



**Community  
In Christ  
Lutheran Church**

# CIC NEWS

**August 2017**

Serving the Lake Norman area since 1977

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## **Fall Kick -Off Picnic!**

**August 27th - starts right after service**

Burgers, Hotdogs  
Mac & Cheese  
Beans  
Grilled Corn on the Cob  
Dessert



Please RSVP in the attendance books or via email to the church office ([swheeler@communityinchrist.net](mailto:swheeler@communityinchrist.net)) so that we have an idea of how many to expect so we can make sure to have enough food.

*If there are dietary restrictions please let us know ahead of time so we can try to accommodate.*



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 & 11:00 am on Sundays. We have a Wednesday evening worship at 7 pm. Communion is served at all services. Adult Sunday School is at 9:00 AM. Children's Sunday school is at 9:15 am. An open invitation is extended to everyone to share our joy of Christian fellowship in worship and life.



## ***From the Pastor's Desk.....***

I don't know about you but I've had a BUSY summer. But it's been a good busy, a very good busy! Last summer I was on sabbatical, resting, playing, reading, visiting other churches and dreaming about the future.

This summer, which marks my 10th year as a pastor at Community in Christ, I've been working with the staff and leadership to lay the groundwork for the next chapter in our congregation. We've met with architects to flesh out the future of our campus and develop a master plan. We've created new momentum for our outreach ministries with special emphasis on feeding the hungry. We're training 9 small group leaders to lead our Aspen groups which will launch this fall and we've hired a new Director of Inviting Ministries! Exciting stuff. God is at work at CIC and I'm so glad to be here with you to experience all that He has in store for us. Stay tuned!

-Pastor Travis



## **Introducing Carol Swing our new Director of Inviting Ministries**

We are excited to announce that we've hired Carol Swing to serve as our next Director of Inviting Ministries. Carol and her husband Steve have been visiting Community in Christ since moving here from Frisco, Texas earlier this year. Carol has been an active volunteer in many areas in the Lutheran churches she's been a member of including Rejoice Lutheran in Frisco and Atonement Lutheran in Overland Park, Kansas. She's been a part of the Evangelism team, Welcome Committee, Property team, Payer team, Alpha, Financial Peace University, Marriage mentoring and many outreach programs serving the poor and hungry in her community. She has a passion for outreach and has already begun volunteering at Angels and Sparrows.

In her application for the position Carol writes "My faith is strong and I love having a church family that surrounds me with love and support. It's hard these days to work where people are not the most important part of what you do. We have a tendency to replace our human connections and relationships with technology, but the Director of Inviting ministry position is mainly about PEOPLE and helping them find the connections that are most necessary in their lives. ..Who and where I am in my spiritual life goes hand in hand with the people centered position of inviting ministries."

Carol will begin August 1st and will oversee the Aspen Small Group Ministry and help greet visitors to CIC and help new people get connected to the great community we have here. Since she's new the congregation it will take some time for her to get to know everyone and to know who's a member and who's a guest. So please introduce yourself and tell her your story and connection to our congregation.



## Introducing Aspen Groups CIC's Small Group Ministry

Do you want to make new friends?

Would you like to grow in your knowledge of the Bible?

Do you hope our church can welcome and care for all who come?

These are just some of the things our new Aspen Small Groups will aim to accomplish. An Aspen group is a small group of 7-15 people who meet in homes during the week to get to know one another, discuss Sunday's scripture, apply the lessons learned to real life and listen to and pray for one another.

At the time of this writing we have small groups ready to begin in September. Here are the options currently available. More will be added according to need and leadership. Sign up be-

ginning August 20th.

1st & 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm led by Mark Myers (Latta Springs). First meeting 9/18

1st & 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm led by Kathy Shugarman (Denver) First meeting 10/3

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm led by Marci Langan (Near Hopewell, Huntersville) First meeting 9/20

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm led by Kathy & Paul Miller (Davidson) First meeting 9/21

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00pm led by Scott Wood (Victoria Bay, Cornelius) First meeting 9/14

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm led by Susan Kullstam (Birkdale) First meeting 9/14

Please pray about taking that step of faith and joining an Aspen Group. Can you imagine if our whole congregation were meeting, praying and helping each other apply what we learn on Sunday to our daily lives? Let's make it happen! Contact Carol Swing for more information [carol@communityinchrist.net](mailto:carol@communityinchrist.net).



