

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willie Cress Leonard; given by her granddaughters Rhonnie and Merle.

USHERS: Ron Hutcheson, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Walter Hoffman

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

GREETERS: Clifford & Paula Lopp

BIBLE STEWARD: Ava Miller

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Kivi Miller & Heidi Hutcheson

Our Church at Prayer



We extend sympathy to Peggy Bates on the loss of her sister, Patsy Via of Eden, who passed away Friday, June 29 at Hospice Home of Rockingham County.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Vogen & Margie Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Kelly Greathouse, Doug Sink, June Grubb, Margot Everhart

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Karen Icenhour (Alisa Johnson's friend), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), Annetta Everhart (friend of Lisa Nelson), Dan Smith (Steve and Jerry Smith's brother), Shane Gordon (friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Sandra Johnson (friend of Patti & Jerry Lovell), Dennis Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's son), Ikie Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Susan & Joe Calloway (friends of Patti Lovell), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

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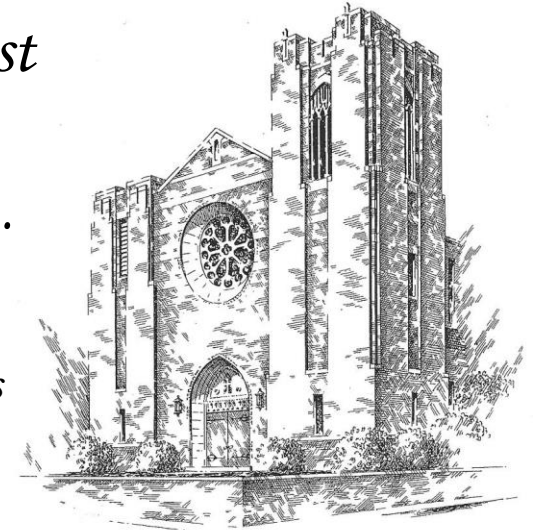
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Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.

July 8, 2018

10:00am

Guest Minister: Rev. Lawrence Bolick

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Paula Lopp

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: We come from all walks of life.

People: We come to worship God.

Liturgist: We come with burdens great, haunting pasts and unknown futures.

People: We come to follow Jesus.

Liturgist: We come from a world of judgment and condemnation.

People: We come into the freedom and liberation of Jesus.

Liturgist: We come to worship God.

People: We come to follow our Savior together.

*Hymn of Promise:

"To God Be the Glory"

Insert

*Invocation

Rev. Bolick

Centering

Special Music:

Lee Ann Peele

*Unison Prayer of the Confession

Rev. Bolick

God of all creation, Ruler of all peoples, You know us completely, how unkind we are and how good we are. We humbly confess the mistakes we have made and the good we have neglected, the promises we have broken and the duties we have refused. Let the power and joy of Your love become a mighty force in our lives. Help us to develop the good that is in us, and not be afraid to use it. Fortify our decision to live with honesty, integrity, joy, and unselfishness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Bolick

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 and Mark 6: 1-13
(Pew Bible pages 1057 and 915)

Rev. Bolick

Sermon:

"Strength in Weakness"

Rev. Bolick

To God Be the Glory

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Ps. 29:2

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through
Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt.
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11.Ref.

Responding

- Pastoral Prayer Rev. Bolick
- *Hymn: Insert
"This Is My Song"
- *Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings Paula Lopp
- Offertory
- *Doxology:
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**
- *Prayer of Dedication Paula Lopp

Sending

- *Responsive Call to Dedication Paula Lopp
Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
People: **Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**
- *Benediction Rev. Bolick
- *Congregational Response "Sanctuary"
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

*Postlude

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

You're invited to gather at the front of the chapel following worship for Intercessory Prayer Circle.

This Is My Song

Ps. 82:8

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light
peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have
coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -
dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the
beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

Upcoming Events

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Check out some of the activities Cathy has planned for us. **Anyone** can participate! Please let Cathy know if you are interested in any of the following activities:

- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Next Sunday, July 15, during worship
- **ADVENTURE LANDING, WINSTON SALEM** – Tuesday, July 31 at 10:00 – 2 hours of miniature golf, boats, and 20 game tokens for \$12.00; 2 slices pizza & med drink - \$6.00. **Please let Cathy know by July 8 if you are interested.**
- **BOWLING, LEXINGTON YMCA** – Friday, August 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 with pizza and drinks. **Please let Cathy know by July 22 if you are interested.**
- **BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO AND MOVIE AT CHURCH** – Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 – 4:00; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks provided. **Please let Cathy know by August 5 if you are interested.**

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY & EARLY AUGUST:

- **July 11**
Welcoming Task Force (6:00pm at Rev. Horton's home, 303 Overbrook Drive.) Anyone is welcome to attend.
- **July 22**
Church-wide Brunch provided by Welcoming Task Force (Fellowship Hall)
- **August 5**
Sunday School and Worship in the Sanctuary resume (if painting is complete).
- **August 12**
Usher Appreciation Luncheon and Consistory meeting. Spouses are welcome.
Please notify the office by July 29 if you plan to attend.

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP SEND A KID TO SCHOOL!

We will collect supplies during the months of July and August. Each Sunday, please help by bringing the specific items to the Communities in Schools box outside the office during July or to the Narthex during August. Please refer to the list below.

July 15 – pencils & notebook paper
July 29 composition books & erasers
August 12 – backpacks

July 22 – crayons & glue sticks
August 5 – colored pencils & markers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 8

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Minister: Rev. Lawrence Bolick

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel**

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the Chapel following worship

DEADLINE TO LET CATHY KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE JULY 31ST ADVENTURE LANDING OUTING

Monday, July 9

4:00pm Trustees' Meeting {P}

6:30pm Open Hands Meal {FH}

Wednesday, July 11

6:00pm Welcoming Task Force {Elizabeth Horton's home}

Thursday, July 12

Women's Life Fellowship: Arts Discovery Camp meals

5:30pm Yoga {P}

Sunday, July 15

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel...Children's Church**

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the Chapel following worship

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries {July 8-14}

Birthdays	July 9	Jacob Hartle
		Mary Jo Jessup
	July 11	Jonathan Odom
	July 12	Elizabeth Sink
	July 13	Lynn McCarn
		Calvin Odom
		Tracy Potts
		Lindsay Sink
Anniversaries	July 8	Frank & Beth Callicutt
	July 12	Richard & Lena Johnson

Our guest minister today is **Reverend Lawrence (Larry) Bolick**. Rev. Bolick is a retired UCC Clergy and Chaplain of Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton. He is married to Dr. Edith Bolick, Professor of Sociology at Catawba College, and they reside in Salisbury. They have three children and three grandchildren. Larry has devoted his retired years to volunteer service in the UCC by being Co-Chair of the Committee on Church and Ministry—WNCA; Chair of Blowing Rock Conference Center Board of Trustees and Trustee of United Church and Services Foundation. Since retirement in 2014, he volunteers regularly at Carolina Senior Care, Lexington.

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