

# November





## Where to find it and Who to talk to....

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Leonard H. Bolick  
**Administrative Assistant:** Barbara Gilbert  
**Choir Director:** Brent Talley  
**Organist:** Nathan Brickman  
**Sexton:** Bobby Elmore  
**Council President:** Gene Frye  
**Council Vice President:** Linda Baker  
**Council Secretary:** Kim Frankel  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Duncan

Christian Ed.—Kim Long / Tiffani Bolick  
Cong. Life—Vickie Eckard  
Evangelism—Carol Talley  
Finance—Lora Huhn  
Property—Corky Miller /Kevin Ramsey  
Soc. Ministry—Chuck Witherspoon/  
Carla Cooke  
Stewardship—Phil Barton  
Worship & Music—Barry Sullivan  
Youth—Dustin Rushing

***SSELCA: A Family that Together Prays, Teaches, Loves and Serves  
God and Our Neighbors***

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**Phone:** 828-322-3211  
**E-mail:** sselca@yahoo.com  
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**8:00 a.m.**—Worship Service  
**9:15 a.m.**—Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.**—Worship Service



Our new organist/pianist will join us on Sunday, November 10. We look forward to welcoming Nathan Brickman, a life long Lutheran and graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University.

The last Sunday in November is also the last Sunday in the church year and is Christ the King Sunday. The worship and music committee has decided to remember all the seasons on that Sunday as we read Scripture and sing hymns from each of the seasons and even explain why the colors change from season to season.

On Tuesday, November 26, we shall join other congregations for a Thanksgiving worship service at Grace Chapel on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University at 7 pm. Over 15 congregations will participate from various denominations with an 80 plus member choir.

On Sunday, December 15, we receiver new members at both worship services. The Sunday before, December 8, there will be a new members class in the chapel at 9:15 for those considering membership at St Stephens.

The final Stewardship Emphasis report is complete and the anticipated contributions to the current fund are expected to be 16.3% above last year.

Congratulations and thanks to so many who did so much to make this significant increase.

Centro Latino continues to be a blessing to so many. Teaching English and assisting with food needs.

Thanks to so many who do so very much in and through St. Stephen's and thank you for the opportunity to walk with you as you search for the pastor God has already chosen to be your next leader.

Pastor Leonard



# Servants of the Lord

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**GREETER—8:00**

3 Ann Kraft  
10 Regina Reece  
17 Cathy Fox  
24 Tiffani Bolick

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**LAY READER—8:00**

Ann Kraft  
Ramona Baker  
Elaine Frye  
Marge Chandler

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**NURSERY— 8:00**

Cathy Ollis  
Sharon Miller  
Regina Reece  
Cathy Ollis

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANT— 10:30**

3 Vickie Eckard  
10 Cathy Baker  
17 Tiffani Bolick  
24 Robert Ollis

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**ACOLYTE—10:30**

Kara Ramsey  
Ray Rushing  
Alyssa Corpening  
Henley Huhn

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**NURSERY - 10:30**

Leesa Godfrey  
Lora Huhn  
Elisabeth Mauck  
Barbara Gilbert

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**LAY READER—10:30**

3 Sandy Barton  
10 Cathy Baker  
17 Carol Talley  
24 Linda Baker

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**ALTAR GUILD**

Judy Fincannon and Cathy Ollis

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**SOUND CONTROL - 10:30**

3 Greg Deitz  
10 Chuck Witherspoon  
17 Wayne Long  
24 Chuck Witherspoon

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**USHERS**

\*Kim Long  
Cathy Ollis  
Kim Frankel  
Peggy Hoke  
Betty Ann Crump  
Carla Cooke  
Gloria Huffman





