

# CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Newsletter November — December 2019

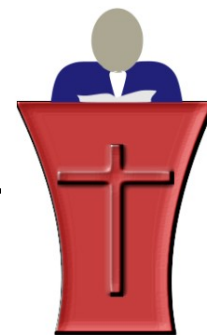
*On the following pages you will find  
reports from our committee chairs. Enjoy!*

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## Pastor's Perspective



“Never was so much owed by so many to so few.” ~Winston Churchill

“In happy moments, PRAISE GOD. In difficult moments, SEEK GOD. In quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD. In painful moments, TRUST GOD. Every moment, THANK GOD.” ~Rick Warren

“We celebrate the First Advent to whet our appetites for the Second. We long for the next coming.” ~Max Lucado

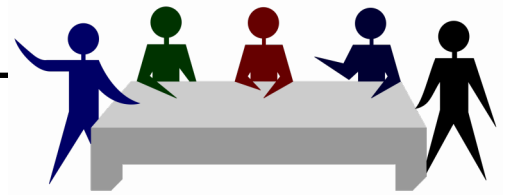
Veterans Day. Thanksgiving. Christmas. We have much to celebrate and be thankful for in November and December! Like many of you, I am thankful for our veterans. They have gone to great lengths to ensure we maintain the level of freedom we currently enjoy in the United States. In thinking of our veterans, these words of Jesus as quoted by John often come to mind: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). I highly respect those who have a willingness to put their lives on the line for the sake of another. Christ Community Church seeks to honor those who have served us by serving our country. It is only fitting that we kick off Thanksgiving by offering gratitude for our veterans. It is also fitting that our season of thanks culminates in our worship of the Christ Child. Worship of God through Christ should be twofold during the Advent and Christmas season. Christians should worship and praise God for the coming of Christ as a servant to all of mankind. He first came as Servant and Redeemer. Those who belong to Christ should now worship Him as Lord and look toward the heavenlies in anticipation of His second coming, as Ruler and King of all. He first appeared to serve. He will return a second time to rule. Can you proclaim with Paul that you are “waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13)? May we be found eagerly anticipating the second coming of Christ upon His arrival!

Blessings!

Pastor Derek

**You may reach Pastor Derek at 540.420.6836**

## Governing Council - Bruce Gilbert, Chair



It's hard to believe we're already into November. Just where has the year gone? This has been an exciting and busy year at Christ Community Church. Our Lord has blessed the Marion Family and His Church with a beautiful newborn. When was the last time that happened at Christ Community Church? We are seeing many new faces at our Sunday worship services and increased participation on many committees and our Security Team. The faithful efforts and hard work of all committees and Security Team are much appreciated.

We now even have children in attendance! And plans are underway on a CCC Facebook page and possible outdoor picnic and children's playground facilities.

I want to recognize and thank Laura Southall for recently accepting interim leadership of the Communications Committee. Amongst other responsibilities, she is now in charge of our Church website, Church emails and the aforementioned and soon to be established CCC Facebook page. Her creativity is already evident in the improved format of this CCC Newsletter we are now reading and I am sure she will welcome any suggestions to improve communications with the congregation.

With additional/expanded Church activities and mission programs come additional opportunities to serve our Lord through volunteerism. Please think about our many mission programs and committees. What existing or new programs interest you the most? Where at Christ Community Church could your interests, talents and experiences be best used? Or are you willing to just say "let me serve where most needed"? Please contact Pastor Derek, any Committee Chairperson or myself with questions and/or to volunteer.

As we enter and go through this holiday season may we and our families experience a rich blessing as we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

# Finance Committee - Carol Mathis, Chair/Treasurer



3rd Quarter 2019

Through September 30, 2019 CCC received net offerings of \$85,596.96 to use for expenses of \$84,097.06, leaving a net position of \$1,499.90.

The Balance Sheet-	Checking	\$ 9,659.29
	Savings	152,798.34
	Investments	100,000.00
	Total Assets	\$ 262,457.63

The budget for 2020 was approved by the Governing Council and will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

The Governing Council approved the Finance Committee recommendation to remind our members about a change in IRS regulations for gifts and donations that they may not have been aware of.

