

THE MESSENGER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2023

OUR VISION STATEMENT

*We are grace-filled followers of
Jesus Christ who are
Equipped, Encouraged,
and Expected to use our*

1st Sunday of Advent

*Heads,
our
Hearts,*

10:00-Worship Service



HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MINISTERS: ALL THE BAPTIZED OF GOD'S FAMILY

ORGANIST : AMY LEWIS

New Worship Time: 9:30 AM

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Communion is offered at services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday.

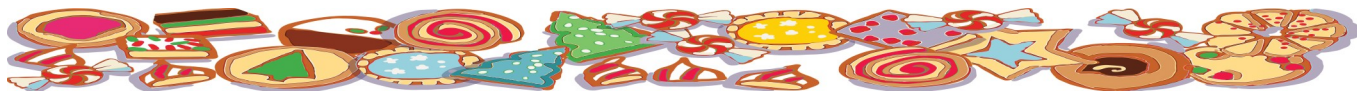


Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 24th

7:00 p.m.

Rev. Paul Kanupp will be leading the worship service



Beginning Sunday, December 10th,
our new worship time will be
9:30 AM.



*The church office will be closed on
Monday, December 25, 2023 and
Tuesday, December 26, 2023.*

At home in our hearts

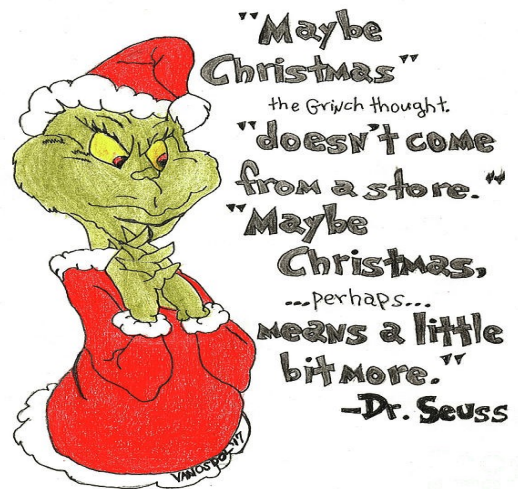
"All hearts come home for Christmas," according to popular sentiment. But what if your heart (and/or home) is hurting or troubled? Does this season have room for people who are struggling? Does the holiday still have meaning?

Yes, God's word tells us. In fact, that's why God sent Jesus, the Word, from his heavenly home to make "his dwelling among us" (John 1:14, NIV). As fully human, Jesus experienced loneliness and betrayal, loss and physical pain. He was rejected by loved ones, angered by corruption, and abandoned to die. But as fully God, Jesus provides answers, healing and hope. Through his resurrection (which first required an earthly birth), Jesus offers salvation to all who believe in him.

As we await the heavenly home that God's Son is now preparing, we can welcome him and his comforting promises, even into our hurting hearts.



CANDLE—The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning. Many churches have a candle-light worship service on Christmas Eve, often at midnight.



12/3	Peter Maxwell Deanna Simms
12/4	John Beaty
12/10	Nancy Pasour
12/18	Coleen Cloninger
12/21	Saidee McKinney Meredith Clemmons
12/26	Nicholas Carter
12/28	Jerry Peeler
12/29	Ron Dixon
12/30	Jimmy Ferguson Lindsey Walden
12/31	Chris Rhyne



Food Pantry Needs

DECEMBER FOOD ITEMS:

CRACKERS

PEANUT BUTTER

BEEF WEENIES

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES



ARE READY AND AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
IN THE NARTHEX.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTS

December 7 –Antioch

December 14—First Methodist

December 21—St. Paul's

December 28—Holy Communion
Philadelphia Lutheran



The Reason
for the
Season



2024 Altar Flower Chart is posted in the hallway. If you would like to place flowers in the church, please sign up or contact the church office. Cost is \$61.00 from Gaston Floral



Charlie Brown Christmas Tree

We are collecting new unwrapped toys and clothes for the Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministries for Christmas.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

