

The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

January 2017

I write this article while sitting at my dining room table. The place where I've recently finished wrapping Christmas presents. The place where meals have been shared with our growing family and where friends have gathered to play games like Settlers of Catan, Mexican Train, and Apples to Apples. A wide range of conversations have been happened around this table. This table is the place where relationships have been deepened and words of encouragement have been spoken. It is a holy place.

Our congregation also values gathering at tables. We enjoy good meals and table fellowship at a variety of social gatherings like GROW, Saints and Sinners, the Christmas Dinner, the ladies lunch and women's fellowship, the men's breakfast and pub ministry. We support and care for one another at tables during funeral receptions. We grow in faith around tables as we gather for small groups, Bible study, Sunday School, and youth group. We gather at tables where we put together puzzles, make quilts, assemble brown bag lunches, sort items for abundance ministry, and meet in committees to plan ministry. These tables and the people who gather around them are important to our life together. They are holy places.

We have other tables which are at the center of our worship life. They are the altar tables in the Sanctuary, Kepley Hall, and in peoples' homes. Here we mark life passages as a faith community; here we bring our gifts to be shared. We seek to be fed and filled with spiritual food, to encounter Christ's presence and peace, to praise God, to experience loving community across the generations. As we gather for Holy Communion we are joined by our companions across the church, our neighbors up and down the street and around the corner, and with the saints in every time and in every place. This is a holy place.

When I look at the tables of our congregation, I notice that they include people from across our faith community, some who know each other very well and others who are new to the congregation; some who are life-long Lutherans and others who are new to the Lutheran tradition; some whose faith goes deep and others who are exploring what faith is all about. Together they share their experiences and ponder their questions as they wrestle with what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus.

I also notice that there are empty places, empty chairs around the tables. People are missing. Their voices, their questions, and their perspectives are not being shared. The whole community is negatively impacted when all of us are not participating in some way, not sitting at the table. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, know that there is a place at the table for you. Whether you have been a member of St. Philip for a long time or are a newcomer to this faith community your voice, questions, and perspectives are valued and important in our life together.

My hope and prayer for the faith community of St. Philip in 2017, is that every table will be filled as we come together for Holy Communion and as we gather to share our experiences, ask our questions, and offer our perspectives. God has gathered each one of us into this faith community and we will be made stronger when we come together around the table. Won't you come and take your place at the table?

Sitting at the table with you,

Pastor Pam

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Invite

Young Adults

Attention young adults – mark your calendars! We will gather at Buffalo Lanes to go bowling on Friday, January 20th at 7:00pm. (5900 Oak Forest Dr.) The first game of bowling and the shoe rental fee will be covered. After we finish showing off our bowling skills, we will head to Chili's for dessert and drinks. Hope to see you all there! Contact Vicar Molly at Vicar@st-philip.org, if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

All Middle & High School Youth are Invited

Its time to get registered for the LYO Assembly! The Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Assembly will be on February 24–26, 2017. It is held in Greensboro every year and includes music, worship, speakers, and breakout sessions with LOTS of other Lutheran youth in North Carolina.

**Registration deadline is
January 8th.**



The cost for this weekend is \$50., St. Philip will be paying \$87 of every youth registration.

- ♦ We will meet at St. Philip at 5:30 on Friday, 2/24
- ♦ We will stop for dinner along the way and there will be snack purchasing opportunities throughout the weekend so be sure to send extra money with your youth.
- ♦ We will return to St. Philip by the end of 11:00 service on Sunday, 2/26!
- ♦ **Please RSVP to Cathryn by January 8th to Cathryn@st-philip.org**

Sharing in Ministry

As I think about the New Year to come, I can't help but reflect on my past couple of years. They have been full of change, mainly because the entire seminary process involves a lot of transitions. It began by uprooting me and placing me in an entirely new city, Columbia, where I didn't know anyone. After just one short year, I was on the move again. I had to form a new normal while trying to navigate my way as a hospital chaplain in Pineville, NC for the summer months. Just as I was getting used to that routine, I moved back to Columbia to begin my second year as a full time student. When I thought I was finally getting a grasp on seminary courses, I moved to Raleigh to begin serving full time as vicar here at St. Philip. Of course, this year has been full of new adventures as I figure out what it means to be a congregational leader. Moving, transitions, and change. There is still a lot more to come as I look forward to 2017, which also holds some pretty big milestones for me. I will start my final year of seminary (moving back to Columbia) and begin the earliest stages of the first call process...wow!

