



*Community
In Christ*

CIC NEWS

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A newsletter published for the members and friends of Community In Christ Lutheran Church, 7621 Norman Island Drive,
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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 7:00 PM FEBRUARY 18



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

6PM SOUP SUPPER, 7PM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 18

WE ARE CHURCH,

WE ARE LUTHERAN,

WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER

WE ARE CHURCH FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD"

Community In Christ is an ELCA Lutheran Church located two miles west of I-77 at Exit 25. Our office hours are 9:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday through Friday. We have worship at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM each Sunday. We also have a Wednesday evening service at 7:00 PM. A nursery is provided during the Sunday worship services. Children's Sunday school is at 9:15 AM. Adult Sunday School is at 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM. An open invitation is extended to everyone to share our joy of Christian fellowship in worship and life.



From the Pastors Desk.....

Worship First. This is what it means to be a Christian who is part of a church community. We do a lot of things, great, wonderful things, as a congregation. We do service projects and we do small groups and we do music and youth. I love these things, and we put a lot of effort to make sure we provide these quality expressions of our Christian faith for our church community. But, and this is the big but, all these things are secondary to worship. Worship is the heart of who we are and what we are called to be about. Each of us individually needs regular worship in our lives. And collectively we need to be centered on the worship of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Nothing replaces worship. There is no substitute. It is central to who we are.

During the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th, I invite you to make a commitment to weekly worship. We'll offer worship on Sundays and on Wednesdays. Communion will be served, scriptures read, hymns and songs sung, sermon preached. For forty days **I challenge you to participate in at least one worship service each week.** Come because God deserves your worship. Come because you need Holy Communion. Come to support your fellow church members in singing God's praises. Come to learn and grow in your faith. Come to pray for the sick. Come to hear that old, old story. Come. Worship First.

I suppose I could make a list of the things you'll get out of worshipping every week. There are benefits, as many of you know and experience. But I don't think that's the best reason to worship. The best reason to worship is because God is God. **Worship puts us in our place,** in our rightful place, at the feet of God. With God fully in front of us, getting our full attention, then everything else also is put in its proper place.

Our presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has encouraged us to remember that out of all things, we are first Church centered on worshipping the Triune God. We are Lutherans shaped by a commitment to God's Grace. We are church together not individually but as part of the whole Christian church on earth. And, we are church for the sake of the world. During our Wednesday worship services in Lent I'll be discussing each one of those emphases in detail. I hope you'll join us.

You know that every year, it requires more sacrifice to be a Christian who worships the Lord each week. We used to get a lot of help by our culture, everything was closed on Sundays and God help the person who tried to schedule a sporting event that conflicted with Christian worship. That's no longer the case. **It's up to us, each one of us, to make the commitment and sacrifice to put God first.** It will mean disappointing some people, our kids, our coaches, our family members. It will be harder and harder every year to put worship first in our lives. This is what normal life looks like for the follower of Jesus, we shouldn't be surprised. At least we don't need to meet in the catacombs or fear for our lives as we make our way to the place of worship. ..

Prayers for

Members: John Rummage, Nina Olszewski, Jim Hayes, Debbie Blackwell, Judy Miller, Vernon Hedrick, Barbara Flanders

Friends and relatives of members

Pastor Richard Graf (friend of the congregation), Family of Don Huwe (Connie White's uncle), Vickie Waggoner (Lauren Kowsky's mother), Philip & Gwen Siegrist (Susan Thomas's parents), Jeff Cozy (Bob & Kay Uhler's son), Judith Cooley (Louise Walker's sister), Kim Peters & Ginny Kondrack (friends of Renate Von Dohlen), Clarice Harland (Eileen Wissel's sister), Holly Ogilvie (friend of Colleen Karpovit's daughter), Dr. Dan Wood (Sue Wood's son), Paul Madsen, Wayne Lacaut & Rick Madsen (family & friend of Al & Jan Madsen), Michael Arendt (John Iversen's brother-in-law), Tori Cartwright (friend of Donna Good), Norma Freeze & Jit Romah (friend's of Ron Major), Veronica Hartong (friend of Noelle Bernesser)