## Celebrations!



### Birthdays

- 3 Wayne Long, John Shelor
- 4 Judy Fincannon, Deborah Pruitt
- 5 Bruce Godfrey, Mia Sexton
- 8 Brenda Duncan, Robert Ollis
- 10 Dylan Godfrey
- 11 Susan Shelor, Sue Van Horn
- 13 Jackston Brown, Jeremy Mauck,  
Earlene Newton
- 15 Scott Hoke
- 19 Kathy Powell
- 22 Terry Gilbert, Helen Miller
- 24 Kim Deitz
- 28 Charlie Sharpe

### Anniversaries

- 4 Ted & Marge  
Chandler
- 21 Paul & June Yount

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  5:30 Movie Night FH
3 8 Worship -Chapel 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary	4 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  FH—ELECTIONS  7 Sarah Circle-CR	5 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  FH—ELECTIONS 10 Mary Circle 7 Men's BBall	6 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	7 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5 Comp. Class Lab 7 Men's BBall	8	9
10 8 Worship—Chapel 9:15 Congregational Meeting—FH 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary 12 Christmas Practice 2 Confirmation 5 Church Council	11 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	12 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  8:30 Good Cheer  7 Men's BBall	13 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6 Centro Latino Board 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	14 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5 Comp. Class Lab 7 Men's BBall	15	16  6 Friends of Faith Huhns
17 8 Worship -Chapel 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary 12 Christmas Practice	18 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  2 Good Cheer— Trinity Village	19 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  7 Men's BBall	20 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	21 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  7 Men's BBall	22	23
24 8 Worship - Chapel 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary	25 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	26 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  7 Men's BBall	27 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>  5:30 Chapel Singers 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30 Handbells	28 <i>Office Closed</i>  4-7 Drum FH	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30

## **Remember in Prayer**

### **Nursing Homes:**

**Brookdale-Falling Creek** – Ralph Baker #707

**Kingston** Pat & Frank Hedrick #208

**Trinity Village** (Lutheran Home, Springs Road) -

Earlene Newton - #902 (Dogwood), Juanita Deitz - #607, Edith Icard - #608,  
Jay Lee Eckard - #308, Walt Cornwell - # 217

**Trinity Ridge** (Mountain View) Tammy Falcone - #708

**At Home:** Catherine Morgan

**Family and Friends:** Janet Stinson, Leon Baker, Ruth Dietz, Nancy Jo Brooks, Elbert Pope, Susan Hoke Lee, Anne Williams, Vickie Morgan, Nancy & Dee Dee Pope, Viola Gross, Susan Shelor, Mary Ann Wrenn, Joyce Travis, Frances Landaas, Joyce Odell, Kim Ramsey, Shari Dezern, Donald Bumgarner, Ronald Ramsey, Morgan Inez Smith, Barry Sullivan, Wendi Gonzalez

.Betty Eckard, Denise Baker, Jenny Eckard, Jerry Hefner, Jan Morelli, Margie Powell, Margie Glazebrooks, Eddie Lineberger, Kat Bolick, Jim Luckett, The Cranford Family, LeaAnn Buckwell, John Sigmon, Dylan Godfrey, Katrina Sullivan, Sherry Huffman, Rita Jolley, Bill Brown, Mary Alice Punch, Tony Cline, Cynthia Newman, Merv McGee, Jean Kertsey, Wayne Drum, Charles Van Horn Jr.(mission trip)

**Others:** All those affected by the violence in our country and abroad, All who are hungry, All who are homeless

**Bereavement:** The Family of Julie Kanipe, The Family of Al Crouse, The Family of Robin Teeter, The Family of Loyd Fox, The Family of Jerry Hefner, The Family of Larry Cook, The Moose Family, The Family of Carol Huffman, The Family of Allie Huffman,

### **Armed Forces:**

**U.S. Navy:** E4 Logan Miller, Little Creek, VA; IS2 Chris Powell, Jacksonville FL; CPO Matt Creech, Bahrain

**U.S. Marines:** Cpl. Andy Hance, Hawaii; Captain Nathan Carpenter; Cpt. John Teague, Kuwait; Staff Sgt. Justin Curl, Hawaii

**U.S. Air Force** Nathan Bridges, (Ret.- Hungary)

**Call Committee for Pastor:** [Chair -Ben Huhn](#), Secretary - Elisabeth Mauck, Chaplain - Carol Talley, Richard Huffman, Deborah Sullivan, Linda Baker and Tony Lafone.