Transition and change are hard for anyone. It's difficult to mix up a normal routine as we step into the unknown. As we begin the New Year, there are many unknowns for all of us. Through the many transitions I have faced, I am always pulled back by the several communities that have nurtured me through these past few years. I find comfort in knowing that these groups of people are supporting me, even if from afar. My family, friends, seminary classmates, and my brothers and sisters here at St. Philip have brought comfort through the many transitions. Communities are important, and I see God working through each person who has cheer me on along the way.

I pray that your transitions of 2017 are rewarding, challenging, and stretch you to something new. If they are uncomfortable, remember the love and support pouring out from the body of Christ surrounding you at St. Philip.

God is with you through it all. Happy New Year!

God's Peace,
Vicar Molly

You're invited – Synod Partners Meeting

The North Carolina Synod is holding five regional gatherings across the synod during the months of January and February. The first one will be held at St. Philip on Saturday, January 21 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The event will include worship with Bishop Tim Smith preaching, a delicious meal prepared by Debbie Coccarelli, and an opportunity to share and hear stories of how we are church together. A love offering will be collected to cover the cost of the meal. The offering collected during worship will be designated to a local ministry yet to be determined.

This is a great opportunity for us to welcome the Bishop and others from across our region to St. Philip. Sign up at the welcome center so that we can get a good count of the number of people participating.

Please contact Deb Coccarelli at Deborah.coccarelli@gmail.com if you would like to help with the luncheon for the gathering.



Stephen Ministry Training Class Well Underway

The class of seven Stephen Ministers at St. Philip is well underway. Training began in September and eight sessions remain before the class is commissioned on March 5.

Our trainees are working extremely hard and their dedication is paying off. The course involves pre-class reading assignments and in-class lecture, discussion, and role playing. Our trainees are showing real growth in knowledge and skills.

A recurring emphasis of Stephen Minister training is confidentiality. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is held strictly confidential. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from other Stephen Ministers—and everyone else.

This emphasis on confidentiality is important for potential care receivers. Most people are reluctant to share their problems and situations because they're afraid of others' finding out. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid of others finding out.

Among remaining training topics are: ministering to those experiencing grief, dealing with depression, and providing spiritual care.

When those and other remaining topics are finished, the trainees will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers and receive their first caregiving assignments. But even then, their training is far from over.

Continuing education is an important component of Stephen Ministry training. Stephen Ministers will meet for continuing education once-twice/month, even after they begin meeting with their care receivers. The goal is for Stephen Ministers to continually enhance their skills and learn new ways to care. We want them to provide the best care possible for their care receivers.

Please hold the following Stephen Minister trainees and Stephen Leaders in your prayers:

Linda Bossert (Leader)
Kathy Blum (Leader)
Laura Carlson
Kathy Cunningham
Dan Heyl,
Mark Glass
Sandy Glass
Lois Knauff
Vicar Molly





Worship



On Sunday, January 8, at both services we will be celebrating the festival of the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. This is a perfect way for us to acknowledge the Day of the Epiphany (January 6) where the church celebrates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations and enter into the season of the Sundays after the Epiphany. The word epiphany can mean a manifestation, a sudden appearance, particularly of a deity, or a sudden insight. The epiphany on January 8 is the Spirit of God appearing on the scene as Jesus is baptized, descending in the form of a dove and heard in a voice from heaven (Matt. 3:16-17).

In our lives, God's appearance is rarely as obvious or overt. God's presence can be seen in forgiveness offered after an argument. It can be a sense of peace in spite of bad news delivered by a doctor. It can be the comfort of a hug from a child. What are the little epiphanies made possible by the big epiphany of the God who comes to us through Jesus?

We will begin worship on this day with a thanksgiving for baptism. Then following the sermon, we will join together in affirming our baptisms. In this way we begin this new year of grace by remembering and celebrating the gift of baptism and praying for the Holy Spirit to continue to stir up God's gifts in all the baptized.

Hope to see you in worship!

Sunday Mornings at St. Philip

8:45—Crossing Contemporary
Worship with Holy Communion

10:00—Sunday School for All Ages

11:00—Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion

***Be sure to invite a friend,
neighbor or co-worker!***



Music Ministries

**A New Year! Resolutions?
Make 2017 the year
you share your musical talents
with the congregation of St. Philip!**

There are multiple opportunities in
Traditional Worship Services for:

Vocalists

Instrumentalists

Handbell Ringers

Soloists (Vocal & Instrumental)

Small Group/Ensembles
(Vocal & Instrumental)

EVERYONE is welcome!!!