Give yourself or someone you love the gift of Financial Peace. The next class starts August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come join the many members of CIC who have taken the class and are winning with money.

- "Life changing! Very rewarding! Teach your kids" -Laura Anderson
- "It was the best thing for our marriage" – Pastor Travis
- "I took this class a couple of years ago, now I'm facilitating because it changed my life that much." – Connie Huwe

Go to <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1043718> to register. You can purchase and pick up your materials directly from CIC. Cost for materials is \$99. Make the check payable to Community In Christ with Financial Peace in the memo or pay online through the website (using your debit card or checking account not your credit card - it's the Dave Ramsey way) and use the other code and note it is for Financial Peace. We look forward to seeing you there!

## A Summer Stewardship Message

*2 Corinthians 9:7 says,*

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Ah, summer—the time of year where families take to the white sandy beaches and salty ocean air of the nearest coast for vacations. The lake is overcrowded with boats, and sleeping in late is a vacation all to itself. For some of us, this means missing the church service on Sundays. But the congregation never takes a vacation. Christian stewardship is an ongoing, joyous activity of managing all things for God. God's way, every day and consistent giving ensures our stability throughout the entire year. Please take a minute to prayerfully consider "catching up" on your giving this summer. And as always, if you are away, take time to do a daily devotion and invite your vacationing friends to join you!



## Council Notes



The CIC Council held regular meetings on June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>, where several items of significance were discussed and acted upon.

Council discussed strategies and direction for filling the Director of Inviting Ministries role. Based on feedback and discussions with staff, council also was asked to consider whether it would be beneficial to create an additional part time position that would be dedicated to communications tasks and electronic media. Council decided that it would be appropriate to fill the Director of Inviting Ministries role only at this time, and to consider funding the separate communications position in next year's budget.

Council was briefed about candidates who applied for the Director of Inviting Ministries position, and then gave approval to Pastor Travis Norton to offer the role to the candidate of his choosing.

Council voted to engage ADW Architects, for a price not exceeding \$9000, to prepare a master plan for renovations and additions to our church campus. The master plan would then be used to provide direction for future projects. Funds for the creation of the master plan will be drawn from the current capital campaigns fund balance.

Council voted to approve spending up to \$5000 for items to improve the Spirit Center for Children's Sunday School, and for CIC Preschool. The items will all be movable and will not likely be made obsolete by future renovations to the Spirit Center. Funding for this project will be provided by preschool revenues.

Council discussed a potential budget amendment to provide additional support for the Montagnard Mission. The mission has not received grant funding at the same level as in previous years and is expected to have a budget shortfall of approximately \$4000 for the year. Rather than asking for a budget amendment at this time, Council would like to appeal to the congregation to consider making additional designated contributions to help make up for the shortfall.

The finance committee presented a proposed cash management policy that was then approved by the Council. Council also asked the finance committee to consider development of an investment policy.

The finance committee also presented a proposal to change CIC's fiscal year on order to make it possible to align the preschool's accounting and budgeting with the church as a whole. The 2017-2018 fiscal year will begin on December 1, 2017 but will be shortened to 7 months. The 2018-2019 fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2018 and will end on June 30, 2019. After discussion, Council voted to approve of the finance committee's recommended fiscal year change.

The CIC Council is pleased with the continuing strong financial position of Community in Christ. Undesignated gifts to CIC, through the end of June, were \$29,752 ahead of the year to date budget. However, it's important to keep in mind that the new full time youth director position was partially funded from separate gifts and unused funds from 2016. Also at the end of June, CIC's cash position included \$70,462 available for general use and \$57,067 in designated funds.