Please call the office at 704-892-0120 or email swheeler@communityinchrist.net



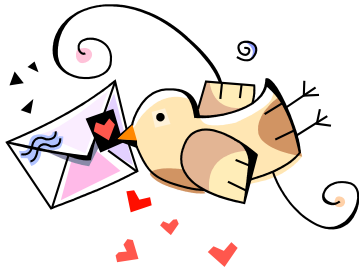
Lay Pastor News

As Lay Pastors, we assist Pastor Travis by:

- Taking communion to hospitals and homes
- Making phone calls to keep in touch
- Sending cards for follow up prayers and birthdays
- Praying for those on the bulletin prayer list

We welcome anyone who has a listening ear, compassion for shut-ins and sick friends, wants to cheer people with cards and notes or make new friends. Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 11:45 am in the Adult Sunday School room. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Beth Rathke at 704-664-1600 or bhrathke@yahoo.com



CIC Card Ministry

Thank you to all of the people who have come for the first time! We love having you!! In February, we are meeting on Feb. 10 and 24 at 6:30 pm in the old sanctuary. Beginning next month, we will spend one Tuesday a month restoring our own inventory for the lay pastors, and the other Tuesday beginning to make cards for possible sale! We would appreciate your input on what type of cards you would possibly purchase. Just send your ideas to Anne Randolph, arand86@bellsouth.net, or call me at 704-596-3168. We would love to have YOU attend!!



Room In The Inn

CIC partners with Mt. Zion church to provide shelter and meals for the homeless in our area. Mt. Zion provides the shelter and CIC provides the meal. The next date we are scheduled for is February 17th. You can sign up for food items at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49a4a92ca75-cicroom>. Any questions can be directed to Jill Brooks at jlkb Brooks@gmail.com or 704-724-5861 or Peter Cuocolo at pcuocolo@charlottespecialevents.com or 704-765-5104. Thank you!



JOB ASSISTANCE MINISTRY **SUPPORT**

Will meet on Monday, February 9 at 7 pm and will present a "Skills Identification Workshop". This interactive workshop facilitated by Dr. Monica White, Career Consultant, will help you identify and clearly articulate your skills, talents, gifts, and strengths. Knowing what you uniquely have to offer is key to selling yourself well in an interview. The group meets in the Chapel at 7 pm on the second Monday of the month. To confirm your attendance, please call the church office at 704-892-0120 or email: donnalgood@gmail.com.



Men's Retreat May 29th!

The date and location has been set for our spring retreat. The CIC Men's Group will be heading to the Kure Beach Faith Center on May 29th and returning the 31st. The anticipated cost will be \$125. Be on the lookout for more information. For questions about this group contact Scott Brooks at scottlb@gmail.com or 704-641-7156 or Ray Hutchinson at: raymond.hutchinson@lincolncharter.org.



Altar Guild Ministry

Anyone is welcome to join this ministry anytime of the year. The Altar Guild Ministry prepares the worship space with the furnishings, appointments, vessels, elements, linens and paraments used in the liturgy. Members are ministers of the worship space, responsible for the physical setting of this space. Meetings are held quarterly. Anyone joining this ministry will be trained when they join. Contact Beth Rathke at 704-677-2334 or bhrathke@yahoo.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry is an inter-generational group that prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into shawls and other crafts that serve as a physical reminder of God's unconditional love, support, and presence in our lives. The shawls/craft items are blessed and given to CIC members, friends, and others experiencing times of difficulty (e.g., loss, illness, deployment) or celebration (e.g., birth of a child), so that the recipient will know that he/she is loved. The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability.

In 2014, a total of 41 shawls were crafted by its seventeen members. More importantly, the Lay Pastors, the Parish Nurses, and the ministry members distributed 35 prayer shawls to CIC members, friends, and others experiencing difficult times or special celebration in 2014. In addition, 20 hats were crafted and donated to the 2014 Operation Christmas Child project.

The ministry was graciously supported by CIC last year through individual financial donations (\$350) and donations of materials (e.g., yarn, needles, crochet hooks) valued at over \$600. Thank you all who have contributed! And thank you, Prayer Shawl Ministry Members, for all the work you contributed on behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and all the comfort and love that has been extended as a result!

