

ALL SAINTS – November 1st is the day in the church year of the festival for All Saints. We observe All Saints Day during the Vespers worship at Evening Prayer on Wednesday the 31st.

On Sunday, November 4th we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. We remember and give thanks for the lives of those Christians who have gone before us in the faith, whose lives have individually and collectively modeled for us the Christian life. Here is a hymn, written by J. Athlestan Riley (1858-1945), which expresses well the festival:

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - STEWARDSHIP – On Sunday November 4th we will consider our proposed congregational budget for 2013, put forward by the Church Council. A copy is included in the newsletter. On Sunday the 11th we will observe "Commitment Sunday," when we make pledges toward the adopted figure. Grace Church has shown across the years a consistent pattern of generous support for the work of the congregation and the larger church. "Stewardship" is in fact our "management" of God's blessings as He has generously provided us. The admonition from the scriptures is: Give as the Lord as given unto you!

THANKSGIVING – Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 22. On Wednesday the 21st, the Eve of Thanksgiving, we will gather for worship at 6:30 in the church nave. The worship will be followed by our annual meal of congregational thanksgiving at about 7:15, in the Recreation Hall, hosted by Pastor Yoder's Sunday School Class, assisted by members from the other adult classes. You will have the opportunity to indicate reservations on the Sunday's prior to November 22.

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The Ushers for November are Dennis Leonard, Wayne Powell, Todd Setzer, and David Ottman Warlick. Gary Leatherman is the Communion Assistant. Helen Leatherman is the Greeter. Joy Heavner and Irene Heavner care for the Communion Ware. Susan Setzer conducts Children's Church and Tricia Panek conducts Children's Bible Study. Nursery Attendants are Jo Doris Frye and Stephanie Ratts. Glennie Beam is the Lector and Doug Jarrett is the Cantor for November.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4th to vote on the proposed budget. Plan to attend worship that day.

The Flower Chart for November is:

November 4th - Katy Speagle
November 11th - Joy Heavner

November 18th - Bobbie Wright
November 25th - Sandra Powell

The Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens will meet on Wednesday, November 7th at 12:00 at Sardis.

First Sunday Lunch will be held on November 4th at noon. The Christian Education Committee will host the meal. The menu is chili, baked potato, salad, and dessert.

The Women of Grace will meet Sunday, November 4th after the First Sunday Lunch. We would like to invite the congregation to participate in food collection for school children. We would like cheese crackers, individual snack size any fruit, pudding cups, jerky, pop corn, limited amounts of cookies, just about any individual size food available, beanie weenie, pasta products, etc. Thanks for your help! A box will be on the pew in the hallway downstairs. Any other food or personnel hygiene product will also be accepted to go to the Women's Shelter. Our church may be small, but we are making a big change in a lot of people's lives.

Christmas Program Practice began on Sunday, October 28th. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please see Jodi Martin, Jill Matthews, or Joy Heavner. Practices are at 4:00pm and are scheduled for Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Nov. 25th, and Dec. 2nd. The Christmas program will be presented on December 9th.

"Keeping the Promise" Campaign of Lutheran Services for the Aging nears its goal of \$5 million

Total given and pledged to the "Keeping the Promise" campaign of Lutheran Services for the Aging, as of August 13, is \$4,651,121.88! That leaves only \$340,878.12 to reach the goal of \$5,000,000.00! If you are able, whether or not you pledged or made a gift, please give an extra gift so that the goal may be reached. The new nursing home, being built in Mountain View to replace Lutheran Home – Hickory West, should be completed by June 2013. It will be named Trinity Ridge. There will be a Special Preview of it on Sunday, Nov. 18, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. You are invited! Be one of the first to walk the halls and view the construction process. See firsthand how generous gifts to the "Keeping the Promise" campaign are making a difference in Catawba County! The new home is located at 2140 Medical Park Drive just behind the Walgreens at the corner of Zion Church Road and Highway 127. You are advised to wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. Carpooling is encouraged.

(Reported by Marjorie McDaniel, Grace's chairman for the campaign)

The Grace Adult/Seniors Activities Group will not meet in November. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19th from noon until 2:00. Lunch will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread, pound cake with ice cream, and drinks. Each attendee will be asked to bring a gift costing no more than \$5 for the Silly Santa gift exchange. Plan now to join us in December for food, fellowship, and fun!

Memorial Garden Project Update: An order is being forwarded to the Brick Engraver for the Memorial Garden Project. Thus far 140 of the 4"x8" bricks have been requested, plus an additional 14 of the 12"x12" size. There will also be 23 bricks ordered to honor Pastors who serve, or who have served the Grace Congregation. Thanks to all who participated in this project. There will continue to be requests for bricks accepted until construction of the Memorial Garden walkway begins. We're still awaiting delivery of the Columbarium so that the project can proceed.