### Prayers for

**Prayers for Members:** Tom Tuffy, Suzette Iskander, Vernon Hedrick, Marilyn Tillman, Chuck Hill, Maia Bottemiller, Willie Hudson, Tracy Rubrecht, Nina Olszewski, Bonnie Koring, Jan Hamilton

**Prayers for friends & relatives of members:** Wayne and Ramona Galloway (Laura Anderson's parents), Parker Cowherd (Pastor Carl & Debra Yost's grandson/Allison & Jon Cowherd's son), Dan Snyder (Karen Snyder's brother-in-law), David Thurman & Jit Romah (friends of Ron Major), Mel Huwe (Connie Huwe's sister-in-law), Chris Truesdale (friend of Colleen Karpovitz), Anna & Bill Roth's granddaughter, Katlyn (Sarah Sterzbach's student), Jim Brady (Linda Dumizo's brother), Chuck & Lori (friends of Pat & Scott Wood), Bob Shugarman (Bob Shugarman's father), Pat McGovern (friend of Chad Pearson), Shirley and Don Holtz (new to the area), Tony Norton (Pastor Travis's father), Laurie Higgins (Gary Samuelson's girlfriend), Tina (friend of Beth Jaszewski), Melissa Hammond (friend of Jon & Penny Zimmerman), Anita Eller (Ron Major's cousin), Judy Ross (friend of Laverne Waskielis)

**The Lay Pastors meet monthly to pray for all people on the list.**  
**Please submit all prayer requests to the office at**  
**swheeler@communityinchrist.net or 704-892-0120**



### Happy Times Group

Our August luncheon will be hosted by Reidunn Ostergaard at the "House of Taipei", located at 16500 Northcross Drive (behind Bob Evans), Huntersville, N. C. 28078. on Wednesday, August 16th beginning at 11:30am. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or the Happy Times Bulletin Board in Karriker Hall. Please RSVP by August 13th. Happy Times is open to all ages and we especially invite new CIC members and Visitors. 'Come and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship! For more information about the luncheon or our group, contact Ron Major (704) 622 0517 or HunterRon35@hotmail.com

**Save the Dates:** All the 2017 luncheons are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month except for the Christmas luncheon which will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.



### CIC Giving Garden

The peppers and tomatoes are ripening quickly! To date we have taken 89 pounds of produce. Deliveries are made on Mondays & Thursdays. If you would like to help with the picking and/or delivering please contact Stephanie in the church office.

The hens are very busy laying eggs. They are available for purchase through the church office or on Sunday mornings during the coffee time for \$5 a dozen. Any that are not purchased are brought to the Ada Jenkins Food Pantry. To date we have donated 7 dozen eggs!

If you are interested in learning more speak with Stephanie Wheeler in the church office or Jonathan Zimmerman. Swheeler@communityinchrist.net or jonzimm@carolina.rr.com.

### Lay Pastors

Our purpose is to assist the pastor in serving the members of the church and our outreach families.

We regularly pray for all those requesting prayer, make home visits, send birthday cards to the congregation. Upon request, we distribute communion.

We want everyone to know that CIC cares about them and wants them to have a sense of belonging. We observe confidentiality with private matters.

The Lay Pastors meet monthly. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact, Pastor Travis or Ron Major, at (704) 622-0517 or hunterron35@hotmail.com.



### Flower Ministry

The 2017 Flower Chart is posted! If you would like to sponsor flowers for the sanctuary, please sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone in someone's life or show Glory to God. The cost is \$50 for 2 vases. You can take the flowers home after services on Sunday if you wish (please return the plastic cup they come in) to enjoy in your home.



### **CIC Card Ministry**

The Card Ministry was created to provide the lay pastors cards to send to people who need them, for sympathy, encouragement, congratulations, etc... You do not have to be a veteran card-maker, just be willing to make the cards that our expert designers create for us. We need YOU!!! Please join us on Tuesday, August 8, at 3 pm and August 22, at 6:30 pm in the Spirit Center. For more info call Anne Randolph at 704-596-3168 or email her at arand86@bellsouth.net.



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - please join us! The group and its activities are open to all CIC members, friends, and visitors regardless of age or ability!

This ministry meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at **4:00pm** in the CIC Adult Classroom, and every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm in the CIC small classroom near the Spirit Center.

The CIC Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully weaves God's love and peace into shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer cloths that serve as a physical reminders of God's unconditional love, support, and presence in our lives.

During the month of August, the group will focus on making hats and scarfs for the Church on the Street ministry. Church on the Street provides Sunday morning breakfast to homeless people in Charlotte. The hats and scarves will be given to the clients of this ministry during the upcoming winter months.

For more information, contact Kathy Dutton (mamabissy@gmail.com) or Diana Elssas (dianaelsass@gmail.com).