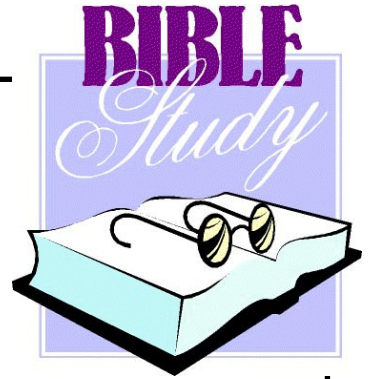
Members who are 70 1/2 or older may be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from their IRA withdrawals with a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD). Requirements & limitations:

- the distribution is from a non-inherited Roth or Traditional IRA
- the distribution must be made directly from the IRA administrator to CCC
- limited to \$100,000 per individual per year
- if this QCD is used, it will be reported on Form 1040 tax return,

A QCD is not taxed, reducing your income. Therefore it can not be claimed as a charitable tax deduction and may help those who don't itemize.

This information is intended as general information only and is not intended as legal, tax, or other professional advice. Donors and others should consult their own tax professional(s) for specific legal advice for your individual situation.

## Christian Education Committee - Norma Gilbert, Chair



Howard Noel will lead a four week Bible Study beginning November 3rd.

Participants will meet at **9:30 am** in the classroom.

The study is titled:

*Because of Bethlehem: Love Is Born, Hope Is Here*

- Sun Nov 03
- Sun Nov 10
- Sun Nov 17
- Sun Nov 24

**Join Us!!**

## Fellowship Committee - Denise Wilson, Chair



The fellowship committee continues to support our time of fellowship after church. The recent potluck was well attended and enjoyed by all. While we have a great group on the committee we always welcome help in supplying food items and setting up or cleaning up each week. We will be honoring our veterans on November 10th with lunch after church.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will have Christmas treats and caroling. If you have a special treat that you have at Christmas time and want to share it, let the committee know.



Susan Willis is now full time at the lake and she is our “Care & Concern” contact. Let Susan know of a need within the church - meals needed, visits or a card sent.



## Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair



Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards, Box Tops for Education, Coke Caps for Glade Hill School and Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Ministries all continue.

The next Penhook Food Pantry dates are November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Cold weather is just around the corner. Please bring new or lightly used winter hats, stocking caps, socks, and gloves to CCC on or before December 8<sup>th</sup>. Note: Men's stocking caps and gloves are in short supply but ladies and kids are also in need.

Our Glade Hill School Ministry will continue to support kids and families in need with programs for weekend backpack food, spring field trip, school supplies and Holiday family food.



New CCC Outreach **“Youth Enrichment Program (Y.E.P.)**, developed and directed by Kim Cassada. **Youth:** The early period of existence and development. **Enrichment:** The action of improving or enhancing the value of something or someone. **Program:** A set related measures of activities with a particular long term goal. If YEP (with God's help) can enrich one person's life, what could or would the long term effect be? **Goals:** Learning respect is something that you are not born with, you have to earn it and learn how to respect others while respecting yourself. Learning life lessons: etiquette, shaking hands, eye contact, 7 second rule, setting a table, cooking healthy meals, trying foods from different cultures, travel to places that expand your mind. Learn the value of a dollar and how to make and multiply your dollars. Realizing if you work hard for all the necessities in life the luxuries will come. We hope to instill Bible based Christian values and morals that will enable them to make correct decisions with proper attitude and conduct. Y.E.P. future programs: Provide flowers and refreshments for CCC Sunday Church Service, Alpaca Farm field trip, manners and etiquette education, volunteer at local Charities to learn the importance of giving back and the rewards of hard work. Thanks to Kim and Sharon for their dedication to Youth Enrichment Program.

We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources.

The Outreach Committee will meet in January to approve a 2020 budget and plan spring S.A.M. events. Thank you to everyone for your time, talent and funds that make this Outreach Ministry possible.

## Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair

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### Quilting Report by Barbara Armstrong:

So far in 2019 we have distributed 22 comfort quilts. Our last quilt making meeting this year will be November 19th.

We have collected 44 oz. of Coke product bottle caps and 185 box tops for education for Glade Hill School.

Four and 3/4 pounds of can tabs have been donated for Ronald McDonald House.

### Caring Crafters Report by Emogene Weller

If you have been to the stores lately, you probably noticed the fall decoration sections are being squeezed tighter to allow for the start of the Christmas season. Remember when that didn't happen until the day after Thanksgiving? Our Caring Crafters are also preparing for the holiday season and we will be ready this year to spread a little cheer to those in need. We will be distributing warm footies to everyone at Franklin Health and Rehab Center, along with some other goodies.

For Glade Hill Elementary we have planned to restock their school supplies for the second semester. There will also be some goodies added to the school supplies. Not leaving out the little ones at the NICU, this year we have made Christmas receiving blankets for the babies as they are released during the month of December and also for those spending Christmas in the hospital.

Our birthday lap robes were a big success this past year. It is heartwarming to see so many residents wrapped in their blankets when we visit. To go with those blankets we are now making storage pockets which use Velcro to attach to their wheelchairs. September birthday residents were the first to receive them and it was definitely a hit.