Family Reunions in November:
November 11 - Whisnant Reunion

Hanging of the Greens: Extra hands are always welcome at the annual Hanging of the Greens event. This year, the date is November 30th on Friday evening at 6:00pm beginning with soup and sandwiches. The traditional live evergreen tree will arrive during the week prior, and will require some good strong backs to bring into the sanctuary. All are welcome to help decorate the tree with lights and the large assortment of crismons, crosses, and symbols of the church. All of these items have been crafted over the years by members of the Grace family.

Thank You Note: Thanks to all who participated in the 2012 Union Church Hymn Sing. Allen and Joe Biggerstaff delighted all with their singing and strumming. Karlee Speagle & Reagan Burris made history by singing all 3 verses of the old favorite "Jesus Loves Me" from memory, no music. Eric Martin raised the rafters when playing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" on his trumpet. Last but not least, Doug Jarrett and

Jodi Martin sang “Jerusalem My Happy Home”, which has been a tradition, and was originally sung at Grace by Poppy Jarrett. Thanks to the Choir for their song “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.” We thank the choir members also for their refreshments. Be sure to ask Martha Johnson for her recipe for pumpkin fudge!

Thanks go out to Juanita Haas who keeps up the tradition of creating and sending out greeting cards. The plant cuttings she has distributed to her Grace family are also most welcomed.

Thank You to Jodi Martin and Jill Matthews for their organization of the Youth “Trunk or Treat” again this year. It is thought that about 45 participants enjoyed the afternoon activities.

Posted in the Recreational Building is a check list with a few reminders to assist all that utilizes the building for events and functions. In addition an inventory list is located on a clip board in the kitchen. This list will assist Jackie Jarrett, our supply coordinator. Please check off items that are needed as items run low. Thank you!

Woman to Woman Conference: The Woman to Woman Conference will be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center on Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9. The times are Friday 7pm till 9pm and Saturday 9am till 4:30pm. Lunch is included on Saturday. The guest speakers are Ann Graham Lotz and her daughter Rachel Ruth Wright. Tickets will be \$49.99. If you are interested in attending or have any questions please contact Jo Doris Frye or Nancy Leonard.

Valentine Dinner: Plans are underway for a Valentine Dinner again next year. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Leonard or Herb Travis.

PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR CANTORS – This fall several practice sessions will be held for potential new Cantors to help with the service. Both men, women, and youth volunteers are welcomed. Cantors will be able to remain at their regular seats in the congregation when performing the Cantor duties. The organist will play the lines of music along with the cantors in order to simplify the process. Perfect voices not required!

Choir Practice and Evening Prayer: Volunteers to assist the choir are most welcome this time of year as practice begins for Advent and Christmas music. Join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday’s of each week. Evening Prayer follows at 7:30pm.

Items for the Recreation Building: If special items are needed for events in the Recreation Building, please contact Jackie Jarrett with your requirements. Jackie has volunteered to assist with purchasing items as needed.

Congregational Directory: If anyone has updates that need to be added to the congregational directory please give the information to Brenda **by November 11th**. I will try to publish new directories for distribution on Sunday, Nov. 25th. You can e-mail changes to Brenda.gracechurch@gmail.com. You can just hand the changes to me or call 704-732-2665 or 704-472-1354. Please remember to include e-mail addresses and let me know if you want them published or not. I would like to have them for congregational e-mails even if you would prefer they not be published. Forms are available in the narthex and on the table in the back by the side door.

Church Secretary- Please call or send any information you have for the bulletin, newsletter, prayer list including additions/deletions, or announcements to Brenda McConnell at 704-732-2665 or 704-472-1354 or email at Brenda.gracechurch@gmail.com. **Items for the bulletin should be sent to Brenda by Thursday at 1pm. Any items you may want to include in the monthly newsletter, please give the information to Brenda by the 20th of each month.**

Addresses for our Shut-ins: Please remember these folks with cards, notes, prayers and visits.

Fred Cline
Abernethy Laurels
102 Leonard Ave-Room 503
Newton, NC 28658

Jo Jarrett
Carillon Assisted Living
1088 Radio Station Road-C6
Newton, NC 28658

Ethel Lentz
Abernethy Laurels
102 Leonard Ave-Room 804-A
Newton, NC 28658

Louise Lynch
Lutheran Home-Hickory West
1125 10th St Blvd NW-Room 416
Hickory, NC 28601

Essie Reinhardt
Homeplace of Burlington-Room 205
118 Alamance Road
Burlington, NC 27215

Margie Welch
1437 Rose Street
Newton, NC 28658

Charlie Wilfong
Abernethy Laurels
102 Leonard Ave-Room 203
Newton, NC 28658

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR GRACE LIBRARY:

All of the following books have been donated by Joe and Lynette Momier.