**August 2017 Meeting Dates:**

**Sundays: August 13 & 27**

**Wed: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**



### **Preschool News**

**Playground Mulch Spreading and Clean-up Day!**

**August 5th**

**8:00AM**

**Many hands make light work!**

**Join us!**

There are openings in the 3 year old classes for the 2017/2018 school year. If you know of anyone looking for a Christian preschool - send them this way! Sharon will be happy to give a tour!

The children will soon be back for another exciting year at preschool! One of the things they like most is when people come to read to them. If you would like to get to know the children by being a reader, please contact Sharon and let her know. Sharon picks out the books for you - and will take you to the classroom. Readers come on Thursdays at 10 am.

Link your VIC card if you haven't already. The preschool number is **5638**. You must re-link and you can link up to five schools.

For information about the preschool or summer camp please contact:

Sharon Fuller, Preschool Director  
sfuller9564@gmail.com



## Help Needed on August 6th

People have been busy behind the scenes getting the education and office portion of our campus ready for a new year of preschool and Sunday school. Rooms have been painted, walls washed and the floors will be cleaned and buffed soon! On August 6th after church we need many hands and muscles to help move everything out of the classrooms and fellowship hall. Those that have helped in past years, your guidance and help would be greatly appreciated!

And....yes.... This will need to be done in reverse after the floors are finished. Thank you for your help!



## Women's Ministries

**“Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America” WELCA:** We will resume our monthly meetings on September 11th. For the month of August a change was made in the restaurant selected. We will gather for fellowship on Monday, August 14th, at 6:30 PM at “ACITO ITALIAN RESTAURANT” in Huntersville.

WELCA activities are open to all women; please join us for fellowship. Please contact Laverne Waskielis @ 704-576-8675 for further information. Please send a text or an email if you are planning to attend the August diner. Email address is: [ltwaskielis@msn.com](mailto:ltwaskielis@msn.com)

**Angels & Sparrows:** We continue to volunteer at the Angels & Sparrow’s Soup Kitchen in 2017. Our dates to work will be on any month that has a fifth Monday. The remaining date for 2017 is October 30<sup>st</sup>.

**“Box Tops for Education”** - We are collecting “Box tops for education” and sending them to the Crossnore School and Children’s Home. They can be placed on the WELCA board or given to Louise Walker.

**CIC<sup>3</sup> Chicks:** No events are planned for August. Enjoy these summer days - the hustle and bustle of getting kids ready for school will be upon us soon! Every woman of the church and their friends are welcome to attend any and all events. If you have an event idea for upcoming months, contact president, Emily Cunningham at [emilycunning@gmail.com](mailto:emilycunning@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Morning Book Study:** We will be taking a hiatus for the summer. Join us in September for the book “*Accidental Saints*” by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Look for the start date soon.

## Music News

### **Sing a Song of Christmas!**

As part of our Advent/Christmas worship this year, the CIC music team will be presenting the cantata “A Manger Suite,” featuring songs by Michael W. Smith and arranged by David Hamilton. This lovely 20-minute choral celebration of the birth of our Savior will involve adult singers and children’s choir and is open to anyone who would be interested in participating. One-hour rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons in the sanctuary beginning September 17, and the cantata will be presented during morning worship on Sunday, December 17. For a complete schedule of rehearsal dates and times, please contact Sandy ([sandy@communityinchrist.net](mailto:sandy@communityinchrist.net).)

### ***Uncle Phil’s Returns!***

Plans are underway to open a diner at CIC - “Uncle Phil’s,” that is! “Uncle Phil’s Diner” is an interactive dinner theatre for outreach and provides an opportunity for non-church goers to attend an enjoyable event at church. Yes, Christians can and do have fun! The production is set in a 1950’s diner, with the story centering around the character of Uncle Phil and his acceptance of grace and forgiveness. Great music, dancing, and cheeseburgers make the evening complete! This production is open to anyone who would like to participate from middle schoolers to adult. Our first rehearsal will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. (If you can’t make the first rehearsal, don’t worry... just plan to attend the following week.) Rehearsals will be held each Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Performance dates are Friday, September 29, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 1, at 5:00 pm. Be there or be square!