Contact our Director of Music Ministry,
Marcia Klinder-Badgley for details!

marciakb@st-philip.org



Nurture

Reading the Bible in 90 days begins January 25th!

It's that time again to embark on the journey to read the Bible from cover-to-cover in 90 Days! Yes, it can be done. In January 2015, over 70 people accepted and completed the challenge of reading the Bible in 90 Days. It was transformative for them and for the entire congregation. Here are some comments from past participants:

In the past, I would have said that Revelation was my least favorite book of the Bible - no good stories, no poetic rhythm, very puzzling and weird. After this journey through the Bible, my first as it happens, I have a completely altered opinion. After God created the perfect world, we saw how man strayed and rebelled and polluted it. As I read the entire text looking for "WIGIAT", I was surprised to see how the story comes full circle. To find the "tree of life" at the end as it was in the beginning was a real revelation for me. Thanks be to God! - Kathryn Edwards

It's awesome to say that we actually read the Bible in 90 days! We liked the format of the seminar, enjoyed the small group discussions, the videos, and the common goal of everyone reaching the end together! - Jerry and Dianne Rimmer.

On Jan 25, 2017, we embark on this adventure one more time. We'll follow a specific plan that breaks the reading into manageable chunks. If you use the NIV Bible that is recommended, **you will read 12 pages a day** and the start and end places are marked for you. You can read these pages at one sitting or divide the assigned reading into smaller pieces to read at breakfast, lunch, and dinner or at other times throughout the day. Consider reading the text aloud for a bit of variety. You will also be able to have the Bible read aloud to you over the internet!

Two resources are available to support you in this challenge: 1) a lightweight, large print NIV Bible, and 2) a colorful and concise commentary. Of course, you can use your own Bible and the commentary is optional. It's okay to share the resources with others in your family. I have found that people who use both resources are more likely to complete the challenge.

Someone asked, "What if I can't keep up with the reading plan?" That's okay!! Just keep reading. It's not as important for you to finish within the 90 day schedule as it is for you to keep reading until you finish. That's the goal, to read the Bible from cover-to-cover so that we experience the continuity and scope of God's interaction with and for God's people.

The other resource that will help you accomplish this challenge are the small group sessions. These small groups are essential to keeping us motivated and on track. Everyone will benefit from the encouragement and support of the group. Groups will be on the same basic schedule so move between the groups as you need to. The important thing is that you are being encouraged and supported to meet this challenge! Small groups will meet on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm beginning on January 25, 2017.**

Let's get our hearts and minds into the Word of God! [CLICK HERE](#) for the commitment form or pick one up on the information table in the narthex. **Sign up by Jan 6** so that we have time to order the resources.

Reading with you,
Pastor Pam



Nurture

Puzzle Get Together

Our Puzzle Get-Together is Tuesday, 1/24/17 at 12:30 in the music room.

Come, relax, enjoy good conversation, & help complete a puzzle. Contact Claire Muller, 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com if you have any questions.
Hope to see you there.!

Men's Pub Ministry

Men's Pub Ministry is an opportunity for men in the congregation to meet and socialize once a month. We select places where we can talk and have a beer or other beverage and, perhaps, a meal. We also provide service to the church and community.

Watch your email and the Sunday Body Building News for the next meeting date & place.

All men are welcome, we hope to see you there!



Women's Fellowship Group

We gather together once a month inviting women of the congregation to come for good food, fellowship & conversation. The meeting place is different each month, so watch your eNews and Sunday BBN for January's details.

Contact Carol Rogers for more information at parakayaker@gmail.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE!

All Classes Meet: 10:00—10:45

- **0-2 year olds:** Nursery is offered during SS.
- **2's-PreK:** Meet in the **blue room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **K-2nd:** Meet in the **red room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **3rd-5th:** Meet in the **purple room**, Ed. Bldg.
- **Confirmation (6th-7th):** Basement, Ed. Bldg.
- **Post-Confirmation (8th-12th):** Meet in the basement, Ed. Bldg. Real life faith talk in a spiritually and emotionally safe setting.
- **Augsburg Class (adult):** Library
The Augsburg class explores Bible study with rotating facilitators.
- **Faith & Fellowship (adult):** Luther Hall
Faith & Fellowship is a class geared around discussion, with rotating facilitators, focusing on varying topics throughout the year.

