



June

2026 NEWSLETTER

Devotion

Green! Our back yard finally is showing some green! We are still fervently trying to get grass established, but where just a couple of months ago there was only brown there are signs of actual lawn! It is amazing what a few days of rain can accomplish to make life just pop up out of the ground! Trish and I are looking forward to a long stretch of growth during the coming few months.



That is the theme behind the colors we use in worship during this season, as well — growth! After the long preparations of Lent and Holy Week with their somber purples, after the Great Fifty Days of Easter with their celebratory whites and golds, and after that brief, bright flash of red on Pentecost Sunday, we settle down to a long season of green. It represents the ongoing life and growth of the Church and the faithful, as well as the spiritual development of individuals.

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This portion of the liturgical year is known as Ordinary Time, but not because it is considered “ordinary” in the sense of “unimportant or mundane.” No, it all comes down to Latin! “Ordinalis” means items in a series; ordinal numbers are the numerals we use to organize things in an order — first, second, third and so on. So, during this longest of liturgical seasons we are celebrating the ordered passage of time between the major holy days. It is the long growing season of our faith. Jesus had a lot to say about growing things, and we are going to hear a lot about it in the coming weeks.

God of growth, plant within us the desire to mature in our faith.

Cultivate us as your church so that we can bear spiritual fruit.

Shine your love upon us so that the warmth of your Spirit makes us grow.

Amen.

Just as I’m looking forward to seeing green in my back yard, I’m looking forward to seeing our growth as a church!

Pastor Stephen

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Birthdays

Deborah Williams 6/1

Cyndi Horne 6/5

Ross Strange 6/7

Judy Kipp 6/8

Faye Strickland 6/8

Charlie Vitou 6/26

June Sellars 6/29

Anniversaries

Ross & Ann Strange 6/5

Jamie & Carol Fonville 6/8

Garry & Sherry Massey 6/21

Those Remaining in Our Prayers

Buster Freeman

Nell Allred

Amber Massey

Joe Strickland

Ross Strange Sr.

Trisha Shelly

Ray Palyok

Lewis Fowler

Carolyn Wolley / Family

Dave Smudski / Family

Brenda Grogan

Rodney Paul Sr.

Holly Bent

Nanci Isley

Curtis Foster

Jon & Judy Kipp

Betty & Roger King

Troy Marquardt

Blake Jones

June Sellars

Prayers

If you need prayers or know someone that does please let us know.

You can call the office or call your Deacon.

We are here to assist in anyway that's helpful.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, June 2nd**
 - *Finance Meeting at 11:00 am*
- **Wednesday, June 3rd - Thursday, June 4th**
 - *The Office is Closed*
- **Monday, June 8th**
 - *Official Board Meeting at 6:00pm*
- **Sunday, June 21st**
 - *Father's Day*
- **Tuesday, June 30th**
 - *Deacons Meeting at 6:00 pm*

Community Engagement

Blessed Sacrament Food Distribution will be moving their location to their building on our block. We have agreed to allow them to use our parking lot for their distribution lines.

2nd Mondays from 10:30 - 1:30 pm
4th Mondays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm
(Exceptions are May and December)

THEMES & LITURGISTS

Communion

Dotti Davis 6/7

Greeter

Carol Fonville

Ushers

Benji Terrell (head)

Julie Miller, Eleanor Lovgren, Charlie Vitou

Liturgists

June 7th - Judy Kipp

June 14th - Beth Painter

June 21st - Trish Ball

June 28th Tena Barnwell

Receptions

Please join us in the parlor for fellowship and light refreshments after
Worship on Sundays.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Mission Statement

(Revised 2/4/24)

First Christian United Church of Christ in Burlington, North Carolina opens wide its doors to all who hunger for God and God's righteousness. It seeks to provide rest for weary spirits, comfort for troubled hearts, and to inspire all to follow Jesus Christ in unselfish service to humankind. We, in the spirit of Jesus' great commandments, commit to love God and our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34) and follow Paul's teaching of acceptance of one another (Romans 14:1-15: 13).

We believe that all people are created in God's image and are blessed and loved equally by God. We welcome with respect, and nurture with intention, the gifts of all who come to us on the journey of faith and seek eternal salvation under the New Covenant of Jesus Christ. We welcome everyone to join us in the life and leadership of our family of faith, and in our ongoing commitment as an Open and Affirming Congregation. The people of First Christian United Church of Christ are dedicated to always being a welcoming and loving church; a "House of Christian Fellowship for ALL people."

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 12 pm

Church Officers

President: Jamie Fonville

Vice President: Cindy Sharpe

Treasurer: Judy Kipp

Assistant Treasurer: Julie Miller

Secretary: Matt Rice

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Ball, OSL

Organist / Choir Director: Matt Rice

Custodian: Rodney Paul Sr.

Office Administrator: Debbie Norris