





## 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:** Lora Huhn  
**Council Secretary:** Kim Frankel  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Duncan

Christian Ed.—Bill Duncan/Tiffani Bolick  
Cong. Life—Marge Chandler/Vickie Eckard  
Evangelism—Carol Talley  
Finance—Chuck Witherspoon  
Property—Corky Miller /Kevin Ramsey  
Soc. Ministry—Carla Cooke/Linda Baker  
Stewardship— Pat Patton  
Worship & Music—  
Barry Sullivan/Terry Gilbert  
Youth—Robert Ollis/Dustin Rushing

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

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**9:00 a.m.—Drive Up Worship Service**



Grace and Peace in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

These are unusual and yet meaningful days as we adjust to a different lifestyle for Advent and Christmas! Worship continues in the parking lot on Sunday mornings at 9 am and is available online as you visit our website.

The Christmas Eve worship will only be available online and Holy Communion will be celebrated so you should have bread and wine and candles available for the candle lighting.

On Sunday morning, December 27th, a worship service of lessons and carols will be offered at 9am in the parking lot and online.

Confirmation classes are underway, and Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism will take place probably on Palm Sunday.

The Call Committee is hard at work and we should remember them and our future called pastor in our prayers.

Thank you for your ministry— so many do so very much, even in such challenging times— I thank God for the opportunity to serve together.

Pastor Leonard

# St Stephen's ELCA Council

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

November 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Gene Frye. All members were present. Also attending were Brenda Duncan and Pastor Bolick. Ben Huhn was present for part of the meeting.

Devotions were given by Bill Duncan.

October council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Report on file

Call Committee Update: An update on the call process was presented by Ben Huhn. Because one member of the committee resigned, the alternate is now a voting member. We will now need to choose another alternate member. A motion was made by Robert Ollis and seconded by Barry Sullivan to ask for volunteers at the annual meeting on Nov 22 to fill this position. The council will choose an alternate from the group of people who express interest in the position. Voted and approved.

Pastor's Report:

Virtual confirmation is underway.

There will be no Bible study classes in November.

Virtual communion was a positive experience and will continue on a periodic basis.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Education

No meeting

Congregational Life

No meeting

Evangelism – served dinner to St Stephen's FD for God's Work our Hands project

Finance

No meeting

Property- 1-Had a work day on Oct 31, 2020. 2- A repair was done on the gym roof after another leak.

A motion was made by Robert Ollis and seconded by Carla Cooke to have Statesville Roofing inspect the roof and give estimate of any other needed repairs and one year warranty on work. Voted and approved.

Social ministry

No meeting

Stewardship

No meeting

Worship and Music

Report on file. Thanks to everyone helping with the drive in and online services!

Youth

No meeting

Old business:

New tile floors have been installed in the basement and will be waxed next week.  
The Mexican Consulate will be seeing clients in the fellowship hall Nov 20-22, 2020.  
The WIFI hotspot is installed. Waiting on library to announce it is ready.

New Business:

We discussed an issue presented by the NC synod concerning bankruptcy proceedings by the Boy Scouts of America and the possibility of filing a claim against the BSA. A motion was made by Lora Huhn and seconded by Chuck Witherspoon to take no action. Voted and approved.

A motion was made by Lora Huhn and seconded by Carol Talley to allow Dance Fitness classes to be held in the gym Mon-Thur. The fee will be \$100/month and the classes will be expected to follow COVID guidelines from the church. Voted and approved.

The annual council retreat will be held early in 2021 and everyone should be thinking of possible dates and things to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Frye, President

Kim Frankel, Secretary

Because of Covid 19 the meeting was held at the outdoor drive in service. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Gene Frye at 9:00. We began with a prayer. The following items were voted on: 1) New council members 2) 2021 Nominating committee and 3) the 2021 budget. Ben Huhn then gave a call committee update. The meeting was in recess at 9:15 and council members were excused to count the votes. The meeting was called back to order at 10:00 to announce the following results.

Council members elected for a 3 year term are Cathy Baker, Vickie Eckard, Julia Payne, and Terry Gilbert. Tony Lafone was elected to serve the 1 year term.

The 2021 nominating committee members will be Kay Lafone, Billie McMahan, Deborah Pruitt, Linda Baker, Chuck Witherspoon and Kim Frankel.

