

First UCC Focus

November 2021



Sundays at 11:00
In-Person and Online Worship

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NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

November 7

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelations 21:1-61
John 11:32-44

November 14

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-18
Revelations 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:11-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36



Please join us for online or in-person worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. If you are new to our services, **WELCOME**, if you are returning, **WELCOME BACK!**



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-5ySdEx2P5IbIN-EpWTOBQ>

Sermons will be available on YouTube on the Thursday following worship. You can also find the YouTube link on our website.



www.facebook.com/First.UCC.Salisbury/

Our facebook page contains news, announcements, events and weekly online worship services.



WWW.1STUCC.ORG

Did You Know ...

Our Website contains links to Bulletins and Newsletters, a link to send your offering to the Church through PayPal and other useful information. Check us out!



- 1 All Saints Day**
- 3 7:30** Choir Rehearsal
- 4 5:30** Celebration Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 7 11:00** **All Saints Sunday**
Online & In-Person Worship with Communion
- 9 10:00** Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 10 7:30** Choir Rehearsal
- 11 6:00** Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 Mission Committee Meeting
- 14 Little Red Wagon Sunday**
Foundation Sunday
Harvest Festival
11:00 Online & In-Person Worship
4:00 Property Committee Meeting
- 16 1:00** Bless These Stitches
6:00 Task Force Meeting
- 17 5:30** EC Board Meeting
7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 21 Thanksgiving Sunday**
11:00 Online & In-Person Worship
12:30 Church Council Meeting
- 23 10:00** Meals on Wheels
- 24 7:30** Choir Rehearsal
- 25 Thanksgiving**
- 28 11:00** **First Sunday of Advent**
Online & In-Person Worship



November 7:

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night so that you will be on time for Sunday worship!



Join us as we transform from Autumn and Thanksgiving into the Advent Season this month.



CAROL'S CORNER

Friends,

It's a busy month coming up. There are many holy days and holidays on their way. We begin the month with All Saints Day and end the month by entering into the season of Advent. Thought I'd share this reflection on the month of November.

For all the Saints
Who from their
Labors rest
Dios de las Muertos
We remember

The ones we've lost
The ones
Who will not
Be sitting around
Our Thanksgiving tables

We give thanks for
Their gifts and graces
The blessing of our
Relationships with them
For their love

Gone but never
Forgotten
Life is full
Of comings
And goings
Births and deaths
New life coming
From old

It is most
Obvious now
This month
As the leaves change
Color wafting gently down
As we remember
As we gather together
To ask God's blessing

As we decorate
Our sanctuaries
For Advent
In expectation of the
Coming of the Messiah
As we ready our
Hearts once again
For love to enter
Our world

For all the Saints
We begin this
Journey thanks
To them and
Their faithful witness
As they shined
God's light on the world

Hope to see you on Sunday whether in-person or online.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Carol



N O V E M B E R

Meetings...

Choir Rehearsals:	Wednesday Nights at 7:30 p.m.
Celebration Committee Meeting:	Thursday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Meals on Wheels Deliveries:	Tuesdays November 9, 23 and 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting:	Thursday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
Mission Committee Meeting:	Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person
Property Committee Meeting:	Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
Bless These Stitches:	Tuesday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m.
Task Force Meeting:	Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m.
EC Board Meeting:	Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
Church Council Meeting:	Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Notes and News...

All Saints Sunday will be observed during worship on **November 7**. We have the opportunity to remember those who have passed away during the past year. We invite those who have lost loved ones, not necessarily church members, and would like them remembered during the service to contact Pastor Carol or the church Office before that time.

Foundation Sunday and the Harvest Festival will take place on **November 14**. Mark your calendars!

Circles 2 and 4 will publish a **Birthdays Calendar** for 2022. There is a calendar reservation form on page 8 of this Newsletter and forms are available at the Church and can be picked up, sent or emailed to you. Contact Glenda Shrewsbury (704-637-1225) or Bobbie Troutman at dbtroutman6@gmail.com with orders or questions. The deadline is **November 28** and **all checks must be made out to Circle 2**.

