



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.

June 2020

Christiana Courier

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Pentecost Sunday, May 31

8:45am Sunday School with Dale
livestreamed (Note time change)

10:30am Worship live in the Sanctuary
and livestreamed on Facebook
(see "From the Pastor" for details)

June Scripture Lessons

1st Sunday after Pentecost, June 7

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 119:65-72
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 14

Exodus 19:2-8
Psalm 100
Romans 5:6-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Jun21

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 91:1-16
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 28

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 119:153-160
Romans 7:1-13
Matthew 10:34-42

One Call Now

We have a new phone messaging system! Thanks to an anonymous donor we have replaced the old PhoneTree system we had. That system did not like working with Windows 10, took too long to call everyone (2.5-3 hours!) and did not always give the message.

The new system, called "One Call Now," does just that. It calls everyone at the same time. Takes just a few minutes, depending on how many call backs it has to make. It is also digital which means a message can be sent out from a smartphone or laptop from anywhere.

This means Pastor Carl can send out a message on Friday from his home. Ann does not have to worry about her computer being up and running during a thunder storm over the weekend. So thank you, anonymous donor, for making our life easier and more efficient.

Now for all you people who've opted out of getting a phone message from the church, please reconsider so that we might stay in close communication with all our members, especially in this time of pandemic.



The oldest and most recent fathers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Father's Day, June 21, and will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Peggy Boggs Bible Class.



Thanks!

To my Christiana family,

Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and support during the time I have cared for my mother. She was such a pleasure to care for and we were blessed to have her in our life for 100 years. Also thank you for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and memorials at her death. Thank you to Pastor Carl for the monthly and in between visits over the years. She so looked forward to them.

It is so comforting being in such a loving and caring family of Christians.

Love in Christ,

Betty, Vaughn, and Ann Carscaddon's family

Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest

Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

June Birthdays

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| 3 Rose Dedmon | 24 Scott Kelsoe |
| 5 Aubrey Honeycutt | 27 Alisa Mead |
| 5 Harriet Lyerly | 29 Patsy Holshouser |
| 8 Sue Wall | |
| 9 Claire Paskiewicz | |
| 11 Tony Hawkins | |
| 14 Kevin Coffey, Jr. | |
| 15 Tammy Hill | |
| 17 Gene Edens | |
| 18 Nathan Richardson | |
| 19 Jenny Roberts | |
| 19 Judy Chapman | |
| 21 Bonnie Sechler | |
| 21 Wanda Smith | |
| 22 Eston Doyle | |
| 23 Ainslee Lowry | |



June Altar Flowers

June 7 Ron & Wanda Smith
Pedestal-Betty Weant

June 14 Suzanna Paskiewicz
Pedestal—Ashley Coffey

June 21 Peggy Boggs Class

June 28 Charlotte Pacilio
Pedestal—Laura Ritchie





On Coming Together

Our church leadership has decided to try coming back to the church for worship, *but with precautions*. If it does not work out, we will go back to livestreaming only. The following are guidelines meant to protect us and keep us safe while we're gathered together.

Come to worship only if you feel good and do not have a fever or cough. Please be considerate of others' comfort level and wear a mask. If you do not have one, we will have one for you. Tammy Hill has been busy making masks to fit men, women, and children. Each mask will be sealed in a baggie for you to pick up.

Please practice physical distancing. Doors will be opened 20 minutes before worship starts at 10:30am. Greeters will be outside, weather permitting. Doors will be open so you won't have to touch the knob to enter. An usher will direct you on going inside. Get a mask from the usher if you need one. Go to a pew and sit where there is a bulletin. Full size pews will have three bulletins spaced out, shorter pews, two. Obviously spouses can sit together as can whole families on one pew. When we reach 60 people in the sanctuary, worshippers will be directed to the Balcony and then to the Smith Assembly Hall where they can worship via livestream in front of two tv's there. Chairs will be spaced apart and bulletins placed on them.

We will not have a nursery for now and there will be no Children's Sermon Part 2. I will have a Children's Sermon, but the children will remain in their pew with their parents. At the Offertory, worshippers will come forward, one side at a time, and place their offering in the basket on the steps.