***Please contact the church office to make changes to this list***

## Friends in Faith



### November—Chili Time

We will meet on Saturday, November 16th at Ben & Lora Huhn's for a friendly chili cook-off. You are invited to bring a pot of your favorite chili recipe (not required).

Ben & Lora will have their favorite chili for everyone to enjoy as well as all of the fixings (cheese, sour cream, onions, crackers, corn bread, etc.)

Beverages provided will be water, iced tea, beer, and wine.

Come anytime after 5:00 pm, we will start sampling the chili at 6:00 pm.

Their address is 2415 23rd St NE, Hickory, NC 28601.



### December 7—Progressive Dinner

#### Appetizers

5:15-6

Barry & Deborah Sullivan

Various Wings

Cheeseball & Crackers

Vegetable Tray

#### Meal

6:15-8:15

Ben & Lora Huhn

Soups (3-4 kinds)

Salad

Bread

#### Dessert

8:30-9:30

Richard & Gloria Huffman

Cake & Pie

Mark your calendar and come join us!!

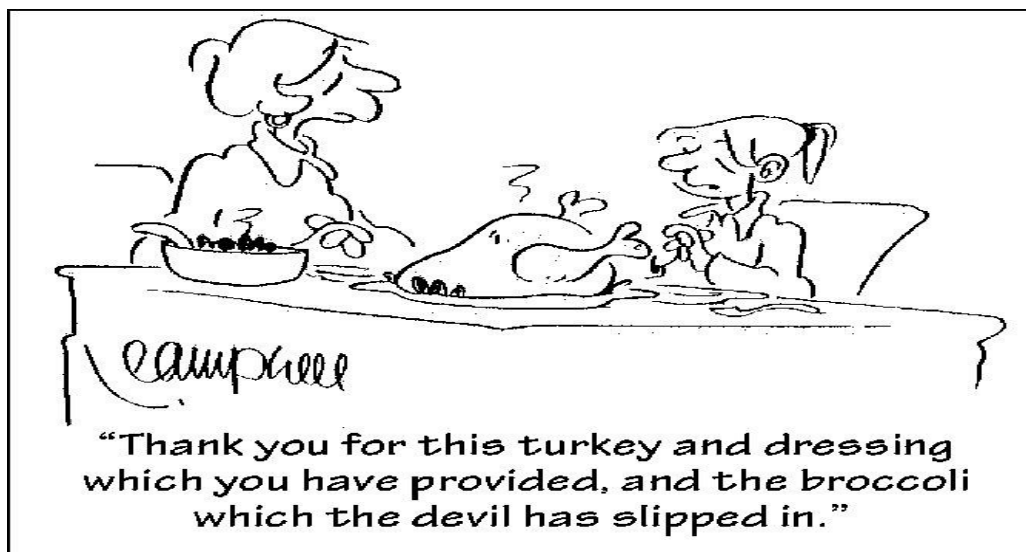
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**Mark your calendar for the Children's Christmas Program on December 15th at 5 pm.**