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month (second and fourth Sundays) at 6:30 pm in the CIC Adult Classroom. The meeting dates set for February are February 8 and February 22. Come and see what we are about!

If you would like to join the group, donate materials, or sponsor a prayer shawl (e.g., in thanksgiving, in honor of a loved one), please contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elssas (elsassd@bellsouth.net) for more information. The cost to sponsor a prayer shawl is \$15.



Sunday School

Happy Winter! Lots of discussion about Jesus being the light in our world, hoping that light warms up their little bodies too. Sunday School will be held every Sunday in the month of February, hope to see your children there! Drop off begins at 9:15am for PreK – 5th grade, just meet us in the Chapel. Interested in helping our Sunday School team? We are always looking for subs to add to our list, just email JoEllen.

Quarterly Service Projects: we are looking to kick-off this year with quarterly service projects, but need your help. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please email JoEllen.



Children's Milestones

2nd Grade First Communion Instruction: All second graders are invited to participate in our upcoming Communion instruction. This important milestone will occur during the month of March and include two hands-on learning sessions and the celebratory First Communion service. New this year, we'll get to witness a LIVE version of "The Last Supper"! Contact JoEllen to register or ask any questions.

JoEllen Butler
Director of Christian Education
joellen@communityinchrist.net.



Preschool News

At CIC Preschool we strive to keep our tuition as low as possible while continuing to provide a high-quality preschool program. However, we understand that the expense of preschool can be a strain on a family's budget. Last year we created a scholarship program to help eligible families reduce their tuition costs. This was made possible with funds that we received from a Grant and from a generous donation from a church member. With this funding we were able to grant 6 children scholarships for preschool.

We have applied for a Grant to be used for scholarships for the fall session of preschool and we already have several families reaching out for assistance. We ask that you join us in prayer for the Grant approval so that we will be able to assist these families. If you feel led to donate towards our Scholarship fund please contact Sharon Fuller at sfuller9564@gmail.com or Jill Brooks (Preschool board chair-person) at 704-724-5861 jlkbrooks@gmail.com for more information.

Registration is now open for the 2015/2016 school year. We have classes for age 2 through T-K. Please contact Sharon Fuller for details.

A big THANK YOU to Roger Staley for his help in fixing our bathroom and classroom sinks and for keeping our playground tidy of leaves!

A big fundraiser that is ongoing for our preschool is the Together in Education with your Harris Teeter VIC card. For every Harris Teeter product you purchase a percentage will go to our school. Please link your card to the preschool, our number is **5638**.

Sharon Fuller
Preschool Director
sfuller9564@gmail.com



CIC³ Chicks

*A women's ministry
focused on faith,
fellowship, and fun!*

Wednesday Morning Book Study

Come join us Wednesday, February 11th and 25th from 9:30 - 11 am to discuss chapters 4 & 5 in Barbara Brown Taylor's new book "*Learning to Walk in the Dark*." Child care is available. For more information contact Emily Cunningham at emilycunning@gmail.com.

Annual Mani/Pedi & Sushi Dinner

The annual Mani/Pedi and Sushi dinner night is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars, more details to follow.



Heifer International

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in the CIC3 & WELCA Heifer Nativity this December!

Together we partnered in Heifer International's Mission of alleviating hunger and poverty by bringing sustainable agriculture to areas around the world with a long history of poverty. We raised a total of \$580.00! With this money CIC purchased 2 rabbit trios, 2 flocks of chicks, 2 goats, 2 honeybee hives, and 1 sheep. These animals will be given to impoverished communities to provide food and reliable income such as milk, eggs, wool, and honey that can be traded or sold at market. Thanks for your help!

WELCA

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 9th, at 7:30 pm in the Adult Sunday School class room. We are continuing our study of "Women in the Bible." February's study leader will be Doris Hillegass. A hostess duty for the meeting is still open. We will also be filling in the 2015 LEADER / HOSTESS CALENDAR for the remaining months of 2015.