This month is a very busy month. We will be moving from the All Saints Sunday to the Harvest Festival and Foundation Sunday then right into the First Sunday of Advent. School has begun for most and fall is a good time of year to get back into a routine of joining the Church, either virtual or in person and celebrating this time with us. Be sure to follow Thursday Thoughts for reminders and information on upcoming meetings and events.

First UCC is interested in hearing from you, either written or in video. If you would, please answer one or both of the following questions. If you are willing to post a video to facebook, it will be done at the Church at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to submit written answers, please email them to Pastor Carol or the Church Office. The questions are:

- (1) Why have you chosen to attend the Church, and/or
- (2) Why do you give of your time, talent and tithe to this Church.

Food is collected during the month for the **Rowan Helping Ministries Food Pantry**. Thank you for your generous giving.. The Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable goods. Stop by the Church Office with your food donations or bring them along to Church with you if you are attending Worship in person. Needed items are corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, beans (canned or dry) rice, pasta, potato flakes, breakfast cereal, oatmeal.

Please watch for more information for the **annual congregational meeting** to be held on a Sunday in November after church to vote on new council members and the church budget.

2020-2021 Annual Report: Please review your contact information and let the Church office know of any changes. If you are a committee chair and wish to submit a committee report, those reports are due as soon as possible.

The Nursery is now open and we continue our search for volunteers to help during worship. Information will be shared on nursery protocols to those willing to help. For more information, please contact the Church office.

If you are wanting to learn some new skills, if you are looking for ways to help at church, the **Tech Crew** might just be for you. Contact Jeff, Leslie or Mark for more information.

If you haven't signed up for **Thursday Thoughts**, subscribe to our email list on our website or call the office with your email address. Thursday Thoughts contain special messages from Pastor Carol, First UCC news, links to meetings and notices of upcoming concerts and events. Information from our congregation is always a welcome addition to Thursday Thoughts. Please submit news to the office by Wednesday morning.



From Calendar Sponsored by
Circles 2 and 4

- November 1 Kristopher Wood
- November 2 Jackye Nolen
- November 4 Sandra Surratt
Kelly Cox
- November 5 Neeta Bonine
- November 6 Abbey Cox
- November 8 Alex Crawford
Catherine Schiemann
Daniel Artz
- November 9 Jordan Wear
Mott Arey
- November 10 Nick Snipes
Leslie Dent
Brian Peeler
- November 13 Lisa Dunn
- November 14 Drew Wear
Tanner Wear
- November 15 Brad Robinson
- November 16 Harriet Culp
- November 18 Noah Carraway
Paul Isenberg
- November 20 Sandy Wagoner
Debra Chirico
- November 23 Phil Kirk
- November 27 Christian Shuping

Historic Foundation Sunday with Harvest Festival Lunch

On Sunday, November 14th, our church will have a historic Foundation presentation. The First UCC Foundation will distribute over \$150,000. A majority of these grants will be used to support our church. This is a significant change in funding and will greatly support our church's operations.

Several members of the wider community will attend the service and be invited to lunch. Lunch will be potluck and have a Harvest Festival theme and a chili cook-off for all to judge. If you wish to bring chili for judging, let the Church office know.

Please join this double celebration and welcome our visitors that Sunday.



FIVE-ALIVE HELPING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

A client came to Rowan Helping Ministries because her water was set to be disconnected. The client is 37 years old. She has 2 sons - ages 13 & 5. She worked until June 24, 2021, when her doctor took her out of work due to pregnancy related complications. The client is behind on her water bill. Once she returns to work, she will be sustainable. RHM requested proof of SSI for her 2 sons, medical documentation of the reason she is out of work, child support received, and documentation of the funds her sons receive from their father. The client provided the information requested. Rowan Helping Ministries granted her a voucher to the City of Salisbury for the balance of her water bill to stop disconnection.

