



Friendship Focus

May 2019

News for members and friends of Friendship Lutheran Church

Pastor's Word

Dear Friends,

Sometimes life surprises us with unexpected twists and turns. Many of these are joyful surprises, but there are also times when we find ourselves caught off guard and wonder how we ended up where we did! Even the biggest lover of being surprised doesn't want to live their entire life wondering what is coming next, with no idea of what to plan for. Most of us feel safer if we have some idea of what to expect in the future. When we are in school, we want to know what material will be on our exams so we know what to study to be ready. As we get older, we are careful about what job to take, where to live, which house to buy, who to marry, etc. We don't want to live a life full of unnecessary risk. It is human nature to try to limit risk in our life. Now to be sure, everyone has different levels of tolerance for risk but all of us have some amount of it. We try to gather as much information and as many details as possible so that we can make the right decision. The problem is that we can never know completely what our future holds. There will always be some element of risk with every decision.

We spend a lot of time in the Air Force weighing facts and options before decisions are made. That's a good thing because some of these decisions are matters of life and death and most involve the security of our nation. But here's the thing, even with all our technology and incredibly smart people, every decision involves risk. Leaders have to weigh what risk they are they willing to take on for the sake of succeeding somewhere else. It's the same thing in our church, businesses, homes, and our lives. We can't know everything and thereby eliminate all risk.

We can't plan for every possibility. And we can't always sit by the wayside waiting to make a decision. Sometimes the best decision is to simply choose the best option possible and see what happens; because not choosing can lead to stagnation or even falling backwards.

The good news is that we are never alone in whatever choice we make. Jesus has promised to walk alongside us and to guide us even if we don't make the perfect choice. After all God is always creating something new. Sometimes those new things are joyful surprises. Other times God picks up the broken pieces of our bad decisions and creates something even more beautiful out of them. How exciting our life together could be if we were all more willing to risk trusting Jesus when we make a decision, good or bad, right or wrong. I for one am willing to risk that God's grace is greater than any bad decision I might make, are you?

On a different note, I am excited to be returning home to you very soon! I will be back in worship on May 12. I look forward to seeing everyone. A lot has happened since I left for my USAF duty. Some of it has been exciting, while other things have been difficult. As most of you know, Greg's father died within a week of my promotion to colonel. It has been a bittersweet time for our family. We are all very grateful for the love, prayers, and support you have shown to us. It means more than you know.

In Peace,
Pastor Carol



May News

Relay For Life– thru **May 4th**, Luminaries will be selling for \$5. They will be available at the handprints area & the church office. Money & luminaries should be turned into Amy Palmer. Contact Amy @ (828)514-3477 for details. Also, the **2019 Cancer Survivor Celebration Dinner on Saturday, May 4th, 5 pm @ East Taylorsville Baptist Church-Jennings Family Ministry Building (look for balloons)**. RSVP to Karen Brown @ 828 632-5444 **by April 26th** with your name & any updated contact information. Survivors may bring one guest. Additional guests are \$10 per person.

Zero Dark Thirty would like to invite the whole church and community to our first ever “gig”. We will perform from **2-4 pm on Sunday, May 5th** (Cinco de Mayo) at Shadow Line Vineyard in Granite Falls. Bring your chair & sombrero. Come relax & enjoy fellowship. For information, contact Brittany Greathouse at (828) 320-1092.

WELCA will meet **Sunday, May 5th, @ 5 pm** in the FLC. We will have a business meeting & continue our Home Bound Sharing program. All women are invited to attend.

WELCA– We will continue to collect the prescription pill bottles and donate to CCM in Hickory. CCM is now able to wash and sterilize the bottles, so the only requirement is that the labels be removed.

Friendship Fellowship Supper is **Monday, May 6th at 6 pm**. Come enjoy good food & fellowship! Everyone is welcome!



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers/
Women of Friendship Lutheran
Church. You are all so special!

Relay For Life-On **May 17th**, the Survivor walk starts at
7 pm at Taylorsville Presbyterian Church. Come walk &
support our cancer survivors!

Congratulations to Grace Smith & Abby Serrill on their
confirmation, **Sunday, May 19, 2019** at the 10:30 service.
There will be a reception for them in the FLC between
services.

2019 Graduates! Anyone graduating this year (high school
and college) please let us know! We would like to honor all
graduates and recognize your achievement. Please tell us
your full name, where you are graduating from and your
future plans. Deadline to be included in the bulletin and
June's newsletter is **May 20, 2019.** We will recognize all
graduates at both services on **Sunday, June 2nd.**

Newsletter Deadline-Send items for the **June** issue of
Newsletter **Friendship's Focus Newsletter**
before **Tuesday, May 21st.** Call the
church office @ 632-4482 or email to
friendshipsecretary4@gmail.com.



Preschoolers-Back to 50's Show is Friday, May 24th,
at **7 pm.** Come enjoy the show!

Pastor Carol's Promotion Celebration Ceremony is
Sunday, May 26th after the 10:30 service in the FLC.
Everyone is welcome!



Church Office is closed Monday, May 27th to honor Memorial Day.

Crisis Center -The crisis center needs peanut butter, crackers, soup & canned meats at this time. Two grocery carts are in the hallway near the chapel for donations.



Thank You

Thanks to all who took the time to participate in the blood drive last Sunday. Whether you gave blood, baked home made goodies, or worked the blood drive, your time and effort was greatly appreciated. A total of 54 units were collected. Next blood drive is July 14.

Thank You— A big heart felt thank you to our Friendship family for all the love, prayers, calls, texts or visits we received during Mama's illness and after her passing. The funeral music was so beautiful. I know it was exactly the way she would've wanted it to be. Thanks also to all those that prepared the delicious food & served our family. We are so grateful for all the kindness you showed us during this difficult time. Continue to keep us in your prayers for peace & strength.

The Juanita Kever-Shook family.

Friendship Lutheran Church Council

March 19, 2019

Members present : Hannah Bostian, Marty Buff, Wade Cline, Eric Frye, Diane Hollar, Jason Icard, Jeff James, Guy Kerley, Monty Payne, Wendelynne Pearson, Dennis Rhyne, Pastor Greg Yeager, and Dana Frye.

Vice-President Jeff James called the meeting to order and Pastor Greg offered prayer.

Motion by Dennis Rhyne; seconded by Wade Cline to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carries.

Treasurers report was distributed.

TEAM REPORTS:

Finance – Marty Buff/Dennis Rhyne – No report

Building & Grounds (BAG) – Eric Frye/Guy Kerley/Jason Icard – Guy Kerley reported findings from their meeting. There is major damage to the roof and boxing around the Nave. Estimates are being obtained.

Worship & Music – Monty Payne/Hannah Bostian – Patrick has found a keyboard and has purchased it.

Sharing & Stewardship – Doug Ramsey/Diane Hollar – Diane Hollar continues to work on getting volunteers to help with a visitation schedule. Response has not been great.

Learning & Christian Education – Jeff James/Hannah Bostian – VBS 2019 has a meeting planned on March 31. Friendship will offer to be the host church this year. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 13 from 10-12.

Caring & Outreach – Wade Cline & Wendelynne Pearson – The team has started their kitchen clean up. Phase 2 will be coming up. The nutrition program is getting a new site director and the team will work with her on their area in the pantry. The breakfasts were successful and beneficial to Judy Shook and the Honduras Mission Trip.

PASTORS REPORTS:

Pastors Greg presented his report. Sunrise service will begin at 6:15 am and hopefully will be up by the cross with breakfast to follow at 7:15 in the fellowship hall followed by Sunday school at 9:15 and traditional service at 10:30 am. March 31 is one service Sunday and plans are being made to have a mission trip service. Taylor Payne will talk about her trip and the Honduras trip experience will be shared. On a personal note, his dad, Doug is suffering from pancreatic cancer and other health issues. His sister lost her house to a fire.

OLD BUSINESS:

The new cupola has been installed and looks amazing. The SWAG group will think of a design for a van wrap. Thank Chris, Nathan or Pastor Greg for their willingness to go and serve God in Honduras.

NEW BUSINESS:

Team Leaders are asked to get a list of their team members to Dana. The team is not limited to people just listed as members. Participants are always needed for all activities.

Motion by Jeff James; seconded by Diane Hollar to send Pastor Greg home to be with his parents in Seattle, WA due to his father's failing health. Arrange a schedule to be gone maybe a Sunday afternoon until the next Friday. This will not count towards his vacation time and the church will cover the cost of the flight from current funds. Motion carries.

There being no other business, the meeting was dismissed with closing worship.

The next regular meeting will be April 16, 2019 at 7 pm.



Caring for One Another



HOME BOUND/EXTENDED CARE:

Loretta Chapman—Brookdale-Falling Creek
Alice Icenhour—Home
Vickie Church—Home
Deidra Locklear—Home
Earl Huffman—Home
Toyice Dagenhart—Home
Lou Ann Frye—Trinity Village
Kindola Ford—Home
Phyllis Little—Home



**If you know of someone that should be added to or taken off
this list, please speak with one of the pastors.**



Prayer Concerns



**We continue to pray for these friends and family of Friendship.
If you have someone you'd like the saints here to pray for, or
who can come off the list, please call the church office.**

Toyice Dagenhart	(K. Ford-3/20)
Terri Elder-Cook	(N. Icard-3/27)
Boyd Canipe	(T. Setzer-3/29)
Eric Cole	(P. Setzer-3/29)
Randy Hefner	(L. Harrington-4/1)
Paul (Fate) Hefner	(D. Hollar-4/4)
Chad Hefner	(D. Hollar-4/5)
Anderson Holland	(D. Ramsey-4/8)
Matt Chrien	(M. Jolly-4/11)
Richard Finch	(J. Hefner-4/15)
Nina Windsor	(M. Windsor-4/15)
Dana Setzer	(P. Setzer-4/23)
Tommy Setzer	(P. Setzer-4/23)

**We believe in the resurrection and the communion
of the saints, but the pain of death is still real.**

**Please keep the families & friends of these saints
in your prayers.**

Family & friends of:

Steven Ashley Sherrill, Brenda Powers, Lorene Setzer, Gary Rector,
Gary Lail, Bob Keen, Doug Yeager, Juanita Keever-Shook,
Peggy Hefner, Walter Hefner.

Our Sharing

OFFERINGS

MARCH, 2019

YTD

CURRENT	\$28,643.92	\$73,077.02
BENEVOLENCE	\$1,250.00	\$4,450.00
BLDG/IMPROVEMENT	\$7,075.00	\$17,171.00
PRESCHOOL	\$388.00	\$973.00
WORLD HUNGER	\$100.00	\$300.00
BACKPACK MINISTRY	\$460.00	\$1,100.00
ADULT MISSIONS	\$4,746.00	\$5,644.00
YOUTH MISSIONS	\$100.00	\$220.00
LUTH. DISASTER/HURRICANE	\$300.00	\$720.00
LUTH. CHURCH HURRICANE	\$0.00	\$225.00
AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP	\$0.00	\$80.00
HELPING HANDS	\$120.00	\$150.00
OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,570.00	\$5,250.00
AUDIO/VISUAL IMPR	\$50.00	\$940.00
MEDIA FUND	\$0.00	\$30.00
SWAG YOUTH	\$175.00	\$470.00
LENT OFFERING (MOBILE CAFÉ)	\$100.00	\$3,340.00

SPENDING

MARCH, 2019

YTD

CURRENT	\$24,445.39	\$77,537.82
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May Birthdays



Kristen Setzer	05/01	Guy Kerley	05/13
Steve Shealy	05/04	Stan Feimster	05/16
Kristen Jolly	05/08	Michelle Bowman	05/17
Patsy Shealy	05/08	Alysse Chapman	05/18
Gabriel Shepherd	05/08	Doris Keever	05/22
Terry Hefner	05/10	Jenna Buff	05/26
Kasi Palmer	05/10	Ray Fox	05/28
Stacy Bowman	05/11	Allison Watts	05/30
Jearlean Mitchell	05/11	Benny Bebber	05/31



Church Council and Staff

Council & Officers

Doug Ramsey, President
Jeff James, Vice-President
Jane Gant, Treasurer
Dana Frye, Recording Secretary
Guy Kerley, Financial Secretary
Marty Buff
Wade Cline
Eric Frye
Monty Payne
Guy Kerley
Wendelynne Pearson
Hannah Bostian
Diane Hollar
Jason Icard
Dennis Rhyne

Staff

Denny Teague	Sexton
Penny Stikeleather	Parish Secretary
Silsa Moore	Organ and Piano
Patrick Watkins	Choir Director
Lori Branch	Preschool Dir
Rev Carol & Gregory Yeager	Co-Pastors

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