

March 2020

North Spray News



A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

Updates



Let me give you a few little updates. First of all, I will bring you up to date on me. I had a total knee replacement on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. All went well and they had me up walking at 3:00 p.m. I was able to come home the next day and have been going out for therapy three times a week plus the exercises that I do at home. Expected time of recovery is 4-6 weeks. I trust it is nearer the four week period because being bound to a recliner day and night is not my cup of tea.

Also, I hope you are aware of the progress being made at the church. Repairs are done on the shelter out back that the wind damaged and materials have been ordered to start the repairs inside from our recent flood issues. Also, a new nursery has been established upstairs. This will be more convenient for parents, children, and nursery workers.

I appreciate Paul White bringing wonderful messages. You will not believe the flowers, cards, meals, visits, and phone calls I have received. All of this causes me to be thankful for and to praise the North Spray Christian Church. God bless you and I hope to see you as soon as possible.

Lem

The Month Ahead:

By Sylvia Brown, Editor



**Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 8**
(Turn your clocks **FORWARD** one hour before going to bed on Saturday.)



**St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17**

**Spring Begins!
Friday, March 20**



All of our elders are invited to come and join our pastor in prayer at **9:30 each Sunday morning** as we prepare for the day ahead.



Birthdays for March

Heather Robertson, Charlie Smith	3
Jeannie Hocutt	10
Aubrey Bailey	15
Mark Butler	16
Larry Tolbert	20
Annette White	21
Misty Parker	22
Thomas Knight	24
Caitlyn Neal	26

Service for March

Communion

- 1 – Nicole & Katelyn Wade
- 8 – Roger & Lugene Compton
- 15 – Cecil & Savannah Stewart
- 22 – Peggy Bowers
- 29 – Jo Dell Murphy & Maddie Reynolds



Note: You do not have to be here early to prepare communion. We have a volunteer who does

that. You are only responsible for cleaning up after service.

Deacons

Bobbie Hill
Beth Lewis
Jerry Walker
Michelle Walker



Elders

Stephanie Merrick
Cecil Stewart



Money Counters

Michelle Walker
Carolyn Pratt

Greeters

1 – Carolyn Pratt
8 – Annette White
15 – Barney & Lou Strutton
22 – Bobbie Hill
29 – Sylvia Wilson



Worship Leader

1 – Heather Wakefield
8 – Annette White
15 – Marilyn Hardison
22 – Paul White
29 – Annette White



Now that we have several babies in our congregation, we have reestablished our nursery. It is located upstairs next to the restrooms. Our schedule will change also. **Beginning on Sunday, March 1**, the scheduled Nursery Attendants and their assistant will be in the nursery the first part of the service. **After the Youth Sermon, Heather Wakefield will relieve the nursery attendant for Children's Church.** The assistant will be there the entire service. The schedule is as follows:

Nursery Attendants

1 – Debra Moore/Alasia Belcher
8 – Michelle Walker/Jake Wakefield
15 – Heather Wakefield/Wesley Lunsford
22 – Beth Lewis/Glenda Clark
29 – Jo Dell Murphy/Carley Reynolds



Youth Teachers

Lugene Compton/Beth Lewis



Bulletin Board for March/April

Worship Committee

Note: If you are unable to be present on your designated Sunday for any of the previous services, please call someone to fill in for you.

Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office and let our secretary know the date and all pertinent information. (Please note that there are standing dates for Easter lilies and poinsettias at Christmas.)

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.

Thank you to Barney and Lou Strutton for delivering our donations to the food closet each month!

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, March 20**. Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

There was a diaper pounding for Dabrasia and Wesley Strader on Sunday, February 2.



Dabrasia and Wesley welcomed their daughter, **Emberley Ann**, into the world on **February 12**. She weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Angie Strader and the little sister of Heavenley. Our best wishes to them as they nurture this new life!



Sylvia Brown was recognized for her 20 years of service as church/financial secretary on Sunday, February 16. After the service everyone enjoyed a Valentine Luncheon in the fellowship hall.



On a personal note, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the cards, the gift, the cake, and the love you have shown me through the years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve my Lord in this church. I appreciate so much your giving me the opportunity and I love you all!

*In His Service,
Sylvia Brown*

Youth Yak. . .

By Beth Lewis/Heather Wakefield

Our youth will be collecting your change for their **“Coins for CCM” fundraiser on Sunday, March 29**. Come prepared to give to help the less fortunate in our community.