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Welcome Community in Christ parents, friends and first time visitors,

What a fantastic summer we have had, water day games and bouncy houses to hosting Day Camp for the first time. I, along with the Sunday school team are so excited about the upcoming year. Great changes are in the motion. I would like to first share with you our Sunday school theme this year "God keeps His promises and so do we." We have made changes to the children's worship space to remind us of His Promises and our Promises. Family worship CD's are available that allow you and your child to enjoy the same music from our worship time together.

Things you should know: Sunday school will kick off on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school registration is open. You can go online and register your student. See details in upcoming email.

Things you should do soon:

- Introduction email, shoot me an email at [deandre@communityinchrist.net](mailto:deandre@communityinchrist.net) to confirm I have the right email for you and your family. While you're at it tell me a little about your family and student or students (birthday, age, grade, allergies and etc).
- Make sure to register your 2-3 year old for Frolic and your Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grader for Sunday school (An email with instructions on how to do that will be coming soon).
- Also be sure to subscribe to our **Remind APP Group. Text @pk12345 to 81010.**

Thank you for making Community in Christ a community where our children can grow together in their faith together.

Deandre Dukes  
Director of Children and Youth Ministries  
[Deandre@communityinchrist.net](mailto:Deandre@communityinchrist.net)

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday School Registration opened July 30<sup>th</sup>!
- August 27<sup>th</sup> Blessings of backpacks
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Lazy 5 Ranch & Lunch: Please RSVP if plan to attend
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday School kickoff





## High School & Middle School Youth

Wow, what an impactful summer it has been for our middle school and high school students. From campfirmation to helping lead our first Day Camp and recently returning from our annual high school mission trip. Let's keep the momentum going CIC youth. Check out what we have coming up and ways you can get involved.

### Opportunities for youth to engage in ministry - Sunday School needs :

- Children's Worship Arts team- (See Deandre For Details).
- Teacher Assistants- (See Deandre for Details).
- Children's Sermon for the Traditional Service- (Must be a High School student).



### Upcoming events:

- August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Spiritus Youth Retreat. The retreat will be at Fort Caswell in Oak Island, NC. Cost is \$165. There will be a live band, wonderful food and 1000 other young believers. You don't want to miss this!
- September 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 we need volunteers(3-4) to help with the Pre-school Fall Festival. This is a great way to get service hours if you need them.
- There is a concert **December 17<sup>th</sup>** featuring the Newsboys, Sidewalk prophets and other groups. If you are interested in attending please let me know. Tickets are \$20.00

## Reflections from our 2017 Mission Trip



"...yesterday we cleaned 3 miles worth of side streets and shoreline!! Although we were not looking for praise, those who thanked us recognized the need and our service." -Emily Tomscheck

"This trip has been wonderful so far. I am so happy I decided to come. The kids are amazing, every little thing makes them smile. The smallest thing like making a paper air plane gets them going..." -Billy Aristide

We have been in Chicago for three days now and we have already been exposed to a variety of cultures through the church service, our daily walks and vacation bible school. Yesterday, I also had a wonderful God sighting.

Debbie, met a homeless women named Melissa who was in need of a sweatshirt and water. Myself along with four others went outside to greet her and learn her story while giving her a sweatshirt and two water bottles which she was very thankful for. She then gave my sister and I a hug and started to cry. She was very thankful and I am glad I could make a small impact in her life. -Madi Tomscheck

Today I went to a Hindu contextualized service. It was a very interesting experience. It was a totally different way of worshiping. It was nothing compared to what I was used to. That night we were assigned to do a service project where we went to go clean up a street that was poorly maintained. We pulled weeds and picked up trash. Once we had completed that it was a lot cleaner. It felt really good. -Adam Zimmerman

Hey y'all! Now that is something you don't hear on the Chicago streets for sure! Although the people might not be the friendliest on the planet, this week has been one of the most spiritually filling weeks of my life and my relationship with God has soared to new heights I never even imagined. To say the least, God has exceeded my expectations this week. Thursday night Deandre was telling us that God will always give us more than what we pray for... and after that lesson everything clicked about this week. Before this trip, I had hoped for a eye-opening experience to renew my faith with Jesus. But during this trip I had realized towards the end of it how much more God did to me during these eight days. Not only have I just renewed my faith, I grew more comfortable talking to random strangers, (sorry Mom, but most strangers were nice,) and to allow myself to listen to the Holy Spirit in me to represent the hands and feet of Jesus.

