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Announcements for the Week of January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor • Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music
Josh Wullenweber, Seminary Field Ed. Student

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: We are delighted you are here and have been praying for you. If this is your first visit, we are honored you chose to worship with us. If you are returning, welcome back! We invite you to leave contact information on the guest cards inside the friendship pads, or at the welcome center. All are welcome at Holy Communion, and instructions regarding our meal are in our worship folder. Children are welcome in worship, and we seek to find ways to include them, such as our Children's time and our "pray-ground," where those under 4 have a place where they can see and hear, yet be quietly active with quiet toys and books. We have a nursery downstairs, where Ms. Carla provides loving care for those up to age 5 who need a different environment; as well as quiet bags, books, and children's bulletins near the entry way for older children. Restrooms are located in the sanctuary through the door directly opposite the entryway. We pray this worship will renew and prepare you to go out into God's world to love and serve.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Consuelo Reisinger, in honor of my 85th Birthday.

WORSHIP SERVICES are: 8:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship and 10:30 a.m. Traditional worship. Sunday School classes at 9:30.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets today, following the 10:30 worship service in the conference room.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY: Come help sort through donations on Tuesday, January 16 from 1-3pm. CAM received a lot of donations at the end of the year so there is lots to do!. Please contact Caren Ballantine if you can help. If you need a ride that can be arranged!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on January 17, 10:00 a.m. We will continue our study of "Together by Grace." After that Pastor Angela will lead the group in a study of "By Heart" conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Please call the church office to order your book. The cost is \$13.00. All are welcome to join us.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY (1/21). If you would like to join Living Saviour, please let Pastor Angela know, or call the church office.

G.I.F.T. (multi-generation/age, interactive educational experience for all ages), Russell Hinson, leader, meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Activity Room. All ages are welcome!

Middle School (Confirmation) Class (grades 6-8) Ryan Huber, leader, meets in the Education Wing. **High School Conversation Class** (grades 9-12) Beth Hawley and Chuck Malinowski, leaders, meets in the Education Wing.

Faith Forums: Class for adults meets in the Education Wing - Marty Jenkins, leader.

NOVA VOCE Winter Concert is tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Myers Park United Methodist Church. Tax deductible tickets will be available at the door. If you have questions, please call **Polly Farris** at 803-548-6910.

PRIMETIMERS: Wednesday, January 17, 11:30 AM at Wan-Fu Quality Chinese Cuisine, 10719 Kettering Dr, Charlotte, NC 28226. Ages 50 and above are welcome! Please join us and invite a friend!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursday, January 18, 7:00 a.m. in conference room. All men invited!

TOWN HALL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY (1/21): To allow everyone time to participate and ask questions, the information will be presented twice: after the 8:30 and 10:30 services. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss in detail important items occurring at Living Saviour: Budget proposal for 2018; Living Saviour Gift Policy; and Council Nominees. This is your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on these items so that our annual congregation meeting can be kept to a manageable length.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 28 between the two worship services, in the Sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend this short, constitutionally-mandated meeting where we will: approve the 2018 budget; approve new Council members; and provide the 2017 Annual Report to the congregation.

FROM INNKEEPER AT URBAN MINISTRY CENTER: The weather is warming up, and the holidays are past, so perhaps we'll experience a period of normalcy with RITI...whatever "normal" means! I have taken part in the daily conference calls of the County Inclement Weather Team, which monitors bed and overflow capacities at the Men's Shelter, the Center of Hope, and Room In The Inn for people who are homeless. They were greatly impressed by the number of RITI hosts who were able to add bed nights under the extreme conditions of the past week, a major achievement, in no small part because of your willingness to step up in the time of need. The numbers of beds provided and filled for January 1-7: January 1 – 194 provided—195 filled; January 2 – 122 provided—122 filled; January 3 – 182 provided—164 filled; January 4 – 199 provided—192 filled; January 5 – 225 provided—173 filled; January 6 – 164 provided—147 filled; January 7 – 117 provided—117 filled. A remarkable effort. Thanks so very much for your commitment to RITI and to the neighbors.

LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION: Hope Circle will meet Thursday, January 18, at 1:00. First, a book discussion (Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate), then a service project. Moss Hathcock will lead us in creating educational helps for teachers at Smithfield Elementary. Please come, even if you have not read the book. You will enjoy the fellowship and Moss will appreciate the help!



ROOM IN THE INN, Living Saviour's winter shelter ministry is on Sunday evenings.

The congregation is invited to **"POP IN AND MAKE A BED"** each Sunday, following the 10:30 worship service. The 12 rollaway beds will be in place in the bedroom hall (upstairs of the Education Building) with all the bedding stacked on top. Only sheets and pillowcases get made up on each bed. The 3 blankets should be folded and placed at the foot. Any Sunday when you have a few minutes after worship, stop by and help out!

