Worship Services Opportunities during the month of February

Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 a.m. We gather weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate God's Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and to hear and experience God's creative and redeeming love for the world. Children are welcome and are invited to attend worship and come forward for the Children's Message. (CDC guidelines followed)

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

An AT HEALTH RISK WORSHIP SERVICE is also being scheduled soon for February.

February 21 Topic: The Trust Issue - A principle building block of any good and healthy relationship!
Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15

February 28 Topic: Honesty or artificial Harmony - the next building block of a good and healthy relationship!

February 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.
Please remember to practice social distancing.
If you wish to participate but are at health risk, please contact Pastor Heidi to stay connected via Zoom.

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

February 7 Called to Testify - John 1:37-51; 4:25-42
February 14 Called to Support - Romans 4:13-25; Mark 15:45; 16:1-9; Luke 8:1-3; John 20:10-18
February 21 Called to Explain - Colossians 4:7-15; Acts 18:1-26; Romans 16:3-4; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19
February 28 Called to Serve - Psalm 33:1-12; Acts 16:11-15, 40; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30
PACKING MATTERS!

Do you like to travel or go on trips? It’s interesting how your destination determines how you prepare for the trip. How you prepare for a one day trip, for example, differs from how you would prepare when you take a cross country or international trip. I am currently writing to you from Haiti and there was a whole lot of careful planning and packing involved in my preparation; extra hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes, masks, toys for the kids and food for the group were just a few things on my list. Obviously these items would not be needed when I am taking a little day trip in North Carolina.

What is our destination as Christians? Where are we going? If God’s kingdom is our end point then it determines what we will “pack” into our lives. Are the decisions we make and the things we do and accumulate, the people we love and choose to serve all kingdom related? We know that Christ has died for us and by his grace we are saved. The hard work has be done, the price for our “ticket to heaven” has been paid – thanks be to God who is “the same yesterday, today and tomorrow” (Hebrews 13:8). All we need to do is literally live a life fully responsive to this free gift. This means being kingdom minded every day, packing into every day what calls, equips, and commissions us to do. This might mean a word of grace, a kind hand, dig into scripture...

Truth be told, I often overthink my packing and find myself unpacking a lot before I actually close my suitcase and head out the door. The same can be said for our personal lives. Sometimes we have to unburden our lives and leave things behind that may not be necessary for our destination. Because what really matters is that we love God and His people, that we make disciples of all nations!

Loving you all and sharing a blessing from Psalm 103:5 with you, God fills our lives “with good things” so that we stay strong in our lives and focused on Him.

From your Pastor
Heidi Punt
Mid-Week Lenten Series  

**PLACES of the PASSION**

Two ways to be able to participate:
- 3:30 pm – Bible Study (masks required)
- 6:30 pm – Worship (CDC guidelines followed)

The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha. These are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord’s passion.

The places where the passion of our Lord took place hold special meaning to Christians the world over. These places remind us that Jesus walked this Earth and stood in locations we can still find today to carry out his mission of salvation. This was no sightseeing trip for our Savior. There was a serious reason he came to be at certain places and at particular times to suffer and die and rise again. He was fulfilling the will of his Father who desired that we be forgiven and given a place in heaven with him forever.

We will discover that when Jesus enters a place, he never leaves it as he found it. The most troubling places of our lives will also become the most amazing places of God’s grace when Jesus visits them.

In this midweek Lenten series, we will revisit the Places of the Passion. Our focus will be only be on the physical locations of our Lord’s passion, but also on the spiritual wonders of his work: the places where he demonstrates his strength in the midst of our weakness, his timeless love in the midst of our temporal darkness.

Come and follow in Jesus’ footsteps, journey with our Savior, exploring the spiritual relevance of key points along the path of His passion, for us today.

**February 17** - Jerusalem  
Ash Wednesday  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:1-5  
Topic: Jerusalem is the place of the Passover, where Jesus gathers with the crowds.  
Imposition of Ashes and Personal Confession will be part of the service.

