

May 2024

North Spray News



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Angie Pooley

Dear North Spray Friends,



Happy Spring everyone!
 As I sat in my flower garden in my backyard contemplating on what to write for this month's newsletter, I was interrupted by the chirping of the bluebirds in their house just above my head. Then suddenly a beautiful red cardinal flew in to take a bite of the left-over communion bread from last Sunday's service that I had laid out for the birds. Then my attention was diverted to all the azaleas that are in full spectacular bloom. The colors of deep violet, snow white and dark red paint the back of our house. The rhododendrons are just now starting to show their floral bouquets. New life is emerging in the garden. All the birdhouses are full and busy, except for one, it is still for rent. You can learn so much about nature, God's creation, if you just take the time to stop and sit a while.
 Did you know that Spring is a gift from God?

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20 (New Living Translation)

The next time you're out in your garden or hiking through the mountains, stop; look; take a deep breath; and give God the glory. Let us go into May with a renewed sense of purpose and mission in our personal life and in our spiritual life. May God's Peace be with you.

Your Friend in Christ,
Angie



F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor



**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2**

National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the **First Thursday of May**. Please remember, on that day especially, to pray for our nation and its leaders. Remember also to pray for our military personnel at home and abroad defending our nation's freedom.

**Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12**



**Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 18**

**Pentecost Sunday
May 19**



**Trinity Sunday
May 26**

**Memorial Day Observed
Monday, May 27**

(The Church Office will be closed.)





We have four ways to join us each Sunday. In person, online, on the Zoom app or by phone. Go to the link below to connect with us. Join us on the Zoom app using 938 8418 8115 as the Meeting ID and 336 as the password. The app is available in your device's app store.

northspraychristianchurch.com/onlineworship

We look forward to seeing everyone for our worship experience at church or online!

Your weekly/monthly tithe is important to maintain our facility and staff. If you are not worshipping with us in person, you may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue.

Please Note: When you send your tithe by mail please include your numbered offering envelope with it, so that we will have a tangible record to keep after the money is deposited. Deposits are made on Mondays so if your offering is received after that, it will be deposited the following week.



Also, remember our **online giving option**. Gifts can be made to our General Fund and Memorial Fund, as well as for special offerings.

You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving if you wish to give every week or month. Options are available to give either by credit/debit card or bank draft.

Visit northspraychristianchurch.com/giving to get started. If you have questions about online giving, please contact Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com.

The Pentecost Special Offering will be received on May 12 & 19. Envelopes will be available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



Birthdays for May

Katelyn Scott	1
Chris Strader, Heather Wakefield	3
Lem Hardison	4
Sarah Cardwell	9
Alisha Key	10
Carley Reynolds, Peyton Scott, Brantley Strader	13
Chris Hand	14
Marcy Reid-Smith	16
Justin Crowder	18
Rodger Stewart	21
Hope Boothe, Emrie Rosales	24
Raychl Smith	26
Beth Lewis	27
Jessica Good	28
Jerry Walker	31



Anniversaries for May

Ray & Angie Strader	1
Brent & Felicia Heyward	5
Rodger & Josette Stewart	20

Service Opportunities

Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church. The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Thursday mornings only. Those in need should go to the church during this time and they will be assisted once a month.

We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. CCM volunteers ask that we purchase **cans with pull tab openings** for those who do not have access to a can opener.

There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce,**



Food Collection

powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits. *Let's keep up the good work bringing food each month for the food closet!*

CCM is more than a food pantry. You may also give monetary donations to help clients with utilities and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside

or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931. All your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Congratulations to Jarret Stewart and Makayla Wilson on the birth of their son, Kaden Zayne Stewart, on Friday, April 5. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. Kaden is the grandson of Cecil Stewart and Kristin Merritt.



and the date, any special honors or superlatives you have earned, your future plans, and a picture of you. For college graduates, we will also need to know the degree you have earned. Please send your information and picture by email to Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com, by Sunday, May 5.

On Thursday, March 28, we observed Maundy Thursday with a moving service to commemorate the Last Supper, betrayal, and crucifixion of our Lord before His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Congratulations to Maddie and Jeremy Carter on the birth of their daughter, Paisley Mae Carter, on Monday, April 15. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Stephanie Merrick and Mark Boothe.

We observed Earth Stewardship Sunday on April 21. We collected food items for CCM and began a recycling program. Angie shared with us during the youth sermon some ways that we can be good stewards of the earth. We have installed two containers in the fellowship hall, one for paper and one for plastic. There are also boxes upstairs near the office to collect office paper and cardboard.



On **Sunday, May 19**, there will be a **diaper pounding** following worship service. The honorees are Maddie (Boothe) Carter, Ashley Crowder, and Jarret Stewart. All of these babies have now been born. Ashley Crowder and Jarret Stewart have sons and Maddie & Jeremy have a daughter. A light lunch will be served.



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **yard sale** on **May 17 and 18**, from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** each day. This is to benefit Relay for Life. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please contact Heather Wakefield.



If you or your child is graduating from high school or college this year, we need to hear from you! We will need the school you are graduating from

Save the Date: We will have our annual **Barbecue Faithraiser** on Sunday, **August 25** after the worship service. We hope to have Katie Griffin in concert on that day to close out Camp Month.

Youth Yak. . .

By Sylvia Brown



The middle/high school youth have just completed a carnation fundraiser for Mother's Day. An arrangement of the red and white carnations purchased will be on the altar on Mother's Day and

those who placed orders will be able to take what you purchased.

Recent fundraisers will help support these youth on their trip to the beach on June 6-8. We will be staying at Latham House on the grounds of Camp Caroline. More details in the June newsletter.

The middle/high school group is also doing some Bible study on "Biblical Basics." We will be looking at the well-known stories in the Bible and discussing how they apply to us today.

