

First UCC Focus

November, 2019



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.

9:45 *Sunday School*
11:00 *Worship*

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE

November 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 10

Hagar 1:15b-2:9
Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

NOVEMBER USHERS

Paul Shrewsbury, Captain
Henry Alexander
Phyllis Little
Brent Snipes
Bobbie Troutman

NOVEMBER GREETERS

November 3 & 10

Jeff Smith

November 17 & 24

Jim & Bettie Lyerly

NOVEMBER LAY READERS

November 3

Susan Ward

November 10

Sandy Wagoner

November 17

Sandy Wagoner

November 24

Rebecca Wrights



Thank you for your generosity by contributing to the Little Red Wagon. 79 pounds of goods were delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries this month.

NOVEMBER

- 3 9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, All Saints Sunday & Communion
12:00 Annual Meeting & Lunch
- 4 7:00 Circle 7
- 5 11:30 Circle 4
2:00 Circle 2
6:00 SA Meeting
7:00 Circle 6
- 6 11:30 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Study Supper
6:30 Bible Study
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 10 **VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED**
LITTLE RED WAGON SUNDAY
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
4:00 Property Committee Meeting
- 12 10:30 Meals on Wheels
6:00 SA Meeting
6:30 Families First
- 13 5:00 EC Board Meeting
7:30 Chancel Choir
- 14 10:00 Primetimers
5:00 Mission Committee Meeting
- 17 9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Congregational Vote
12:30 Church Council Meeting
- 19 1:00 Bless These Stitches
6:00 SA Meeting
6:30 Families First
- 20 7:30 Chancel Choir
- 21 7:00 Church Women Board Meeting
- 24 **FIVE ALIVE SUNDAY**
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
- 25 **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- 26 10:30 Meals on Wheels
6:00 SA Meeting
6:30 Families First
- 27 7:30 Chancel Choir
- 28 **THANKSGIVING**
Office Closed



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CAROL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

November is here. I am not sure how that happened so quickly, but we find ourselves closer to the holiday season. November starts with All Saints Day remembering those who have died, saying their names once again, remembering their faces and being reminded of their lives. We will be celebrating Saints Sunday the first Sunday of November here at church. November culminates in Thanksgiving on the 28th. A day where we gather with family and friends to give thanks for all that we have. As I've reflected on these themes, I wrote the following and thought I'd share it with you as you take time this month to remember those things for which you are grateful and give thanks.

For this I am grateful

This morning I woke
To one more morning
The birds were singing
Or maybe it was raining
Either way I am grateful

There were clothes to
Put on and food to eat
And a roof over my head
A bed to sleep on
For this I am grateful

I have work to go to
Work that I enjoy
A car that is old
But runs and am
Able to pay my bills
For this I am grateful

I have friends to share
My joys
And friends to listen
To my sorrows
I have much
For which to be grateful

For there are those
Who did not wake this
Morning whose families
Grieve and mourn
Those who are ill
Those dealing with violence
And fear

Hope you have a good month. Hope to see you in church!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Carol

Those who open the cabinet
To find only cobwebs within
Or stale milk and few leftover crackers

Those who sleep outside
Not because they want to
But because they have found
No room at the inn
Those without jobs
Who worry about
Feeding their families

I do my best to remember
That no matter
How bad my day
How frustrated and tired
I may be
I am called to be grateful

I have been blessed
With one more day
One more opportunity
To give, receive and share
God's love
So I might help
Others find gratitude
Too

For this all
I am grateful

November Circle Groups

Circle 2:

November 5, 2:00
Fellowship Hall

Circle 4:

November 5, 11:30 Jeter's Deli

Circle 6:

November 5 7:00 Fellowship Hall
Hostess: Susan Legendre

Circle 7:

November 4, 7:00 Fellowship Hall
Hostess: Janette Yost

FIVE ALIVE FUND: HELPING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

A client came to Rowan Helping Ministries seeking assistance to prevent her water from being disconnected. The household consists of the client, her young granddaughter and grandson. The client has never been to RHM for help. The client lost her job, but started a new job several months ago. She temporarily needs help to keep water in the home. The client paid a portion of the balance due and returned to RHM with the receipt. RHM granted a voucher to pay for the remaining balance. The client was glad to have averted a crisis.

