

“What's the  
WORD?”



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## Weekly Updates & Musings

### *Beloved Church,*

Happy New Year!

As this Christmas season is coming to a close and Epiphany begins I pray you have had an opportunity to be with family or friends however that happened... whether over zoom, FaceTime, through screened doors, or on the porch!

Since we celebrate Epiphany on January 3rd we have been distributing Star words. Their impact has already been meaningful for a lot of folks. If you haven't picked up yours, please stop by or call the church office or leave a comment on Facebook and we will pick one for you.

If you haven't seen the post on our Facebook page my star gift was the word “hear” I am curious as to why the word is “hear” and not “listen”. For the act of hearing is automatic, we hear without even thinking. Listening however to me is an action word, we need to be paying attention to Listen... and usually when we listen we are moved to act. I am sure God will make it clear during this coming year!

Act of Kindness - Why not start off the year by reaching out to someone you haven't talked to in a while? Pick up the phone, write a letter, or send an email... bring a smile to someone's week!

Blessings on your week, friends!

Love & Light,  
*Michelle*

**hear** verb

Save Word

\ 'hɪr \

heard \ 'hɜrd \; hearing \ 'hɪr-ɪŋ \

**Definition of hear**

*transitive verb*

1 : to perceive or become aware of by the ear

// didn't *hear* what she said

Do you have a pastoral concern, joy or announcement or just want to check in? Feel free to contact me:

Call or text: 610-390-9624

Email: [fcuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fcuccpastor@gmail.com)

\*please note Friday & Saturday are my Sabbath days.  
(with the exception of scheduled events.)

I am available for emergencies only those days

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Worship videos can now be viewed directly from our website!

[firstchristianucc.org](http://firstchristianucc.org)

# Prayer Concerns

Please keep these individuals/families in your prayers...

Benji Terrell - having chronic headaches, taking new medication will have MRI on 2/10

Julie Miller - Finished Chemo! Will begin Radiation treatments soon

Joe Strickland - (Faye Strickland's son) squamous cell carcinoma he will begin treatments soon

Eleanor Lovgren - doing much better!

MaryBeth Linton - swollen lymph node that medication didn't help, will be going back to Dr soon.

Lewis Fowler, continue to keep him in your prayers

Millie Fraser - was in hospital for Pneumonia, she is now at home recovering

Joyce Collins - Connie Collins Mother in Law having testing done, heart issues

## ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday school at 9:30 am via Zoom. Merle Sharpe will be guiding the class.

Here is the link for Zoom Sunday School at 9:30 am. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99385710248> or dial in by phone +1 (301) 715-8592 you will be prompted to enter meeting ID #993 8571 0248. Once you have entered, you will be placed in a virtual "waiting room" Please stay on the line and someone will admit you into the meeting shortly.

## Upcoming Worship Services

Date	January 10th	January 17th	January 24th	January 31st
Theme	Baptism of Christ	Fearfully & Wonderfully Made	Follow Me	Mental Health Sunday
Scripture	Mark 1:4-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28
Liturgist	Dotti Davis	Julie Miller	Sandra Greene	Elsie Bolick
Hymn	Peace like a River	Here I am Lord	Lakeshore	Where Charity & Love Prevail

# Prayers of Gratitude & joy

Giving God thanks for....

The Staff would like to thank everyone for the gifts and cards this Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity!

~Michelle, Joan, Connie, Matt and Rodney



## January Birthdays

January 2 - Glenna Lewis

January 4 - Voncile Fowler

January 6 - Chris Braun

January 17 - Dotti Davis

January 17 - Stuart Stone

January 28 - MaryBeth Linton

January 31 - Neil Braun



## January Anniversaries

January 10 - Stuart & Sandy Stone

January 31 - Tim & Connie Collins

# Words of

12-12-2020

I thank you for the beautiful poinsettia you gave me. It has "warmed" my home and my heart. You are special - to remember me during this Christmas season.

I continue to take the oral chemotherapy and,

other than occasional "exhaustion," I feel better than should be expected.

With love and thanks,  
Nancy Kropp

P.S.

After the first of the year we plan to investigate Sleep # BEDS and put your wonderful gift TOWARDS that.

IT will be a gift that keeps on giving.   
Big Hugs and merry Christmas  
Deborah & Tim

Dear Deacons:

We want to say a huge thank you for that tender and gracious farewell party and the incredible generous love gift." The spoken and written words spoken and SHARED AT THE party continue to bless us.

We continue to give thanks to GOD for the opportunity to journey with you for 14 wonderful months.  
With love and gratitude  
Deborah and Tim

HAVE A JOYFUL HOLIDAY

Thanks for all you do and the thoughtful gifts at Christmas.

The Paul Family

## Mission Opportunity

Trollinger Treasurers (336-227-8500)

How can you help? They are currently accepting donations of gently used goods to be sold in their store. If you have large quantity or large scale items they will even do a pick up!

Trollinger Treasurers thrift shop is a proud supporter of RTSA, or Residential Treatment Services of Alamance. RTSA's goal is to improve the lives of those suffering from alcoholism, addiction, and/or mental illness. They provide plenty of resources, support, counseling services, and good old fashion encouragement for their patients to overcome their illness and succeed in life. They have several residential communities for those who need constant support. The sale of donated goods from this store provides help for people recovering from alcoholism, addiction, or mental illness. There is a camel statue in the store, the symbol of Alcoholics Anonymous. The camel goes days without drinking, just like recovering alcoholics strive to go days, then weeks, then months, then forever without drinking. Not only does the store help those in RTSA, but it also gives Elon University students whom have gotten in trouble for drinking a place to do their community service.

## Chat with Kathy Andes!

If you would like to, you can now schedule a visit with Kathy Andes through video conference. She would love to hear from her friends at First Christian! Use this web address to access the scheduler....

<https://calendly.com/wbc-visit/family-visit>

You will be asked to select a day and time for your visit and the means by which you would like to visit (Zoom, FaceTime, etc) The form that pops up after one selects the day and time of the visit asks for first and last name. That is intended for the visitor's name. Further down is a box labeled "Please include your loved one's first name, put both first AND last names: Kathy Andes.