

The Weekly Update
July 31, 2026



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Our C&C Youth and their chaperones have returned from an incredible week of serving at Spark D'well! We hope you've been following along on our social media this week to see the many ways they shared God's love and experienced faith in action. This Sunday, our youth will lead the message during worship as they reflect on their mission trip, sharing stories, lessons learned, and the ways God worked through their experiences. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate all that God accomplished through this meaningful week of service.

Youth Gathering Fundraiser @ the Yard Sale!

The ELCA Youth Gathering is now less than a year away, and our fundraising efforts are underway! On August 1, we'll be partnering with Miriam Circle to sell donuts, sourdough bread, treats & coffee during the church yard sale. We need volunteers between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you can help for all or part of that time, please let Pastor Melody know what hours you're available.

Carowinds Trip

Several youth have expressed interest in taking a trip to Carowinds before school starts. If you'd like to go, please reach out to Pastor Melody to let her know you are interested and which dates would work best for you and your schedule!

Celebration of Life Planning Sunday!



Join us for a special afternoon of planning, fellowship, and peace of mind. Whether you're creating your Celebration of Life plans for the first time, or simply want to review and refresh the choices you made last year, this event is for you.

Representatives from local funeral homes will be available to answer questions and provide guidance through the planning process, making it easy to explore your options and complete important details. Larry will also be on hand to play a selection of beloved hymns, helping inspire your music selections for your service.

Give yourself—and your loved ones—the gift of having your wishes in place, all while surrounded by your church family. Everyone is welcome! RSVP using the link below!



SUMMER SERIES
Sun, Soil & Soul:
A Summer of Growing in Faith!

**RSVP USING
THE LINK
BELOW!**

August 16: Sow & Go!

We are called to share faith and spread hope. Celebrate the end of summer with great food, bluegrass music, and the Great Commission. Then roll up your sleeves as we serve others through Operation Sandwich, putting our faith into action.

FREE ALZHEIMER'S & GERIATRIC CARE SEMINAR

Do you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another age-related illness? Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care is offering a free educational seminar designed to provide practical information, guidance, and support for caregivers. This one-hour seminar will feature a geriatric physician who will share valuable information about Alzheimer's disease and other conditions affecting older adults. The evening includes 30 minutes of educational information & 30 minutes of questions and answers. Whether you are a caregiver, have a loved one living with dementia, or simply want to learn more, this seminar is an excellent opportunity to receive trusted information, ask questions, and discover resources that can help reduce the stress and challenges of caregiving.

This event is free, but reservations are requested by August 11.

To RSVP, call 704-576-4754 or email Nate@blessedadultcare.org.

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
CARRIE BOAN
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
BECKY CARTER
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES

HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
SUE PAPACHARALAMBOUS
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
JOE & CRISS UCMAN
JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Larry Black, Roger Black's brother
Jim Carty, Suzy Wleznia's brother
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
John Lawler, Cathy Rudolph's father
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
Karen Mulford, Christine Meiss' sister
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
Kimberly Bell O'Day, friend of Claudia Eybl
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
Brian Orton
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Jonathan Pierce, Debra Cox's brother
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
Michel Roberge, Jason Roberge's father
Ray Sipe, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Mindy Sopher, friend of David & Debra Cox
Joanne Varum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

Coming up this week...

Tuesday, August 4: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
7 pm- Worship & Music Comm.
Wednesday, August 5: 7 am- Breakfast Club
1 pm- Mahjong
Thursday, August 6: 7 pm- Evening Book Club

Happy Birthday

Emily Ferguson
Kati Goode
Behzad Vaqar
Brandon Prickett
Pete Shepler

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If we have missed your birthday, PLEASE email LeAnne @ office@crossandcrown.org so we can add your birthday to our list.

Changed Choices Reentry Simulation

Changed Choices is partnering with the NC Department of Corrections to host a Re-Entry Simulation. This interactive simulation should be of interest to anyone who would like to learn more about the challenges confronting those returning to society following incarceration. If interested in carpooling or going as a group, please contact Cathy Kozlinski. Scan the QR Code to register.

Thursday, August 20th from 1-3 pm at Steele Creek Church

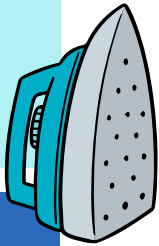


SCAN TO RSVP!

Or use the link below!

Did you miss the beginner Mahjong classes we held in the Spring?

Don't despair, we will be holding a class on Wednesday, August 12th from 9:30 - 11:30 am. If you have friends outside of church, who are interested in learning, they are welcome. Please rsvp to Carole Stojetz at cestrojetz@carolina.rr.com. We hold regular play on Wednesday afternoons from 1- 3 pm. Note we will not be playing on July 29th due to the yard sale.



Altar Cloth Care Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to help care for the altar cloths used in our sanctuary by ironing them after they have been washed. This is a simple but meaningful way to serve, and it's only needed about five times a year (or whenever the linens are cleaned). If you enjoy helping behind the scenes and would be willing to assist with this ministry, please contact Annette Downey. Thank you for considering this special way to care for our worship space.

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP:
SEPTEMBER 12TH