Boy Scout Troop 342

The Troop meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building.



Contact: secureoperationst342@gmail.com or Troop342.TeamSnap.com

GRACE GIFTS RETREAT

Please join us for a retreat about GRACE gifts!

(This is one of the several mini-retreats that will be offered throughout the GIFT program.)

Who? 6th & 7th Graders and Parents

What? Retreat to learn about some of the grace gifts provided to us by God!

Where? Luther Hall for dinner to start.....

When? Friday, Jan. 20th 6:30 -10:00pm

Why? To spend sometime together for community building as well as exploration of GRACE gifts that we often take for granted.

Please RSVP to cathryn@st-philip.org as soon as you are able!



Calling all Middle & High School Youth

**Registration deadline for this year's LYO assembly
is January 8th!**

(SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION)

Sub Sales February 5th

Who makes the best subs in the world?

It is the St. Philip Youth!!

Sign up now for your sub!

Free will donations are welcome and any proceeds
will go toward supporting Brown Bag and Refugee Ministries here at St. Philip!



Be sure to mark on the order form if you would like to pick up your sub at
9:45, 10:45, or 12:00pm.

Return completed order forms to the marked file outside of Cathryn's office,
the Gathering Room, across from the library or
return your order via e-mail to me (cathryn@st-philip.org).

Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center and the back page here

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Men's Breakfast Club

Will meet on January 19th 8:30 am at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center, 5009 Falls of Neuse Road. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. To reserve your place contact Frank Bouknight @ 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com



Ladies Lunch

The next lunch will be held on Thursday, January 5th at Tribeca Tavern, 6004 Falls of Neuse Road. Lunch begins at noon. We have had our Ladies Lunch here a couple of times. They have wonderful food and a great atmosphere. Please make your reservation with Claire Muller, 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com.



Hope to see you there!

Senior Ministry Book Club

The book club will not meet in December. On January 24th, we will meet to discuss *Sea-Born Women* by BJ Mountford. On N.C.'s Outer Banks, there is a legend about the Sea-born Woman, whose timely birth saved her Irish emigrant ship from pirates 300 years ago. "Bert" Lenehan arrives on Portsmouth Island as a National Park Service volunteer and stumbles on mysterious deaths. She also finds her life intertwined with Jerushia Spriggs O'Hagan, the original sea-born woman. Ghosts, legends, and mystery all combine with the unique setting. The book is available in the Wake County Public Library. Everyone is welcome to join in on the conversation on Tuesday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.



We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month and we rotate leading the discussion. If you are interested, please bring a book suggestion to our next +meeting. Contact Kathryn Edwards itsmekge@gmail.com or Carol Williamson wilc321@aol.com for more information.

Saints & Sinners

Come join the Saints and Sinners at 11:30 on Tuesday, January 10th for a delicious lunch and fellowship. Our presenter will be Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, a native North Carolinian, celebrated spiritual writer and sought after speaker. His books include *Strangers at My Door: A True Story of Finding Jesus in Unexpected Guests* and *Awakening Hope: Why We Practice a Common Faith*.



Please RSVP to reserve your place for lunch by calling Carole Mason at 919 872-1518, by January 6th.

The Saints and Sinners meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Luther Hall.

St. Philip Lutheran Church Mission Plan

OUR MISSION (*Our purpose, why we exist and what God is calling us to do.*)
Rejoicing in God's grace, our mission is to invite, worship, nurture, and serve.

OUR VISION (*What we are striving to become.*)
We are a welcoming community where all people are included and where the Good News of Christ is explored and proclaimed as we demonstrate our faith through service to our neighbors so that all will come to know they are embraced by God's grace.



Join us for G.R.O.W.

(Get Renewed On Wednesdays)

Beginning at 5:45

For a midweek renewal through

a meal, music, youth groups, Faith Building Groups and fellowship!!

Free will donations are encouraged.

Bring your friends! All are Welcome!!

