

First UCC News

October 2024

Sundays at 11:00
In-Person and Online Worship

[Youtube.com/@1stUCCSalisbury/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@1stUCCSalisbury/streams)

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

OCTOBER SCRIPTURES

October 6

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 13

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 20

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 24-35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 27

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

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other information on our website.

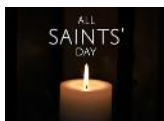


**Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings:**

**Intergenerational
Sunday School
"LIFT"
9:30 a.m.**

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

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



All Saints Sunday will be observed
on Sunday, October 27 during
Worship. Please let the Church
Office or Pastor Carol know of any-
one you would like to have
recognized during the Service.



October 27 First UCC will also host
Foundation Sunday. Join us for
presentation of Foundation awards
during Worship.

OCTOBER



- 1 6:30 p.m. Circle 6 Meeting
- 2 6:00 p.m. WOW Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6 11:00 a.m. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Worship with Communion
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meal
3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals
- 7 6:30 p.m. Circle 7 Meeting
- 8 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 9 6:00 p.m. WOW Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10 11:30 a.m. Primitimers
5:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 13 9:30 a.m. LIFT Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting
- 15 1:00 p.m. Bless These Stitches
- 16 5:30 p.m. EC Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. WOW Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 20 9:30 a.m. LIFT Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Council Meeting
4:00 p.m. Family Fun Day
- 22 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 23 6:00 p.m. WOW Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 25 9:00 a.m. Primitimers Foliage Trip
(In light of the hurricane,
this trip is to be determined)
- 27 9:30 a.m. LIFT Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Foundation Sunday and
All Saints Sunday
Feasting on the 4th
5:00 p.m.

CAROL'S CORNER

Friends,

There are almost no words to express what we are seeing on Facebook and on the news of the devastation just west of us and of course, Florida and the other states hit along the path of Hurricane Helene. If that storm had come a little bit farther east.... I imagine all of us have thought of that.

Psalm 46:1-2 proclaims, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."

Yet I imagine that those in the path of Helene felt fear and some worried that they wouldn't make it out alive and there are those who died in this storm. There are families who are still waiting to hear from family members and friends.

I imagine that God weeps at the loss of life and the destruction of land and property. I imagine that God weeps with us and holds us in our pain and loss. I imagine that God is giving strength to all the men and women who are working tirelessly to find people and respond to emergency needs like food and shelter.

There are and will be many ways for us to help. The quickest and simplest is a financial donation to the Red Cross <https://www.redcross.org/local/north-carolina.html> for immediate needs, to the UCC Disaster Ministries <https://support.ucc.org/disaster-ministries> for longer term recovery, to CWS (Church World Service) <https://cwsglobal.org/donate/> for both immediate and longer-term recovery. The fire-department is accepting certain items, check their websites.

From other disasters I would and invite you to be careful with sending items at this point unless there is a plan already in place for those items to be distributed which is why I mentioned the Fire Department.

When I was in Connecticut, we had a tornado come through (although I am not sure that they ever formally found it to be a tornado, the straight-line winds were strong and took out power and trees and leveled almost an entire forest) and what I remember the most about the aftermath was how people came together and worked together to help each other. Providing food, water, shelter.

It didn't matter who you were. People took care of their neighbors. We are seeing it in response to this disaster also.

Which makes me wonder. Why do we wait? Why does it take a natural disaster for us to find a way to care for one another?

As we ponder that, I invite you all to pray to hold all those affected by Helene in your thoughts and prayers but also to act.

Images from John's River Valley Camp are on the next page. In case you are wondering those girders were the bridge to get into camp.

Another opportunity for donations: https://www.jrvc.org/donate-now?fbclid=IwY2xjawFncBVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHTk5UgbEv6x6yz8tG3HR4AxxRA8_yuq6UPblHWkJLrdnbKP2IJ7qKK2RAg_aem_0PKOIL1puBQc6McBO8txOw

Peace be with us all,

Pastor Carol

From Johns River Valley Camp Facebook Post (9/29/24, 7:21 a.m.):

Hurricane Helene left our iconic JRVC bridge in need of urgent replacement. This bridge is a vital part of our camp's infrastructure, connecting campers to essential facilities and outdoor adventures. Without it, our summer programs and rental groups will be significantly impacted.

More pictures from the rest of camp will follow soon.

We're reaching out to our amazing community to help us rebuild this important bridge. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference. Let's come together to ensure our campers can continue to enjoy the magic of summer camp.

