



Friendship Focus

August 2022

News for members and friends of Friendship Lutheran Church

From the seat of my tractor:

Good morning, my friends. I am sitting in my truck across the road from the church at the “new cemetery”. I have been blessed to be a part of this community of believers for 48 years. I am not a life-long Lutheran as most of you are, but I do appreciate the opportunity to worship as a Lutheran.

Many years ago, I accepted Christ as the Savior of my life. I have attempted to walk the path that God laid out for my life, but many times, I have failed miserably. But, you know what? Even when I fail, God is there to pick me back up and carry me forward to a new day.

Matthew and I planted sunflowers in the lower land of the field beside the “new cemetery”. Every morning, the sunflowers turn their faces toward the sun. Maybe they can teach us something. Perhaps we can be reminded to turn our faces toward Jesus. Keep your eyes on the prize; A life with Jesus Christ!

Stop up at the church and cut a sunflower to take home with you. Find a blessing in small things.

By now you have received the news of our congregational meal/meeting with Pastor Josh Tucker. Open your hearts to the possibility of new life for our congregation that will move forward to a “new” community. Think outside the box.

Exciting and highly anticipated days are ahead for us! Join us as we celebrate the work of our call committee, who have worked diligently to ascertain the will of God through all of our lives.

May God continue to bless and keep you in his arms in the days ahead! Go and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

God's peace to all,
Mary Ann Icenhour

August News

Fit for Christ - meet **Saturday, August 6th, 8 am.**

Secret Sisters - will meet **Sat, August 6th, @ 9 am.**

WELCA - will **NOT** meet in **August.**

Newsletter Deadline- Send items for the **September** issue of **Friendship's Focus** by **Tuesday, August 23rd.** Call the church office @ 632-4482 or email your items to friendhipsecretary4@gmail.com.



- Penny will be on vacation **Mon, August 8th - Fri, August 12th.** She is working on having a couple volunteers to come in the office to answer phones & update the prayer list. She will be back in the office on **Mon, Aug. 15th.**

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.

The CARE Team delivered **114 pounds of food** to the Christian Crisis Center & diapers to the Pregnancy Care Center in July. **Thanks for all your donations!**

Food Pantry - The Christian Crisis Center is requesting the public's help because many of the food pantry's shelves are bare. The current needs are: meat, canned vegetables, soup, crackers, peanut butter, pastas, rice and juice.



Wittenburg School Supplies -

It's that time again, to start collecting school supplies for Wittenburg Elementary. The items needed are as follows: Glue sticks, pencils, paper towels, clorox wipes, kleenex, quart and gallon ziplock bags, over the ear headphones. **There will be a container where the food and other items are collected. Thanks!**

Red Cross Blood Drive - **Thanks to all** who helped with the July blood drive. It takes many people to set up the FLC, to adjust the thermostat before & after the drive, to check in donors, to prepare and serve food, to clean up and set up afterwards. Also a special thanks to the people who came out and donated blood. **A total of 49 units were collected.** Next blood drive is on **Sunday, October 16th.**



Our staff is excited about the coming year!

We are ready to offer your child exciting opportunities for growth and learning.

Friendship Lutheran Preschool is a Christian child-centered program that promotes learning experiences for 3– 5 year old's that uses research-based resources. We “teach” through a learning center approach in which the teachers prepare the opportunities in the environment in the classroom, so the children interact and play as they learn.

We are confident that the coming year will be a great one for everyone involved.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Preschool: (828) 352-2986

Email: friendshippreschool4@aol.com

Website: www.friendshiptaylorsville.org

Church Office: (828) 632-4024





August Birthdays

Elbert Hines	08/01	Donna Latham	08/22
Bob Russell	08/03	Maci Annas	08/24
Jane Gant	08/05	Maynard Annas IV	08/24
Kacey Payne	08/05	Devin Elder	08/24
Kimberlyn Swift	08/07	Blake Bowman	08/25
Daisy Chwast	08/09	Monty Payne	08/27
Shirley Dagenhart	08/09	Ian Shepherd	08/27
Shelia Gantt	08/09	Kay Smith	08/27
Drew Jolly	08/10	Donna Bowman	08/28
Barnes Wike	08/11	David Cook	08/29
Mark Gantt	08/14	Olivia Shepherd	08/29
Dennis Rhyne	08/18	Briggen Boyles	08/30
Penny Chapman	08/20	Logan Richey	08/30
Londie Cothren	08/22		



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.**

Lawtyn Schronce	(P. Stikeleather-6/28)
Hal & Ruelene Deal	(B. Cline-7/7)
Katleyn McKinney	(W. Cline-7/11)
Torie Rhoney	(R. Buff-7/11)
Alan & Judy Hefner	(R. Bolick-7/11)
Tony Cothren	(W. Cline-7/11)
Annie Mae Russell	(W. Cline-7/11)
Danny Hefner	(D. Hollar-7/11)
Kay Crawford	(P. Mary Louise-7/11)
Audrey Arrington	(P. Gary-7/12)
Earl Bostian	(W. Cline-7/12)
Carol Mason	(H. Bostian-7/18)
Amy Deal	(J. Gant-7/18)
Alan Andrews	(J. Gant-7/18)
Adam Kijesky	(L. Sweet-7/18)
Linda Walsten	(T. Adair-7/25)
Maynard Annas III	(T. Annas-7/25)
Lee Oxendine	(J. Watts-7/25)
Geleda Murdock	(L. Hefner-7/25)
Darlene Handy	(S. Rogers-7/25)
Jack Adams	(M. Bowman-7/25)
Denise Stikeleather	(P. Mary Louise-7/25)

Family & friends of:

Kathy Fox	(L. Harrington-7/5)
Kevin Price	(S. Shealy-7/7)
Terri Blake	(P. Mary Louise-7/11)
Macy Hendershot	(P. Sara's binder)

Our Sharing

OFFERINGS

	<u>JUNE, 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
CURRENT	\$22,907.01	\$151,717.59
BENEVOLENCE	\$1,645.00	\$8,415.00
BLDG/IMPROVEMENT	\$5,569.75	\$27,109.50
PRESCHOOL	\$475.00	\$2,139.00
WORLD HUNGER	\$80.00	\$2,760.00
BACKPACK MINISTRY	\$380.00	\$2,925.00
CHRISTIAN CRISIS CTR	\$210.00	\$625.00
FOOD PANTRIES	\$0.00	\$200.00
LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF	\$175.00	\$3,755.00
RUSHA AUSTIN SCHLOR.	\$530.00	\$10,613.00
YOUTH MINISTRIES	\$25.00	\$812.00
SECRET SISTER COOKBOOK	\$0.00	\$1,004.00
MOBILE CAFÉ	\$0.00	\$480.00
KATELYN MCKINNEY	\$9,006.00	\$9,006.00

SPENDING

	<u>JUNE, 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
CURRENT	\$18,185.27	\$143,396.31

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
 Rev. Mary Louise Sitton Worship Leader
 Rev. Gary Haddock Pastoral Care

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 Gary Haddock
 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.

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