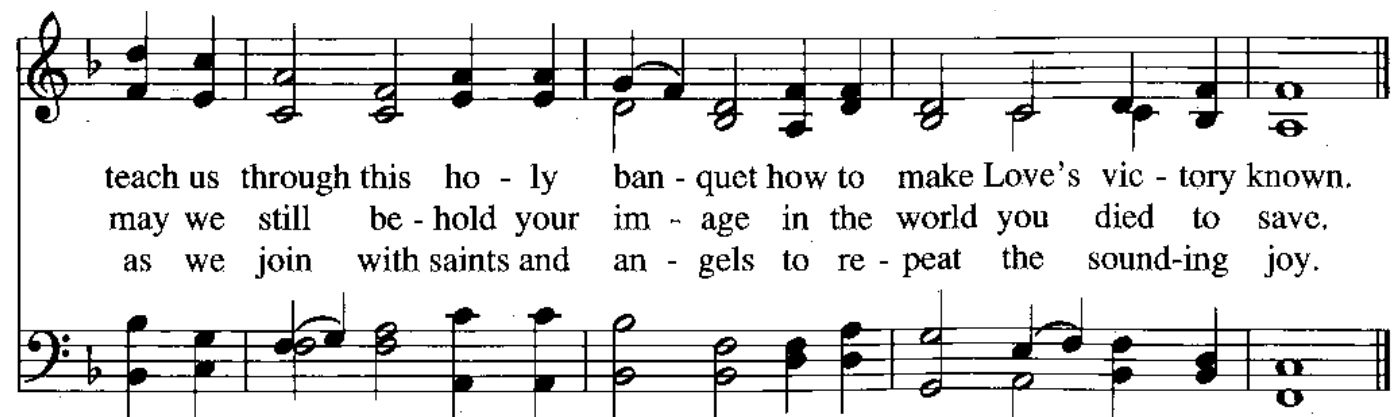
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Call to Supper

Sung Response: *The Gifts of God*

Richard Bruxvourt-Colligan



The gifts of God for the peop-le of God! Come now, for all is pre-pared. The



gifts of God for the peop-le of God! The Gos - pel is a - mong us!

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Sharing the Elements

All are invited to come forward for communion this morning. There are gluten free crackers or bread offered. Please dispose of your cup before returning to your pew.

Special Music *Bread of the World*

arr. Robert Lau

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
2. Ev - ery__ where I go,
3. All_____ through the night,

⁵ this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
ev - ery__ where I go,
all_____ through the night

⁹ This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine, let it
Ev - ery__ where I go,
All_____ through the night,

¹³ shine, let it shine, let it shine..

Benediction

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

Sing a New Song of Joy!

Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

Called Congregational Meeting

The purpose of today's Congregational Meeting is to discuss and vote on air conditioning for the Church. The Property Committee received quotes for the project and made recommendations to Church Council on July 17. The proposal for discussion and vote is as follows:

Resources for HVAC systems

Property Committee is recommending accepting quote from Aire Serve for \$36,770 for 7 units, including them performing electrical work.

Church will need 50% down payment, remainder when complete

Finance Committee is recommending allocating money from:

300.250 Bldg/Ground Maint Designated Funds - \$10,500

300.220 Living Memorial Designated Funds - \$8,270

300.002 Gen Fund MM - \$9,000

300.004 1st UCC Investments - Fdn Carolinas Balance - \$9,000

Donations accepted, but not planning a fund drive

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor
Brian Sevison, Designated Interim Organist
Carolyn Cline, Lay Reader

Remember in Your Prayers

Michael, Avery and Ian Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Nancy Baker Blackwell (friend of Shirley McNeil), Steve Bowles, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, Anne Kennedy, Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (Don Whitfield's niece and great-nephew), Jim Lyerly, Eddie Meeker, Megan Meredith, Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Veronika Poliakova, Patsy Paxton, Mark Shuping, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, David & Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward. ***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.***



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Today, After Worship

There will be a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on air conditioning for the Church.

Monday, August 8

5:00 p.m. Families First

Tuesday, August 9

10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Deliveries

Thursday, August 11

11:30 a.m. Primetimers Luncheon and Program

5:30 p.m. Church Women Board

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Friday, August 12

All Foundation Applications are Due

Saturday, August 13

7:00 p.m. Meal at RHM Night Shelter (Volunteers Needed)

Sunday, August 14

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

Dedication of School Supplies and Backpacks

4:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Primetimers will meet on **August 11 at 11:30** in the Fellowship Hall. An anonymous donor will provide the luncheon, catered by College Barbecue. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gary Freeze, retired Professor of History at Catawba College, who will share a program on Peter Stewart Ney, who professed to be Marshall Michael Ney, who served under Napoleon Bonaparte. **If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office by Wednesday, August 10.**

The Mission Committee will be providing a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries Night Shelter on **Saturday, August 13**. Volunteers are needed. The meal is usually served at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers would need to arrive by 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Millie Campbell or the Church Office.



The Mission Committee continues to collect back-to-school backpack items for Communities in Schools of Rowan County for children and youth in need until the Church's backpack and school supply dedication **next Sunday**. Here are some suggestions:

- *Bookbags/Backpacks
- *Composition Notebooks
- *Pencils
- *Crayons
- *Colored pencils
- *Earbuds/Head phones
- *Dry Erase Markers
- *Sanitizer
- *Kleenex
- *Markers
- *Three-ring binders
- *Water Bottles



Rowan Helping Ministries' Food Pantry is running extremely low and pantry shelves are almost empty. Food insufficiency in our area is overwhelming. Most everything is needed to stock the Pantry. Although the Mission Committee's focus has been on collecting backpack items for Communities in Schools of Rowan County, food items are still very much appreciated. Here are some suggestions:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned meats (Spam, chicken, tuna, beef stew, chicken & dumplings)
- Canned or dry beans
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned ravioli, spaghetti, chili
- Canned or boxed soups
- Starches (mac & cheese, rice, potatoes)
- Breakfast food (cereal, pop tarts, muffin mix)

Families also need items which are easy for a child to open and prepare.

You may drop off your donations at the Church anytime during office hours or on any Sunday morning!