Donate now: <https://www.jrvc.org/donate-now>
[#JRVC](#) [#HurricaneRelief](#) [#RebuildTogether](#) [#CommunitySupport](#)

Update from JRVC Facebook Page (9/29/24, 5:34 p.m.)

Friends, today was hard. We were able to get to camp and even figure out how to cross what is left of the bridge. What we found on the other side was rough.

Buildings with major damage:

Girls Bathhouse - tree through roof

Corriher and Hedrick - destroyed by trees

Dining hall - tree smashed through roof

Brotherhood - gone under 3 trees

Boys Bathhouse - tree through roof

River Chapel - now has an actual river running between the isles.

All buildings received some damage but these are the worst. We will be posting updates as we learn more. Please share this post with other JRVC people and encourage them to follow us.

[#jrvc](#)



The Mission Committee will be gathering items and donations for CWS Clean Up Buckets in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Below is a list of needed items for each bucket. (We have plenty of N-95 masks at the Church.) If you would like to donate to the Buckets, please contact Pastor Carol or Larry Bolick.



CLEANUP BUCKET LIST

Hurricanes, floods and other disasters are happening more frequently. When our neighbors around the world experience these unforeseen circumstances, you can make the road to recovery easier with CWS Cleanup Buckets. These buckets are full of essential home recovery supplies that are needed after a disaster strikes.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- One 4-8 oz pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64 oz or two 25 oz bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34 oz bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40 oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45-gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9 oz bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please do not enclose cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes. Please send all monetary donations to: CWS, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or pay your shipping online at cwskits.org/shipping.

October

Meetings and Other Events...



Meals on Wheels Deliveries
LIFT Sunday School Class
WOW Wednesdays
Choir Rehearsal

Tuesdays October 8 and October 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (no Class on 10/6)
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Circle 6 Meeting
Congregational Meal
Blessing of the Animals
Circle 7 Meeting
Primetimers
Mission Committee Meeting
Finance Committee Meeting
Property Committee Meeting
Bless These Stitches
EC Board Meeting
Church Council Meeting
Family Fun Day
Primetimers Foliage Day
Foundation Sunday and
All Saints Sunday
Feasting on the 4th

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 6 after Worship
Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 20 after Worship
Sunday, October 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 25

Sunday, October 27 at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.

WOW WEDNESDAY! (Worship on Wednesdays)

All are invited join us for Bible study starting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Please bring a snack to share. We will be using the Interpretation Bible study focusing on the book of Esther and the book of Ruth. The break down of the reading and lessons is as follows:

October 2nd Ruth 3
October 9th Ruth 4

LIFT Sunday School for All Ages

LIFT stands for Living in Faith Together and it is the curriculum we will be using for our Sunday School Lessons this fall. Our theme will be Family stories from Genesis. This Sunday School class is intergenerational-all are welcome to join us. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. and be done around 10:15 a.m.. Each session is designed to build community between the generations through four activities: sharing food, enjoying fellowship, worshipping, and studying the Bible.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 6.

Feasting on the Fourth

Several folks have been talking about the fun we could have if we could cook together and try new recipes, so you are all invited to come join us for Feasting on the Fourth. We will be gathering downstairs to prepare a meal together on the 4th Sunday of each month. On Sunday, the 22nd, we made taco soup. We gather at 5PM. Come prepared to share in some laughter and fun. All are welcome to join us. Oh, when, well the fourth Sunday of course! **October 27!**

MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is
a universal
human
right

"God will not filter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." Isaiah 45:7



This annual UCC offering is received for UCC Native American Ministries (Council for American Indian Ministries) and for grants for local churches and organizations to serve the needs of their communities with justice in supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. The theme for 2024 is "Mental Health Justice for All." In 2015, the General Synod of UCC passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged for mental health.) Western North Carolina Association voted in 2018 to be a WISE Association and advocate for those with mental illness to be included in our local churches. The UCC NIN Offering link is [Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](https://ucc.org) for more information and to donate directly to NIN offering.

We will receive NIN offering on Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Prayers ...

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odroosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Roger Hogendorn (grandson of Linda Hauze), Emily Hauze (daughter-in-law of Linda Hauze), Rick Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's uncle), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Doris Miller, Dan Morgan, Pat Norris, Patsy Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Eric Webster, Frances Wensil, Janette Yost.

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.

