

April 2024

North Spray News



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Angie Pooley

Dear North Spray Friends,

I am so excited about this new chapter in my life as your new minister. I pray that God gives me the strength and wisdom to help me lead North Spray Christian Church into a new year filled with hope, happiness, fellowship and growth.



Please join me each Sunday morning to hear God's words of encouragement and guidance to help you in your journey to a faithful life in Christ.

In April, we will walk through the chapters of 1 John, and learn the many ways that God can show us how to love and to love each other. In the next **three** Sundays we will be studying Chapters **1 and 3**. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know each one of you.

May God's Peace be with you.
Your friend in Christ,
Angie

Search Committee Report:

By Thomas Knight

Randy Holste's last Sunday with us was on March 17.

Angie Pooley's first Sunday with us was Sunday, March 24. She will normally be in the office on Sundays and Wednesdays. She will notify the church staff and we will publish it in the bulletin and website if her schedule needs to be adjusted so that everyone will know.

Keep in mind that per Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) guidelines, people must contact Angie before asking Lem, Randy, or another minister to return to do a funeral, wedding, or other service. We have strayed from this some during our interim period, but now that we have a permanent minister, we need to be sure that this is followed.

Angie's installation service will be on Sunday, April 28. Bishop Valerie Melvin will be with us that Sunday. She will be preaching and leading the installation part of the service. We will have a covered-dish luncheon after the service that day.

If you need to contact Angie, you can contact her at apooley@northspraychristianchurch.com, (336) 623-2371, or (828) 409-3111.

The Search Committee would like to thank everyone for your support and prayers during these months of searching for our new minister.

Thomas Knight, Chair
Annette White
Cecil Stewart
Beth Lewis
Jo Dell Murphy

F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

The **Church Office** will be **closed** on **Easter Monday, April 1**, in observance of the holiday.



FOOD DRIVE

Earth Stewardship Sunday will be observed on Sunday, April 21
We will have a food collection for CCM on that day!

Earth Day
Monday, April 22



Installation of
Rev. Angela L. Pooley

**NORTH SPRAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Luncheon Following Service



We have four ways to join us each Sunday. In person, online, on the Zoom app or by phone. Go to the link below to connect with us. Join us on the Zoom app using 938 8418 8115 as the Meeting ID and 336 as the password. The app is available in your device's app store.

northspraychristianchurch.com/onlineworship

We look forward to seeing everyone for our worship experience at church or online!

Your weekly/monthly tithe is important to maintain our facility and staff. If you are not worshiping with us in person, you may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue.

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 Mondays so if your offering is received after that, it 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 set up 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 about online giving, please contact Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com.

Birthdays for April

Stella Hopper	3
Maelyn Goodman	9
Sylvia Brown	10
Felicia Heyward	11
Noah Dalton, Elizabeth Key	15

Bailey Long	17
Ciarra Tiznado	19
Sara Hankins	24
Mason Davis	27
Tim Sanders, Barney Walker	28
Teri Overby	29
Tim Bailey, Angie Strader	30



Anniversaries for April

Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon	1
Len & Beth Lewis	18

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 Thursday mornings only. Those in need should go to the church during this time 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,**



Food Collection

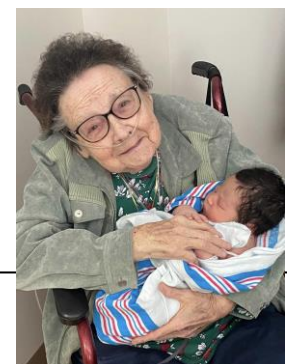
powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits. *Let's keep up the good work bringing food each month for the food closet!*

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 your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Congratulations to Ashley Crowder on the birth of her son, **Ayden Everett James Edmonds.** Ayden was born on March 3. Ayden weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. He is the grandson of



Chris and Matt Scott and the great grandson of Faye Wood.

Our final stew of the season was on March 9. The proceeds from this stew will go toward repair work on the parking lot. Thank you to all who participated and especially to Jerry and Michelle and all those who prepared the stew.



On Palm Sunday, March 24, we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Angie Pooley. We began the service with a palm processional and our preschool/elementary youth did a great job on the special music. After the worship service we had our annual hotdog lunch and Easter egg hunt. Everyone enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship.





Youth Yak. . .

By Sylvia Brown

Our middle/high school youth had a bake sale on March 9 along with the stew sale. The proceeds will go toward their beach trip in June and other future projects. Thank you to everyone who contributed baked goods and other things to this sale.