The officers for 2015 are as follows:

President - Laverne Waskielis
Secretary - Mildred Edwards
Treasurer - Bertie Steely

The NCSWO (North Carolina Synodical Women's Organization) 2015-2016 theme is:

"I am" Created – Called - Empowered

Angels & Sparrows: We will continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow's Soup Kitchen in 2015. Our dates to work will be on any month that has a fifth Monday. Our dates to work are: March 30th, June 29th, August 31st and November 30th.

Thank you! We want to thank all members that participated in the Angel Tree Project. We have 45 Angels from the East Lincoln Christian Ministries, plus the members of our "outreach families". In addition the youth group provided gifts for 4 children for a local family in need. I am proud to say all the Angels were taken on the first Sunday they were available.

Spring Retreat: Will be held on March 6-8, 2015 at the Kure Beach Retreat Center, anyone interest in attending please see registration information on the WELCA Board in the Fellowship Hall.

1-day Lenten Retreat in February: At the February meeting there will be discussion and registration information available. We will be selecting to attend either the Mecklenburg/Union Conference at Holy Trinity in Charlotte on February 28th or Iredell Conference at Sharon Lutheran in Statesville on February 21st. The times for both are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The registration fee is \$7.00 the theme is "FREEING YOUR HEART" focusing on exploring forgiveness and learning the importance of forgiving others.

Lutheran World Relief Volunteer Day: Information is available in the WELCA Board for anyone interested in attending. Travel from September 24 – 27, 2015. Arrangements for this tour is made by Christian Tours in Newton, NC.

WELCA meetings are open to all women; please join us for study and fellowship. Please contact Laverne Waskielis @ 704-576-8675 with any questions or for further information.



Music News

Well, here we are in a new year...2015 could be the time for you to become involved in our music and worship ministry! Our Praise Team and Adult Choir are always in need of new voices and instruments, so, if you enjoy singing and/or playing an instrument, why not consider contributing your time and talent to this ministry? Our weekly rehearsal is held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Jubilation, our community-wide gospel choir, will be starting rehearsals on Sunday, February 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This wonderful group of singers is open to anyone that enjoys singing the Lord's praises. No auditions are necessary, all music is provided, and rehearsals are kept to one hour. Interested? Call me at 704-995-1989 or send me an e-mail at sandy@communityinchrist.net.

Children's Choir will be starting back on February 22 at 3:00 p.m. We will begin work on our spring musical, "Arkeology." Children's Choir is open to any child who is in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Our Handbell Choir is reforming! Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Please contact Victoria Norton if you are interested in participating.

This year during Lent we will be producing our "Living Last Supper" drama. This will take place on Wednesday, March 25, and we have open slots for several of the disciples. Won't you consider participating in this moving portrayal of Jesus with His disciples?

We are always in need of people to help with Sunday morning technical support. Training is minimal, and this is a vital ministry for our worship services. Please consider helping!

God is good, and we are so blessed to have so many brothers and sisters here at CIC who so graciously give their time and talent to the Lord's service. Many thanks to all who contribute, and thank you for considering your participation in our wonderful music and worship ministry!

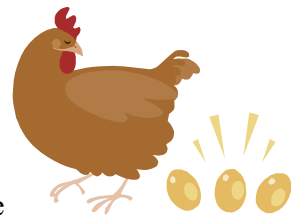


CIC Giving Garden

While it is not Spring yet these last few days have certainly got me itching for warm weather! The Giving Garden will again have plots

available for rent by members of the congregation to try their hand at growing some fresh produce for themselves. A 3x10 foot plot will rent for \$20/season. Included in this price is free advice from Farmer Jon. Please pay Stephanie in the office for your plot. There are a limited number of plots so first come, first served. We will be planting several beds with produce to donate to the Montagnard Mission. Volunteers are always welcome to help tend these garden plots. If you are interested in helping out with the donation beds please contact Farmer Jon at jonzimm@carolina.rr.com or 704-907-6534.

There are several slots open for the egg co-op this year. The shares are \$50/year. New members will be assigned an open day of the week.



Responsibilities include feeding and watering the chickens EVERY WEEK on your assigned day. Farmer Jon will provide an orientation for those of you who are new. Those of you who are continuing on from last year please submit your payment to Stephanie in the office.