100% of your contribution goes to help citizens of the Salisbury/Rowan area and our church family with unexpected short term emergencies.

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will take a day trip to Black Lake Retreat Center on **Thursday, November 14.**

This trip is open to any church member. The cost is \$8.00 per person for the meal. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10 am, travel by van (and car if needed) and arrive by 11:30 a.m. After the program and lunch, we will go to the Pisgah Covered Bridge and on to Seagrove to a pottery shop. The trip home will be through the Uwharrie Mountains to see the leaves if there is color. To reserve your space on the van and for lunch, contact Larry Bolick at 828-612-8146. **The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 12.**

Blowing Rock Conference Center is sponsoring a complimentary weekend, **November 15-17** that includes free two nights lodging and 3 complimentary meals, Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday breakfast.

The annual Century Club Dinner and Meeting will be Saturday from 11 am –2 pm. The Century Club project for 2019-20 is the renovation of four cottages built in 1960's. Reservations for the weekend are made with Amy Stamey, Reservations Coordinator, at 828.295.5066 or astamey@brccenter.org. **Rev. Larry Bolick** is President of BRCC Board of Directors and invites members of First UCC to join him at his table on Saturday for Century Club Gathering.

First UCC Welcomes New Members Shearin & Ann Teague

Shearin and Ann Teague come to First Church from Ursinus UCC in Rockwell, where they held their membership for 47 years. They both look forward to becoming active members at First Church.

Natives of Rowan County, they were long-time residents of Rockwell before moving to The Gables at Kepley Farm in Salisbury 2 ½ years ago.

Shearin retired from a career in cost accounting and will retire in December from his second career working in the Rowan Public Library system. Ann was the administrative assistant at Ursinus for over 25 years and continues in that capacity now at Christiana Lutheran Church.

In addition to singing, Ann enjoys reading and gardening. Shearin's hobbies also include reading and music.

The Teagues have two children, Christine and Phillip, daughter-in-law Stacey, and four grandchildren.

MISSION COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The Mission Committee will not meet in November. At the October 10th meeting, the Committee decided to promote The Little Red Wagon items for November and December for Rowan Helping Ministries, appropriate for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meals: Canned vegetables like green beans, peas, lima beans, corn, potatoes, and yams; Canned fruits like peaches, pears, cranberries, cranberry sauce and apple sauce; and meats like chicken, beef, pork, turkey, and tuna fish. The Committee will also sponsor Christmas Star Tree Gifts for children through Department of Social Services of Rowan County.

A meal will be provided and served at the Rowan Helping Ministry Night Shelter on Saturday evening November 30. Volunteers are always appreciated..

Collection Boxes will also be provided for Toys for Tots again this Advent Season.

The Annual Christmas Fund Offering will be received on Sunday, December 23 for Christmas Appreciation "Thank You" Checks for UCC Pension Annuitants with low or no monthly payments. The Christmas Fund Offering also supplements low monthly annuities payments, monthly UCC supplementary health insurance and one-time emergency grants for annuitants. Last December, \$827 was received for the Annual Christmas Fund. Thank you for your generosity again this year.

Steven Shuping Receives Eagle Scout Award



Steven received his Eagle Scout Award at the Eagle Court of Honor on October 27th at 11am service Ebenezer Lutheran Church China Grove this is the highest honor given to a Boy Scout. A Luncheon to honor Steven Shuping followed in the Fellowship Hall at Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Steven received Certificate of Special Recognition from Richard Burr United States Senator and The American Flag which was flown over the United States Capitol. Steven also received the Marine Corps League (Good Citizenship Award) for Troop 328 from Cabarrus Detachment 1175 Concord, NC.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church is where he has been a Scout since the age of 7 years old. He earned the rank of Eagle on February 26, 2019 he attained 32 merit badges. His Eagle Scout Project was the Interior Renovation of the Boy Scout Building near Miller Pond at Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury. This will serve Present and future Boy Scouts.

