



**STAYING IN TOUCH...**  
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## Steve's Corner

**Dear Grace, Happy first full week in October!**  
**This Sunday I will be preaching the story of Esther. It is one of the most famous stories in the world and is read every year at the Jewish Feast of Purim. It is a character building and character revealing story of the battle between good and evil in our lives. The title is: "Queen Esther and The Urgency of Now."**

**The text for the day is Esther 4: 10-11. You can read the whole book in one sitting and may want to. It is as urgently real as our morning news cycles. Come hear the story again.**  
**Steve**

### Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM  
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Our friends on homebound:*  
*Nancy Milstead,*  
*Clara Rogers.*

*Those issues close to us:*  
*Tom Wiberg, Gay Park, James,*  
*Shakira, Kyle & Patricia,*  
*Rebecca Beaver, Bob Barber,*  
*Jennifer Jolly's mother,*  
*Walter Arreaza, Alf Fraley,*  
*Louise's brother, Jack,*  
*Middle East crisis,*  
*Lucas Watt and family,*  
*Wild fires in the west,*  
*Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,*  
*Iredell Statesville Schools students and*  
*staff, Amber Jordan and family,*  
*People of Cuba,*  
*Kim Christman and Stan Dotson,*  
*peoples of the Ukraine,*  
*caregivers, healthcare workers,*  
*homeless children, our nations*  
*immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who*  
*are mentally ill, those who are affected*  
*by violence, those who are incarcerated,*  
*children who are a part of the*  
*Guardian ad Litem program,*  
*local law enforcement officers and fire*  
*fighters.*

*Those in the military:*  
*James Pulliam, Adam Ivey,*  
*Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano,*  
*Zach Thompson, Caleb Sisk.*

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Celebrations:*

#### *Birthdays*

**6 - Peggy Nicholson**  
**6 - Ben Kudlacek**  
**7 - Hunter Johnson**  
**8 - Liliana Billings**  
**11 - Will Kenney**  
**12 - Maple Scott**

**Lawrence and Melissa Lippard**  
**are expecting a baby in**  
**November.**

### *Concerns:*

**Racial Healing.**

**Our Nation.**

**There is a need to be "aware" of the**  
**gun epidemic going on right now.**

**School students and staff and the**  
**community around these schools.**

**Prayers for people who feel unloved.**

**Middle East Crisis.**

**Teen's who are considering suicide.**

**All those affecting by Hurricane**  
**Helene.**

The week of October 6-12, 2024

# October Birthdays

- 1 - David Grose
- 2 - Grant Lippard
- 2 - Lawrence Lippard
- 3 - Doug Hendrix
- 5 - Mary Whitted Hendrix
- 6 - Peggy Nicholson
- 6 - Ben Kudlacek
- 7 - Hunter Johnson
- 8 - Liliana Billings
- 11 - Will Kenney
- 12 - Maple Scott
- 13 - Millie Corcoran
- 14 - Ulysses Marshall
- 16 - Brandon Tilley
- 16 - Grady Adams
- 20 - Tom Wiberg
- 21 - Kevin Angell
- 24 - Steve Coarsey
- 30 - Jean Stroupe
- 30 - Mike Shaver
- 31 - Tristan Brown
- 31 - Serenity Brown

## Anniversary

18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

Steve's sermon's are always available  
On Facebook and Youtube.  
You can easily find it at:  
[www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org)

## Budget

### BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$79,080.00  
Received year to date: \$73,149.96  
UNDER budget: \$5930.04  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$2246.56



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have PayPal! You will find a PayPal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

## Mission Board News

ICM needs our help to restock their shelves!  
We will be collecting food on the first Sunday of each month but you can bring them anytime.

## Church Maintenance Tilley

## Scripture for the Week

Esther 4: 10-11

## Sermon

"Queen Esther and The Urgency of Now"

## Leader

John Barnard

## Reader

Kim McKinney

## \*Upcoming events:

\*October 12 - A Food & Fall Benefit Fest for Iredell Christian Ministries will be held from 10:00 until 3:00 at 308 Mocksville Hwy. in the Banner Drug parking area. It will include a food drive, food trucks, kids zone, raffles and much more fall fun.

\*October 13 - Covered Dish Fundraiser Celebration following worship.

The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, along with the slaw, chili, and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We'll have a cookie bar set up for the children! This will be a time for us to enjoy each other's company and be updated on how much has been raised toward the capital campaign.

\*Mark your Calendars for Our Davis Lecture Series coming November 17th. Rev. Amy Butler is our speaker.