We will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost on this Sunday. That means we will administer Holy Communion. Pastor and assistant will use hand sanitizer before administering the sacrament and we will be wearing masks. After the choir has communed, worshippers will be invited to receive the sacrament from the pastor and an assistant. We will serve one side of the congregation at a time. Take your mask off to receive communion and then put it back on. I will hold a wafer before you and you will take it from the top. You will take your cup from the tray yourself. The cups will be spaced in every other hole so you will not touch another cup. Place your empty cup in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing, but I will not be placing my hand on their heads.

Please keep in mind what this sacrament is—the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—and it is given for the forgiveness of our sins. Luther says where there is forgiveness there is life and salvation. This is consistent with Jesus calling this sacrament the "New Covenant" in His blood. So, believing this, we confidently receive the sacrament believing that Jesus' body and blood grant forgiveness and healing for our souls.

After worship please practice physical distancing. If the weather is nice go outside and enjoy fellowshiping there. I have missed you and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 31. The plan will be to continue to gather until there is a reason not to. Be in prayer that all will go well this Sunday.

A few more FYI's: The inside of the worship building: Sanctuary, choir room, robe rooms, bathrooms, Pastor's Study, Smith Assembly Hall, Kitchen, Nursery, all will be sanitized. There will be disinfectant wipes in the bathroom. Use them and throw them away. **DO NOT FLUSH THEM DOWN THE TOILET!!!** There will also be hand sanitizer for you to use upon entering the building. Please use it. And again, if you do not feel comfortable gathering for worship, *please stay home* and worship using your bulletin and livestreaming us on Facebook.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Carl

Memorial Gifts to Christiana

In memory of Ann Carscaddon by Dale & Marsha Beaver, Mark & Kathie W. Albright & Glenda Wilson Carriker, Kay Abernathy, Nancy Huneycutt, Madeline Zieverink, Doris Ritchie, Betty Rose Witty, Cam & Laurie Ritchie, Mike & Kate Beretsky, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Sister Lucille Lyerly Circle, Onetia Bruce, Glenn & Sue Wall, Sheryl Lyerly, Mike & Vickie Keene, Hilary Harp, Ann Bostian, Kevin Edmiston family, Bentley Craver family

In memory of Carolyn Corl by Elaine Williams, Roy & Lynda Pethel, Charlotte Pacilio, Betty Rose Witty, James & Annita Davis, Sister Lucille Lyerly Circle, Glenn & Sue Wall, Voight & Frances Basinger, Sheryl Lyerly, Barry & Lee McCall, Ann Bostian, Larry & Sandra McKenzie

In memory of Lane Pethel by Charlotte Pacilio, Sister Lucille Lyerly Circle, Glenn & Sue Wall, Roy & Lynda Pethel, Voight & Frances Basinger, Ron & Wanda Smith, United in Christ Sunday School Class

In memory of Denny Goff by Charles & Jenny Roberts, Sister Lucille Lyerly Circle

In memory of Katherine Lyerly by Larry Corl, Doris Ritchie, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Doris Ritchie, Kevan Barringer, Bobby Barringer, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Sister Lucille Lyerly Circle, Madeline Zieverink, Nancy Huneycutt, LaVaughn Beaver, Onetia Bruce, Glenn & Sue Wall, Roy & Lynda Pethel, Betty Rose Witty, Kay Abernathy, Ann Bostian, Larry Corl, Margaret Alsobrooks, Cathy Shive, Alfred & Rickie Price, Eddie & Debbie Eller, Mike & Kate Beretsky, Mike & Vickie Keene, Tommie Edwards

In honor of Bobby Barringer by Glenn & Sue Wall

In honor of Jackson Smith by Harry Agner

In memory of Marvin Weant by Betty Weant



He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Congregational Concerns

Remember those in nursing homes:

Autumn Care:
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Pauline Lyerly
Cardell Gibson
Doris Pethel



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Mailed May 27, 2020

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

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Council Vice-President: David Preslar
Council Secretary: Linda Crouch

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason Smith
Christiana Rowdy Seniors: Jenny Roberts

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Wednesdays 6:45 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
On summer break

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Little Thrive, afternoon on Sundays
Young Thrive, afternoon on Sundays

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This month's prayer concerns:



Joe Koehn, recovering from strokes and hip replacement surgery in NHRMC. Vaughn Hatley, recovering from back surgery. Colten Hawkins, tonsils and adenoids removed June 10. Ricky Cross recovering from neck surgery. Don Smith recovering at home from appendectomy. Linda Cline's mother Nancy Austin back home taking PT. Rick Roper's dad is in a nursing home in NY for PT. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan recovering from surgery on foot. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, stage 3 breast cancer. Coffey's friend Landon, 8 years old broke his back in an ATV accident, home and in brace for 12 weeks. Jeanne Diaz, chemo treatments. David Preslar's mom, Geri, radiation for brain tumors.