**February 24** - Bethany  
Matthew 26:6-13  
Topic: Jesus is anointed for burial by his friend Mary, at her home in this small town.

**March 3** - Mount of Olives  
Matthew 26:30-35  
Topic: The Disciples sing a hymn with Jesus before they head out to this place of prayer.

**March 10** - The Garden of Gethsemane  
Matthew 26:47-56  
Topic: Jesus is betrayed and arrested in this garden under cover of darkness.

**March 17** - The Courtyard  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:57-69  
Topic: While Jesus is put on trial before the high priest, Peter denies Jesus in this place.

**March 24** - Pilate’s Judgment Hall  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11-23  
Topic: Pilate is positioned here to set Jesus free, but turns him over to be crucified instead.
Bible Course 101 will continue to meet during the month of February on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. The committee will be reviewing financial reports and discussing other financial matters.

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesdays, February 3 & 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Friday Game Nights will continue in February on Fridays, February 5 & 19, at 5:30 p.m. Depending on numbers the group will meet in either the Old Pine Center or Dutch Meeting Hall to practice social distancing.

DISCERNING BEING GOD’S HEART

In an effort to assure that all of our members receive the care and attention that they should have and that we are called to give the Lay Ministry Team invites you to our next meeting on Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss how you might be a part of this ministry. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to bless our members with special needs.

Good Timers

Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Good Timers will meet in February on Thursday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Our program will be “Stump Your Neighbor” then “Show and Tell.” Please bring with you an item (or items) that you may have inherited from your parents or grandparents, or even something that you yourself used to use and don’t use anymore – something that is NOT commonly used today. We will put all these items out for a guessing game, and then each person will “show and tell” about the item(s). You may bring more than one if you wish. So check around the house for those items that you think will stump your neighbor . . .let’s plan on having a lot of fun.

Due to COVID-19, we will not yet go out for lunch, but be patient, that day is coming!!

See you February 11 at 10:00 a.m. – weather permitting!!
Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, February 11, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the agenda and business for the Council Retreat on February 20.

The Property, Cemetery, and Columbarium Committee will meet on Thursday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast for dinner?!?

Join us for a pancake supper sponsored by our youth, as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, February 16, – Mardi Gras before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. From 5:00PM – 7:00PM dinner will be served, so feel free to stop in any time during that time frame to enjoy dinner in the Old Pine Center.

The menu will include but not limited to: pancakes, sausage, and bacon.

A basket will be available for donations. Funds raised will go towards helping our youth. Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church.

*Please Note | Take Out will be available for those not staying to eat.*

Ash Wednesday
February 17 at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

As we navigate how to best observe Ash Wednesday, February 17, with concerns about space and social distancing, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church will be offering two services at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The first service will be a prayer and Imposition of Ashes and the second service will be worship and Imposition of Ashes.

For many years our Church Council has participated in annual retreats or leadership summits. This year the Council will meet at Mike and Brenda Cauble’s home. While some business matters might be discussed, the main purpose is to discern God’s vision for Union during 2021! This is exciting and will help us all to navigate with refreshed purpose through this year.

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church Council will meet on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Mike and Brenda Cauble’s.

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 (A service fee is charged for using Online giving.) (https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/).

You may also drop off, place in Sundays’ offering basket, or mail checks payable to Union Evangelical Lutheran Church to 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Thank you for your faithfulness in all these areas!
**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/](http://rightnowmedia.org/).

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

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**Altar Flowers in February** are open for reservations. Please sign up in the Narthex and contact the church office.

- February 7 Open
- February 14 Sharon Leazer
- February 21 Branches
- February 28 Branches

On Sunday, February 7, the NALC Disaster Relief Flood Buckets will be blessed during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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.