-Caroline R.

# Outreach

*As part of CIC's desire to live the life of Jesus following the model of UP/IN/OUT we aim "to share what God has given us to build our relationship with the community."*

*In May 2017 we set three goals to be achieved by May 2022*

- 1) Feed 1,000 hungry people annually*
- 2) Help 10,000 people in need*
- 3) Become a tithing congregation, giving 10% of our offerings to organizations local and synodically who are doing God's good work.*



## Rise Up Against Hunger

**CIC to make 10,000 meals for the hungry!**

- **September 10th as part of God's Work Our Hands Sunday**
- **40-80 Volunteers in the Fellowship hall from 11:30-1:30**
  - **Sign up online at [www.communityinchrist.net](http://www.communityinchrist.net) Feeding Ministries to reserve your spot**
- **Fundraising Goal of \$3,000 to pay for the meals. Mark your donations "Rise Up Against Hunger"**

## Fill the Shopping Cart with Breakfast items!

In our efforts to feed the hungry and help the needy, CIC has placed a new shopping cart in the narthex to collect food to be delivered to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry at the Ada Jenkins center. **In August, we will focus on breakfast items.** Please help us fill the cart with items like: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup (please no glass bottles or jars) etc.

In July, we collected over 138 lbs. of proteins that were delivered to the food pantry. Let's continue to be generous this month with things for breakfast!



## Thank You From Habitat For Humanity

I just wanted to say thank you to your congregation for your incredible support this year of Our Towns Habitat. Community in Christ clearly has a heart and passion for putting God's love into action in our local communities and that's so wonderful to see and to experience! Thank you all for the work that you do and I look forward to our continued partnership and mission!

Amy Freeze  
Our Towns Habitat for Humanity

# ***The Montagnard Mission***

## **Giving Opportunity**

The Montagnard Mission Tutoring Program continues to serve students in grades k-12 every Monday night at AMF. Thanks to your past generosity, our stock of basic school supplies is in good shape. As our families become more financially able, we want to give them the opportunity to provide their children with back to school items and then help where there are unexpected items or expenses. Often the generic supply lists sent out by the schools change with individual teacher assignments and things are either no longer needed or added after classes begin. There are also times during the school year when surprise expenses arise. Art supplies, project boards and things for experiments and research, field trips and other things required by the school are difficult things for which to budget.

We are asking this year, in lieu of specific school supplies to consider a monetary donation. Once we see what items our students actually need, we can purchase and distribute them on a tutoring nights. We will also keep funds in reserve to help when incidental needs arise.

We are grateful for your past support of our program and thank you in advance for helping these students again in the fall.

We would love to have you come tutor with us, too!

Please earmark your contribution "Tutoring Program" and feel free to send in supplies as well. If you have question, please contact Lauren at [laurenmillner@roadrunner.com](mailto:laurenmillner@roadrunner.com). (704) 517-8041

## **Thank you!**

The Montagnard Mission Tutoring Program would like to extend our thanks to those of you who helped our students go to the Riverbanks Zoo. Your generosity enabled us to reward thirteen students for consistently attending tutoring sessions during the school year. We had a great day! Special thanks to Doug Wells from AMF for driving the van, and to our chaperones for braving the heat. Some pictures of our day are on the next page:)

We tutor on Monday nights during the school year at AMF from 5:30-7:00. We always need volunteers. We are especially in need of high school tutors as ours graduated this year.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in learning more about our program, please contact Lauren Millner ([laurenmillner@roadrunner.com](mailto:laurenmillner@roadrunner.com)).

