

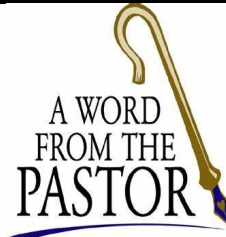


Friendship Focus

June 2022

News for members and friends of Friendship Lutheran Church

While the Call Committee faithfully continues the process of searching for the next called pastor at Friendship, the departure of Pastor Tim, on June 12, creates a gap in pastoral coverage until our new pastor arrives. Thus, our Council president and vice-president, Mary Ann Icenhour and Wade Cline, have worked with the North Carolina Synod to present a plan that was approved by Church Council to provide pastoral coverage during this time of transition.



Pastor Gary Haddock will begin providing pastoral care coverage on Sunday, June 12, including hospital visits, officiating funerals and “on-call” coverage. In addition, he will staff office hours one morning a week.

Pastor Mary Louise Sitton will provide worship leadership each week, including preaching the word and presiding at the table. Pastor Sitton is from Hickory, went to school at Claremont High School, Lenoir-Rhyne University and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Most recently, Pastor Sitton served Immanuel Lutheran Church in Blountville, Tn (2016-2021), which is the oldest Lutheran Church in Tennessee. (Ask her how she became known as “the mild lady.”)

Jesus tells his disciples, “I will not leave you as orphans” John 14:18, and has again provided for us wonderful pastoral leadership. We give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit, the NC Synod and our Church Council. Thanks be to God!

June News

Fit for Christ - meet **Saturday, June 4th, 8 am.**

Secret Sisters - meet **Saturday, June 4th, 9 am.**

Farewell Reception - Please join us on **Sunday, June 5th**, in between services, for a farewell reception for Pastors Tim & Mary. Light refreshments will be served. A basket will be set out if you would like to send them a personal note of appreciation for their time here. June 5th will be Pastor Mary's last Sunday. Pastor Tim's last Sunday will be June 12th.



WELCA - For our June meeting, WELCA will meet at PJ's Seafood in Bethlehem for lunch around **12 pm, on Sunday, June 5th**. Spouses and friends are welcome. If you plan to attend, please call Sue Bumgarner at 828-381-7058 with the number of attendees **by Wednesday June 1st**.

Free Multicultural Festival - Come join the fun at the **Alexander County Courthouse Park, downtown Taylorsville** on **Saturday, June 11th, 12 noon - 4 pm**. There will be music, dance, crafts, the splash pad, tacos, eggrolls, ice cream & icees. For more details please call 632-6966.

Gary Saunders Celebration of Life is Saturday, June 18th, 3-5pm at Whippoowill Village. Please find more details about the celebration and scholarship fund on the information sheets in the church lobby.



Father's Day - Sunday, June 19th, Friendship will celebrate and honor all men with a **special reception, in between services, in the FLC.** Bring your dad & join us for worship & celebration.

CARE Team - is collecting items for the Caring Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. You can bring your items to the same location as the food pantry items. There will be a container provided & labeled. The items needed are: diapers - size small (4,5,6), baby shampoo/wash, adult shampoo/conditioner.

Food Pantry - needs crackers & cereal at this time.

Newsletter Deadline- Send items for the **July** issue of **Friendship's Focus** by **Thursday, June 23rd.** Call the church office @ 632-4482 or email your items to friendshipsecretary4@gmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School will be here soon! The dates are **Sunday, July 24th - Wednesday, July 27th.** Friendship will host this joint venture with St. Lukes' and Reformation Lutheran Churches.

Congratulations Class of 2022
High School Graduates:



Chase McCree Bostian - graduates from Alexander Central High School - Magna Cum Laude. He has earned a certificate in welding & will be attending Caldwell Community College for the electrical lineman program.

Carlie Luree' Stafford - graduates from Alexander Central High School. She will attend CVCC in the fall for Human Services Technology.



Congratulations Class of 2022
College Graduates:

Molly Nicole Gantt - is graduating from UNC Wilmington with a Master of Education in teaching English as a second language. Her future plans are to continue working for Alexander County Schools as an ESL teacher and start working on her National Boards Certificate.

Jared Ross Mooney - graduated May 13th from UNC - Charlotte with a Masters of Science in Kinesiology. He plans to live & work in the Charlotte area.

Kimberlyn Drew Swift - graduated May 6th from Lenoir Rhyne University. Her future plans are to return to Lenoir Rhyne for her Master's in Occupational Therapy.

Hogan Sherrill - graduated from NC State with a degree in mechanical engineering. His future plans are to work & live in Virginia.



Congratulations to this year's
Rusha Austin Scholarship Recipients:
Chase Bostian, Bodie King,
Jenna Ramsey, Carlie Stafford &
Kimberlyn Swift.