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Those Serving in February

**Acolytes:** Ellie, Ethan, Bailey, and Lucas Wilhelm

**Altar Guild:** Sonya Mulkey and Janet Overcash

**Communion Assistants:** Kevin Huffman ~ Elbert Kluttz ~ Sonya Mulkey

**Lay Readers:** Lucinda, Ellie, and Ethan Wilhelm

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer ~ Phil Cauble (HU) ~ John Kesler ~ Wayne Vellines

**Church Council Counter:** Don Davis
We are excited to announce that we will again be offering the Stations of the Cross this year during Holy Week, however we need YOUR help! 12 crosses are needed. If you are able to assist in building crosses please contact Phil Cauble (704) 213-0646.

The following Stations of the Cross are presented as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

How it works:

- **Stop.**
- **Turn all devices off.**
- **If there are two or more gathered in the vehicle, designate someone to be the reader**
- **Remember not to rush through it and take time to be quiet at each station**
- **Pray together:** God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever. Bless us as we gather to reflect on his suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way we should go.
NOTES OF THANKS...

We received over $900 for the NALC Disaster Flood Buckets and were able to purchase in January 30 buckets plus additional items for flood debris. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Project!

Great Commission Team

A huge thank you to the men that restored the granite fountain back to its familiar place in our front yard. It took countless hours and lots of hard work to make this happen. Also thank you to the extended Union Family member for their monetary donation toward this project.

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church received greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year blessings from: SMI Haiti; Friends of Hope, Nepal, India; Tartu Academy of Theology, Tartu, Estonia; and The North American Lutheran Seminary.
PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER…

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Grace Morgan (The Laurels, Room 411A– cards are appreciated), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - 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), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, James, Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Sally Honeycutt (sister of Janie Lesley), Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, 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), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Larry Shepherd, Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), and Union Fire Department #76

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!
Honorariums and Memorials

Gifts Given to the Glory of God during January

During the month of January 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 gift was received for the Music Fund in honor of Faye Kesler from:
Bobbie and Jimmy Corleto

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in honor of Faye Kesler from:
Tim and Linda Kesler

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren from:
Sarah B. Bame

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund Cathy Kluttz Painther in honor of her birthday on January 24 from:
Jennifer and Scott Curlee

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of my husband, John E. Bame, from:
Sarah B. Bame

A gift was received for the Current Fund in memory of Billy Frank Brady from:
William and Judy Deal

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Mary Brady from:
Sylvia Peeler

Gifts were received for the Current Fund in memory of Mary Brady from:
William and Judy Deal
Rory and Kim Drake
Salisbury SSA Family

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Mary Brady from:
Thad and Sonya Mulkey

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Sylvia Fraley from:
Sylvia Peeler

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Sylvia Fraley from:
Genevieve Baker
Jane C. Beck
Scott and Jennifer Curlee
Scott and Felicia Eagle
Seth Evans
Granite Quarry High School Class 1955
Sandra Holshouser
Virgil A. Holshouser
Bill and Jan Leazer
Gladys Roseman Lewis
Buddy and Gail Lowman
Joan I. Luczai
Thad and Sonya Mulkey
William and Doris Page
Mary Frances Poarch
Phyllis Richard
Vivian Sprinkle
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ronald and Janie Vellines
Gifts were received for the Music Fund in memory of Sylvia Fraley from:
  Jonathan Bame
  Habitat for Humanity
  Carol Harper
  Norman and Sarah Holshouser
  David Holshouser
  Jeff and Dawn Holshouser
  Sandra Holshouser
  Doris Sue Kluttz
  Joan I. Luczai
  William and Susan Myers
  Robert and Katrina Patton

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Billy Hutchens from:
  Janet Overcash

A gift was received for the Music Fund in memory of Bob Kesler from:
  Bobbie and Jimmy Corleto

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Bob Kesler from:
  Tim and Linda Kesler

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Gene Stoner from:
  William and Doris Page

A gift was received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Joan Troutman from:
  Jennifer and Scott Curlee