Children's Books for November

- Little Donkey Learns to Help by Claude Clement
- Little Mouse's Rescue by Ariane Chottin
- Go to Sleep, Little Groundhog by Claude Clement
- Be Patient, Little Chick by Claude Clement
- Miracles-Healing Minds and Bodies by Anne de Graaf
- Exodus-Moses Leads the People by Anne de Graaf
- Gospel-The Early Years of Jesus by Anne de Graaf
- David-From Outlaw to King by Anne de Graaf
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If you have a subject, author, or title of a book you would like to see added to our library, please put it in the suggestion box in the library. We would love to hear from you.

THRIVENT INVITES YOU FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2012

Where: Christ Lutheran Church, 324 2nd Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602

Time: Registration begins at 5:30pm. Event will begin at 6:00pm.

RSVP: By Sunday, November 11th to Ann Marie Blackmon, (828)464-4734 or blackmona@lr.edu or Alice Kirby (828)256-2224 or alicekirby@hotmail.com. Please leave your name, address and telephone number when you RSVP in case we need to contact you before the event. Please give us the names of all the people who will be attending in your party.

A fun filled evening is in the works! Registration begins at 5:30pm. Our dinner meal will be catered by Myra's. Entertainment will be provided by the Lenoir Rhyne University Sign Troup and Gospel Choir. Come dressed for comfort and prepared for fun. Our agenda will include the annual election of officers to the Catawba Valley Chapter board as well as updates/changes coming in 2013.

Our Parish at Work- Proposed Budget for Grace Church 2013

A.	EXTENSION	OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD	\$26,980.00
	1.	NC Synod and Local Benevolence	\$25,780.00
	2.	Hospice of Catawba County	500.00
	3.	Habitat for Humanity	300.00
	4.	Society of the Holy Trinity. (Additional Local Benevolence).....	400.00
B.	EXPANSION	OUR MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY	\$7,775.00
	1.	Christian Education	\$3,700.00
	2.	Evangelism Program.	\$200.00
	3.	Lutheridge, Youth Activities, Scouts, Ball Teams, etc.....	\$2,000.00
	4.	Social Ministry, Senior Citizens, etc.	\$1,075.00
	5.	Advertising & Publicity	\$125.00
	6.	Hospital Chaplaincy	\$175.00
	7.	E. Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry	\$500.00
C.	MINISTRIES	OUR MINISTRY IN WORSHIP AND WORK	\$121,764.00
	1.	Worship	\$2,500.00
	a.	Altar Supplies	\$1,100.00
	b.	Choir Music	\$800.00
	c.	Bulletins	\$600.00
	2.	Staff Salaries.....	\$73,740.00
	a.	Pastor...(incl. 7.65% FICA)	\$26,000.00
		(See Car Allowance under 7 a.)	
	b.	Pastoral Assistant	\$7,500.00
	c.	Sexton .(incl. 7.65% FICA)	\$7,200.00
	d.	Recreation Building Sexton.....	\$1,820.00
	e.	Organist Honorarium ..(incl. 7.65% FICA).....	\$9,700.00
	f.	Part-time Secretary	\$9,520.00
	g.	Assistant for Christian Education & Youth	\$5,800.00
	h.	Financial Secretary	\$5,500.00
	i.	Supply Pastor.....	\$500.00
	j.	Supply Organist Honorarium.	\$200.00
	3.	Stewardship: Year-Round and EMT Materials.	\$25.00
	4.	Administrative Items	\$2,475.00
	a.	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
	b.	Financial Secretary ...(Offering env., etc.)	\$750.00
	c.	Books & Supplies	\$25.00
	d.	Conferences, Workshops.....	\$100.00
	e.	Miscellaneous.....	\$100.00
	5.	Utilities	\$15,000.00
	6.	Pastor's Utilities	\$3,500.00
	7.	Maintenance... (Supplies, Mowing, & Repairs)	\$5,500.00
	8.	Travel (Car Allowance)	\$4,500.00
	9.	Staff Health Benefits	\$6,024.00
	10.	Insurance	\$7,500.00
	11.	Library	\$1,000.00
D.	DEVELOPMENT	OUR MINISTRY IN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT.....	\$500.00
	1.	Equipment (Audio Visuals, etc.)	\$500.00
	TOTAL 2013		157,019.00
	TOTAL 2012		157,179.00

November Birthday List

7th- Stephanie Ratts
Katy Speagle
9th- Kara Causby
Betty Matheson
Wayne Powell

20th- David Ottman Warlick
23rd- Alan Shull

29th- Jo Doris Frye
Jonathan Moss
Charlie Wright