Youth meetings are every other Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. We greatly appreciate those who have volunteered to prepare meals for us on these Sundays! A schedule has been posted on the bulletin board. Heather Wakefield is working with the preschool/elementary group. Sylvia Brown and Chris Hand are leading the middle/high school group. If you have children or grandchildren in these age groups, encourage them to join us!

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13, at North Spray Christian Church. Spray Methodist will be joining us. The theme this year will be *Beach Party – Surfing Through the Scriptures*. Registration forms are available in the church office if you would like to pre-register your child. Stay tuned for more details!

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The CWF met on Wednesday, April 24 at Simply MK Café. There were 13 ladies present. After a brief business meeting, which included the approval of the 2024 budget, everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship.



The CWF has a new stock of **boxed greeting cards ready for purchase**. They have sympathy, birthday, and get well cards available. If you send cards on a regular basis, this is a great option for you and a money saver, as well. Each box has 12 cards. At \$7.00 per box, that makes each card less than .60, a big savings from what you'd pay in a card shop or department store on individual cards.

They also have **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. Cards and scrubbing pads may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway.

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

By Paul White, President



Our men are not having regular meetings at this time, however they are active with helping with stews and supporting church projects financially.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

The next **meeting of the board** is scheduled for **Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a virtual

meeting on Zoom. Necessary information will be sent out the week before the meeting. **All board members are expected to participate.**

Thank you to Alan Pratt and Joe Shively for the donation and installation of a dishwasher in the kitchen. This will be very useful to help clean up after meals and stew sales! We appreciate it greatly!



A **new church directory** has been published and is on the hallway table. Be sure to pick one up so that you will have all the up to date information. If you see any corrections that need to be made, please let Sylvia Brown know at 336-623-2371 or at sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com.

Corrections are as follows: Please change Bill Koontz's cell number in your directory to 336-951-7382. Also, Bill's email address is now tangsodo@outlook.com.

The Bible Study and Prayer Group is meeting at 2:00 on Thursday afternoons. They continue to meet in the conference room. Paul White is leading this group. Come out and join them.



If you have not subscribed to our email, please see Thomas Knight, or email him at

tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com. Also,

if you've had a change in your email address that we don't have, let Thomas know. This is our primary method for getting weekly information and the monthly newsletter to you!! Get signed up today!!

We are still participating in a fundraiser with **Recycling Fundraiser** (formerly EcoPhones), which will accept **inkjet cartridges, all cell phones, all tablets, and select other portable electronic devices**. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, drop them in the box in the corner of the Communion Room. Please support our church

by recycling your used electronics. See Thomas Knight if you have any questions.

Around the Grounds

By Sylvia Brown, Property Chair

The repair work on our parking lot has been completed. We have new asphalt and our handicapped logos are now placed evenly and in accordance to NC Department of Transportation guidelines. The back driveway is now smoothed out, as well.



Please note this reminder: According to church policy, if you borrow church equipment and supplies such as tables, chairs, wheelchairs/walkers, tools, hand trucks, etc. to use off the premises, they **must** be checked out through the church office. There is a short form to fill out with your signature and phone number.

Also, if someone needs a key to the church, these must be requested from the office. We have a key log that we maintain so that we'll know who has keys and what keys they have.



North Spray Christian Church gratefully acknowledges these gifts to the Memorial Fund:
In memory of Lucille

Morris by: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flynt; Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon; Louise Washburn

In memory of Harriet Washburn by: Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon; Jerry & Michelle Walker; Louise Washburn, Diane Newland, & B. G. Washburn

In memory of Charles Washburn by B. G. & Kay Washburn

In memory of Obera Harris & Roy Eggleston by James & Ann Walker and Barney Walker, Jr.



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(*NSCC members)



Immediate Needs:

Kathy Eanes – Jim's wife – mass on pancreas – 267 Green Knolls Drive

Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street
Joe Brown – Sylvia's brother – Room 401, Brookdale, Reidsville
Laura Brown – Sylvia's sister – Room 410, Brookdale, Reidsville
Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – Eden Rehab
Mary Edith Hankins – Under Hospice care – 5726 Glen Meadow Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018
Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., Apt. D, 627 S. Pierce Street
*Jeannie Hocutt – Room 601, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center
Stella Hopper – 415 Turner Street
Thomas Jarrell – Friend of the Knights – Cancer - 1724 Woodrow Avenue
Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown's sister – at Eden Rehab (room 308) for rehab
*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive

Ashley Long – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) 148 White Oak Court

*Barbara Spurlin – 182 Sparrow Road
Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704

*Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

*Faye Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Obera Harris at her death on April 1. Obera was a faithful member of First Christian Church until it closed in 2012. She moved her membership to North Spray at that time and continued to serve as long as her health allowed.



If you would like to make a prayer request visit northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer to submit your request.

Please contact Sylvia in the office at 336-623-2371 or sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com if you have an update or someone needs to be removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our publications and media. Thank you!



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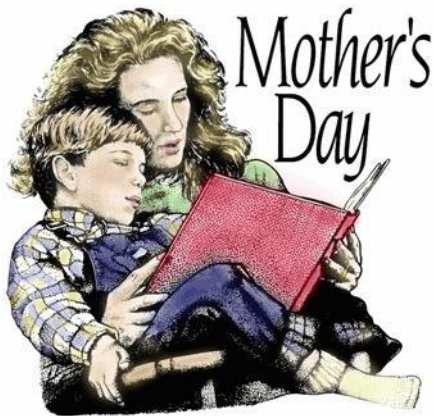


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Happy Mother's Day

May 12, 2024



*We wish you a safe and happy
Memorial Day as we remember
those who have made the ultimate
sacrifice for our freedom.*

Monday, May 27

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