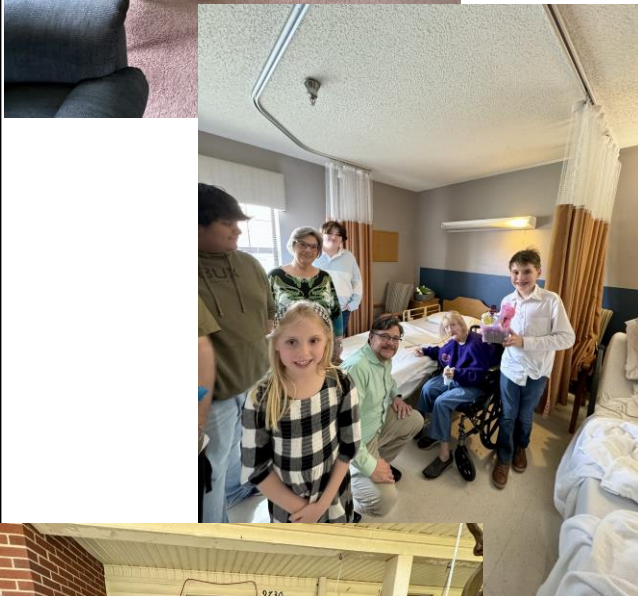


Sunday, March 17 was Randy Holste's last Sunday with us as our interim minister. We greatly appreciate Randy and all that he did for us during his time of ministry here.



On this same day, the middle/high school youth fixed Easter baskets and took them out to some of our homebound members.





Sunday, April 7 the middle/high school youth will have a planning meeting to get some activities on the calendar for the spring and summer.

Sylvia will also be meeting on **April 14 with the parents/guardians of those who are going on our beach trip on June 6-8.** They will be given information about what their child(ren) will need to bring and will sign permission forms.



Youth Carnation Fundraiser: The middle/high school youth will be selling carnations for Mother's Day to raise funds for their beach trip in June. You can purchase red carnations in honor of living mothers and significant women in your life or white carnations in memory of deceased mothers and significant women in your life. The cost will be \$3.00 per flower. An arrangement of the flowers purchased will be on the altar on Mother's Day and you will be able to take what you purchased. A form will be available to fill out with the names and number of flowers you are donating. Deadline to order your flowers is Sunday, April 28.

The middle/high school group is also doing some Bible study on "Biblical Basics." We will be looking at the well-known stories in the Bible and discussing how they apply to us today.

Youth meetings are now held every other Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. A new schedule has been posted on the bulletin board. We greatly appreciate those who have volunteered to prepare meals for us on these Sundays! Heather Wakefield is working with the preschool/elementary group. Sylvia Brown and Chris Hand are leading the middle/high school group. If you have children or grandchildren in these age groups, encourage them to join us!

Save the Date:

Vacation Bible School! It will be Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13, at North Spray Christian Church. Spray Methodist will be joining us. The theme this year will be *Beach Party – Surfing Through the Scriptures*. Stay tuned for more details! There will be a VBS Planning meeting on April 9, at 7:00 p.m. here at North Spray.

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President

The new stock of **boxed greeting cards** has arrived and are ready to be purchased. They have



sympathy, birthday, and get well cards available. If you send cards on a regular basis, this is a great option for you and a money saver, as well. Each box has 12 cards. At \$7.00 per box, that makes each card less than .60, a big savings from what you'd pay in a card shop or department store on individual cards.

They also have **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. Cards and scrubbing pads 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



Our men are not having regular meetings at this time, however they are active with helping with stews and supporting church projects financially.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair



If you or your child is graduating from high school or college this year, we need to hear from you! We will need the school you are graduating from and the date, any special honors or superlatives you have earned, your future plans, and a picture of you. For college graduates, we will also need to know the degree you have earned. Please send your information and picture by email to Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com, by Sunday, May 5.

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **yard sale** on **May 17 and 18**, from **7:00 a.m. to noon** each day. This is to benefit Relay for Life. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please contact Heather Wakefield.



On **Sunday, May 19**, there will be a **diaper pounding** following worship service. The honorees are Maddie (Boothe) Carter, Ashley Crowder, and Jarret Stewart. All of the babies will be born by then and we hope to have them with us. Ashley Crowder has already had her son, Maddie & Jeremy are expecting a girl and Jarret & Makayla

are expecting a boy. Heavy hors d'ourves will be served to accommodate lunch.

The next **meeting of the board** is scheduled for **Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. Necessary information will be sent out the week before the meeting. **All board members are expected to participate.**

A **new church directory** has been published and is on the hallway table. Be sure to pick one up so that you will have all the up to date information. If you see any corrections that need to be made, please let Sylvia Brown know at 336-623-2371 or at sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com. One correction has been reported. Please change Bill Koontz's cell number in your directory to 336-951-7382.