SHARING AND CARING GROUP will meet on Friday, January 26, 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room. All who are interested in knowing more about caregiving are welcome to join us for open conversation, as we support one another.

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS: January is the month for women of the congregation to sign up for Secret Prayer Sisters! Plan to participate in this year-long secret activity of notes, small gifts and prayers for another woman. Perfect for young moms, middle aged empty nesters and Prime Timers! In other words, fun for all ages! See kiosk for information and to fill out a card (deadline - January 28!)

VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN: Many thanks to all the church staff and members who have volunteered to work with children over the past year. This year, our new Child Protection Policy is in effect and all staff and volunteers who work with children should have completed the Safe Gatherings Training by now. The following Church members have been approved through Safe Gatherings to work with children in 2018: Cathy Lyall, Ron Gordon, Shallen Gordon, Sherry Wooldridge, Julianna Frixen, Frank DeLoache, Anna Pearce, Katherine Cochran, Gail Fay, Nicholas Sample, Ivey Donovan, Mackenzie Miller, Arthur Lange, Lauren Campbell, Kristen Alford, Sarah Gist, Elisabeth Hawley, Bruce Melosh, Kenneth Leaser, Jennifer Lange, Rebecca VanSandt, Pat Snodgrass, Jennifer Huber, Carla Gearheart. We also have several members on the pending list, and hope they plan to complete the training soon. If you plan to work with children in the coming year, please go to the Safe Gathering Website at <https://safegatherings.com> to register and complete the training module. The background check and training cost \$35, and volunteers can request reimbursement for the fee from the church. For more information, please contact one of your council members, or Bruce Melosh at 704-578-1605. Thank you for supporting the safety of our children!

MUSIC MINISTRY! CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00. New members always welcome! ALLELUIA HANDBELL RINGERS resume on Wednesday, January 17. 2-3 new ringers are on our wish list, but please speak to Don Huff before attending rehearsal! JUBILATE YOUTH HANDBELL RINGERS— Rehearsals on announced Sundays, following 10:30 worship. Contact person is Glenda Kilminster, director. JOY CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume rehearsals today at 10:15, following GIFT. INSTRUMENTALISTS are always welcome at 8:30 and 11:00 worship.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Ronnie and Lynn Stephens and family at the death of Ronnie's brother-in-law, Robert Wilhelm, on January 5 in Salisbury, N.C.; and to Rufus Gregory and family at the death of his sister, Merelene Pernell, on January 8 in East Orange, N.J. May God fill the emptiness left in their hearts by the passing of their loved ones, and may they remember that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means the certain hope to eternal life for all those who die with faith in Him.

This Week's Activities

<p><u>Sunday, January 14</u> Non-Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. G.I.F.T./Faith Forum 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting following worship Room In The Inn 5:00 p.m. AA Women's Group 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Monday, January 15</u> Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 16</u> CAM Sorting donations 1:00—3:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 17</u> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Primetimers at Wan-Fu Chinese 11:30 a.m. Alleluia Ringers 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 18</u> Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Bridge Group 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 19</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, January 20</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, January 21</u> Town Hall Meeting today following both services of worship Non-Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. G.I.F.T. 9:30 a.m. Faith Forum 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Room In The Inn 5:00 p.m. AA Women's Group 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone!

Today's Worship Assistants

	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Greeter	Marty and Alice Jenkins	Sharon Smith, Betty Reynolds
Ushers		Jim Crawford, Brandon Ward, Terry Godwin, Don Pearce
Assisting Minister	Marty Jenkins	Lynn Stephens
Communion Servers		Chalice: Joy Forster, Dan Poirier Tray: Moss Hathcock, Sherry Wooldridge
Acolyte		Kariya Proctor
Child Care Attendants	Carla Gearheart, Chris Proctor	Carla Gearheart, Mackenzie Miller
Altar Guild	Alice Jenkins, Cathy Lyall, Jean Dunne	
Carmel Place (9:30 a.m.)	Frank DeLoache and Glenda Kilminster	

Serving Next Week — January 21, 2018

8:30 Service: Sharon Godfrey, Jan Sundberg; Lorene Thom; Carla Gearheart, Kathy DeLoache

Carmel Place (9:30): Chuck Malinowski

10:30 Service: Fred and Rita Potthoff; Jim Crawford, Brandon Ward, Terry Godwin, Don Pearce; Steve Vick; Kari Proctor, John Williams, Eric and Joy Forster; Bailey Biggs; Carla Gearheart, Karen Kaufeld; Alice Jenkins, Cathy Lyall, Jean Dunne

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY : Pastor Angela can be reached on her day off or on weekends, at 704-408-9534. She will return your call as soon as possible.

Please visit our website for live streaming of our worship services.

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Last Week's Attendance: 138