5:45-6:30 Meal (Luther Hall)

6:45-7:15 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir

6:45-8:00 MS & HS Youth Groups

6:30-7:45 Faith Building Groups

7:30-8:45 Voices of Praise Adult Choir

Calling all cooks, set-uppers and clean-uppers to support GROW meals—

contact Edwina Bruce 919-846-0142, asbcebecb@aol.com or

Deb Coccarelli 919-870-7076, deborah.coccarelli@gmail.com

Financial Peace University

"Financial Peace isn't just for those that want to get out of debt, it's for those that want to learn how to budget and take control of your money. As Dave says, "tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went."

- Want to strengthen your relationship and money issues with your spouse? Financial Peace can help.
- Not married? Get Financial Peace before taking on a partner.
- Want to improve your charitable donations, but don't know how to squeeze more out of the budget? Financial Peace can help.
- Tired of the credit card chase or paying minimum payments every month? Financial Peace can help!
- Do you have enough Life Insurance to support your family? Financial Peace will explain.

Watch this video promo to learn more: <https://youtu.be/EPvk1ANcQ3U>

Chuck and Cindy Wolfe will facilitate the classess of the nine week program

Sign up for the class starting Jan 23, 2017 here: <http://fpu.com/1029912>

Make 2017 the year you get Financial Peace!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Greetings in the name of Christ, to you, our Global Mission partners and sponsors.

Friends, this will be our final newsletter as your ELCA Missionaries to Senegal. There is much to share about the present reality, as well as the future. But first, let me bring you Advent greetings. Advent, not only because it is the season in which we find ourselves, but Advent is the posture which all Christians should keep everyday as they await to see God's coming.

Advent is the season of three-fold time when we remember the waiting. First, we remember the waiting of the Prophets and people of Israel as they yearned for the Divine response to their generational yearning, "How long, O Lord?" Second we remember the waiting of Mary and Joseph for the coming of the Messiah in our time, and the way in which Mary prepared room even in her physical being for the incarnation of God's will-to-Love in the Christ child. And third, we await God's coming, perhaps in the Paradisaic restoration of creation, or in the daily coming into our lives by the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit. But this waiting is an active one. It is not the emptiness of waiting in line or waiting on a reply. Rather, it is a pregnant waiting, where we are in constant progression and growth, even if we don't see yet where we are going. We wait in expectant longing, how long, O Lord, knowing only that God is faithful, and someday, at some time, we will see.

Well, that is where the Rimmer family finds ourselves this Advent. After returning to the US last June for our Home Assignment, we went to Duke University Hospital for Natalie's regular scans and discovered that the cancer had returned. This time it metastasized to her lungs and her heart. She immediately began a course of chemotherapy that continues today. We made plans to be in NC indefinitely. The reality is that while our hearts are in Senegal, there is no specialized Sarcoma care, so we can't be there. We entered a period of deep conversation and seeking between ELCA Global Mission and other Churchwide staff about the possibilities of reshaping our call to continue serving in Senegal in some capacity. Unfortunately, the realities and constraints make it such that there is just no way forward for us in this role. We have to seek healing, and we can't do it in Senegal.

And so we grieve, as a fact of our human condition brings to an end to our call to Global Mission that has spanned 15 years. Natalie and I began our Global Horizon internship in Copenhagen in 2001. We have been blessed by our ministry with the International Church of Copenhagen, our involvement with the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation, our life among the Episcopal Church of Scotland, our language learning in France and most recently our call to serve, live, teach and love alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Lutheran Church of Senegal. We thank God for this call and pray that along the way we have reflected even a portion of the Light, Life and Love that we have received. We have seen the Advent of God's Spirit in so many profound ways, and through the lives and languages of so many of our friends around the world. Now we enter with them into a time of gratitude for that faithful coming in the past, and we await for what is to come in the future. This goes for the Lutheran Church of Senegal as well as our family.

In what concerns the ministry in Senegal, we leave knowing that while we will hopefully be missed, the Church and her ministries continue. I will miss teaching our students at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Senegal (ILTS). They are in mid-course, and we pray for their continuation until the goal – the end of their coursework and ordination. But this program continues in the capable hands of Rev. Dib Ndong, the Director of the Department for Theology and Formation, and the ELS President, Rev. Thomas Diouf. We also will miss our friends throughout the ELS, particularly in the Dakar and Linguere parishes where we shared life and laughter with our friends, and at home with our beloved Néné and Babacar. But the laughter and service of ELCA missionaries continues as Pastor Kristin Engstrom and our Young Adults in Global Mission serve the Church and among the development projects of the SLDS. We only grieve that we will not relate to them in the same way.