The 2021 budget was approved. 87 yes votes and 5 no votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Frye, President

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## Celebrations!



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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|----|--------------------------------|----|---|
| 4  | Nancy Bumgarner                | 22 | Fon Cornwell, Alyssa Corpening                      |
| 5  | Bobby Elmore                   | 23 | Ray Rushing   |
| 7  | Jean Fry                       | 24 | Jean Patton   |
| 8  | Steve Baker                    | 28 | Vickie Morgan,<br>Crystal Witherspoon, Ted Chandler |
| 10 | Carroll Baker, Barbara Gilbert | 29 | Angie Asherbraner                                   |
| 12 | Frank Hedrick                  | 30 | Margie Isenhour                                     |
| 13 | Mason Baker, Janet Stinson     | 31 | Barry Sullivan                                      |
| 16 | Brady White                    |    |   |
| 17 | Sylvia Hoke, Regina Reece      |    |   |
| 18 | Joyce Odell, Lois Stine        |    |   |
| 19 | Peggy Barger                   |    |   |

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

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| 10 | Emily & Alex Rector              |
| 19 | Robert & Cathy Ollis             |
| 21 | Michael & Sherrill Cooper Hollar |
| 24 | Tony & Kay Lafone                |
| 28 | John & Susan Shelor              |

## Remember in Prayer

### **Nursing Homes:**

**Kingston** Pat & Frank Hedrick #208

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

Earlene Newton - #902 (Dogwood), Edith Icard - #608,

**Trinity Ridge** (Mountain View) Tammy Falcone - #714

**At Home:** Catherine Morgan, Anne Williams

**Family and Friends:** Janet Stinson, Leon Baker, Ruth Dietz, Nancy Jo Brooks, Susan Hoke Lee, Nancy & Dee Dee Pope, Viola Gross, Susan Shelor, Mary Ann Wrenn, Joyce Travis, Shari Dezern, Morgan Inez Smith, Wendi Gonzalez, Betty Eckard, Mary Alice Punch, Carol Jones Towery, Melissa George, Debbie Benge, Margie Isenhour, Vickie Morgan, Richard and Margie Powell, Denise Baker, Jim Edwards, Sue Van Horn, Bob Patton, Kim Ramsey

.Delores Propst and family, Ada Breino, Clarence Carpenter, Eugene Robbins, Bill Reece, Krista White

Others: All teachers, students and staff as the school year continues. All first responders and health care workers who continue to work tirelessly to take care of all of us.

All who have lost their jobs, All who are hungry, All who are homeless, All those affected by the violence in our country and abroad

**Bereavement:** The Family of Cyndee Brown, The Family of Ray Powell

### **Armed Forces:**

**U.S. Navy:** E5 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](#), Chaplain - Carol Talley, Richard Huffman, Deborah Sullivan, Linda Baker and Tony Lafone.

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<b>Sunday</b> 	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>2</b> 10-12 Food Pantry 3-5 Food Pantry 7:30 Handbells	<b>Thursday</b> <b>3</b> 3 Worship taping	<b>Friday</b> <b>4</b> 4:30-5:30 Centro Latino Kids Activity PS and Back Lot	<b>Saturday</b> <b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9 Worship – Drive Up & Online 10 Youth SS-FH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10 Good Cheer	<b>9</b> 10-12 Food Pantry 3-5 Food Pantry 7:30 Handbells	<b>10</b> 3 Worship taping	<b>11</b> 4:30-5:30 Centro Latino Kids Activity PS and Back Lot	<b>12</b> 9 am Sarah Circle Christmas Breakfast—FH
<b>13</b> 9 Worship- Drive Up & Online 5 Church Council- FH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10-12 Food Pantry 3-5 Food Pantry 7:30 Handbells	<b>17</b> 3 Worship taping	<b>18</b> 4:30-5:30 Centro Latino Kids Activity PS and Back Lot	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9 Worship - Drive Up & Online 10 Baker/Gilbert /Lafone SS-FH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9 Worship - Drive Up & Online 10 Cathy Fox SS— FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
						

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box.

By Christmas Eve you can donate the contents to our Food Pantry.