Donations are due by

Tuesday, December 5th

Audio / Video Volunteers for December

Dec. 3– Gene Armstrong

Dec. 10-Gene Armstrong

Dec. 17-Greg Carter

Dec. 24-Greg Carter /

Christmas Eve Service-Gene Armstrong

Dec. 31-Jamie White



**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2023 @ 3:00pm**

- **Present:** Pastor Shea Berbaum, Jeff Clemmer, Harold George Clemmer, Jr, Coleen C. Peeler, Jerry Peeler, Roxanna Britton, Reid Simms, James White, Jr, Alan Cloninger, Becky B. Shehan and Pastor Cece Mills.
- Alan Cloninger made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Roxanna Britton
- Alan Cloninger made motion to approve Minutes from September, 2023 Council Meeting. Seconded by Roxanna Britton
- James White, Jr made motion to approve the Financial Report from Sept. 2023. Jerry Peeler Seconded.
- Pastor's Report given for information.
- Discussion with Pastor Cece Mills regarding the future of Holy Communion.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fall Clothes give away was successful
- Pest Control (Dellinger Exterminator) was completed for Church Property
- The sacristy lights were replaced.
- Ice Machine was repaired

NEW BUSINESS

- Cemetery Committee Update. The committee met & went over plots.
- Dishwasher was removed from kitchen d/t being broken
- Homecoming will be on Sunday Oct 29th @ 11:00am. Bishop Timothy Smith will preach. Harold George Clemmer, Jr will provide a BBQ lunch following the service. Church members to bring desserts.
- Candy will be given out on Halloween, Tues Oct 31 on the Town square. We will have a table from Holy Communion & Philadelphia. Everyone is welcome to come & help hand out candy
- Congregational/Budget Meeting will be on Sunday Nov 5th after church.
- Next Council Meeting will be November 19th @ 3:00pm
- Deacon for November is Greg Carter

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky B. Shehan



Christmas 2023

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. ES Armstrong

In memory of Benny Britton

In honor of Roxanna Britton

In memory of Willis "Nook" & Jean Carter

In memory of Jean Carter

In memory of Robert Cearley Sr.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Clemmer

In honor of Cindy Clemmer

In memory of Priscilla Dean Clemmer

In memory of Carlton Cloninger

In honor of Alan & Cathy Cloninger

In memory of Polie & Mary Jo Cloninger

In memory of Rebecca Cloninger

In memory of Thomas Cloninger

In honor of Aunt Coleen

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Dixon

In honor of Selina Farris

In honor of Susie Ferguson

*In memory of Miss Ann Francis, The 5 kids,
Bill, Charles, Becky, Pat, David*

In memory of Alfred & Helen Hoffman

In memory of Carl & Allie Hoffman

In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Carl W. Hoffman

In memory of Ralph & Olla Hoffman

In honor of Amy & Ron Holland

In honor of Amy Lewis & Selina Farris

In memory of Elwood & Helen Mabry

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Martin

Given by Gene & Muriel Armstrong

Given by Frank & Becky Shehan

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Given by Greg, Beth, Nick, Amanda, Ben Carter

Given by Michele, Jeremy, Lauren, Madison Falls

Given by Peggy Cearley

Given by the Clemmer Family

Given by Jeff Clemmer

Given by Jeff & Cindy Clemmer

Given by Jerry & Coleen

Given by Alan & Cathy Cloninger

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Given by Frank & Becky Shehan

Given by Alan & Cathy Cloninger

Given by Roxanna Britton

Given by Gene & Muriel Armstrong

Given by Pat Heavner

Given by Michele, Jeremy, Lauren, Madison Falls

Given by Pat Dixon

Given by Devron Hoffman

Given by Peggy Cearley

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Given by Roxanna Britton

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Given by Alan & Cathy Cloninger