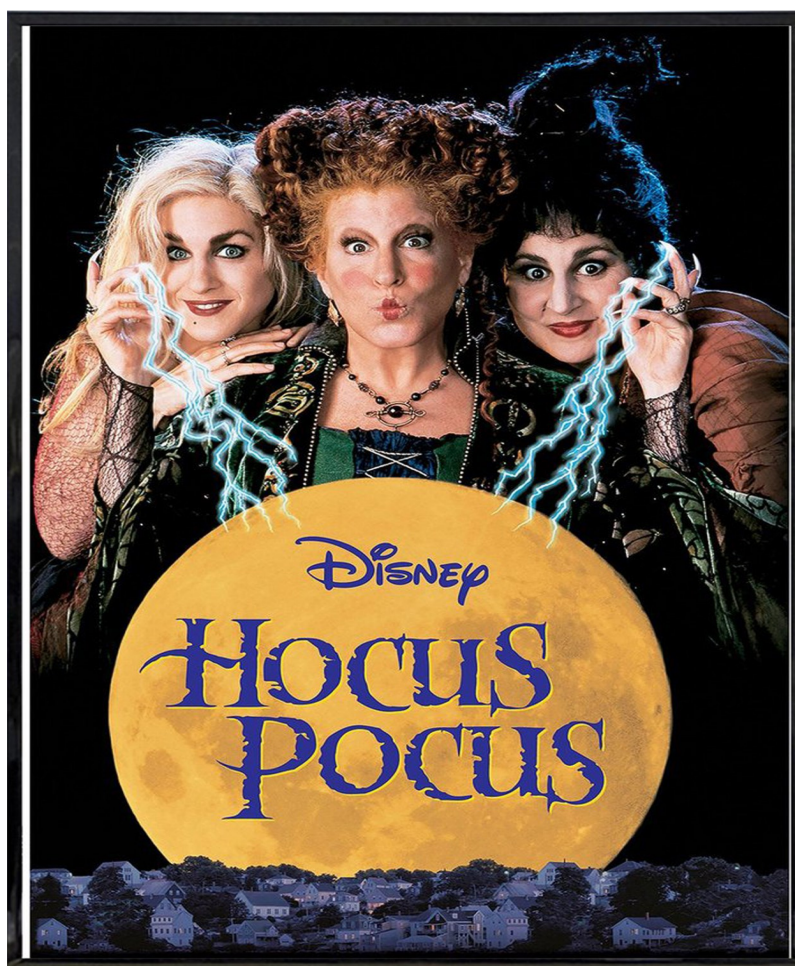
**We will have a covered dish following the program. St. Luke's, and Millers children will be joining in for this program.**







## St Stephens Youth Fundraiser



11/2 Saturday

\$3.00 Hot Dog Combo

(Hot Dog, Chips, Drink)

Hot Dog \$1.50

Chips \$1.00

Nachos \$2.00

Popcorn \$1.00

Desserts \$1.00

Drinks \$1.00

Doors open at

5:30pm.

Movie starts at 6:00pm.

-Free Admission -

All proceeds from concession sales will go to fund future youth trips, camps and outings. Thank you for your support!

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

828-322-3211 / sselca@yahoo.com

**The Fellowship Club will not meet in November.**

**If you would be interested in being a home communion server we will be having a training date. Then on the first Sunday in Advent Pastor Bolick will commission both the current and the new servers. This ministry is open to anyone who would like to serve so please contact the church (828-322-3211) or Cathy Fox (828-464-0808)**

**On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will receive new members. If you have been considering joining, please let Pastor Leonard know. There will be a class for prospective members on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.**

**The Social Ministry Committee will have the Angel Tree up this week. All gifts (toys) will go to Project Help (Dec. 7). Please have gifts w/tags in by Dec. 1. Thank you!**

**If you would like to participate in Scouting for Food, you may bring a bag of non perishable items to the church by November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions see Dennis Eckard or Kevin Ramsey.**

**Thank you to Country Bloomers (Randy & Lisa Killian) of Conover for donating the flowers for the memorial garden in loving memory of his parents- Jerry & Joann Eckard Killian.**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The constitution, budget, council members and nominating committee members will be on the agenda.**

**The council nominees are: Bonnie Rushing, Bill Duncan, Robert Ollis, Carla Cooke, Dean Isenhour, Luther Hathcock, Marge Chandler and Ann Kraft.**





Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service

## Head of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services to speak in Hickory for Human Rights Day

The Catawba Valley Interfaith Council (CVIC) is hosting its fifth annual Human Rights Day commemoration at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church ELCA (2259 12th Ave NE in Hickory) on Sunday, December 1st. The service begins at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a short reception with warm cider and cookies. This year's keynote speaker is Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) with offices in Baltimore, Maryland.