June Birthdays

Faith Smith	6/2	Lisa James	6/19
Marie Price	6/3	Jeff Miller	6/19
John Adair	6/3	Taylor Payne	6/19
Jonathan Smith	6/4	Becky Cline	6/21
Todd Hefner	6/6	Harper Buff	6/22
Derek Latham	6/6	Reese Buff	6/23
Sherri Sloop	6/7	Nina Windsor	6/24
Nathan Mooney	6/9	John Bostian	6/25
Denny Teague	6/9	Gail Parks	6/25
Emma Icard	6/10	Emo Bebber	6/26
Annie Mae Russell	6/10	Kaplan Boyles	6/28
Kristin Nichols	6/11	Bryan Hand	6/28
Deanna Deal	6/13	Lee Icenhour	6/29
Lillian Jolly	6/17	Darlene Hayes	6/30



Friendship Lutheran Church Council

April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting in Person

Members present: Marty Buff, Wade Cline, Eric Frye, Tyler Hall, Mary Ann Icenhour, Sandra Icenhour, Pat Payne, Gary Richey, Steve Shealy, Monica Stafford, Jimmy Watts, Pastor Tim Canniff-Kuhn, and Dana Frye. Absent: John Bostian.

President Mary Ann Icenhour called the meeting to order and shared a devotion.

Motion by Wade Cline; seconded by Sandra Icenhour to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 8, 2022, and the electronic vote on March 23, 2022. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report for the month was distributed. Steve shared that giving for current was down from last year while expenses continue to increase.

TEAM REPORTS:

Administration – Sandra Icenhour – No report.

Care – Wade Cline – 100 lbs. of food was donated this past month; Approximately 55 kids and 20 adults enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt; 47 units of blood was received at the blood drive. Plans are underway for the BBQ Benefit for Katelyn McKinney on April 30. Help is needed for this fundraiser.

Learn – John Bostian – Nikki Icard and Payton Boyles are heading up VBS and are working with St Luke, Reformation, Taylorsville Presbyterian to have a combined VBS at Friendship. More details to follow next month.

Worship -Monica Stafford – No report.

Share – Jimmy Watts – Working to get information to the Taylorsville Times with things that are happening at Friendship.

Finance – Steve Shealy – No additional financial report.

Rusha Austin Scholarship – Marty Buff – 5/6 packets are still out for the scholarship. Deadline is April 15.

Preschool – Pat Payne – Going great. Fundraisers are being discussed at the team meetings.

Building & Grounds (BAG) – Eric Frye – Lights for the Nave have just come in but most likely will not be installed by Easter.

Technology – Tyler Hall – Internet speed has been fixed. CREW has rehearsed their video and it is ready. Screen size needs to be looked at and our version of Pro Presenter is outdated.

Cemetery – Gary Richey – The team had 9 people show up for the workday on April 2. Gary feels there was a lot accomplished with a lot still that needs attention. The worse stones have been repaired. The church council needs to be notified when there has been a tombstone broken or fallen over. Grave diggers need to be held responsible if one is broken when a grave is dug. May 14 will be the next workday.

Special Projects – Jimmy Watts – No report.

PASTORS REPORT:

Pastor Tim continues to use his time preparing worship services, attending to administrative duties, pastoral care, and home visits. Please let him know if you know someone who needs a visit. His vacation days are coming up. He will be gone April 25 through May 1. He plans to conduct annual staff evaluations this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Call Committee has interviewed 6 candidates and is working to schedule second interviews where needed. Mary Ann will be in touch with the Synod to have pulpit supply after Pastor Tim's current contract is up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mary Ann Icenhour; seconded by Marty Buff to move back to pre-covid guidelines on building usage. Motion carries.

Mary Ann reported that the Nutrition Program current contract will expire on June 30, 2022. Currently the numbers are the same and they continue meeting at the church in person on Mondays only.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Monica Stafford is scheduled to share a devotion.

Thank You

Congregation of Friendship Lutheran,
from the bottom of our hearts, Matthew & I want to say THANK YOU! We have been completely blown away by your love and support. Thank you for the cake auction, as well as the BBQ Benefit. When my mom called me telling me about all the people coming out, we were both in tears. You truly will never know how huge of a burden this will lift for us on this journey of transplant. And just how God has used you all to answer so many prayers! I cannot wait to be back home & thank you all in person.

May God Bless you all!

With love,
Matthew & Katelyn McKinney

Thank You!

Friendship Family:

We are very grateful for friends like you all during this time in our lives. Thank you all for the many phone calls, visits, and food during the sickness and death of our loved one. A special thanks to Pastor Tim for the beautiful service and for all who prepared for the meal afterwards. Please continue to pray for our family in the days ahead as we continue to mourn our loss.

