

November 2020

North Spray News



A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

HAVE YOU VOTED?

One aspect of living the Christian life is being a good citizen. And part of being a good citizen is being interested in our leaders and taking part in our elections. We keep reading and hearing that this is one of the most important elections ever for the future of our country. Many people think that my one vote will not make a difference but history proves otherwise.



In 1800 – Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one.

In 1824 – Andrew Jackson won the presidential popular vote but lost by one vote in the House of Representatives to John Quincy Adams after an Electoral College dead-lock.

In 1845 – The U.S. Senate passed the convention annexing Texas by two votes (27/25).

In 1846 – President Polk's request for a Declaration of War against Mexico passed by one vote.

In 2000, Al Gore narrowly lost the Electoral College vote to George W. Bush. The election came down to a recount in Florida, where Bush had won the popular vote by such a small margin that it triggered an automatic recount and a Supreme Court case (Bush v. Gore). In the end, Bush won Florida by 0.009 percent of the votes cast in the state, or 537 votes. Had 600 more pro-Gore voters gone to the polls in Florida that November, there may have been an entirely different president from 2000–2008.

Let's all pray and vote as we are led by God in this most important election!

See You Sunday on ZOOM,
Lem

JOIN US ONLINE!

Service Hosted on Zoom!

Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/99879722687>

Join by Zoom App: 998 7972 2687

Join by Phone: 646.558.8656 (Access Code: 998 7972 2687)

Due to the fire at the church of July 11, we will continue having our online services until further notice. Here are the methods you can use to join us:

Online

<https://zoom.us/j/99879722687>

Zoom App

Download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app in your app store and join us using the access code of 998 7972 2687.

Phone

Call 646.558.8656 and use 998 7972 2687 as the access code.

Effective September 27, all Zoom meetings now either require a password or a waiting room for increased security. This was implemented worldwide. Due to the nature of our use of Zoom, we have chosen to have a waiting room to allow for quick and easy access to the services.

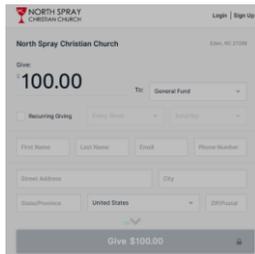
What does this mean for you?

When you log in on Sunday mornings, you will see a message when you first log in that says "Wait for the host to start the meeting." Once Thomas sees that you have joined, he will admit you to the service, the waiting message will disappear, and Zoom will open like it usually does. All our current access codes will remain the same. No further action is required on your part. If you have any questions, please let Thomas know.

We encourage you to continue to **give your tithes and offerings during this time.** Our church property still needs to be maintained even though we are not meeting at this time. You may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue. Our mail is being checked daily.

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 Tuesdays, so if your offering is received after that, they 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 setup 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, please contact Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com.



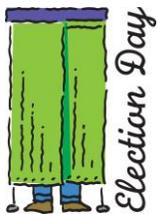
F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 1

Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, October 31.



Election Day
Tuesday, November 3
Get out and vote!

Veterans Day
Wednesday,
November 11



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26
Office Closed



Birthdays for November

Shane Walker	1
Bill Koontz	2
Wesley Strader	4
Mary Barrett	5
Sarah Compton	6
Madison Reynolds	8
Chase Howell	22
Josh Hancock, Jaden Merritt	24
Alexis Ellis, Josh Hankins	29
Bill Bailey	30



Anniversaries for November:

Matt & Chris Scott	5
Bill & Beth Bailey	27
Mike & Stephanie Merrick	28

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 Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Those in need should go to the church at these times 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.

There is always a need for

2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.



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 of your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

Salvation Army Service

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3rd and 5th Fridays each month. This month our date will be **Friday, November 20**. Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.



Operation Christmas Child Collection time is here! If there is anyone who would still like to get a shoebox (or two), please text or call Sylvia at 336-552-5697 and we'll make

arrangements to get them to you! You can also purchase a plastic shoebox to put your items in. You will need a brochure for your box label. **Filled boxes may be dropped off from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 or Wednesday, November 11, which is the deadline to get them in. Don't forget to include your \$9 to help with shipping and other project costs.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our **Triumphant Quartet Bus Trip** scheduled for Saturday, November 14 has been cancelled. Thomas was able to get a refund from the event sponsor for our tickets. He will be issuing those refunds to you once the money is received.

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor



Congratulations to Raychl Smith and David Godwin on the birth of their son, Isaac James Godwin-Smith on Wednesday, October 14. He weighed 7 pounds and 13.7 ounces. He is the grandson of Macon and Marcy Reid-Smith and the nephew of Rebecca! Our best wishes as you nurture this new life!

Youth Yak. . .

By Beth Lewis/Heather Wakefield

Please remember our youth, their parents, and the teachers and administrators in our community as they deal with all the issues of educating during a pandemic.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The **CWF** has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box) and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These 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



Due to church and global circumstances and recent health issues of some of our workers, **we will not be preparing stews this season.** We hope to be able to resume this activity in the coming year.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

Our **annual congregational meeting** will occur on **Sunday, December 6 on ZOOM after the worship service.** At this time the **2021 proposed budget** will be presented. Mark your calendar now and be sure to join in for this important meeting.