And we grieve that we will not relate to you as your missionaries in Senegal. However, we want to encourage you to maintain your accompaniment and sponsorship of the ministries in Senegal through the ELCA Global Church. They will be in contact with our sponsors in the coming weeks to help you consider options at the close of our call. I cannot tell you how much we have appreciated your prayers and support of every kind throughout our ministry in Senegal, and I cannot tell you how much it is appreciated by your friends of the ELS. For that reason we make one last request of you. That is to generally continue your involvement in the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, and particularly to consider continuing your support of our mission personnel and programs in Senegal. Nothing would make our hearts happier than to know that even though our service must come to an end, your relationship with and support of everything we have done together will continue.

As for us, we will no longer be your missionaries. But despite the loss of that special relationship, we invite you to personally stay in touch through our email and social media. We are, after all, friends and sisters and brothers along the way and we have come this far by faith. It will be our joy to keep you up to date on Natalie's healing and what calling comes next for us. What will be, will certainly be beautiful as we go out knowing that even while we have many unknowns, God is faithful and the Loving Hand leads us. While we wait as the Prophets for the answer to our longing, we are bold to wait with expectation...for healing, for calls, for new beginnings and as always, to see the light of God's grace shine in the midst of grief. That is the heart of Luther's Theology of the Cross, and it is the heart of the Arabic blessing, Alhumdulilah, "Thanks be to God," that serves as a refrain in Senegal for every one of life's turns. In life and in death, Alhumdulilah. In blessing and in disappointment, Alhumdulilah. In rejoicing and in grief, Thanks be to God. Because ours is an Advent waiting where we pray boldly, Come Lord Jesus. And like the Prophets, we don't know how long. But we invite you to wait with us in the sure and certain hope of our faith that, Maranatha, the Lord has come, and Maranatha, the Lord is coming. And surely all manner of things shall be well. We pray that this Advent is a blessed preparation for the Spirit's coming in your being, that Christmas will be an incarnation of God's Love in your life, and that Epiphany will reveal the Light of Christ to illumine your path. Friends, we love you.

Et que la Paix du Christ soit avec vous pour toujours,

Pastor Chad, Natalie, Paul Michael and Luke Rimmer

P.S. Please continue to follow us on Facebook, or through our blogs on our family's website, www.therimmers.squarespace.com



SERVE



Quilters

We can always use extra hands to put quilts together.

Please feel welcome to join us—we meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday, at 9:30 in the lower level under Luther Hall.

Questions call: Barb Burdette 919-761-5254
or Loni Dapp 919-217-4396.

Winter Coat Drive

We still need a lot of coats, the sizes we need most are of Men's, medium and Boy's medium and large

If you don't have any, but would like to contribute—thrift stores are a really great place to check. Please spread the warmth! Supporting the Abundance Ministry and the families at Cedar Point.

Contact Stacey Bell with questions at raleighbells@yahoo.com

Flood Relief

Pastor Volley Hanson and his congregation at St. Mark's Lutheran have ministered to thousands in the Lumberton community in the wake of Hurricane Matthew.

The biggest need now are Visa or WalMart gift cards, in increments of \$20.00.

You may drop these off at the church and we will deliver them when we take our next load down. Thank you!

Senior Adult Ministry Meeting

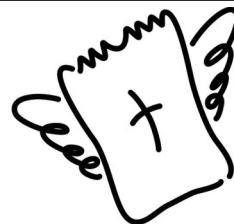
Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 10:00 am in the Music Room.

You do not need to be a member of the committee to attend. All are welcome.



Abundance Ministry:

Abundance Ministry meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday between 11:30 and 1:30 in Luther Hall to organize donations and host families who have needs. If you are interested in being part of Abundance Ministry, please contact Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com.



Brown Bag Ministry

Meets every month on the 2nd & 4th Saturday morning at 10:00 in Luther Hall. We need your hands to help make and distribute 500 lunches.

This is a great opportunity to serve for the whole family!

Also as you are doing your weekly shopping, please keep Brown Bag Ministry in mind. Questions? Email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com



Christmas Angel Tree

Thank you to every one for contributing to the Angel Tree this Christmas! 34 children received gifts, each family received a Food Lion gift card and 9 bikes were given! The gifts were delivered to residents at **Families Together**.