We are starting to compost at church. You are invited to save vegetable and fruit scraps throughout the week and bring them to church to put in to the compost bins on Sunday. If you are interested in ordering a special compost bin for this please email Farmer Jon so we can put in a group order. The cost would be about \$20 per bin. If you do bring scraps to compost please toss them in the first bin and cover them with a layer of leaves with the pitchfork. There is no experience necessary to get involved in any of the garden activities.



New Denver Area Bible Study!

Beginning Wednesday, February 25th we will hold a noon time Bible study at Sport's Page in Denver led by Pastor Travis Norton. This Bible Study will be held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to come and bring friends and colleagues as we pause mid week to reflect together on God's Word. The group will also be serving at East Lincoln Christian Ministries together on February 7th.

Please keep all of these efforts in your prayers! And if you live in the Denver area or know someone who does, come and join us!



Happy Times Seniors

Please note that our next luncheon has been moved up to February 11th, the second Wednesday of the month, to avoid interfering with Ash Wednesday which falls on February 18th. We will have lunch at 11:30 am in the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store & Restaurant, 123 Regency Court Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117 (off Exit 36 on I-77). Doris and Bill Hillegass will host the event. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Happy Times bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If our group is large enough we will be eligible for seating in the separate dining area in the restaurant. So please sign up as soon as possible.

A very special thank you to CIC members Gary Samuelson and Jeff Dutton for attending our January planning meeting and presenting the latest updates regarding funding for Thrivent Action Teams focused on specific projects within our church and/or the community. If your idea for a service project, a fundraiser or an educational activity is approved, Thrivent will fund up to \$250 as "seed money" to help cover promotional, production and material expenses. It's a simple process! Many of CIC's ministries and groups could benefit from this program. For more information on how to organize a member-led Thrivent Action Team, identify a project, service or activity and apply for funds, please contact Jeff or Gary. Doris and Bill can also provide information. Other topics covered by Gary or Jeff included Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent member benefits and services.

Happy Times welcomes all who wish to participate. Our annual dues will remain at \$5.00 per person. Joan Garn serves as our treasurer. Contact Doris & Bill Hillegass for more information: 704-892-0156 or hillegassd@bellsouth.net



Thrivent Members Donate to Community In Christ

Thank you to all the Thrivent Financial members who have chosen to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to support our congregation. Last year over \$4,000 was directed to CIC! This year, half that amount has been directed so far, but we still have a couple weeks to go. If you are a Thrivent member please consider asking that your choice dollars be given to support the ministries of CIC. Thank you!



Altar Flowers Ministry

Anna Roth will continue to lead the Altar Flowers Ministry in 2015. However, she would like to have a few volunteers who could fill in for her on occasion if necessary. Please contact Anna at 704-947-5369 if you can help. If you wish to sponsor the flowers, the 2015 Altar Flowers Calendar is posted on the ministry's bulletin board located next to the library bookshelves in the fellowship hall. Now is the best time to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers in celebration of an important milestone, or to honor or memorialize a loved one. February 8th, 15th and the 22nd are open for sponsors. The cost remains at \$40.00 each Sunday. Your check should be made payable to "CIC" with "Altar Flowers" in the memo. You may place your check in the offering plate or give it to Stephanie Wheeler in the church office. Please call Anna if you have questions, have a special floral request or want to volunteer to help with the ministry. Thank you!

CiC Youth

February Calendar

- 2/1-Souper Bowl Fundraiser at Church (No regular Youth Group)
- 2/17-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- 2/18-Ash Wednesday
- 2/20-2/22-Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Lutherock



Don't forget to turn in your Winter Retreat payment by February 6th! Liability forms for the trip and for the Hawksnest Tubing can be found on the Youth page of the Church's website!

YOUTH LINKS

CiC Youth on Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/cicyouth

Instagram: CiC_Youth

Twitter: CiCinNCYouth

Contact Victoria:

Victoria@communityinchrist.net

704-999-2285 (cell)

Join us for our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 17th at 6:30! This is a great family event, with a good dinner, games, and crafts. All money raised will go towards the 2015 Summer Mission Trip to Pocahontas, VA.