Our Sympathy is extended to:

Judy Stoner upon the death of her sister and Louise Crowder upon the death of her niece, Patti Boles.

Betty Hatley and family at the death of her mother, Ann Carscaddon.

The family of Katherine Lyerly at her death.

Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2020

Present:

Jason Smith, Pres. LaVaughn Beaver Jay Goodman Mike Yarbrough
David Preslar, V. Pres. Jenny Roberts Kevin Holland Earlene Ritchie
Linda Crouch, Sec. Sue Wall Marlene Pethel Laura Ritchie
 Eddie Eller

Also present: Absent:

Carl Haynes Boni Lowry
Laurie Ritchie Robbie Robinson

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Council meeting minutes of April 19, 2020 were approved with an amendment that the funds used for the purchase of the camera for livestreaming the worship services and Sunday School was taken from Unbudgeted Funds and not Undesignated Funds.

April envelope offering was under budget \$1,370.37 with year to date above \$9,568.64.

April income was under budget \$1,895.38 with year to date \$9,232.88 above budget.

April expenses were under budget \$6,494.93.

Year to date expenses under budget \$20,151.09.

Spendable cash as of April 30, 2020 was \$87,799.94.

Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in April were \$6,579.00 with the majority from memorials for Carolyn Corl and Ann Carscaddon.

The financials were approved as presented.

Reception of:

Pastors Report for April 2020 was received with special notes of the death of Carolyn Corl and Ann Carscaddon.

Committee & Auxiliary Reports:

Stewardship: Trunk-or-Treat expenses went over budget by \$1,613.36 due to a shortfall of contributions for the event. It was recommended by the committee to transfer this amount from the general fund in order to zero out this item on the balance sheet. A motion was made, seconded and approved to take \$1,613.36 from the general fund to pay these expenses. A discussion will take place at the next budget meeting to determine if a new line item is needed for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event.

Evangelism: A zoom meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next few projects.

Landscape: A yard workday was held on May 2nd. Bushes were planted while existing bushes and shrubs (including the cemetery) were trimmed. Two loads of mulch were delivered and spread on the playground. The cost for each load was \$315.00 and the men's' group and women's' group will each be responsible for payment of one load.

Nehemiah Group: Continues to provide safety personnel while livestreaming services are being conducted.

Brighten the Beacon: Waiting on delivery of tables and chairs for the Fellowship Hall.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

A church reopening plan is being prepared. The first possible worship service could be Sunday in the Grove which is scheduled for May 24th. Tammy Hill is making fabric masks for those that may need one and Michael Yarbrough is in the process of obtaining wipes and hand sanitizer for use at the church. All detailed information pertaining to the reopening will be mailed in letter form to all members.

Several estimates have been obtained for the repairs from the bee damage and all damage will be repaired prior to reopening of the church for access to the balcony.

Next meeting: June 14, 2020 at 7:30am

Lockup and Devotions for June: Linda Crouch

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crouch, Council Secretary

Update from Our Mission Congregation we're supporting this year:

2020 Ministry-Mission Update #5 - 5/21/20

We have been approved! At the end of April the NALC Executive Committee met and decided that we are ready to be a full member congregation of the NALC! We are awaiting official documentation and instructions on next steps in the process, but this is a HUGE joy.

Worship services and gatherings at Joy continue to be offered via Facebook live, with audio recordings published to our website. We offer a weekly Bible study and Coffee and Fellowship on Zoom, as well as others opportunities whenever possible. We will continue to livestream indefinitely and Zoom until it is safe for everyone to return to fellowship in person.