Gifts were received for the Current Fund in memory of Bobby Wilhelm from:
  The Late Foil and Lillian Corriher Families
  George and Amy Wilhelm

Gifts were received for the Narthex Expansion Fund in memory of Bobby Wilhelm from:
  Marvin and Phoebe Nunn
  Mike Taylor
  Ronald and Janie Vellines

**OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY** is extended to the Family of Sylvia Fraley 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 Richard Lyons, II, and Family on the death of his mother, Margaret Lyons, 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 Steve Hutchens and Family on the death of his father, Billy Hutchens, 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 Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, James and Amy Harrison, Jesse Morgan, Jr., and Family on the death of, Jenna, in their time of grief. “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me” (John 14:1).

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

Matthew 5:4
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Janie Lesley (704) 310-1932
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From January 31-February 28, a love offering will be collected to assist with Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder’s expenses following the death of their granddaughter. Please make checks payable to Union Lutheran Church including on the memo line: Love Offering.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”

- PSALM 46:1-2 -

A charter member of the North American Lutheran Church:
Reports, Obituaries, and Minutes…

2021 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AT UNION

The following activities represent some of the special highlights and events of the year, but they do not cover many daily, weekly, and monthly ministries and activities of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church that takes place in our endeavor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim His gospel.

JANUARY

- Parking Lot Worship service was held at 10:30 a.m. to assist in curbing the spread of COVID-19 during the month of January.
- We received over $900 for the NALC Disaster Flood Buckets and were able to purchase in January 30 buckets plus additional items for flood debris. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Project!
- Twenty-Five participants signed up and began studying in January Bible Course 101 (Acts).
- During via Zoom Confirmation Classes, the group has focused on The Sacraments.
- A huge thank you to the men that restored the granite fountain back to its familiar place in our front yard. It took countless hours and lots of hard work to make this happen. Also thank you to the extended Union Family member for their monetary donation toward this project.
The Worship & Music team met on Jan 5 via zoom and face-to-face. Highlights from the meeting are:

- A review of the Advent and Christmas services was positive especially since this was Pr. Heidi’s first Christmas with us and we had no experience with each other’s background. In addition, the pandemic caused us to make some significant programming changes. The drive through nativity was very well received with more than just church members attending over two days.
- Ruby Leazer and Patsy Lyerly were thanked for their long service on the committee and their requests to cycle off were noted. Ashley Deaton joined the team and we are accepting other interested members.
- New team leaders were selected – Franklin Merrell, Chair; Scott Curlee, Vice Chair; and Deena Lanning Financial Recorder. A Recording Secretary will be elected when we meet again.
- Plans for Epiphany through the Easter Season were discussed. The Holy Week services will consist of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Pastor Heidi is exploring the possibility of having a 10 hour prayer vigil beginning with the close of the Good Friday service.
- Instead of trying to order potted flowers for Easter, the team elected to have individuals in the congregation to bring their own potted flowers for use on Easter Sunday and then take them back home for planting after the service. This will eliminate the “guessing” of what type flower will be available and the mixture should be much prettier.
- Our next meeting was set for March 2 at 5:30 pm. It will be live meeting that will be available via zoom for those who can’t attend in person or don’t feel comfortable in a small group.
GOOD TIMERS YEARLY REPORT FOR 2020

The Good Timer was organized on September 3, 1987. We usually have our meetings in the Old Pine Center but will meet in the Dutch Meeting Hall if necessary.

As of December 31, 2020, we have 47 members on roll (4 homebound, 3 in nursing homes). We received 2 new members in 2020 (Carol Miller and Dickie Shue).

We lost 6 members by death in 2020:
Ed Denker, January 7
Vonnie Agner, July 18
Betty Heroin, August 19
Anna Harrelson, November 6
Joan Troutman, November 20
Bob Wilhelm, December 10

Normally we would go to a local restaurant for lunch but on occasion we will have a covered dish meal at the church. COVID-19 changed all of this in 2020.