Primetimers

The Primetimers met September 19 for an informative program on Nazareth Child and Family Connection by Hugo Criger, Director of Development. In appreciation for the complimentary meal provided by Linda Hauze, a love offering for Nazareth was received for \$128. Primetimers will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 11:30 am for a Mykonos grilled chicken and salad meal. The cost will be \$12 per person for the meal. Pastor Carol Hallman will have a slide show presentation on her tour of Turkey and the places she visited in April that St. Paul visited on his missionary journeys as well as the churches of the early formation of the Christian Church. Please let Sue know in the church office 704.633.2723 or Larry Bolick 828.612.8147 know if you plan to attend by Tuesday, October 8, 12 noon.

Primetimers are sponsoring a van trip to Ginger Cake Residential Lodge, hosted by Dr. Ken Clapp, who will provide a picnic meal for the group. The group will meet at the church parking lot at 9 am leaving on the Catawba College Lilly Van and returning by 5 pm. The cost will be \$10 per person for transportation. This day trip is to view the fall foliage and make some side stops. Sign up with Sue in the church office or with Larry Bolick.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will meet on Thursday, October 10 at 5 pm to plan for the rest of the year. Plans are in the making for another Drive-By Food Drive and RHM Shelter Meal this fall. RHM is desperately needing volunteers in all areas of service. Those who wish to donate canned foods to the Blessing Pantry along Church Street may bring items on Sundays and leave in the Blessing Pantry or the Little Red Wagon. No food items for the Blessing Pantry can be packaged in paper containers or boxes. This fall appropriate food items will be collected for the Little Red Wagon for RHM "Food for Thought" School Backpack Program.

Blowing Rock Conference Center

Blowing Rock Conference Center will celebrate its 75th Anniversary of operations on November 15-17, 2024 with a special invitation to Century Club Members and their guests. To become a Century Club Member requires an annual gift of \$100. Reservations for a room can be made by contacting Jared Creer 828.295.7813. To commemorate this milestone, 12 rooms in the North Corriher Lodge will be taken offline after this weekend to begin their long-awaited updates. The renovation of the rooms in Corriher Lodge will be a four-year process. Gifts for the Renovation to Corriher Lodge may be mailed to Blowing Rock Conference Center, P. O. Box 2350, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

Council

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:

Don Whitfield
Phyllis Little
Shirley McNeil
Greg Alcorn
Ken Clapp
Carolyn Claine
Lynn Bernhardt

Pastoral/Staff Relations Committee members:

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.

Church Council is in still need of new council members. Please let Pastor Carol or Don Whitfield know if you feel called to fill one of the remaining positions.



Bless These Stitches

This group provides many items of knitted apparel for communities in Salisbury. Mittens, scarves, and shawls are masterfully and beautifully crafted. If you already have a crafting skill or would like to learn one, we meet at 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month for fellowship.

There are many handcrafted items outside of the Church office for purchase. If you have something different in mind than what has already been completed for sale, please speak with the Church office or a member of the group and something different might be arranged.

Please consider joining the group on October 15 at 1:00 p.m.!



5-Alive

Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is used to help those in our church and within our community.

When making your donation, please specify 5-Alive.





September Food Collection



Many thanks to those who donated to the September Little Red Wagon program. 25 pounds of food were delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries. No clothing will be received by RHM until after October 16 due to renovations. Some of the donations made will help stock the Blessings Pantry on Church Street when it has been installed. The remaining donations will be taken to Rowan Helping Ministries as part of our Little Red Wagon collection for their Food Pantry and Backpack Program. There will be an upcoming dedication of the Food Pantry after its installation.

Family Fun Day ... Sunday, October 20 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Come join the fun on Sunday, October 20. There will be scriptures, crafts, snacks and fun.

Cleaning Robots

Watch for cleaning robots that sometimes run throughout the building. If it is running near where you are meeting, please press the "home" button on top and it should retreat to its base.



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!**



Blessing of the Animals

1st UCC Playground
October 6th 3PM

All pets or pictures of pets will be blessed
ALL are welcome
207 W Horah St.



September News from Thursday Thoughts

On September 22, the Church held a meal Feasting on the 4th. Attendees gathered to make taco soup and join in fun and fellowship together led by Lucy and Chuck Carte. The next Feasting on the 4th will be on Sunday, October 27, led by Mark Schiemann. Consider joining us!

On Sunday, September 29, we joined during Worship for a "Hymn Sing" with suggested songs from the past and present. At 5:00 p.m. we gathered for a Fellowship on the 5th gathering on the 5th Sunday of the month. The next Fellowship on the 5th will be on December 29. Mark your calendars!

Congratulations went out to Elizabeth Alcorn, Rebecca Blossey and Catherine Schiemann for their September weddings.