2015 Summer Mission Trip Registration Now Open!

Grab your registration brochure in the Narthex or in the Youth Room. The trip is to the Appalachian region of Virginia during the week of July 19th-25th. It's open to all rising 9th graders through 12th graders. Deposit of \$75 is due by March 1st. We will be traveling to this small mining town to help do home repair. I also need adult chaperones with construction/handyman skills!



CIC Health Ministry News

February is Heart Awareness Month.

Have you or someone you love been affected by sudden cardiac death? Sudden cardiac death (SCD) is a leading cause of death among adults over age 40. Approximately 326,200 people of all ages experience an out-of-hospital SCD each year and 9 out of 10 victims die. The use of community automated external defibrillators can help these dire statistics. The CIC Health Ministry Team is looking to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can stop an irregular rhythm and allow normal rhythm to resume in a heart in sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is an abrupt loss of heart function. If it is not treated within minutes, it quickly leads to death. Most sudden cardiac arrests results from ventricular fibrillation. This is a rapid and unsynchronized heart rhythm starting in the heart's lower pumping chambers (the ventricles). The heart must be "defibrillated" quickly because a victim's chance of surviving drops by 7 to 10 percent for every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored. AED's make it possible for more people to respond to a medical emergency where defibrillation is required. Because AED's are portable, they can be used by nonmedical people. They can be made part of emergency response programs that also include rapid use of 9-1-1 and prompt delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All three of these activities are vital to improving survival from cardiac arrest.

The Health Ministry Team feels the purchase of an AED is vitally important, particularly as we grow and open up our doors to the community. Devices cost around \$2000 for the entire set up. \$1000 has been budgeted by the church already. A designated fund will be set up. **Please consider helping us by donating.** Mark your offering as "AED." Additionally, if you have a business that is able to match funds or know of any grant opportunities (or want to write one), please feel free to contact Penny Zimmerman,

Parish Nurse at penzimm@carolina.rr.com or 704-995-1294. Thanks for partnering with us!

Once the AED is purchased CIC will host community CPR classes that will help you learn about CPR

Council Notes

- The CIC Church Council held their regular monthly meeting on January 18, 2015.
- Integration of the formerly separate accounting systems for CIC and CIC's preschool is moving forward.
- Several staff and council members will be attending the Forward Together conference, sponsored by our North Carolina Synod, at the end of January.
- Council reviewed quotations and voted to approve refinishing the church's existing sign.
- Council discussed the possibility of installing additional lighting, to minimize some of the shading, in the choir area of the sanctuary.
- The annual Council and Staff Retreat, planned for February 27th thru March 1st, will take the place of February's regular council meeting.

The Montagnard Mission

We're On The Move!

February finds us in the final phase of moving Mission programs to Charlotte's A Mighty Fortress Lutheran. The calendar of programming remains the same:

- Sunday: Youth Worship
- Monday: Tutoring
- Tuesday: ESL (moves to Mondays this month)

We are thankful for the many volunteers, past and present, whose tireless efforts have created a special place both on Lynn Street and at AMF.



Help Wanted

We have two paid positions open at the Mission. Check out the job descriptions below!

Substitute Van Driver

Drive CIC 's 15-passenger van for Charlotte area pickups as needed.

Qualifications: Experience driving passenger van or utility vehicle, clean driving record, ability to pass criminal background check and random drug tests. Good directional skills a plus. Must enjoy working with children.

*Pay: \$60 flat rate 3-4 hr day (round trip)
(Mostly evenings)*

Program Administrator

Manage and perform the administrative responsibilities of the Montagnard Mission.

Qualifications: Strong organizational skills and administrative experience. Daytime availability to access social media and e-communications a must. Coordinates employee schedules and payroll reporting. Reports to Mission Council.

Pay: \$15/hr 20-24 hrs/month.

Please contact Susan Conlon 704.660.6526 or conlonfamily1@windstream.net.



The Montagnard Mission Council

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CIC INVITING MINISTRIES NEWS



Make 2015 a Year to Explore Ministry!