If you know of a program that would be of interest to the group, please contact Frank or Dawn Merrell at (704) 636-9471 or Sylvia Peeler at (704) 636-5584.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month (weather permitting or COVID-19). New members are always welcomed as well as any visitor.

Officers for 2021:
President (Co-Chaired): Frank and Dawn Merrell and Doris Shepherd
Vice President: Sylvia Peeler
Secretary: Ruby Leazer
Treasurer: John Kesler

Programs held in 2020:
January 9, Bettany Sinnott (trip to Alaska, Scotland, and Switzerland)
February 13, Sue Lingle Wall and Glenda Lingle Ball (their father’s life as a POW)
March 17, Cecil Whitley

No meetings were held in April, May, June, July, August, and September due to COVID-19.

October 8, Dawn Merrell
November 12, Cancelled due to inclement weather (rain)
December 10, Dawn Merrell – right/left game, Christmas music played on the harp by Dawn Merrell.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
Mary Catherine Koontz Brady, 88, of Salisbury passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Rowan County on June 26, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Wilma Leigh Gobble and James Koontz.

Mary raised four wonderful children, and their children, and their children. She was “Mimi” to all. She enjoyed traveling all over the US after her spouse’s retirement in their motor home, making many friends along the way. Mary loved to read. She loved anything with military history, Kennedy history, and she loved Princess Diana. She enjoyed gardening and had a love for butterflies. Mary was a lifelong member of Union Lutheran Church, and was a member of the Southern Railroad Ladies Club, and the Winnebago Camping Club.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Billy Frank Brady. She was his “Princess and Bride” and made a home wherever Southern Railway moved them. They had a very special loving relationship. She was also preceded in death by a sister.

Left to cherish her memory are 1 sister, 3 brothers, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren on the way.

Mary had many caregivers over the past 10 years. The family would like to give a special thank you to Beth, Mary Ann, Carol, Peyton, and Misty for loving mom like we did.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146.

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

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mary Catherine (Koontz) Brady, please visit our floral store.
Sylvia Ann Holshouser Fraley, 83, of Salisbury passed to her eternal home on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, with her daughters surrounding her. Born on August 9, 1937 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Virgil Elbert Augustus Holshouser and Beulah Maye Kluttz Holshouser.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Fraley was preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca “Susie” May. Sylvia is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Junius “June” W. Fraley; daughters, Mitzi Patton (Randy) of Faith, Jacqueline Beck (Gerald) of Rockwell, Lucinda Fraley of Salisbury, and Melanie Walker of Salisbury; brothers, Norman Holshouser (Sarah) of Spencer, Virgil “Gus” Holshouser of Durham, and James “Jimmy” Holshouser of Lexington; sister, Sandra Holshouser of Williamsburg, VA; grandchildren, Hannah Patton, Emily Botzenhart (Dan), Ty Beck (McKinley), Ethan Wilhelm, Ellie Wilhelm, Bailey Wilhelm, Lucas Wilhelm, Cameron Walker and Jackson Walker; and special friend, Joan Luczai of Williamsburg, VA.

As a young mother, Sylvia drove a school bus at Faith Elementary School. She was also a devoted stay at home mother and wife. Sylvia was a very compassionate, loving and caring person to everyone she met. She loved and cared for her family and others selflessly. Sylvia was an avid sports fan and was an outstanding basketball player at Granite Quarry High school. Later in life, she loved watching her grandchildren play sports, especially basketball. She also loved working in the garden and cooking. No one left her house hungry. She was a lifelong member of Union Lutheran Church. Service:

A private service, including family and friends, will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Union Lutheran Church with Pastor Heidi Punt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the Narthex Expansion Fund or the Music Fund of Union Lutheran Church, 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28146. Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Fraley family.