### ***Upcoming events***

August 13      Montagnard Sunday (CIC)  
September 18      Tutoring resumes at AMF

A Mighty Fortress  
8200 McClure Circle  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
704-392-6214

Monday Tutoring - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

### **The Montagnard Mission Council**

*Kim Cornellier and Lauren Millner, Executive Team*

Bethani Ka, *Praise Team*  
Doug Wells, *AMF Liaison*  
Deandre Dukes, *Youth Advisor*

Stella Ryan, *Financial Secretary*  
Lori Garland, *CIC Liaison*  
Pastor Travis Norton, *ad hoc member*



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Carmen Schultz	August 1
Doug Easton	August 1
Ryan Kehoe	August 2
Heidi Rixman	August 4
Eileen Jackson	August 5
Christine Block	August 5
Wesley Magnuson	August 5
Anne Randolph	August 6
Rosalia Finlay	August 7
Jeff Pugliese	August 8
Alexis McNeilis	August 8
Thomas Finlay	August 9
Marshall Blackwell	August 9
Laurie Street	August 10
Noelle Bernesser	August 11
Caroline Rinehardt	August 11
Karla Lever	August 13
Doris Hillegass	August 15
James Murphy	August 15
Mike Jones	August 17
Todd Brown	August 17
Scott Wood	August 18

Cheryl Armstrong	August 18
Becky Metcalf	August 19
Dawn Deinert	August 19
Kaiti Mrak	August 19
Cyndi Ball	August 21
Christa Eccher	August 21
Brook Cardwell	August 21
Jacob Canady	August 22
Kathryn Puls	August 23
Connie Huwe	August 23
John Shuping	August 24
Eric Wirsén	August 24
Sam Garn	August 24
Megan Rinehardt	August 24
Barbara Murphy	August 26
Lisa Nageotte	August 28
Holly Bernesser	August 28
Marilyn Tillman	August 30
Diane Stevenson	August 30
Vernon Hedrick	August 31
William McNeilis	August 31
Courtney Pittsonberger	August 31



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<i>August 1</i>	<i>Jeff &amp; Caitlin Moen</i>	<i>August 20</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Colleen Karpovitz</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>August 5</i>	<i>Andrew &amp; Karen Frank</i>	<i>August 24</i>
<i>August 6</i>	<i>Larry &amp; Lisa Nageotte</i>	<i>August 24</i>
<i>August 7</i>	<i>Tim &amp; Jane Nohr</i>	<i>August 24</i>
<i>August 14</i>	<i>Randell &amp; Theresa Roberts</i>	<i>August 29</i>
<i>August 15</i>	<i>Whit &amp; Sue Bird</i>	<i>August 31</i>

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>9:00am</b> -Adult S.S. <b>9:30am</b> -Coffee <b>10:00am</b> -Worship <b>11am</b> -Adult S.S. <i>*Every Sunday unless otherwise noted</i>		<b>1</b> <b>9am</b> -Preschool Camp <b>10:30am</b> -Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A.	<b>2</b> <b>9am</b> -Preschool Camp <b>1:30pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A.	<b>3</b> <b>9am</b> -Preschool Camp <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A.	<b>4</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>5</b> <b>8am</b> -Preschool Playground workday <b>10am</b> —A.A. <b>5:30pm</b> -A.A. dinner & speaker
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A. <b>7pm</b> -Denver Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Bible Study <b>11:45am</b> -Lay Pastor Meeting <b>3pm</b> -Card Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -Financial Peace	<b>9</b> <b>1:30pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A.	<b>10</b> <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A.	<b>11</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>12</b> <b>10am</b> -A.A. <b>1pm</b> -G.S.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A./Alanon
<b>13</b> <b>4pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5pm</b> -Uncle Phil Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>6:30pm</b> -WELCA at Acito Italian Restaruant <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>15</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -Financial Peace	<b>16</b> <b>11:30am</b> -Happy Times @ House of Taipai <b>1:30pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A.	<b>17</b> <b>6:30</b> -O.A. <b>7pm</b> -Adult Choir	<b>18</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>19</b> <b>10am</b> -A.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A./Alanon
<b>20</b> <b>5pm</b> -Uncle Phil Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>6pm</b> -North Meck Choir Open House <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>22</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -Financial Peace <b>6:30pm</b> -Card Minsitry	<b>23</b> <b>1:30pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A.	<b>24</b> <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>7pm</b> -Adult Choir	<b>25</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A.	<b>26</b> <b>10am</b> -A.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A./Alanon
<b>27</b> <b>4pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>5pm</b> -Uncle Phil Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>7pm</b> -A.A. <b>7pm</b> -North Meck Choir	<b>29</b> <b>10:30am</b> -Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>6:30pm</b> -Financial Peace	<b>30</b> <b>1:30pm</b> -Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:30pm</b> -A.A.	<b>31</b> <b>6:30pm</b> -O.A. <b>7pm</b> -Adult Choir		