Great things have been happening at Community in Christ resulting from our congregational commitment to service and outreach. As Pastor Norton has described, a strong ministry serves Up, In and Out. Up to the glory of God, Inward supporting its people and Out for the needs of others.

Involve yourself in a ministry at CIC this year! Try something new, attend an event or participate in a project! Participating in ministry doesn't have to take a lot of time to make a difference! So be it music, worship, tutoring, men's or women's ministry, prayer shawls, health, youth, or something new, lend your hand and be part of His work in our community!

For more information email susan@communityinchrist.net

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT MARCH 13-15, 2015

Our 2015 Annual Retreat will be held March 13-15, 2015! We are headed to Blowing Rock, NC to the Blowing Rock Conference Center! We are so excited that over 40 women have registered to attend this Spring!

Keep an eye out this month for breakout session information and sign ups! We look forward to growing our faith and enriching relationships!



Come out and walk with the Health Ministry Saturday February 21

Saturday walks are coming back! Let's tackle the "winter blahs" head on. Join us on Saturdays once a month! We'll have our first walk at the Greenway behind Birkdale Village and then choose other areas to walk or hike for future weeks. We will gather for a devotion, and then set off. Bring a friend, pet or kids! Meet us behind Fleet Feet at Birkdale 9:00am Saturday February 21!



Darren White - February 1
 Lauren Kowsky - February 3
 Steven Tessier - February 3
 Sean Cleary - February 5
 Johnny Lizzoll - February 6
 Linda Barger - February 7
 Andrew Tomsheck - February 7
 Fred Classey - February 9
 Jonathan Flock - February 9
 Pete Milbery - February 9
 Mack Amick - February 11
 Chad White - February 11

Kim Kennedy - February 12
 Chris Barsuhn - February 15
 Theresa Roberts - February 15
 Bob Edsell - February 17
 Jamie McNeilis - February 18
 Rhonda Douglass - February 19
 Chris Garn - February 20
 Scott Brooks - February 23
 Ellen Block - February 24
 Don Elsass - February 25
 Sandy Rogers - February 27
 Karen Pettit - February 29



Robert & Bonnie Koring - February 7
 Michael & Debbie Davidson - February 9

Ron & Christine Ceccarini - February 20
 John & Linda Muhlbach - February 27

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am-Coffee 9:15am-S.S. 9:30am-Worship/ Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship 12pm-New Mem- ber Class	2 9am-Preschool 7pm-N.M. Choir 8pm-A.A.	3 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30am-O.A.	4 9am-Preschool 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-W.O.W. 7:45pm-Small Groups & Men's Bible Study	5 9am-Preschool 6pm- Montagnard Council 6:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Adult Choir	6 7pm-A.A.	7 10am-A.A.
8 7:30am-Men's Group Breakfast 9am-Coffee 9:15am-S.S. 9:30am-Worship/ Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship 12pm-New Mem- ber Class 5pm-H.S. Youth Group	9 9am-Preschool 7pm-N.M. Choir 7pm-J.A.M.S. 7:30pm- WELCA 8pm-A.A.	10 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 11:45am-Lay Pastor Ministry 6:30pm-Card Ministry 6:30pm-O.A.	11 9am-Preschool 9:30am-CIC ³ Chicks Book Study 11:30am-Happy Times @ Crack- er Barrel 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-W.O.W. 7:45pm-Small Groups & Men's Bible Study	12 9am-Preschool 6:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Adult Choir	13 7pm-A.A.	14 10am-A.A.
15 9am-Coffee 9:15am-S.S. 9:30am-Worship/ Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship 12pm-New Mem- ber Class 5pm-H.S. Youth Group	16 7pm-N.M. Choir 8pm-A.A.	17 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30pm-O.A.	18 9am-Preschool 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-Ash Wednesday Ser- vice	19 9am-Preschool 6:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Adult Choir	20 7pm-A.A.	21 10am-A.A.
22 9am-Coffee 9:15am-S.S. 9:30am-Worship/ Adult S.S. 10:30am-Coffee 11am-Worship 3pm-Children's Choir 5pm-Jubilation Choir 5pm-H.S. Youth Group 6:30pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry	23 9am-Preschool 7pm-N.M. Choir 8pm-A.A.	24 9am-Preschool 10:30am-Bible Study 6:30pm-O.A.	25 9am-Preschool 9:30am-CIC ³ Chicks Book Study 6pm-Soup Sup- per 6:30pm-A.A. 7pm-Worship	26 9am-Preschool 6:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-O.A. 7pm-Adult Choir	27 7pm-A.A.	28 10am-A.A.