Plans are underway to resume in-person worship for those at lowest risk of complications from COVID exposure. We will, of course, wait until our governor has lifted the 10-person gathering guideline and will be implementing a number of safety procedures to ensure that worship will be as safe as it can be.

Our new parish administrator, Scheri Force, has completed the first phase of training and is eager to learn more and to help in any way. We are delighted to have her on board. Our prayer ministers continue to serve diligently and meet monthly via Zoom. Others are also checking on one another, with a particular concern for those who live alone or have existing health issues. It is really cool to see people connecting so intentionally and encouraging one another in this difficult time.

Our May Ministry of the Month is Mission Lexington. We have asked folks to make donations of goods and money, in addition to our regular Ministry of the Month gift, as Mission Lexington continues to serve the community. They are currently in need of paper goods, personal hygiene items, and pet food. They receive donations at 216 Harmon Street Lexington Monday-Friday from 10am to 1pm.

God surely is providing unique and interesting opportunities to share the gospel of Christ in these challenging times! I invite you to look for the good He is bringing to bear and to reach out and connect with others. God is still good, and we are still His Church! Thank you for being a part of His work through Joy! ***Continue to PRAY for Joy and the mission we share!*** Visit our website (joymission.church) and follow us on Facebook. We pray you stay healthy physically and spiritually, and remain firm in the faith of Christ.

In His Peace, Love, Hope, & Joy,
Pastor Paulette D. McHugh,
Pastor of Joy Mission Church
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The act of asking

In *Everyday Spirituality*, James Hazelwood explores 27 ordinary activities that are, he asserts, more spiritual than we tend to think. One is asking questions. "We see God in all the questions we ask, whether or not they are religious. The simple act of asking questions indicates that we are meaning-seeking creatures."

The pastor continues: "We inquire of the meaning of life, the purpose of work and relationships. We even ask it of our very own existence. The answers often come not in clear proclamations of certainty but in stories, tales and the myths of life. ... Inquiry, wonder, and discovery are things that the human mind loves." Then he offers this thought-provoking statement: "When we ask questions, we are engaging in prayer."

Do you agree? What other daily activities might be more intertwined with your faith than you thought? While you ponder even these questions, do you sense the Holy Spirit moving you?

**Called Council Meeting
May 21, 2020**

Present

Jason Smith, Pres.
David Preslar, V. Pres.
Linda Crouch, Sec.

LaVaughn Beaver
Jenny Roberts
Sue Wall

Kevin Holland
Marlene Pethel
Eddie Eller

Mike Yarbrough
Earlene Ritchie
Laura Ritchie

Also Present

Carl Haynes
Laurie Ritchie
Cam Ritchie

Absent

Boni Lowry
Robbie Robinson
Jay Goodman

Meeting was called to order by Jason Smith, President.

A recommendation from the Stewardship Committee was made to consider and approve an online giving platform with Vanco as an additional method for member giving. Various points of this program are:

- The platform will provide members with the option of making their church tithe via credit card, debit card or ACH payment.
 - The member will create an online account with Vanco in order to make individual payments or set up auto-payments weekly, monthly or any interval that's best for the member.
 - Can also be used for memorials, honorariums, fundraisers, as well as other church giving opportunities.
 - The cost to the church is 30 cents per transaction plus a 1% fee when a debit card or ACH payment is made, and between 1–3% for a credit card payment with the exact rate depending on the type of card. There's also a \$20.00 monthly fee which will come from unbudgeted funds. There are no fees to the member participants.
 - A record of giving is available from Vanco for the church and the individual members.
- Tutorials are available online at Vanco for those interested.

The objective of the program is to give members an option which might be more convenient to some for making their regular tithe as well as other giving to the church. The online platform could encourage more consistent giving and be especially helpful to those members who live or work out of town and are not able to attend services regularly but still desire to give to the church on a regular basis.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendation from the Stewardship Committee to implement the Vanco Online Giving Program with the fees to be paid from unbudgeted funds, and to evaluate the program's feasibility in six months but not make a decision as to whether to continue or discontinue until a year.

Council briefly discussed the Covid-19 safety guidelines proposed by the executive committee for resuming in-person worship services beginning Sunday, May 31. It was agreed to move forward with the recommendations and communicate the guidelines to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crouch, Council Secretary