December 1	box of cereal
December 2	peanut butter
December 3	instant grits
December 4	spaghetti noodles
December 5	macaroni and cheese
December 6	canned pears
December 7	canned tomatoes
December 8	canned tuna
December 9	canned peaches
December 10	jar of applesauce
December 11	vienna sausage
December 12	canned beef stew
December 13	canned black beans
December 14	box of saltine crackers
December 15	bag of rice
December 16	oatmeal
December 17	pork & beans
December 18	spaghetti sauce
December 19	chicken noodle soup
December 20	tomato soup
December 21	canned corn
December 22	grape jelly
December 23	canned pinto beans
December 24	canned green beans

	<u>11/1/2020</u>	<u>11/8/2020</u>	<u>11/15/2020</u>	<u>11/22/2020</u>
Regular Offerings	<u>5,893.00</u>	6,493.00	<u>3,025.50</u>	<u>6,088.75</u>
PAID Operating Exp.	<u>(5,368.46)</u>	<u>(3,072.42)</u>	<u>(5,953.68)</u>	<u>(1,813.90)</u>
Over (Short)	524.54	3,420.58	(2,928.18)	4,274.85
<b><u>MTD</u></b>				
Regular Offerings	5,893.00	12,386.00	15,411.50	21,500.25
PAID Operating Exp.	<u>(5,368.46)</u>	<u>(8,440.88)</u>	<u>(14,394.56)</u>	<u>(16,208.46)</u>
Over(Short)	524.54	3,945.12	1,016.94	5,291.79
<b><u>YTD</u></b>				
Regular Offerings	249,878.02	256,371.02	259,396.52	265,485.27
PAID Operating Exp.)	<u>(204,888.44)</u>	<u>(207,960.86)</u>	<u>(213,914.54)</u>	<u>(215,728.44)</u>
Over(Short)	44,989.58	48,410.16	45,481.98	49,756.83
CIF Offerings	400.00	200.00	370.00	235.00
<b><u>MTD</u></b>	400.00	600.00	970.00	1,205.00
<b><u>YTD</u></b>	16,750.00	16,950.00	17,320.00	17,555.00

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Pointsettias will be on sale from November 22nd thru December 6th. The cost for each is \$12.00. You may fill out the order form below and put it in your offering envelope, or turn it in to the office, along with your payment.

You may make a donation to the Endowment Fund or Capital Improvement in lieu of a pointsettia.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Because we will not be worshipping in the Sanctuary pointsettias may be picked up as soon as delivered so you can enjoy them at home.

The Worship & Music committee would like to thank all those responsible for making our worship time possible in these unusual times. Ben Huhn has been responsible for recording the online service & arranging it to be put online. Lora Huhn has taken the recording & put it online so anyone can watch it. Pastor Leonard, Brent, & Nathan have worked together to decide the music & type of service that we would have. Brent has worked with various individuals as well as the handbell choir to provide special anthems or music & to assign individuals to read lessons & assist with the service. Numerous individuals meet every other week to sing the hymns for recording, they are Linda Baker, Brenda Duncan, Kathy Powell, Camilla Isenhour, Sandy & Phil Barton, Robert Ollis, & Terry Gilbert. Nathan has worked to provide appropriate Prelude & Postlude music as well as playing for the weekly hymns or anthems. Ben has designed our outdoor worship setup & parking & has been assisted by Henley & Hayden Huhn, Dennis Eckard, Robert Ollis, Corky Miller, Kevin Ramsey, & Terry Gilbert. Judy Fincannon & Cathy Ollis have prepared communion & handed it out as well as the bulletins. Barbara Gilbert prepares the bulletins & sends out the email for the online service. As is obvious there is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes to provide each of us the opportunity to worship. We are thankful for each person involved in preparing, setting up & attending the outdoor service or tuning into the online service. Thank you for your faithfulness & may God continue to richly bless each one of us through our worship opportunities.

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Thank you for the cards sent by the “Good Cheer” group. They have meant a lot and did help cheer me up! Thank you to those who have called or asked others how I’m doing.

Also, thanks to Kenny, Kevin and Kermit Eckard for helping me take down a tree that was about to fall on a building.

I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Teddy Hefner

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## **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

From October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the \$1500.00 price for Niche’s in the Columbaria will be reduced to \$1250.00. This price is the per inurnment , so a person and their spouse can make their reservation for burial for only \$2500.00.