Given by Reid & Deanna Simms

In memory of Ann M. Medford

In memory of Robert Maxwell

In memory of Mom

In memory of Paul & Frances Moore

In memory of Juanita Peeler

In honor of Coleen Cloninger Peeler

In honor of Becky Shehan

In memory of Sue Shehan

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Vilbert Simms

In honor of Annie & Matt Stroupe

In honor of Shawna & Jim Tillery

*In honor of Caroline & Jackson Tillery
Grandchildren*

Given by Greg, Beth, Nick, Amanda, Ben Carter

Given by Dee Maxwell

Given by Roxanna Britton

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Given by Jerry & Coleen

Given by David & Ruth Cloninger

Given by Roxanna Britton

Given by Frank & Becky Shehan

Given by Reid & Deanna Simms

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FINANCIAL REPORT



	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>October (YTD)</u>
Contributions/other	\$11,747.64	\$132,579.50
Expenditures	<u>\$11,492.75</u>	<u>\$119,170.25</u>
Net Income	\$254.89	\$13,409.25
Checking Balance 10/01/23	\$197,233.48	
2023 Net Income	\$254.89	
Checking Balance 10/31/23	\$197,488.37	

WE'RE PRAYING FOR...

Shut-ins: Ann Rhyne

Our Church family: Jimmy & Susie Ferguson; Deanna Simms; Pat Heavner; Jimmy White; Mary Louise Huggins; Mary Rhyne; Johnny Mack Cloninger; Eric Heavner; Judy Hoffman family.

Our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives of members: Nancy Merck (bone cancer, (Mary Louise sister); our country; Robbie Cearley;); Covid 19; Kelly Byrd (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger; Steve Free-stone (health issues, friend of Jerry & Coleen); Christian Kerr (cancer-friend of Eric Heavner); our church; Manuel Ravey (friend of David & Ruth Cloninger); June Heavner (sister in law of Pat Heavner who has cancer); Pastor Feige and family at the death of his father; John Mucurdy (friend of Eric Heavner).

Our Continuing Long-Term Members: Carla Hall, Mary Rhyne

***Please* remember to notify the Church Office
when a prayer request has been resolved**



*We express our Christian Sympathy to Roger Cloninger,
Pat Heavner, Janice Green and family at the death of their sister
Judy Hoffman who died on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.*



Ann Rhyne
c/o David Rhyne
125 McDaniel Greene
Greenville, SC 29601



John Henry Clemmer
1264 Black Rd
Cherryville, NC 28021

Payton McKinney
4615 Duncastle Rd. Apt 3D
Fayetteville, NC 28314

COLLEGE

E.J Call

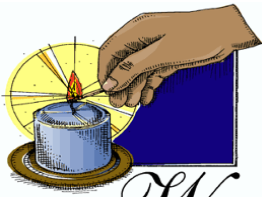
1312 Jackson Rd
Gastonia, NC 28052

Meredith Clemmons

3370 Cloninger Rd
Dallas, NC 28034

Gracie Hall

402 N Holland St
Dallas, NC 28034



Worship Assistants

Lay Reader for December
Deacon for December
Altar Guild

Jamie White
Jamie White
Frank & Becky Shehan

**DECEMBER PANTRY ITEMS:
Crackers, Peanut Butter, Beenie Weenies**

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						2 9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for Christmas
3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30- Worship Svr. Congregational Meeting	4	5	6	7 6pm-7pm Community Meal Host: Antioch	8	9
10 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30- Worship Service with communion	11	12	13	14 6pm-7pm Community Meal Host: 1st Methodist	15	16
17 <i>3rd. Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30- Worship Svr with communion 3:00-Church Council	18	19	20	21 6pm-7pm Community Meal Host: St. Paul's	22	23
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 9:30- Worship Svr with communion 7:00pm- Christmas Eve service with communion.	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> <i>Church office Closed</i>	26	27 January Newsletter item deadline	28 6pm-7pm Community Meal Host: HCLC/ Philadelphia	29	30
31 <i>1st Christmas</i> 9:30- Worship Svr with communion						



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Ministers: All the Baptized of God's Family

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. PHONE: 704 922 5375

Organist: Amy Lewis

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Return Service requested