Our annual Hotdog luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 5. Make plans to be here for a meaningful service and good fellowship afterward.



Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The next CWF meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sirloin House**. All of our ladies are encouraged to join us for good food and fellowship.

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



The CMF will meet again on **Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Church Street Station**. All of our men are encouraged to attend. Prayer meeting will be at 5:45 p.m.

A **CMF Rally** will be held on **Sunday, March 22, at Middle Fork Christian Church**. There will be a great guest speaker, gospel singing, and fellowship. Registration begins at 3:00 with the program and meal to follow. Men, bring your Bible and a friend and join in this great time together. **We will leave the church at 2:30 p.m.** See Paul White if you're interested in going.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

The next **meeting of the board** will be on **Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.** All committee chairs are encouraged to attend or send a report from your committee. Prayer meeting will be at 5:45 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, please watch WXII News 12 or FOX 8 WGHP for closing information. You may also check your e-mail, the church website, or the church's social media pages.



We are still participating in a fundraiser with **Recycling Fundraiser** (formerly EcoPhones), which will accept **inkjet cartridges, all**

cell phones, all tablets, and select other portable electronic devices. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, drop them in the box in the corner of the Communion Room. Please support our church by recycling your used electronics. See Thomas Knight if you have any questions.

Each Monday night some of our members are meeting at the church to pray. We share prayer concerns and Bible study, pray, and share communion beginning at **6:30 p.m. Come, join us!**

The Thursday Bible Study group is on a hiatus until Lem is back from his therapy and recuperation after knee surgery.

Join us for our Fellowship Reception, each Sunday, 10:30-10:55 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Doughnuts, biscuits, and drinks are available, along with great fellowship before worshipping together.



North Spray Christian Church gratefully acknowledges a gift given to the Youth Camp Fund in memory of Clem and Frances Nance by their children and grandchildren.

REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS: (*NSCC members)



*Bo Davis – Hospice of Rockingham County, Room 4, 2150 NC 65, Wentworth, 27375

Immediate Needs:

Herbert Bowers – Sylvia Brown's neighbor – cancer – 827 Pitcher Ave.

*Lem Hardison – 200 Wilson Street – recuperating from total knee replacement on 2/11

Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown's sister – Room 405, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville 27320

*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive – Rotator cuff surgery on March 6

Ashley Long – 148 White Oak Court

*Kim Morrison – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 237

Bob Pasour – cancer – 517 Maggy Valley Road, Reidsville

*Clay & *Mary Lee Perkins – 420 Cedar Street

Marcy Reid-Smith – 802 Sydney Shores Court, Greensboro, NC 27410-5925

Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

Belle Banks – 1305 Wentworth St., Reidsville

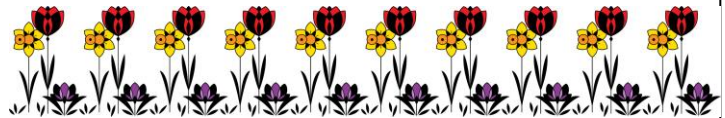
*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street

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
 *June Gatewood – now living w/Connie & Bill – 408 Highland Drive
 Shirley Gray - Mike's mother, Room 134, 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
 Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – Jacob's Creek N/C, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025
 Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., 637 S. Pierce St., Apt. E
 Lawrence Harris – 93 Ford Street, Collinsville, VA 24075
 *Obera Harris – 810 McConnell Avenue
 *Marissa Hernandez and Family – 519 Orchard Drive
 *Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street
 Shelvia Koontz – Bill's mother – Brian Center
 Geneva Lawson – Nursing Home in Banner Elk – Severe Dementia
 *Pauline Litaker – c/o 5215 Southwind Road, Greensboro, NC 27455
 *Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.
 Roy Mouldin, former pastor at Kings Hwy. Christian – 14671 Hwy. 87
 Peggy Pendleton – Room 401, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville
 Mike & Lynda Perry – 407 Lynrock Street
 *Kathryn Metro Ragland – 517 Cedar 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
 *John Stacey – 1106 Harris Street
 Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704
 *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
 *Charles & *Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148
 *Foot & *Harriet Washburn – 1229 Harris Street
 Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 206 Howe Street
 *Faye & *Melvin Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

Remember the people in China dealing with the Coronavirus, especially Rodger and Josette Stewart, Cecil's brother and sister-in-law, who live in Shanghai.



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