*Youth Winter Retreat
Return Sunday
afternoon*

*Council & Staff
Retreat
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Sunday Servants—February

9:30 AM

February 1

Acolyte: Andrew Rinehardt
Crucifer: Evan Rixman
Altar Guild: Jean Agner & Kathy Dutton
Communion Asst: Noelle Bernesser, Bob Liljefors, Debbie Davidson, Beth Jaszewski, Rod & Norma Short, Carol Williams
Greeter: Eileen Wissell
Usher: Tim Nohr, Eileen Wissell
Coffee Cart: Cheryl Vergata **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Karen Pettit
Counters: Heidi Rixman & Stella Ryan

February 8

Acolyte: Jackson Bjork
Crucifer: Heather Scott
Altar Guild: Jean Agner & Kathy Dutton
Communion Asst: Noelle Bernesser, Bob Liljefors, Debbie Davidson, Beth Jaszewski, Rod & Norma Short, Carol Williams
Greeter: Eileen Wissell
Usher: Tim Nohr, Eileen Wissell
Coffee Cart: Cyndi White **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Sondra Sigmon
Counters: Gretchen Hoelscher & Scott Brooks

February 15

Acolyte:
Crucifer: Evan Rixman
Altar Guild: Jean Agner & Kathy Dutton
Communion Asst: Donna Hayes, Pam Spano, Mike & Melissa Jones, Valerie Deabreu
Greeter: Eileen Wissell
Usher: Tim Nohr, Eileen Wissell
Coffee Cart: Ben & Jean Agner **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Jean Agner
Counters: Willaim McGuire & Robert Maxwell

February 22

Acolyte:
Crucifer: Heather Scott
Altar Guild: Jean Agner & Kathy Dutton
Communion Asst: Donna Hayes, Pam Spano, Mike & Melissa Jones, Lars Kullstam
Greeter: Eileen Wissell
Usher: Tim Nohr, Eileen Wissell
Coffee Cart: Laura Anderson **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Stephanie Wheeler
Counters: Donna Good

11:00 AM

February 1

Acolyte:
Crucifer:
Altar Guild: Joanne McCarthy
Communion Asst: Joan Garn, Barbara Eaker, Nancy Black
Greeter: Lucy Price
Usher: John Iversen, Beth Carroll, Carol Moser
Coffee Cart: Cheryl Vergata **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Karen Pettit
Counters: Heidi Rixman & Stella Ryan

February 8

Acolyte:
Crucifer:
Altar Guild: Joanne McCarthy
Communion Asst: Joan Garn, Barbara Eaker, Nancy Black
Greeter: Lucy Price
Usher: John Iversen, Carol Moser
Coffee Cart: Cyndi White **10:30am**
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February 15

Acolyte:
Crucifer: Austin Dameron
Altar Guild: Joanne McCarthy
Communion Asst: Hal & Norma Merrell, Carol Moser
Greeter:
Usher: John Iversen, Beth Carroll, Ron Major
Coffee Cart: Ben & Jean Agner **10:30am**
Bread Baker: Jean Agner
Counters: William McGuire & Robert Maxwell

February 22

Acolyte:
Crucifer:
Altar Guild: Joanne McCarthy
Communion Asst: Hal & Norma Merrell, Carol Moser
Greeter: Louise Walker
Usher: John Iversen, Ron Major
Coffee Cart: Laura Anderson **10:30am**
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Narrative Lectionary Preaching Texts for February



February 1—Matthew 6:7-21
Treasure in Heaven

February 8—Matthew 14:13-33
Feeding 5000

February 15—Matthew 16:24-17:8
Bearing the Cross

February 18, Ash Wednesday—Matthew 18:1-9
Who is the Greatest?


February 22—Matthew 18:15-35
Forgiveness

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