Your contributions to our Five Alive Fund is always appreciated, and 100% is used to help citizens of Salisbury/Rowan area or our Church family with unforeseen short term emergencies.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Steve Bowles, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Leigha Davenport (6-year-old daughter of Susan Ward's friend), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, John and Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (niece and great nephew of Don Whitfield), Charlie Little, Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, John Wagoner, Waylon Ward, Frances Wensil, Ruby Whitfield (Don Whitfield's mother).

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



In appreciation to those of you who make **Meals on Wheels** deliveries two and sometimes three times per month. Your dedication does not go unnoticed . . .



Bless These Stitches

Bless These Stitches group will meet on November 16 (1:00-3:00) in the downstairs room across from the Fellowship Hall. Would LOVE to have "YOU" join us. Lots of talk and fellowship available! If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Cline or Susan Trivette.

Cold weather is on its way soon, and so is Christmas. Help Bless These Stitches ladies show off our handiwork, by selecting an item to give to someone on your list. All kinds of handmade items can be found in the hallway cabinet outside the church office. Give Sue, Susan or Carolyn a call and you can look through and pick out a special project to make your "someone" feel special. Choose from a lap throw, shawl, baby blanket, baby hat, dish cloth, baby-doll blanket - and other surprises on display.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet and would like to learn, or even polish your skills, the Group is willing to give you instructions so that you can get your hand-made projects completed in time.



Little Red Wagon items for Rowan Helping Ministries will be

collected each Sunday of the month for those attending worship. If you are not yet attending in-person worship, items can be dropped off at the Church during office hours. Items collected will be delivered monthly. RHM's Food Pantry Wish List includes: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Beans (canned and dry), Rice, Pasta, Potato Flakes, Breakfast Cereal and Oatmeal.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Join the Choir!
Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at 7:30.
Your voice is welcome!



One Church One Child's Christmas Stars for this season will be sent to the Church sometime during the 1st week in November. Rowan County One Church One Child provides a gift bag for Child Protective, In-Home/Case Management, Foster Care or Adoption Services each Christmas. If you are interested in participating in the One Church One Child program, please let the Church Office know how many stars you would like. The cost cannot be more than \$30 for gifts or gift cards. Gifts will be due during the first week of December..

From the Mission Committee ...

The Mission Committee met on Thursday, October 14 and reviewed mission outreach projects. The November project will be to provide a meal for the Rowan Helping Ministry Shelter Guests if volunteers are available. A survey link has been placed in the newsletter, bulletins and Thursday Thoughts for volunteers. Millie Campbell will coordinate the meal.

A special thanks to all who contributed to the annual Neighbors In Need Offering for Council for American Indian ministries and local church grants for creative outreach ministries. A total of \$800+ was contributed this year. The next UCC Annual Offering will be The Christmas Fund—Veterans of the Cross Offering on Sundays, December 19 and 26. This offering helps to support the annual Christmas Gifts to servants of the church and their surviving spouses. It also provides annual emergency grants to annuitant members of the UCC Pension Board and supplementary grants for monthly annuities and health insurance premiums for retired clergy and their spouses who are in financial need.

Also, the committee will sponsor Christmas gifts for children for the Department of Social Services. Please let Sue or Pastor Carol in the church office know if you would like to sponsor a Star Gift. The deadline for this gifts to be dropped at church office is usually around December 12.

Covid Task Force News ...

While we are pleased and grateful that the Covid positive rates in Rowan County continue to decrease, we are aware that Covid is still quite active and we are still considered to be in a high community spread area. We know that some of you have received your boosters and encourage all members to talk with their doctors regarding vaccination.

At this time, we continue to urge caution to our members and while those vaccinated are not required to wear masks we are strongly encouraging everyone to wear one. We are especially cognizant that our youngest among us have not been vaccinated yet and we especially urge caution around them. If you are around any children, we encourage you to wear your mask, even if you are vaccinated. We do encourage all members to honor individual decisions and personal space during this time.

We are looking at each request to use our space on a case-by-case basis. We appreciate your patience during this time. Again, while we won't mandate masks, we strongly encourage you to wear one. If you don't have one, we will provide you with one.