God' Peace,
The Family of Phil Hefner

FRIENDSHIP LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL STUDY

**(This study was performed in May 2021 and is guiding
the Call Committee in their search for our next pastor)**

MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT MINISTRIES

1. Worship
2. Children and Youth
3. Music
4. Outreach in Community

Other ministries in order of how ranked by congregation

- Sunday School/education
- Caring for Members (include visitation)
- Fellowship
- Preschool
- Evangelism
- Stewardship of Building/Property
- Global Mission

THE FUTURE VISION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Friendship Lutheran Church strives to be a vital and vibrant faith community that is:

- Biblically based
- Focused on outreach in the local and global community
- A place where youth are engaged, equipped and empowered to live out a life of faith and service
- Where all are welcome to be nourished for the journey

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS, SKILLS AND PRIORITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT IN OUR NEXT PASTOR?

1. Help people develop their spiritual life
2. Be effective in working with youth
3. Be an effective communicator
4. Be an effective teacher
5. Be active in visitation of members and non-members
6. Be effective in working with children

Prayers of the Church

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”*
~ Philippians 4:6-7



**Please call the church office to add or
take someone off this list.**

Adam Kijesky	(L. Sweet-4/20)
Lee Oxendine	(J. Watts-4/25)
Casey Johnson	(S. Icenhour-5/2)
Rebecca Bounous	(P. Shealy-5/3)
Linda Triplett	(M. Icenhour-5/4)
Mickey Annas	(P. Shealy-5/5)
Linda Walsten	(T. Adair-5/9)
Katelyn McKinney	(W. Cline-5/9)
Darlene Handy	(S. Rogers-5/9)
Torie Rhoney	(R. Buff-5/9)
Alan & Judy Hefner	(R. Bolick-5/9)
Jane Caldwell	(W. Pearson-5/10)
Alan Andrews	(J. Gant-5/16)
Ronald Frye	(L. Cothren-5/23)

Family & friends of:

Phil Hefner	(P. Tim-4/28)
Kevin Johnson	(D. Ramsey-5/11)
Laura Presnell	(G. Kerley-5/22)
Susan Hansult	(M. Gantt-5/23)

Our Sharing

OFFERINGS

	<u>APRIL, 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
CURRENT	\$23,629.04	\$96,457.03
BENEVOLENCE	\$1,230.00	\$5,280.00
BLDG/IMPROVEMENT	\$3,690.00	\$17,310.00
PRESCHOOL	\$125.00	\$960.00
WORLD HUNGER	\$1,070.00	\$2,510.00
BACKPACK MINISTRY	\$472.00	\$2,215.00
CHRISTIAN CRISIS CTR	\$125.00	\$175.00
FOOD PANTRIES	\$75.00	\$300.00
LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF	\$1,865.00	\$3,400.00
RUSHA AUSTIN SCHLOR.	\$5,505.00	\$7,515.00
YOUTH MINISTRIES	\$762.00	\$762.00
SECRET SISTER COOKBOOK	\$52.00	\$1,004.00
MOBILE CAFÉ	\$0.00	\$480.00

SPENDING

	<u>APRIL, 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
CURRENT	\$23,206.55	\$103,004.73

HOME BOUND/EXTENDED CARE:

- Kay Smith - Home
- Fate & Ruth Hefner - Home
- Audrey Arrington - Home
- Emily & Carrel Icenhour - Catawba Valley Assisted
Living@ Rock Barn
- Mitchell Price - Brandywine @ Alexandria

**If you know of someone that should be added to or
taken off this list, please call the church office.**



★ Church Council and Staff

Council (Term ending)

Mary Ann Icenhour - President ('22)
 Wade Cline - VP & CARE ('22)
 Jane Gant - Treasurer ('22)
 Dana Frye - Recording Sec ('22)
 Guy Kerley - Financial Sec ('22)
 John Bostian - LEARN ('23)
 Marty Buff - RA Scholarship ('23)
 Tyler Hall - Tech ('23)
 Gary Richey - Cemetery ('23)
 Steve Shealy - Finance ('23)
 Monica Stafford - Worship ('23)
 Eric Frye - Building ('22)
 Sandra Icenhour - Admin ('22)
 Pat Payne - Preschool ('22)
 Jimmy Watts - SHARE ('22)

Staff

Denny Teague Sexton
 Penny Stikeleather Parish Secretary
 Silsa Moore Organ/Piano
 Hope Wike Preschool Dir
 Tim Canniff-Kuhn Interim Pastor

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Penny is in the office Mon-Thurs,
 9:30-4:30 (Lunch-12:30-1:30)
 The office is closed on Friday.
 You may reach Pastor Tim on the
 church cell phone: 828-551-4650.

Please do not hesitate to be in
 touch if you have a pastoral concern,
 or if there is something the pastor
 needs to know.

FRIENDSHIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

5300 Church Road
 Taylorsville, NC 28681
 Phone: 828-632-4482
www.friendshiptaylorsville.org
friendshipsecretary4@gmail.com

NON-PROFIT
 POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT 106
 Taylorsville, NC 28681

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED