Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
December Greeting

There are some real and vivid memories that come to life when I think of seminary (or university as we called it in South Africa). There were Ian and Graham, my classmates, who each came from different church backgrounds; Ian had no Christian affiliation but simply decided that studying theology might be interesting, while Graham had been raised a Methodist. Together we explored scripture and various world religions, bemoaned each other’s struggles and celebrated each others joys. Needless to say, the birth of Ian’s son elated us all. Almost automatically our conversations would detour into principles of Christian parenting, more specifically – should they teach their son about Santa?

Ian and his wife made the judgment call NOT to teach their son about Santa, Graham never got married and I, I chose to weave the story of Santa into the memories of my children’s lives. Of course, when Angelique and Nadia were born we were still living in South Africa and the community was predominantly German, so they grew up learning about the “Weinachtsmann,” who came on Christmas Eve while we were at Church. Since we were serving a parish and got to lead worship, we relied on Oma and Opa to make the magic happen. There was always a modest bundle of gifts, wrapped in glittery paper under the Christmas tree and a variety of snacks spread on the coffee table nearby…and as we lit the lights, we’d sing a carol or two. Once we moved to the States, Santa came late at night on the evening before Christmas…and the kids woke up to a heap of gifts wrapped in colorful paper and topped with bows and all…the Christmas Tree is already brightly lit and a carol might play in the background.

Family traditions aren’t bad. In fact they are good, they allow for a sense of familiarity and security but we do need to make sure “whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). The purpose of the letter to the Colossian congregation was to guide them away from heresy and into the truth about Jesus and His saving work. The purpose of my December greeting is that we all keep Christ in the middle of Christmas.

My wish is that in this Advent season that we too take as much time preparing our families for the birth of Christ as we do preparing them for the day when Santa comes to deliver the gifts. Here at Union we want to help you with this by providing Wednesday Advent Bible Study and Worship, we want to host a Community Christmas Carol via zoom for families with special needs, we will facilitate a drive-thru living Nativity…all building up toward the most glorious evening of all – Christmas Eve as we celebrate our Lord’s birth, God made flesh and dwelling among us.

When Christ was born, it was in a simple and humble dwelling. His parents had no great array of baby apparel or toys, but they had the love of God imprinted in their hearts. It is this love, the gift of God who became like us, that we should share with our families, all other things are good and nice but do not compare to the love of Jesus.

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas
Pastor Heidi
Executive Committee will meet Thursday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Worship & Music Committee will meet Monday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.

Due to COVID 19, the Union Women’s Groups will not meet until January 2021.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Your help is needed in unpacking and setting up the Chrismon Trees, along with decorating the tree and the church for the Christmas season. It’s a lot of fun when many of us come together with the Christmas spirit to decorate the church for this special time of the year. Please bring your family and join us in beautifying the church for the holidays.

The Decorating Committee will begin decorating on Wednesday, December 2-Saturday, December 5. Please contact Deena Lanning or Cheryl Klutz if you would like to participate.

Advent Series

Advent is a time of waiting and expectant watching for the coming of the Messiah. We wait for the Christ child in the manger in Bethlehem, but also for the return of Christ in all of his glory on that last day. The tone of our worship should reflect the theological tension between wistful waiting and joyful anticipation. In the Church we are called to put aside the trappings of the world in this season before Christmas, and wait patiently for the King of kings. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.

On Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, an Advent Series “The Light Has Come” will be held at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the service, a meal will be provided at 6:30 p.m. Thank you to Funeral Feeding Groups A and B for preparing and serving the meals!

- **Week 1** Scripture: Matthew 3:1-3 Topic: John the Baptist, Preparation
- **Week 2** Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 Topic: Procrastination, Readiness, Preparation, Christ’s Return
- **Week 3** Scripture: Luke 2:1-21 Topic: Expectations, Sovereignty, Nativity

Also, on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Heidi will be providing an Advent Coffee Hour which will echo the theme of the 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening service.

Confirmation Class will focus on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. preparing for the Christmas Program and participating in the Advent Services from December 2-December 16.

Executive Committee will meet Thursday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m.
Friday Game Nights on Fridays, December 4 and 18 at 5:00 p.m. Depending on numbers they’ll either meet for fun and fellowship in the Old Pine Center or Dutch Meeting Hall while practicing social distancing.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is a wonderful time to be with your friends and to make new ones in a smaller setting where you can connect the Word of God to your daily life, learn of God’s love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and grow in faith together. Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM, and there are age appropriate classes for children, teens, and adults alike.

During COVID-19 the Sunday School Teachers will take turns teaching classrooms for all ages.

On Sunday, November 15, following the annual meeting the youth sponsored a Spaghetti Fundraiser. Presently the youth have raised $640.

Sunday Morning
Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

December 6 Called to be Heir - Psalm 102:12-22; Matthew 1:1-17; Hebrews 1:1-5

December 13 Called to be Immanuel - Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 1:18-25

December 20 Called to Worship - Exodus 1:8-22; Matthew 2:1-2, 7-15

December 27 Called to Prepare - John 1:19-34; Matthew 3; Matthew 3:1-12

Sundays, December 13, 20, and 27
Worship Services Opportunities

Worship and Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. This worship service will include spoken and sung liturgy, hymns included in the bulletin, masks are encouraged but not required, and Holy Communion celebrated as usual.

Worship and Holy Communion at 12 noon. Parking Lot Church Service with radio broadcast. This worship service is structured specifically for those who have high risk health and other concerns. Worship will include a brief spoken liturgy, music, Holy Communion will be celebrated with a sealed individual communion unit, and social distancing between cars.

During COVID-19 we are offering the following if you do not feel comfortable worshipping in person you can: 1. Worship online by visiting our webpage (https://ulcsalisbury.org/worship/) 2. Connect with us on Facebook Live (https://facebook.com/ulcsalisbury) 3. Request a worship DVD.
Annual Meeting Congregational Meeting Results
Sunday, November 15, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

The following were elected to serve a three-year term on the Church Council: Larry Barringer, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Steve Hutchens, and Matt Miller.

The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the NALC Convocation: Lynn Coughenour with Mary Hutchens, alternate.

The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the Carolinas Mission Region: Lynn Coughenour with Mary Hutchens, alternate.

The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the Piedmont East Mission District: Judy Boyd with Lynn Coughenour, alternate.

The 2021 Mission Support Plan (2021 Budget) was approved and adopted with 59 votes in favor and 0 against.

The NALC Ratifications were approved and adopted with 48 votes in favor and 2 against.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Church Council is the leadership body of Union. They meet monthly to make decisions and guide with the help of Pastor Heidi Punt the direction of the church. The Council is made up of twelve (12) members and Pastor Heidi.

Our newly-elected Council members will be installed and current Council members will be affirmed during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 6.

Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Council and newly-elected Council members, will enjoy lunch together while they discuss church business and elect 2021 officers.

Thank you for faithfully serving God through your leadership on Church Council these past three years: Phil Cáuble, Kay Morgan, and Pete Nguyen, and Cathy Kluttz Painther.

Our Quest Youth are invited to participate in a Zoom Meeting every Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. Occasionally a Sunday will be skipped.

We need YOUR help! Our Funeral Feeding Groups A and B are in need of financial assistance to purchase food (due to COVID-19 restrictions) to serve funeral meals as well as providing for the Advent meals.

Donations may be given to Group A (Faye Kesler/Sylvia Peeler) or Group B (Dawn Merrell/Cathy Painther). Thank you for offsetting the cost of food!

This year we are excited to offer a Zoom Christmas Carols to our Community! If you would like to participate on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. please contact Ashley Deaton.
Good Timers
Thursday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m.
Dutch Meeting Hall

Good Timers, mark your calendars for Thursday, December 10. It’s Christmas Party time. Since the Y-singers won’t be present, there will be a short program of Christmas music to get us in the holiday spirit. Each person attending will need to bring a WRAPPED, not a BAGGED gift for a game. Feel free to visit the Dollar Store. Your gift can be a gag gift, or just a simple household item such as a Christmas glass or mug. But limit your spending to $1.00!! A distinguished panel of judges will select the fanciest gift wrapped package prior to using the gifts to play a game. A prize will be awarded to the winner. After all the fun and festivities, we will enjoy a simple meal together. Plan now to attend, and please pray for NO RAIN!!!

If you have not turned in your offering for House of Hope, please do so as soon as possible. You can give it to Faye Kesler, or to the church office if you happen to be at the church during office hours. We really need to send it off the first of December!

Live Nativity
Saturday, December 19, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 20, from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

This year Union Lutheran Church will be offering a family-friendly, outdoor drive by live drama recreating pivotal moments surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ in vivid detail, with live actors, ornately crafted costumes, music, live animals, and elaborately decorated sets.

We need YOUR help to make the Live Nativity a success. Six families are needed, animals, and volunteers. Please contact Jan Huffman, Vicki Hunter, and Pastor Heidi for more information on how you can participate!
During this period of COVID-19, it is important to keep up with spiritual disciplines like Bible reading, prayer, and giving. Tithes and offerings may be given Online (https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/). You may also drop off, place in Sundays’ offering basket, or mail checks payable to Union Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146. Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 8:00 p.m.**

On that first Christmas night, when the angels saw what was happening...they responded with singing the glory of the newborn king. And when the shepherds heard what was happening...they responded with worship, running to go see Jesus and then telling everyone they met about what God had done. When the wise men found out what was happening...they responded with worship, coming to Christ and bringing the best they had to offer.

On **Thursday, December 24, at 8:00 p.m.** we will celebrate with scriptures and music that heralds the birth of Jesus Christ including our traditional candle lighting and carols. Tell others about the reason for the season, and invite them to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!

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**Pastor Heidi Punt will be out of the office from December 27-Saturday, January 2.**

*The church office will be open while she is out of the office.*

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**2020 End of Year Giving**

2020 is quickly coming to a close. If you want to have any special giving credited to your account before the year ends please do so by Sunday, December 27.

**2021 Offering Envelopes**

Offering Envelopes will be soon available for 2021. The church office plans to have envelopes available in the church narthex to pick up during the Christmas Holidays. Please do not use them until Sunday, January 3.

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**Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 25, in observance of Christmas!**

**The Church Office will also be closed on Friday, January 1, in observance of the New Year.**
Altar Flowers

Thank you to the many members in 2020 who provided flowers and greenery during the year!

During the month of December greenery will be provided. If you can assist with the greenery, please contact the church office!

2021 Altar Flowers sign up sheet will soon be made available in the Narthex. Please fill out the dates that you would like to reserve. The church office will contact you the week of for bulletin wording.

It is your responsibility to pick up the liners and delivering before the worship services.

The purpose of providing is to beautify the sanctuary throughout the year with flowers and plants, highlighting the seasons of the birth and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All organizations, committees, groups, and individuals who are to turn in reports for the ANNUAL YEARBOOK REPORT, please do so by Sunday, January 10. This is a very important document in reflecting the life of Union’s for the past year and for planning activities for the coming year. We want to get it out to the members of the congregation as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have not done so already, turn in your Time & Talent to the church office by drop off, offering plates, or mail. By turning in your form, you will make it easier for those preparing and scheduling activities for 2021. Extra forms are located in the church office.
How You Can Help During This Advent Season

During the season of Advent, we as Christians anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. As Christmas rapidly approaches, we all face many choices regarding shopping, what presents to buy for whom, schedule changes, parties to attend, extra choir rehearsals, and additional church services, just to name a few.

But unfortunately, there are so many people in our country that are still trying to comprehend the devastation they’ve experienced due to the recent hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding or intense wildfires. Shopping and gift giving are the least of their worries!

During the time, we see the good in countless people like yourselves who wish to lend a hand and help those in need. Now is a time for us to step up and be a source of love and hope. A beacon of light to those who have no Christmas tree, no presents, nor a house for family to gather to celebrate the birth of Christ.

This Advent season, the Mission Team will be collecting funds in order to purchase items needed to make up flood buckets for the NALC Disaster Response. Our congregation has made these before, but with all the recent natural disasters, there is a greater need for clean-up items.

There are ready made containers filled with Bible verses available at the church. As you take out a scripture (one dated for every day of Advent beginning with November 30), we ask that you contribute $1 back into the container. At the end of Advent, when the scriptures have all been read, there should be at least $25 in the container. We ask that you bring your filled container back to the church on either Christmas Eve (December 24) or Sunday, December 27.

Monies collected will be used to purchase items for the flood buckets. The buckets will be assembled and then dedicated during the worship service on Sunday, January 3. If you would like to donated additional funds, please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church and mark on the memo line: Disaster Relief.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our Mission Team efforts!

May God bless you!

Great Commission Mission Team
Honorariums and Memorials Gifts Given to the Glory of God during November

During the month of November, the loose offering was given to the Social Ministry Fund, Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund, Building and Repair Fund, Lutheridge Scholarship Fund, and Mission Church/Special Fund.

A financial gift for a Haiti Trip was received in honor of Pastor Heidi Punt from:
   Scott and Jennifer Curlee

A gift was received for the Current Fund in honor of Union Lutheran Church’s Staff and Congregation from:
   Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

A gift was received for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund in honor of those who participated in The Great Rake from:
   Sarah Bame

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Vonnie Kesler Agner from:
   James and Jean Kluttz

A gift was received for the new Hallway flooring in memory of Rev. Robert “Bobby” Cauble from:
   Mike and Brenda Cauble

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Dixie Rusher Cauble from:
   James and Jean Kluttz

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jeff Eagle from:
   Ruth Goodman
   James and Jean Kluttz
   Sylvia Peeler
   William and Doris Page
   Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Jeff Eagle from:
   Kay and Dan Edmiston
   Thad and Sonya Mulkey
   Janet Overcash
   Marvin and Phoebe Nunn
   Mike Taylor
   A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Anna Harrelson from:
   Catherine Mahaley Sunday School Class
   A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of Anna Harrelson from:
   Victor Harrelson
   A gift was received for the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund in memory of Anna Harrelson from:
   William and Doris Page
   Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Betty Herion from:
   James and Jean Kluttz
   Catherine Mahaley Sunday School Class
   A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Arthur Kluttz from:
   James and Jean Kluttz
   A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Nancy Shue from:
   James and Jean Kluttz
   A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of James “Red” and Dorothy “Dot” Swicegood from:
   Mackey Swicegood
A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jerry Thomas Taylor from:
   James and Jean Kluttz

Gifts were received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Joan Troutman from:
   Jennifer Painther Curlee
   Catherine Mahaley Sunday School Class

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Joan Troutman from:
   Thad and Sonya Mulkey
   Janet Overcash

**Special Gift**

*A donation was received for a small desk from: Anonymous Donor*

**Aluminum Railing**

Thank you to Mike and Brenda Cauble for donating the Aluminum Ramp Railing for the church hallway given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Rose Cauble, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hill, and in honor of Arnold D. Cauble.

**Our Love and Sympathy** is extended to the Family of Anna Heilig Harrelson in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1)

**Our Love and Sympathy** is extended to the Family of Jeffrey Glenn Eagle in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1)

**Our Love and Sympathy** is extended to the Family of Joan Earnhardt Troutman in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1)

**Our Love and Sympathy** is extended to Donnell Miller and Megan Cline Family of Sarah Ruth Shepherd in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1)
NOTES OF THANKS...

Dear Union Church Family,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your thoughts, prayers, and checking on us after the big flood on Thursday, November 12.

In His Name,
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

Dear Union Lutheran Church,

I would like to recognize Judy Boyd as an Ambassador of Christ. She was instrumental to me while Reading thru the Bible in 90 Days.

I feel blessed to be surrounded by so many Ambassadors of Christ at Union!

Praise His Holy Name, Patricia Kluttz

In this Thanksgiving Season, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sumter, SC, gratefully acknowledges your support through your prayers and financial gifts of $101.50. This year has been difficult but also a year of opportunities and blessings.

We also continue to lift Union in our prayers!

Blessings!
Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Sumter, SC

Good Timers Report

The November meeting of the Good Timers was cancelled due to inclement weather.

November birthdays: Kathleen Agner (4), Phoebe Nunn (4), Ruth Goodman (5), Sarah Bame (9), Effie Vellines (13), Deena Lanning (29).

November wedding anniversaries: Ruby and Wade Leazer (13).


We extend our condolences to the families of Anna Harrelson and Joan Troutman, members of the Good Timers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faye Kesler, President
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
Did you know that the Mission Team will mail out cards (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.

The Social Ministry met August 31 to pack our 25 book bags and deliver.

We had a meeting September 10 to plan our Christmas Project. We want to make a small treat bag, hygiene items, and book for each child. Our goal is to make 40 bags.

The following items are needed: tooth brush and paste, soap, sanitizer personal size or large sizes, children's masks, writing tablet any type, small stuffed animal, fruit cups-fruit cocktail, peaches, or applesauce, wrapped candies.

Children are ages 5-11

Monetary donation are very appreciated and we will shop for you. Make checks to Social Ministry and place in offering or mail to church.

Please place items in breezeway between fellowship bldg. and educational by Dec. 6. in plastic container.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

RightNow Media

RightNow Media is a non-profit organization that firmly believe the mission of the church matters. Everything is rooted in the belief that the church (people not buildings) can have a powerful impact on this world.

They serve over 10,000 churches each year and are like “Netflix for the church” because RightNow Media has a huge library with thousands of video sessions that people can access anytime, anywhere. Their creative team films and produces RightNow Media Originals featuring teaching from respected teachers and pastors. They also distribute video resources produced by over 100 other major Christian publishers and ministries.

Learn more at http://rightnowmedia.org/.

If you haven’t signed up, please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 and we will send you an invitation.
The Legend of the Christmas Candy Cane

To celebrate Christmas, a candymaker decided to make a candy that would include several symbols of the life of Jesus, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane.

He began with a stick of pure white, solid candy; white to symbolize the Virgin birth and solid to symbolize the firm love Jesus has for all of us.

The candymaker made the candy in the shape of a “J” to represent the precious name of Jesus.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker added red stripes. He used three small stripes to represent the nails that held Jesus to the cross and a large stripe to show the blood shed by Jesus, giving us the promise of eternal life. Then he added the wonderful flavor of peppermint, which is a royal gift of spice.

So perhaps the next time you look at this familiar Christmas decoration you will remember the candymaker and the real meaning behind the Christmas Candy Cane: The Wondrous Birth of Jesus and His Great Love for all of us.

Due to COVID and extenuating circumstances poinsettias will not be offered this year through the church.
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER…

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton


Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Martha Boger and Family (friends of Jennifer and Scott Curlee), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Sylvia Fraley, Teresa Kesler, Edna McCollough (friend of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Larry Shepherd, Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), Union Fire Department #76, and Justin West (friend of Pete Nguyen)

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!
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  9:30 a.m. Sunday School
  10:30 a.m. Worship &
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  Dec. 13, 20, and 27
  12 noon Parking Lot Worship &
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  Deena Lanning (704) 637-0810
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  Gladys Morgan (704) 636-1977
  Ann Tucker (704) 633-0271

"And the angel answered her, The
Holy Spirit will come upon you, and
the power of the Most High will
overshadow you; therefore the
child to be born will be called holy
the Son of God"

Luke 1:35

A charter member of the North American Lutheran Church:
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Anna Heilig Harrelson, 83, of Salisbury, passed away Friday, November 6, 2020 from interstitial lung disease.

She is preceded in death by her husband Wayne Harrelson, son Vincent, mother Marie Heilig Lentz and father Dolph Heilig. She is survived by her son Victor and his wife Cheryl.

Anna was a loving and caring wife and mother and our lives were enriched by the strength and compassion that she shared with us each day. She was a member of the large extended Carter family, who she loved, and the family greatly cherished her.

To prepare for and enhance her professional career Anna earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Catawba College and a Bachelor of Social Work from Livingstone College. She retired from the Cabarrus County Department of Social Services as the Adult Service Program Director in 1998.

Anna was active at Union Lutheran Church, serving on numerous committees, and will be greatly missed by her friends. She also enjoyed the Winecoff High School Class of 1955 reunion and loved attending these gatherings.

A Funeral service will be held at 2 PM Monday, November 9, 2020 at Summersett Funeral Home with Rev. Heidi Punt, minister of Union Lutheran Church, officiating.

Memorials may be made to Community Care Clinic, 315 G Mocksville Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144 and Main Street Marketplace, 306 S. Main Street, China Grove, NC 28023.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Harrelson family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Anna Heilig Harrelson please visit our Sympathy Store.
Jeffrey Glenn Eagle, 58, of Salisbury passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at his residence. Born in Rowan County on April 27, 1962, he was the son of Glenn Floyd Eagle and the late Mary Sue Taylor Eagle.

Jeffrey was a 1981 graduate of North Rowan High School. He worked as a self-employed general contractor from 1989 until 2009. He was a member of Union Lutheran Church and the Spencer Moose Lodge. Jeffrey loved camping and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Sue Taylor Eagle.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Karen Eagle of Salisbury, whom he married on September 22, 1988; father, Glenn Floyd Eagle of Salisbury; step-sons, Brandon Parker (Jackie) of Troutman, NC and Justin Parker (Lorie) of Laurel Springs, NC; brothers, Duane Eagle (Sabrina) of Salisbury and Tim Eagle of Salisbury; grandchildren, Kristian and Katelyn Parker, Madison and Emma Parker; three nieces, two nephews, and one great-niece.

Visitation: 1:00-2:00 PM Friday, November 13, 2020 The Dutch Hall at Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Service: 2:00 PM Friday, November 13, 2020 in the sanctuary at Union Lutheran Church with Pastor Heidi Punt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Union Lutheran Church (Building and Repair Fund).

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Jeffrey Glenn Eagle, please visit Lyerly Funeral Home.
Joan Earnhardt Troutman, 87, departed this earth on November 20, 2020, at 11:53 PM.

Born February 14, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Hilbert W. and Zelia Propst Earnhardt.

She was a 1951 graduate of Granite Quarry High School and Salisbury Business College. She was employed by Ketner Attorney at Law. She was a lifelong member of Union Lutheran Church, a member of the Senior Choir, the Catherine Mahaley Sunday School Class, the Anna Petrea Group of Union Women, and a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband James Arnold Troutman Sr. on October 1, 2007, a son Bryan Dale Troutman on November 3, 1982, and son-in-law Tommy Reynolds on June 4, 2020.

Survivors are son Jamie Troutman and wife Keely of Salisbury; daughter Cynthia Reynolds of Salisbury; grandchildren, Melissa Calvert and husband Brian, Jason Reynolds, Bryan Reynolds, Ashlyn Troutman and fiancée, Ross Wece, and Nina Isenhour (David); great-grandchildren Emma Calvert, Abigail Calvert, and Katie Reynolds; brother L.A. Earnhardt (Jimmie) of Granite Quarry; and sister Lynn Coughenour (Paul) of Salisbury.

Services will be held at Union Lutheran Church Cemetery on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, N.C. 28146.

The visitation will be held in the Dutch Meeting Hall from 1-2 PM followed by a graveside service at 2 PM conducted by Rev. Heidi Punt.

Memorials may be made to Union Lutheran Church Narthex Fund or Music Fund., 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, N.C. 28146.

Lyerly Funeral Home is serving the Troutman family. Online condolences may be made at www.lyerlyfuneralhome.com.
NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Thank you to Mike and Brenda Cauble for donating the Aluminum Ramp Railing for the church hallway given to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Rose Cauble, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hill, and in honor of Arnold D. Cauble.
- We recognized our loved ones who have passed on to the church triumphant during the All Saints Sunday worship services.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, November 15, following the 10:30 a.m. service. The following were elected to serve a three-year term on the Church Council: Larry Barringer, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Steve Hutchens, and Matt Miller. The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the NALC Convocation: Lynn Coughenour with Mary Hutchens, alternate. The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the Carolinas Mission Region: Lynn Coughenour with Mary Hutchens, alternate. The following were elected from the floor to serve as delegates to the Piedmont East Mission District: Judy Boyd with Lynn Coughenour, alternate. The 2021 Mission Support Plan (2021 Budget) was approved and adopted with 59 votes in favor and 0 against. The NALC Ratifications were approved and adopted with 48 votes in favor and 2 against. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
- Following the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 15, the youth sponsored a spaghetti fundraiser and raised $640.
- A Parents, Sonshine Kids, and Siblings group met on Friday, November 20, at 5:00 p.m.
- The Great Rake was held on Saturday, November 21, at 8:30 a.m.
- The congregation was encouraged to participate in the “Experiencing the Joy of Generosity” by turning in a commitment form and 2021 Time & Talent Form by Sunday, November 22.
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**December Anniversaries:**

- December 5  John and Nancy Kesler
- December 12  Todd and Ashley Deaton
- December 19  Charles and Becky Hartley
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