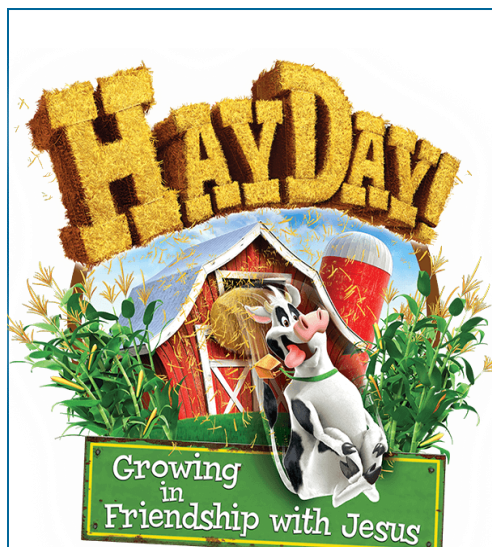




We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

July 2022

Christiana Courier



VBS 2020
July 19, 20, 21
6:30—8:30 pm
Ages 2—Grade 5

Classes will be for Preschool 2 years old to 5th Grade and will only be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will be a celebration with hotdogs, snacks, games, bouncy house, and more.

Contact Laurie Ritchie to volunteer

A special Congregational Meeting has been called by the Christiana Council and will be held Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 10:20 a.m. in the sanctuary of Christiana Lutheran Church, 6190 US Hwy 52, Salisbury NC 28146 for the purpose of approving the Council's recommendation to replace the church carillon system.

The new system will feature over 500 seasonal songs and chime clock and will come with a 5 year warranty. The total cost of replacement is \$6050.

Congregational Meeting



*Blessed is the
Nation whose God
is the Lord.*

Psalm 33:12

Plan to attend our 10:30 service on July 3. Invite your neighbors and friends as we celebrate and pray for our country and the world. We will recognize everyone present who has served in any branch of the military, and Dale Beaver will bring us the message.

Upcoming worship leaders

July 3: Dale Beaver, Patriotic Sunday
 July 10: Rev. George Rhyne
 July 17: Rev. Gary Coble (*communion*)

July 24: Ladies' LCW Sunday
 July 31: Rev. Marty Ramey
 Aug. 7: David Preslar
 Aug. 14: Rev. Gary Coble (*communion*)
 Aug. 21: TBD
 Aug. 28: Haiti Missions Sunday

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

GOD gives willingly.

What would happen in your life if you surrendered to GOD?

What would happen to your prayer life, your giving? You could give a little and you would get a lot back!

Try it sometime; it works. Give as you have been blessed.

What has GOD given to you? Jesus.

What GOD wants to know is what will you give to him.

Give as you have been blessed.

Give protection. Give knowledge. Give insight. Give kindness.

Give encouragement. Give comfort. And give smiles.

This kind of giving costs you nothing except your time.

July Children's Sermon Pt.2 Leaders

July 3 Brittney & Earlene Ritchie

July 10 Dale & Marsha Beaver

July 17 Jason & April Smith

July 24 Diane Smith & April Smith

July 31 Katie & Chris Sease

July Worship Support

Reader: Brittney Ritchie

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeters: Jenny Roberts, Trish Kelsoe, Betty Weant

Communion Assistants: Judy Stoner & Todd Koontz

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Earlene Ritchie

Altar Guild: Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt, Judy Stoner, Angie Fleming

June Attendance

June 5

Sunday School: 58
 Worship: 172

June 12

Sunday School: 40
 Worship: 75

June 19

Sunday School: 43
 Worship: 79

June 26

Sunday School: 56
 Worship: 96

July Birthdays

5 Vickie Keene
 8 Linda Haynes
 12 Larry McKenzie
 16 Jeff Fleming
 16 Matthew Morris
 17 Cindy Thomas
 17 Teresa McKinney
 18 Ashley Coffey
 22 Ansley Lyerly
 22 Colten Hawkins
 23 Joseph Pryor
 24 Saundra Fesperman
 24 Kevin Holland
 25 J Wood
 27 Dean Crouch

28 Adam Lingle
 27 Blessed Thompson
 27 Blessing Thompson
 29 Vance Lapish
 30 Savannah Lyerly
 31 Kathy French
 31 Sheryl Meyers