S-RCWU will celebrate a
Virtual **World Community Day**
Friday, November 5th, at 6:30 pm
Theme: New Places, New Faces at the Table
Contact Flo Peck for link.

The Ecumenical Action Project:
Articles for Family Crisis Council
Thanks for delivering yours
(from the list below) to the Salisbury YMCA
Wednesday Nov. 3rd 4:30 - 6 pm

- Baby Orajel, baby lotion,
- Infant, child & adult cold medicine
- Diapers (size 4 & 5), Pull-Ups all sizes
- Baby Wipes
- OTC Tylenol, ibuprofen & allergy medicine
- Ethnic hair products
- Liquid hand soap
- Boxed facial tissues
- Disinfectant wipes
- Laundry detergent, dish soap
- Pine-Sol, Lysol & Febreze spray
- Mops & brooms
- Paper towels
- Miscellaneous Cleaning Supplies
- Quart freezer bags, trash bags (13 & 30 gallon)
- Used cell phones
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Tool kits for women departing the shelter
- Twin & queen size air mattress with internal pumps
- Sheets, Twinsize bedding
(sheet sets, blankets & pillow cases)
- Non-perishable snack items.

Century Club Weekend at BRCC

The Annual Century Club Weekend at Blowing Rock Conference Center is Friday—Sunday, November 19-21, 2021. On Friday evening there will be sharing of memories and stories of experiences at BRCC (formerly Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds). In 2022, BRCC will begin a year long celebration of its 75th year of operation. Complimentary lodging for two nights and four meals will be provided.

The Annual Century Club Meeting will be at 12 noon Saturday and Ted Wilson, Executive Director, will give a report of how BRCC survived COVID Pandemic and will announce the upcoming Century Club Project of 2022 to remodel Cottages C and D. Annuals gifts to Century Club has all levels of gifts from \$100 to \$10,000. To register for Century Club Weekend, please call Jared Greer, Reservations Manager 828-295-7813 or email jared@brccenter.org.

Anyone is invited to attend.



World Community Day Celebration - Word Search Puzzle

Created by Rev. Lillie Holman



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| Day | Human | Places | World |



EveryAge
(formerly United Church Homes and Services)

United Church Homes and Services celebrated its 50th Anniversary on August 21, 2021 and announced its new corporate name, EveryAge.

EveryAge serves every age through its residents, residents' families, staff and staff families in retirement living and services and in a 5 Star Kids Daycare at Piedmont Crossing, Thomasville. EveryAge serves over 2200 persons annually and employs 1200 persons for a variety of senior living opportunities, three PACE Centers in Lexington, Statesville, and Wilmington and a new one coming in 2022 in New Bern. Both Rev. Larry Bolick and Mr. Greg Alcorn, members of First UCC, serve on the EveryAge Board of Directors.

EveryAge (UCHS) has been a recipient of a First UCC Grant for the past years and most recently Carolina Senior Care--PACE Center in Lexington has received the grants.

First UCC Birthday Calendar 2022

If you would like to reserve a birthday calendar for 2022, please complete the form below and return to Glenda Shrewsbury, Bobbie Troutman or the Church office. The cost is \$3 per calendar and \$1 per name. Please indicate in the box beside the name whether it is in Honor of ("H") or in memory of ("M"). Circle 2 has retained a list of last year's birthdays. If the birthdays were correct for 2021, note that on the form, there is no need to relist all names and days. You may also call Glenda Shrewsbury (704-637-1225) or email Bobbie Troutman at dbtroutman6@gmail.com with orders or questions. **Please make checks out to Circle 2.**

The deadline to reserve names or order calendars is **November 28.**

Thank you for your support.

Your Name: _____

(H or M)

Name _____

[] Birthday ____/____

Name _____

[] Birthday ____/____

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Name _____

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Number of names: _____ @ \$1 = \$ _____

Number of calendars: _____ @ \$3 = \$ _____