The **Bible Study and Prayer Group** is meeting at 2:00 on Thursday afternoons. They continue to meet in the conference room. Paul White is leading this group. Come out and join them.



If you have not subscribed to our email, please see Thomas Knight, or email him at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com. Also, if you've had a change in your email address that we don't have, let Thomas know. This is our primary method for getting weekly information and the monthly newsletter to you!! Get signed up today!!

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.

Around the Grounds

By Sylvia Brown, Property Chair

The repair work on our parking lot will be done the first week in April.

Our appreciation to Brian Hubbard for his work on our labyrinth and putting mulch around the stew house. He has also begun scraping, washing, and painting the steps on the playground end of the building. We are grateful for all his good work.

Please note this reminder: According to church policy, if you borrow church equipment and supplies such as tables, chairs, wheelchairs/walkers, tools, hand trucks, etc. to use off the premises, they **must** be checked out through the church office. There is a brief form to fill out with your signature and phone number.

Also, if someone needs a key to the church, these must be requested from the office. We have a key log that we maintain so that we'll know who has keys and what keys they have.



North Spray Christian Church gratefully acknowledges these gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of Lucille Morris

by: Rhonda & Thomas Knight; Elizabeth Presley; Barney Walker, Jr. and James & Ann Walker; Laura Bradford

REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS: (*NSCC members)



Immediate Needs:

- Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – At Eden Rehab and doing better
- *Obera Harris - UNC Rockingham Nursing Center for rehab
- *Rhonda Knight –Vision is improving – 282 Brightwood Road
- *Faye Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville

Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

- *Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street
- Duane Best –3215 Glenhope Court, Cary, NC 27511
- Joe Brown – Sylvia's brother – Brookdale, Reidsville
- Laura Brown – Sylvia's sister – Room 410, Brookdale, Reidsville
- Mary Edith Hankins – Under Hospice care – 5726 Glen Meadow Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018
- Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., Apt. D, 627 S. Piere Street
- Pam Harris – Obera's daughter-in-law – Breast Cancer – 286 Meadowood Road
- *Jeannie Hocutt – Room 601, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center
- Stella Hopper – 415 Turner Street
- Thomas Jarrell – Friend of the Knights – Cancer - 1724 Woodrow Avenue
- Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown's sister – at Eden Rehab (room 308) for rehab

*Connie Koontz – Recuperating from knee surgery; able to walk with a cane now - 408 Highland Drive

Ashley Long – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) 148 White Oak Court

*Barbara Spurlin – 182 Sparrow Road

Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704

*Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Lucille Morris at her death on Monday, March 4. Lucille was a member of North Spray for over 70 years, serving as an elder, board chair, property chair and was very involved in CWF.

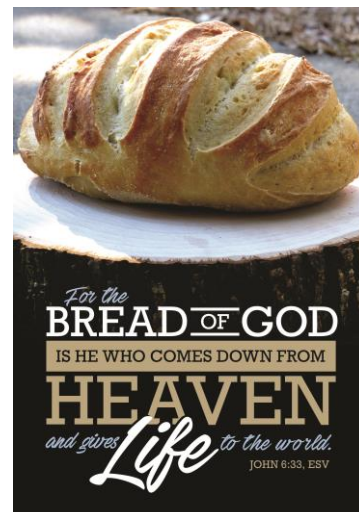
The family of Olin Shively at his death on March 20. Olin was the brother-in-law of Betty Shively.

The family of Harriet Washburn at her death on March 22. Harriet served as a deacon, personnel chair, and in several other capacities until she was unable to due to her health.



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

Please contact Sylvia in the office at 336-623-2371 or sbrown@northspraychristianchurch.com if you have an update or someone needs to be removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our publications. Thank you!



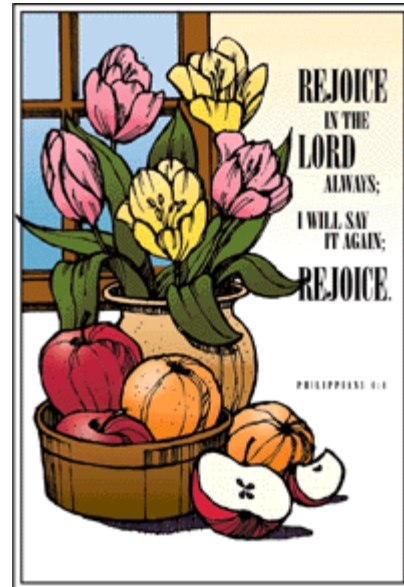
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