The building was cleaned, primed, painted, new light and power plug covers, light bulbs, floors cleaned and painted, doors painted, screens replaced, custom windows were measured and made by local company and installed. This project required donations from private and local companies and our family.

Steven plans to attain the funds or donations to place a plaque in location at Dan Nicholas in honor of his Eagle Scout Project.

Steven would like to thank the Church, Scout Leaders, Scouts, Family, Friends, Companies who support Scouting and help bring Strong, Godly Leaders to Our Community. Also thanks to our Military for everything they for the United States of America.

Sincerely, Patty Shuping



SPOTLIGHT

Submitted by Patty Shuping

This is our Spotlight Youth this month **Kevin Leichman**.

He is a Freshman at RCCC planning to transfer into Catawba College. His plan is to major in Music or Theater.

His Music this year with Catawba

Wind Ensemble

Jaso Band

Marching Band & Vernaculars

North Rowan Teaches Drums

Plans for future possibly write Music for South Rowan High School

Future Drumtech for North Hills Christian School

Church: Youth Representative for Church Council, Delegate for General Synod 2019, Helps run the Soundboard for Church service, involved with NYE 2020,

Theater has helped build sets and starred in shows with PPT, Lee St, and North Rowan

Has been doing The Polar Express for 3 years at NCTM sponsored by Warner Brothers. The 1st weekend in November Kevin will preform with Mallory Braun, also With Kaleigh Allen in Spencer at Library Park the event in memory of Michael Yang for the Michael Yang Foundation.

November



On November 3, after Worship the congregation will hold it's *Annual Meeting and Luncheon*. Sunday, November 17, will the *Congregational Vote*.

Circle 7 will meet on Monday, November 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Janette Yost will be the hostess.

WOW Wednesday concludes Wednesday night, November 6. You are still welcome to attend the last session. The final lesson will be a discussion of Job 42:7-17. Bible study is offered at 11:30 a.m. or come for supper at 6:00 p.m. and we'll begin at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends!

Veterans Day will be observed on Sunday, November 10.

Primetimers will take a day trip to Black Lake Retreat Center on Thursday, November 14. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 12.

EC Board will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:00. *Church Council* will meet on November 17 after worship.

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On November 24, we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

The *First UCC 2020 Birthday Calendar* order forms deadline for calendar dates is November 24.

December Newsletter Deadline will be November 25.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 in observance of *Thanksgiving*.

Don't forget *Chancel Choir*. Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. New voices are welcome!

Bless These Stitches meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. If you knit, crochet or craft, or would like to learn, you are invited to stop by for crafting, fellowship and conversation.

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary for Sunday, December 15. Order forms will be available soon.

Patty Shuping will be collecting *Toys for Tots* again this year. Donation Boxes for Toys for Tots are located near the Fellowship Hall.

Below is the *First UCC 2020 Birthday Calendar* order form. Other forms can be located at the church or one can be emailed to you, just email the Church Office or see a member of Circle 2 or 4. Please return the completed form to the Church Office, to any member of Circle 2 or 4 or place it in the offering plate. The deadline for calendar orders is **November 24**.

First UCC Birthday Calendar 2020

Please place this in the offering plate, give to Glenda Shrewsbury, Phyllis Little, or any member of Circle 2 or 4. Required with this form is \$1.00 per name specified (friends, relatives) and \$2.00 per calendar ordered. PRINT the names and use numbers for birthdate, Month/Day (e.g. 7/6). We have included a memory option along with the honored. Please mark box with an "H" for honored or "M" for memory. Please include totals. We want to "Thank You For Your Support"!

Deadline to turn in form: Sunday, November 24

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name _____
	Birthday ____/____
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Number of names _____ @\$1 each _____ =\$ _____

Number of calendars _____ @\$2 each _____ =\$ _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

If you have any questions, please call Glenda Shrewsbury @ 704-637-6683.