In a called board meeting on October 7, a motion was made and approved to extend the current board that is serving for an additional year, in light of the circumstances. This will also be presented at the congregational meeting for approval.

It's Stewardship time! This is when we plan our budget according to what you pledge to give for the work of the Lord through this church in 2021. Letters with commitment cards and service surveys have been sent out. Please prayerfully fill these out and return them to the church by mail. **You may also bring your information by the church on Wednesday, November 4 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The**



final deadline will be on Sunday, November 8.
What will your part be in continuing the ministry of North Spray Christian Church?

Committee Chairpersons and Group Leaders, it's time to start thinking about your **requests for the 2021 budget**. Budget requests may be sent to Stephanie Merrick, Treasurer at smerrick@gildan.com or you may send them by mail to the church address, 521 Washburn Avenue, and the secretary will get them to her.



North Spray Christian Church gratefully acknowledges these gifts given in memory of Clay Perkins:

To the Memorial Fund by: Mary Barrett; Rhonda & Thomas Knight; Buddy & Peggy Bowers; Mary P. Barton; Karen Nolan; Charles & Karen Yarbrough; Paul & Annette White; Marshall & Theresa Heidt; William & Nancy Perkins; Spencer & Patricia Perkins; Jack & Sharon Grider; Mike & Shirley Jezierski; Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon; Joe & Carol Cherwaty; North Spray CMF; Heather Wakefield
To the General Fund by: Obera Harris; Barney & Lou Strutton

The next **meeting of the board** is scheduled for **Monday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a virtual meeting on ZOOM. Necessary information will be sent out the week before the meeting.

REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS: (*NSCC members)



Immediate Needs:

Bryan Bailey – Bill & Beth's son
 *Kim Morrison – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 237
 Kim Pulliam – shoulder surgery on 9/1 – 1025 Klyce Street, Apt. 1
 Martha Spurlin – Barbara's daughter – Sioux Falls, SD
 *Jerry Walker – Therapy after heart surgery – 148 Laurell Drive, Eden
 *Charles Washburn – dental surgery on 8/26 – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148
 *Sylvia Wilson – Surgery to repair carotid artery – 1150 Trogon Drive

Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

Belle Banks – 1305 Wentworth St., Reidsville
 *Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street
 Bernice "Tootsie" Carter – 714 Church Street

Jackie Chandler – 123 Taft Street
 *Faye Clark – Room 189, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center
 Hazel Compton – Roger's mother – Brian Center
 Gay Forrester – 612 E. Stadium Drive
 *June Gatewood – 408 Highland Drive
 Shirley Gray - Mike's mother, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center
 Malta Hagler – Betty Shively's cousin/Bill Koontz's aunt – Trinity Glen, 849 Water Works Road, Apt. 401A, Winston-Salem, NC 27107
 Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., 637 S. Pierce St., Apt. E- Seizures; fell and broke shoulder
 Lawrence Harris – 93 Ford Street, Collinsville, VA 24075
 *Obera Harris – 810 McConnell Avenue
 Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown's sister – Room 403, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville 27320
 *Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street
 *Bill & *Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive
 Shelia Koontz – Bill's mother – Room 520, Brian Center
 Geneva Lawson – Nursing Home in Banner Elk – Severe Dementia
 *Pauline Litaker – c/o 5215 Southwind Road, Greensboro, NC 27455
 Ashley Long – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) 148 White Oak Court
 *Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.
 Roy Mouldin, former pastor at Kings Hwy. Christian – 14671 Hwy. 87
 *Mary Lee Perkins – 420 Cedar Street
 Mike & Lynda Perry – 407 Lynrock Street
 *Kathryn Metro Ragland – 312 Coleman Street
 LaRue Roberts – 251 N. 114th Street, Unit 412, Apache Junction, AZ 85120
 Kayla Sawyers & family – 411 Sherwood Court
 Bobbie Shough – 236 Harrison Street
 Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center
 Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704
 Nancy Stone – Angie Strader's cousin – recuperating from heart transplant surgery at home – 460 Hanson Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 *Ray and *Angie Strader and family – 636 Riverside Drive
 Susan Talley – 213 Portsmouth Drive
 *Nathan Townsend – 241 Turner Drive, Unit C, Reidsville
 Patsy Vestal – 640 E. Stadium Drive
 Scott Vestal – 555 Victor Street
 Peakie Ward - Jean & Rhonda's cousin - 1127 Lawson Street

- *Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA
24148
*Harriet Washburn – 1229 Harris Street
Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 206
Howe Street
*Marissa Wright and Family – 519 Orchard Drive
*Faye & *Melvin Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville,
27320

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Betty Shively and family in the death of her brother, Donnie Hicks, on Friday, October 16. Our Christian Sympathy is also extended to April Stacey in the death of her husband, John, on Tuesday, October 20.



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



*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV



Happy Thanksgiving!

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