Since its founding in 1939, LIRS has worked to uphold the uniquely American ideal that welcoming immigrants from across the globe with open arms is essential to our nation's progress and prosperity. "The question we must ask ourselves today," said Vignarajah, is whether we remain that great nation. Whether we will be defined by walls and cages or by bridges and opportunity" for immigrants and refugees.

A refugee from civil war herself, Vignarajah was appointed to her current role in February of this year. She came to the United States with her parents when she was nine years old. Educated in Baltimore public schools, she studied at Yale University and law school and at Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar. She taught international law at Georgetown University as an adjunct professor. She worked at McKinsey & Company, practiced law at Jenner & Block in Washington, D.C., and clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin on the U.S. Court of Appeals.

More recently, Vignarajah served as Policy Director for Michelle Obama and led the President's and First Lady's signature Let Girls Learn initiative. Before the White House, she served as Senior Advisor at the State Department under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of State John Kerry, where she coordinated development and implementation of multiple programs including those concerning refugees and migration, engagement with religious communities, the legal dimensions of U.S. foreign policy, and regional issues relating to Africa and the Middle East.

"Now more than ever, we are excited to have someone with her background and knowledge about the experience of immigrant and refugee communities in the United States," said Rabbi President Dennis Jones (CVIC President). "We couldn't ask for a more qualified speaker at this time to address this important and pressing issue in the context of our fifth commemoration of Human Rights Day in Hickory."

In December of 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the aftermath of the Second World War. Articles 13, 14, and 15 specifically address internal and external migration and national identity, including the "right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution." This historic event is celebrated each December as Human Rights Day.

CVIC is a local not-for-profit organization of faith-based and secular communities in the Catawba Valley serving as a catalyst for hope and cooperating for the purpose of dialogue, information sharing, and celebration. Their purpose is to create a more compassionate community and honor the rich diversity of religious, spiritual, and secular traditions in the community. The public is invited to attend this free event and support this important milestone in human rights history.

## Call Process

### **Call Committee**

**Ben Huhn, Chair**

**Elisabeth Mauck , Secretary**

**Carol Talley, Chaplain**

**Tony Lafone, Deborah Sullivan, Richard Huffman and Linda Baker**

**Names of candidates have been received.  
The Call Committee has started interviewing at this time.**

**Please continue to pray for the Committee as they move forward in their search.**





## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE


Time and Talent Sheets are available. If you have not received one check with the ushers or the office.

Please note the first sheets omitted the following areas:

Nursery

Good Cheer

You can write it in.

<b>Consecration Sunday Recap</b>		Take one step up... for Christ and His church. 
Total Cards Received	81	
Number Increasing Their Giving	54	
Total Committed Today	283,272	
Normal Giving For Those Who Did Not Return A Card	44,862	
Projected Loose Offerings	1,650	
Non-Donor Income (Gifts, Rent, Etc.)	4,210	
Total General Fund Offering For Past 52 Weeks (Includes Envelopes, Loose Cash and Non-Donor Income)	287,263	
Projected % Increase Over Last Year	16.3%	

**The Catawba Partnership for Children and the Catawba Leadership Academy are installing 12 Little Free Libraries to encourage families to grab a free book.**

**Little Free Libraries, free standing, weather-resistant wooden boxes, house books for families to grab to read to their children. The Libraries in Catawba will also be paired with Dolly Parton Imagination Library promotional materials to provide parents and guardians the opportunity to enroll their child in Dolly Parton Imagination Library.**

**One of these libraries will be here at St. Stephen's!**

**Look for it on the edge of our upper parking lot!**