Going Green

If you still need envelopes for the upcoming year contact Janis Lawrence. You will no longer be receiving the pink envelopes in the mail. You can contact her at JanisTango@nc.rr.com or 919-845-1684. You can also put a note in the offering plate. Make sure it includes your name and how many envelopes you will need. They will be printed up and ready for pick up at the welcome center within a week!



Sunday, January 8th

9:30 am—2:00 pm

Schedule your life-saving appointment visit:

redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: St Philip or contact Emme Hooks at 919-880-9130 or emmeline525@gmail.com

The Mission Continues



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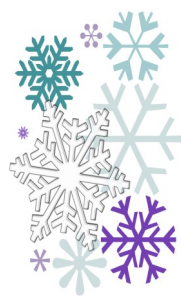
We are extremely happy to report that our fall fundraising campaign closed with us meeting our Stewards Fund matching grant goal of \$18,000, and as of this writing we are closing in on our Heading Home goal of \$100,000. Thanks to all who helped us raise vital funds which ensured more families could move “home” in time for the holidays and will enable us to expand our urgently-needed efforts to reduce the number of nights any child is homeless in our community. By continuing to work together as a community and intensifying our efforts, we help parents wrap their children with the love and support needed to build back the family's resilience and become self-sufficient and independent. To learn more visit our website www.FamiliesTogetherNC.org. Questions? Email Jennifer@FamiliesTogetherNC.org or 919-212-1123

Program Needs

With the start of the New Year, we need help restocking our supplies to help families as they move from homelessness to independence. There is a need for toiletries, such as soap, shampoo, deodorant as well as laundry baskets. Also, our after school program pantry is running low. Donations of non-perishable snacks and juices for the children would be greatly appreciated. Contact Meghan Olesen, Community Engagement Coordinator at (919) 307-1892, or by e-mail meghan@FamiliesTogetherNC.org. You will also find regular updates on the Facebook page: Families Together

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New year—2017 10:00 am Worship— Lessons & Carols 1:30 pm Restoration Ministry Worship	2 Office Closed	3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 7:00 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm Property Team 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 10:00 am Seniors' Ministry Team G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:45 Youth Groups 6:30 Faith Building Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise Adult Choir	5 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch	6 10:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	7 8:30 am TEC Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA
8 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 9:30 am Blood Drive 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 1:30 pm RAFA 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbell Choir 6:15 pm Internship Mtg.	9 10:00 am Bible Study 11:30 pm Faith Building Group 6:30 pm Bible Study	10 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Saints & Sinners 7:00 pm Preschool 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor	11 9:30 am Quilters G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:45 Youth Groups 6:30 Faith Building Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise Adult Choir	12 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Finance Committee	13 Teens Encounter Christ weekend 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	14 Teens Encounter Christ weekend 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA
15 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 1:30 pm RAFA 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbells	16 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed 10:00 am Bible Study 11:30 pm Faith Building Group 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Leaders	17 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Abundance Ministry 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	18 G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:45 Youth Groups 6:30 Faith Building Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise Adult Choir	19 8:30 am Men's Breakfast	20 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:30 pm Grace Gifts Retreat 7:00 pm Young Adult—Bowling 7:00 pm AA	21 11:00 am Synod Meeting 7:00 pm AA
22 8:45 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Congregation Council Meeting	23 10:00 am Bible Study 11:30 pm Faith Building Group 1:00 pm Bridge Group 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Financial Peace Univ.	24 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Puzzle Get Together 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	25 9:30 am Quilters 10:00am 90 Day Bible Reading Group 11:30 am Book Club G.R.O.W. 5:45 pm Meal 6:45 Youth Groups 6:30 Faith Building Groups 6:45pm 90 Day Bible Reading Group 6:45 Joyful Noise Kidz Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise Adult Choir	26 6:15 pm Girl Scouts	27 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:00 pm Council Round Table Mtg. 7:00 pm AA	28 9:00 am Council Round Table Mtg. 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA
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Sub Sales Order Form

Name _____

Please have ready by: 9:45AM

10:45AM

12:00PM



Please use a separate order form for each sandwich!

Meat(s):

_____ Ham
_____ Roast Beef
_____ Turkey

Cheese:

_____ American
_____ Provolone

Toppings:

_____ Mayonnaise
_____ Oil & Vinegar
_____ Tomato
_____ Sweet Peppers
_____ Pickles

_____ Mustard
_____ Lettuce
_____ Onion
_____ Black Olives



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