So how does all this get done? All I can say is that we have a dedicated group of ladies and gentleman willing to give of their time to help make this possible. There are all levels of skilled and non-skilled jobs to be done. Anyone wishing to join our group is welcome. A special thanks to Pat Vandyke for her tremendous job finishing the baby blankets. Also, for the ladies who gave extra time to complete tasks at home and those that came to the house to work extra hours. Thank you!





## Membership Committee - Jim Wilson, Chair



The membership committee is preparing to update the Church Directory for 2020.

Please contact Jim, Denise or Glenn with updated photos, corrections or ideas for the new Directory.

Further, the membership committee has been tasked by the Governing Council to come up with ideas of how we as a congregation might better look out for each other in a more deliberate way. The goal would be to 'notice' and then 'act' when we see one of our fellow congregants who is in need. Maybe they've stopped coming to church, maybe they are just not themselves or maybe they've even said something to you but you are unsure of what to do.

We are looking for your ideas of how we might better tend the flock.

# **Communications Committee - Laura Southall, Chair**



## **Newsletter**

We hope you are enjoying the new format!

## **Website**

Visit [www.christfamily.org](http://www.christfamily.org) for the latest updates and announcements.

## **Facebook**

We are working on updating Facebook page and will let you know when we “go live”!



## **Outside Signage**

Thanks to Tom Ulbrich for his continued updates of the message on the outdoor sign.

## **Bulletin Board**

Committees are doing a great job with their ongoing signup sheets. Please let me know of any announcements you would like added to our bulletin board.

## **Emails**

If you have communications that need to be sent to the general membership, please email [admin@christfamily.org](mailto:admin@christfamily.org)



## Security Committee - Glenn Ulman, Chair



Making our Church  
Safe for All

Hello friends and members of Christ Community Church,

First, I would like to recruit some of you to help with the security of the church. If you can talk, see and open a door, you are qualified to help. If you can dial 911 and read from a card, we can use you as well.

Please see me or e-mail [lgulman@mindspring.com](mailto:lgulman@mindspring.com) for information

In the past quarter, we conducted security training.  
All members attended, and training included the following:

- Team Advisement by Rocky Mount Police Dept member
- Stop Bleed Training by Cool Branch Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Responsibilities of The Security Team
- Reacting to a Disturbance in the Sanctuary
- Weapons Familiarization

Our next meeting will be in January, date to be announced. All are welcome to attend even if you do not want to be a team member. The Team and I invite you to see what we do to protect the church.



I would like to remind Committees and Leaders that if you are meeting, please designate a parking lot for all to park in. There is security in numbers, especially at night. If you are nervous, then wait until someone else arrives and then together enter into the church. If you are alone, then park under the portico on the east side of the building. Also remember that people with the American Flag name tags are security team members. If you see something strange, let us know.  
We will investigate.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY**  
was held on Sunday, October 13

**Congratulations!!**



## **Worship Committee - Deborah Smith, Chair**

***...combined with our general Calendar of Events***



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>Bible Study, 9:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>Bible Study, 9:30 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>Special Veterans Day service.</b> <b>Please email your photos to</b> <b>Deborahsmith0451@gmail.com or give</b> <b>them to her to scan and return.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>Penhook Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>Bible Study, 9:30 am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>Last Quilt Making meeting for 2019</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/24</b>	<b>Bible Study, 9:30 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>Church "Decorating Day"</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Advent</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Advent</b> <b>Outreach—Winter Clothing drive ends</b> <b>Annual Congregational Meeting following</b> <b>worship service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>Penhook Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>Advent</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>Following worship service, we will have</b> <b>Christmas goodies with caroling.</b> <b>Santa may be making a visit!</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/22</b>	<b>Advent</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>Christmas—no Christmas Day service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>Church "Undecorating Day"</b>





## November

02 Norma Gilbert  
03 Frances Young  
05 Bob Hedrick  
15 Barbara Armstrong  
20 Emogene Weller  
20 Bill Roller  
21 Ralph Quackenbush  
24 Jeri Garrett  
26 Neil Moody

## December

02 Angela Wilmoth  
03 Lisa Castillo  
05 Jo Birta Feroe  
08 Howard Noel  
09 Laura Southall  
10 Walt Fetterly  
10 Sandy Garrison  
15 Vi Johnson  
15 Daniel Copeland  
18 Ken Vandyke  
19 Bruce Gilbert  
20 Jerry Garrison  
23 Karen Russell  
24 Lillian Farling  
30 Carolyn Turner