# August Service Blocks

## ALTAR GUILD

### 10:00 AM

- 6 Beth Carroll  
13 Beth Carroll  
20 Shirley McNeilis  
27 Shirley McNeilis

## USHER

### 10:00AM

- 6 Tim Nohr, Steve Miller, Bob Liljefors, Gary Samuelson, Matt Flanders  
13 Tim Nohr, Ron Major, PK Ksor, Gary Samuelson, Steve Miller, Bob Liljefors  
20 Tim Nohr, Steve Miller, Bob Liljefors, Gary Samuelson, Andrew Rinehardt  
27 Tim Nohr, Steve Miller, Bob Liljefors, Gary Samuelson, Samantha Nohr

## COFFEE CART

9 am - Stella Ryan

## BREAD BAKER

- 6 Sharon Kautz  
13 Cyndi Ball  
20 Sondra Sigmon  
27 Stephanie Wheeler

## COUNTERS

- 6 Colleen Karpovitz  
13 Colleen Karpovitz & Marci Langan  
20 Robert Maxwell  
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## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

### 10:00AM

- 6 Valerie Deabreu, Kevin Anderson, Paul & Kathy Miller, Donna Hayes, Susan Kullstam, Lucy Price  
13 Valerie Deabreu, Kevin Anderson, Paul & Kathy Miller, Donna Hayes, Susan Kullstam, Lucy Price  
20 Jeff Moen, Luther Beaver, Shari Gomilla, Dawn Deinert, Jeff Kautz, Eileen Wissell, Lloyd Somers  
27 Jeff Moen, Luther Beaver, Shari Gomilla, Dawn Deinert, Jeff Kautz, Rick & Jackie Lowden

## Greeter

### 10:00AM

- 6 Eileen Wissell  
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20 Eileen Wissell  
27 Louise Walker

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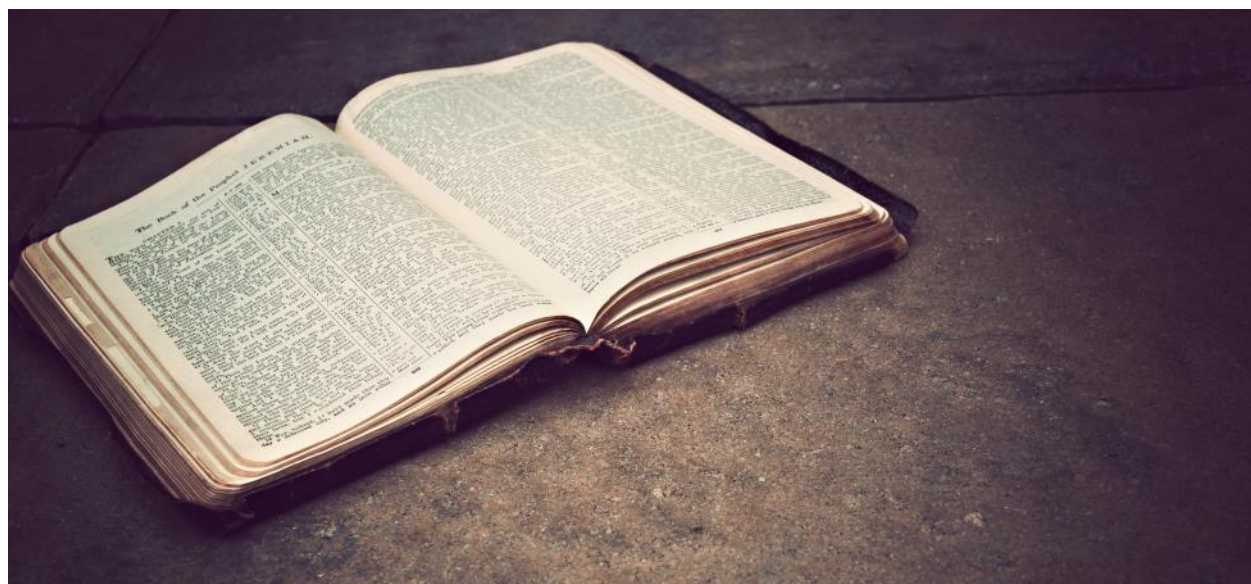
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