Online condolences may be left at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store.
The Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, December 6th following the Worship Service in the Dutch Meeting Hall. Members present were: Lynn Coughenour, Cathy Kluttz Painther, Sonya Mulkey, Brad Huffman, Don Davis, Lucinda Fraley, Kay Morgan, Phil Cauble, Jennifer Painther Curlee, Ron Vellines, and Pastor Heidi Punt. Pete Nguyen was absent. New Council members attending were: Larry Barringer, Steve Hutchens, Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, and Matt Miller.

Kay Morgan opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**ADOPT AGENDA**
Pastor Heidi requested to add “Vacation Request December 29 through January 1st” under “New Business”. A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Jennifer Curlee to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**
The Council Minutes from the October 18th Council meeting and the November 15th Annual Congregational Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Kay Morgan and seconded by Jennifer Curlee to approve the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**
A motion was made by Jennifer Curlee and seconded by Brad Huffman to approve the October Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS**
None.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY FUND**
Balance - $3,600.00

**CEMETERY FUND:** Don Davis
Balance – $494.95

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** Pastor Heidi Punt shared her report with the Council.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Lynn Coughenour
- Jennifer Curlee will provide devotions at the January Council Retreat.
- Lucinda Fraley will provide devotions at the February Council Meeting.
- Cathy Painther will count offerings for the month of December.
- Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt will count money for the month of January.
- Gladys Morgan will count offerings for February.
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Kay Morgan
The Council had a discussion about holidays that will be observed and the church office closed. They are: New Year’s Day, Easter Monday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the day after.

A motion was made by Steve Hutchens and seconded by Jennifer Curlee to approve the church office being closed on these days. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY: Don Davis
Still working on a possible monument.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Cathy Kluttz Painther
Finishing the Christmas Project.

EVANGELISM/MISSION: Don Davis
Ongoing Flood Bucket/Disaster Relief Project which is also tied to the Buckets with daily scripture readings

YOUTH: Pete Nguyen
None.

STEWARDSHIP/LONG RANGE PLANNING: Brad Huffman
The committee met and discussed a possible fundraiser for the Narthex Project.

PROPERTY: Phil Cauble
The Property Committee has completed 18 projects this year.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Jennifer Painther Curlee
There will be a 12:00 p.m. parking lot service beginning December 13th in addition to the 10:30 a.m. In Person Service.

NEW BUSINESS:
There was a discussion about Christmas Bonuses for Staff.
A motion was made by Brad Huffman and seconded by Jennifer Curlee to provide bonuses. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Don Davis and seconded by Jennifer Curlee to approve Pastor Heidi’s vacation December 29th through January 1st. The motion unanimously approved.
OLD BUSINESS:
There was a discussion on the Membership Update Forms.

Jennifer Curlee will lead the Music Discernment Team to schedule and coordinate interviews for the Part-Time Music Director.

Financial Secretary – There was a discussion about next steps in hiring a Part-Time Financial Secretary.

The following members were elected as Council Officers for 2021:

Lynn Coughenour - President
Jennifer Curlee – Vice President
Lucinda Fraley - Treasurer
Sonya Mulkey – Secretary

The Annual Council Retreat will be January 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. in Pastor Heidi’s office.

The next Congregational Council meeting will be the Council Retreat on Saturday, January 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Dutch Meeting Hall.

The December 6th Congregational Council Meeting adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 2:15 p.m.

These Minutes are for informational purposes and will be approved at the January Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonya Mulkey, Secretary

***Some changes occurred after the December 6th meeting. They are as follows:

The Executive Committee will meet January 5th at 5:30 p.m.
There will be a Regular Council Meeting on January 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
The Council Retreat will be February 20, 2021 from 9:00-3:00.

Changes were made after consultation with council members and Pastor having the opportunity to go to Haiti on a Mission Trip.
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**February Anniversaries:**

- February 3  Todd and Kelly Smith
- February 8  Gilbert and Patty Miller
- February 17 Tommy and Joan Kerns
- February 17 Mitchell and Phyllis Kesler
- February 22 Bill and Joy Earnhardt
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