This Week's Schedule				
Sun, 1/7	Worship - FLC Sunday School Worship - Nave Red Cross Blood Drive	8 am 9:15 am 10:30 12-5:30 pm		
Tues, 1/9	Church Council meeting	6 pm		
Wed, 1/10	Choir CREW Handbell choir 1833 Band	6 pm 6 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm		
Thurs, 1/11	Confirmation	6 pm		
Sun, 1/14	Worship - FLC Sunday School Confirmation Worship - Nave JOY	8 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 5 pm		

155 friends worshipped with us last week & attended Sunday School.

Invite your friends to come next Sunday!

Friendship Preschool - Director: Hope Wike

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 12noon

Phone #: (828) 632-4024 Email: friendshippreschool4@gmail.com

THANK YOU for continuing to share generously! You may also put offerings in the lock box beside the Parish House door, mail them in or give online. Call if you need help with this.

	Current Offerings	Current Expenses	Benevolence Offerings
Last Week	\$24,514.80	\$2,744.93	\$675.00
YTD	\$387,150.99	\$368,133.99	\$20,750.51
2024 Budget		\$444,751.00	\$20,000.00
Weekly Budget		\$8,552.00	\$385.00

This Week At Friendship

January 7, 2024

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<u>Christmas ornaments</u> - all the Christmas ornaments the kids made can be found on the table in the FLC & taken home. Thanks!

Red Cross Blood Drive - TODAY, 12:30-5 pm. Please visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter Friendship Lutheran Taylorsville or contact Sue Bumgarner @ 828 381-7058 or Donna Icard @ 828 310-4890 to schedule an appointment.

WELCA will NOT meet in January.

JOY (Just.Older.Youth) Welcome all the empty nesters, retirees, preretirees and those adults in-between to your own youth group. A group for young at heart adults. We will meet once a month **starting Sunday**, **Jan. 14th at 5pm.** We will meet in the FLC. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert & favorite game (card game, board game, etc). For more details, contact Brittany Greathouse or Pastor Josh.

<u>Women Of the Word (WOW)</u> - a new study that will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will start with a bible study from The Most Misunderstood Women of the Bible" by Mary DeMuth. Our 1st meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 6pm.** Each month there will be a different host & food. Our first host will be Michelle Bowman. What to bring? Your Bible, the book (if you want it) & your favorite beverage. For details, contact Brittany Greathouse.

SCAM ALERT! Please be aware of the work of scammers who send out fake emails and/or text messages pretending to be Pastor Josh or a member of the church staff asking for your help. This has recently happened here at Friendship. Often, in these messages you are asked to go and purchase a gift card in order to fulfill an urgent request to help someone in need! As a good rule of thumb, Pastor Josh or any member of our staff will NOT send out requests for helping people in need through email/text asking for gift cards or cash. Also, as a good rule of thumb, please be diligent to check the validity of an email address (not just the name) when you receive such requests.

<u>CARE Team</u> will be preparing & delivering meals to the Emergency Services in Alexander County on Saturday, Jan. 27th. We will need some volunteers to help with the meals. More details to come!

<u>Lectors:</u> 8 am - Debbie Jolly Lectors: 8 am - Jenna Buff 10:30 - Donna Icard

10:30 - Steve Shealy

<u>Ushers:</u> **8 am** - Eric Frye <u>Ushers:</u> 8 am - Guy Kerley 10:30 - Sam Birchfield

10:30 - Jeff James

Acolytes: 8 am - Elliot Tucker

10:30 - Will Walker

Video: 8 am - Wade Cline Video: 8 am - Dennis Rhyne 10:30 - Kasi Sigmon **10:30** - John Adair

Offering Counters

January: 8am - Guy Kerley & Dana Frye

10:30 - David Bedzinski

Acolytes: 8 am - Carson Head

10:30 - Wendelynne Pearson & Teddy & Lori Sweet



Memorials & Gifts given to The Glory of God

Current

In memory of: My parents, Randy & Cindy. Miss you, Tabatha Hefner. My sister, Tiffany Miglorie's birthday (Jan. 17) by Maynard & Tina Annas. Dan Hignight by Mary Ann Icenhour.