July Altar Flowers

July 3 Linda Crouch

July 10 Vickie Keene

July 17 Becky Morris

July 24 Joyce Cavanagh-Wood

July 31 Pat Burris

Pedestal Kathie Albright

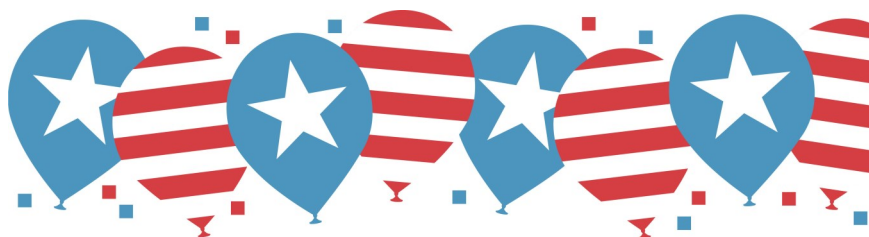
Pedestal Becky Morris



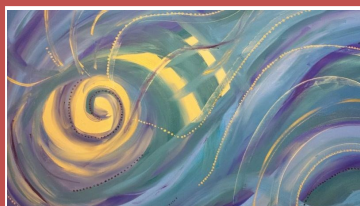
This month's prayer concerns



Angie Fleming, recovering at home from colon surgery. Bonnie Sechler, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer; residing at daughter's home, 216 Jefferson St. Spencer 28159, 704-639-9066. J Wood, recovering at home from triple bypass surgery. Jenny Roberts' cousin, Pam Carter, C. diff (inflammation of colon). Glenn Wall, hormone therapy & radiation scheduled. Ron & Wanda Smith had COVID. Voight Basinger, feeding tube inserted/gaining strength. Kay Abernathy, at home. Dee Smith, kidney issues. Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, chemo treatments. Mike Carscaddon, Hospice care at home. Vaughn Hatley, immunotherapy. Don & Rose Dedmon, rm. 405 The Laurels of Salisbury. Patti Holshouser, Ann Meacham, Cardell Gibson at TOHAR. Kathie Albright, bone-on bone knee pain; her friend Maxine Campbell, 83, fracture. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home; failing eyesight & balance.



Save the Date!
August 21, 5:15 pm
Handbells Get-together



Rediscover Church

Isn't it enough to belong to the universal church?
Sometimes people like to say, "I don't need to join a church."
Is that right? Can we forget about the local church?
The short answer is NO.
It's true that you don't need to join a church.

But what if you want to get married, be buried, have someone help you when you are sick? What if you need someone to pray for you? Where do you go?

There are dozens of reasons you need a church. That's where you will find Jesus and the answers to all your questions.

July Scripture Lessons

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-7
Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18
Luke 10:1-20

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 10

Leviticus 19:9-18
Psalm 41
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 27:7-14
Colossians 1:21-29
Luke 10:38-42

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 24

Genesis 18:20-33
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
Psalm - Psalm 100:1-5
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Remember those in nursing homes:

Autumn Care:
Joe Haas

The Laurels of Salisbury
Don & Rose Dedmon

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Cardell Gibson
Ann Meacham
Patti Holshouser



Gifts to the Church

To the Choir Fund in honor of PC & Kathy by Charlotte Pacilio

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Helen Kiker by Diane & Ken Gatzke

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Carl Holland Thomas and Mary Echerd Thomas by Patricia Thomas Pena and Kaitlin Christiana Pena.

For the new carillon system in honor of LaVaughn Beaver by Jay & Karen Goodman

LCW

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group will meet on July 5 at 11 a.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall.

Sister Lucille Group will meet for dinner at Los Arcos on Tuesday July 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

**Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2022**

Present

Richard Crouch, Pres.	Laurie Ritchie, Treas.	Todd Koontz	Eddie Eller
Jason Smith, V. Pres.	Jeff Fleming	Kevan Barringer	Karen Goodman
Laura Ritchie, Sec.	Harry Agner	Charlotte Pacilio	

Absent

Brittney Ritchie
Earlene Ritchie
Tony Hawkins
Robbie Robinson

Items of Business:

May Meeting Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurers Report:

April Envelope Income: \$8,701.68
Total April Income: \$9,085.03
YTD Envelope: \$6,922.66
YTD Total Income: \$6,739.93
Total April Expense: \$2,677.25
YTD Total Expense: \$6,233.46
Cash on Hand: \$52,087.84
Cash on Hand Money Market: \$100,000.00
Designated Funds:
Interest Earned: \$24.53
Brighten the Beacon May contributions: \$1,877.00 (\$992.00 was Chicken Dinner)
Expense Notes:
Donation to SONetwork: \$2,000.00
Preschool Equipment Purchas: \$2,500.00
Council approved as presented.

Pastor's Report:

(Submitted in writing) Council approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

*** Committee Chairs: Please make sure you are communicating with Ann Teague to ensure she is aware of any prayer concerns, updates, and important information to ensure that we keep our committees active and our church members ministered too. ***

Stewardship:

Motion # 1: Project Light Non-Profit Organization (Jim Duncan) has asked for permission to use the copier up to 100 copies a month. Council approved this motion.
Motion # 2: Carillon Bells hard drive for the system has quit working. It is \$6,100 to replace the hard drive. Council made a motion to take it to the congregation for approval. (Need to schedule a congregational meeting in 3 weeks for approval). Suggested possibly conducting a specific fundraiser for repair or a special offering during church service.

Property:

A few trees are touching the church. There will be a few different companies coming to look at them to see what it would cost to trim them.

Social Ministry:

Served the meal at the homeless shelter on the evening of May 26th and breakfast the morning of May 27th.
Baby bottled campaign ends next Sunday on Father's Day.
The baby picture guess challenge will be announced on June 26th

Fellowship:

Met and made pasta salad for the Pastor's retirement reception.

LCW – SL Group:

Motion: Proposed sponsoring a blessings box which would have essentials (food, books, etc.) for anyone to come by and get what they need as an outreach ministry. Jay Goodman would build it and the women's group would keep it stocked. This will need to be placed so it can be monitored via the outdoor camera. Council approved the motion with the goal of reviewing it frequently.

LCW - MKL Group:

Met two times in April:

- Gave out corsages to women of the church on Mother's Day.
- Made stars for teachers.
- Provided deserts for veteran's meal.
- Had regular meeting on June 7th.
- Plan to have a meeting this Thursday for future planning purposes.
- Donated \$100 for baby bottle campaign.
- Made and sent cards to shut ins.
- Collected 130 pounds of food for family crisis center.

CRS:

Met in May to eat at O'Charley's.
Will begin meeting Tuesdays with next meeting scheduled for June 15th at Cracker Barrel.

Youth:

Youth Committee meeting TBD in next few weeks to plan youth events for youth over the next few months. The goal is to provide at least one event for our youth each month to keep them active during the transition.
The Luther League meetings will continue and will also provide an additional monthly opportunity for our youth. (Need to acquire dates for these meetings)

Bus:

One of the dates the Rowan County girls' softball team needs to use the bus we do not have a Christiana driver available. Motion is to add a single driver (Todd McNeilly) who has a CDL and will be able to take them to the games we cannot provide a driver. Laurie Ritchie will contact the insurance company on Monday to add him as a driver.
Council approved the addition of this driver.

Prayerful Considerations:

Haiti Missions Sunday: Banks offered to do his concert and bring the pastor from Haiti to lead worship that Sunday. Council approved this motion.

Supply Pastors/Lay Leaders Calendar/Christiana Ministry Transition Teams:

Council received the calendar which has a pastor or plan for a lay leader coverage through the beginning of September.
Laurie Ritchie is also coordinating a list of members to do the children sermons.
The Duncan's have also started a prayer team that meets on Wednesdays to lead our search for a pastor and seek guidance during this transition. This group will reach out to church members as need and they will also lead the prayer section of the worship service.
Becky Morris is working to coordinate a support group who will be present with members of the congregation when going through medical issues, personal challenges, and deaths in the family. Make sure to keep Ann updated of anything needs you know of for our congregation so this group can provide support.

Christiana Creative Preschool Update: Currently cleaning out the rooms. Met with the all the teachers and only short an assistant for the 3-year-old class. Enrollment is enough at this time to cover the salaries.

Christiana Biography: This came from the ELCA and stops in 2004. It is a very detailed account of the church history. We need a church member to continue that history with details. Laura Ritchie and Jason Smith will head that process.

Teacher Support: Council proposed doing a noisy offering during the month of July to purchase gift cards for teachers in our congregation for back to school supplies.

July Lock-Up, Devotions, & Closing Prayer: This will now be a new responsibility of council members moving forward. Month of July is Earlene Ritchie.

Next council meeting: **Sunday, July 10th at 8:00 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

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Mailed June 29, 2022

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Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Council Vice-President: Jason Smith
Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christianal@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Selected Sundays, 4 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Marsha Beaver, Director
On break

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On Sunday, June 5th, 2022 we worshiped and celebrated 30 years of ministry with Pastor Carl and Kathy Haynes at Christiana, as well as, Pastor Carl's 40 years of service in a full-time ministry call...a time that was equally joyful and poignant. Many members of Christiana and long-time friends helped to make the worship service and reception a special time of thanks and remembrance for them.

On behalf of the Reception Committee we would like to thank all of you that helped in so many ways. Volunteers assisted with invitations, Fellowship Hall clean-up, set-up and take-down, food donations, food preparation and special desserts, serving at designated places as greeters, room and visitor assistance, slide show creation, retirement gift donations and clean up as we wrapped up our time with Pastor Carl and Kathy. A special thanks to Jason and April Smith and the Fellowship Committee who provided and/or prepared a good portion of the menu served that afternoon.

*Thank
you*

With close to 30 volunteers who said "yes" when asked to help, it is hard to list each person individually without missing someone and so we say "thank you" to each person for your generosity in body and spirit...you know who you are! (including those who showed up and just starting working J) The reception would not have been as special without your help.

Reception Committee: LaVaughn Beaver, Linda Crouch, Karen Goodman, Vickie Keene, Madeline Zieverink

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. **Romans 12:6-8***