In honor of: My niece's birthday (Jan. 11) by Maynard & Tina Annas. Ella's 16th birthday (Jan. 5) by Roger & Becky Cline. Our wonderful secretary, Penny Stikeleather by Nina Windsor.

Austin Scholarship

In memory of: Sonya Rector given by Starr Lynn Smith.

In honor of: Debbie Hefner's birthday (Dec. 28) by Shawn & Starr Lynn Smith.

Special Offerings:

Noisy Offering \$68; Youth \$180; Austin Scholarship \$75; Preschool \$84.06; Christian Crisis Center of Alex. Cty. \$50; Lutheran Disaster Response \$40; Benevolence \$675; Building & Improvement \$1,025.

Prayers of the Church

The names in **bold** were added this week. Please let us know if someone should be added or removed. Names are removed after one month unless the office is notified of an ongoing need.

As God's people we commit to pray for one another, and for all in need.

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

Let us pray daily for...

Theresa Setzer	(B. Greathouse-12/4)	Allen Reitzel	(J. Smith-12/19)	
Janet Hildebran	(B. Greathouse-12/4)	Evie Milstead	(K. Tucker-12/26)	
Courtney Williams	(B. Greathouse-12/4)	Raider Pearson	(W. Pearson-12/26)	
Earl Bostian	(W. Bentley-12/4)	Phyllis Ann Fox	(J. Gant-12/26)	
Leon Bowman	(P. Josh-12/4)	Mark Gantt	(P. Josh-12/26)	
Neal Nichols	(J. Nichols-12/4)	David Gold	(J. Watts-1/2)	
Roy Bolick	(P. Josh-12/4)	Emo & Benny B	ebber (P. Josh-1/2)	
Stella Hanshew	(P. Shealy-12/4)	Stan Feimster	(P. Josh-1/2)	
Danny Hefner	(D. Hollar-12/4)	Kennedy Quick	(W. Pearson-1/2)	
Darryl Adkins	(C. Gant-12/7)	Nancy Pearson	(W. Pearson-1/2)	
Ruth Deal-Lackey	(P. Josh-12/11)	Billy Harrington	(K. Tucker-1/2)	
Phil Lackey	(P. Josh-12/11)	Brinlee Branch	(A. Sells-1/2)	
Sharon Mecimore	(R. Bowman-12/11)	Brayleigh Branch	n (A. Sells-1/2)	
Leslie Myers	(C. Jolly-12/11)	Margarite Morro	w (S. Bumgarner-1/2)	
Katelyn McKinney	(W. Cline-12/11)	Rachel Miller	(L. Hefner-1/3)	
Barbara Manning	(S. Icenhour-12/11)	Maynard Annas J	Jr (T. Annas-1/3)	
Jane Holbrook Smith (T. Birchfield-12/13)		Maynard Annas III (T. Annas-1/3)		
Elizabeth Bowman (P. Josh-12/13)		Dal Collins	(S. Bumgarner-1/4)	
Jay Dean Mitchell	(D. Ramsey-12/14)	Grace Bedzinski	(A. Bedzinski-1/4)	
Bohen Harrington	(T. Cook-12/18)			

Family & friends of:

(C. Bowman-12/4)		
(T. Payne-12/11)		
(R. Longworth-12/15)		
(L. Hefner-12/18)		
(L. Hefner-12/18)		
(W. Cline-12/19)		
(J. Adair-12/20)		
(S. Bumgarner-1/2)		
(M. Icenhour-1/2)		
(G. Richey-1/4)		

Please be in daily prayer for our Home Bound/Extended Care members:

Fate Hefner, Mitchell Price, Earl Bostian, Benny & Emo Bebber, Steve Icenhour, Joyce Deal.