



The Reconciler

A Journal. September, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk:

As you may well note from this month's newsletter an important update is coming from your Pastor Nominating Committee at a congregational meeting. I encourage you all to be present either in-person or virtually.

As we continue to think about ways the Church of Reconciliation can prepare for the arrival of its new pastor I'm reminded of a great phrase my first ministry mentor shared with me upon my arrival to Calypso Presbyterian Church in Duplin County. Dr. Bill Hawkins said, "Troy, before they care how much you know, they need to know how much you care." Words that I have tried to live by!

And, it's as true for your next pastor as it is for you reading this article right now. Yes, your new pastor will be here for you. They are called and installed to serve Christ by serving Christ's church. And, they will need to know you care for and about them in this ministry. Remember, the work of the church and the labors of ministry are not all that define your next pastor. Take me for instance, on any given weekend or evening you might find me working on a car or motorcycle - not two skills that easily enter ministry at the Rec. But, they are important to me. These interests are not just to keep me busy but they connect me to my experiences growing up restoring antique autos with my brother and dad. Now, they are becoming a connection point with my son, Andrew.

Your new pastor, when she or he arrives, will give their heart to you because that is one offering

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required in service to Christ. But, don't forget to offer more in return than a "to-do" list or a litany of "how we've done it before." Ministry is more about what's in the middle than what appears at the finish line. How we do the work of the church together is where the joy of ministry lies. What we accomplish, well yes, that's important too. But, the differences we make one relationship at a time along the way, through failures and successes, is what truly adds texture to our common ministry.

Friends, God is good and the Church of Reconciliation is clearly a part of God's Good News to this broken world. Be light and leaven, loaf and loam to all that God is doing.

Pastor Troy



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND GATHERINGS

Join us for a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, September 12 to hear and vote on a report from our PNC. Meeting will be the same as our worship, in-person or on Zoom.

We will also be offering a couple of Congregational Gatherings to talk about welcoming our new pastor:

Tuesday, September 14 at 6pm (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 15 at 3:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 20 at 7 pm (Zoom)

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

9:45 AM on Zoom

Your Adult Education Committee has worked hard over the summer to plan a curriculum for 2021 - 2022. Our theme this year is: "Regathering and Reconciling". We long to be together again - to gather once more as members and friends of this eclectic faith community. In-person Adult Ed will meet to learn and grow our spiritual selves in the newly refurbished chapel room in the Parish House. Special thanks to Charron and Bill Andrews for getting that room painted and ready to welcome our Sunday 9:45 a.m. classes most weeks.

Sunday, September 12th is our kickoff class. Using the two key words "Regathering and Reconciling" we will engage in some Q and A's about our goals, hopes and needs for Adult Education. Babbie Cameron will facilitate this first class. All are welcome. If you've never attended an Adult Ed class now is the time. We look forward to a year of learning that includes faith formation, social justice issues and the many ways reconciliation can be better lived out in our church, our community, our world. Hope to greet many of you on September 12th.

Starting September 19, John Peterson and Bron Skinner will lead a two-week series titled **Managing Conflict in the Church: Finding Common Ground**. Some of our discussion in the first week will draw from a book by Ronald Richardson, *Creating a Healthier Church*, in which the author states the emotional wiring we gain during development can influence the ways church members function in their relationships to one another.

In week two, we will discuss some practices, behaviors and leadership styles that can address conflict and allow church members to function more effectively in reaching their goals. Please join us September 19 at 9:45 am for this important discussion.





THE REC KIDS & YOUTH

SEPTEMBER EDITION



Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, September 12
10:00 am

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases we are scaling back our kick-off celebration, but we will enthusiastically celebrate nonetheless!

Our entire Rec community and neighbors are invited to join us for **ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST!**

We hope you all will join us as we kick-off a new year with hope and joy.

Fall Slow Start Begins Sunday, September 19

As times are uncertain, the MCY committee is moving forward with a slow return to programming this fall.

We will start on September 19 with a Sunday school/Youth Group combo after worship on 1st and 3rd Sundays. We will provide lunch and plan to meet outside. We will have a devotional time and time to fellowship.

We hope to reassess and add on more dates and activities that will get us out into the community.



Backpack Blessing

September 12th during Worship

All ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks, purses, computer bags, work totes, diaper bags, etc. to be blessed during worship!



Nursery Update

The nursery will remain closed until we are sure we can do it safely in conjunction with the preschool on the property. Feel free to utilize the Playground or see Karen on Sunday morning and we will be happy to play outdoors with your little one during the service.





SEPTEMBER UPDATES

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 10

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Be sure to think about how you would like to make this service ours. If you have any ideas for themes, music, poetry, art, liturgy, prayer, etc., be sure to talk with Karen or attend youth group to help us plan.

REC COMMUNITY

We hope you will join us for this special service.



Goods and Service

Auction

Fundraiser

Start planning now!

During the month of November, the youth will be hosting a silent auction fundraiser for their mission trip fund. It was such a huge success for the youth in 2019 and we hope to do the same this year.

Youth Needed!

TREC TECH

Rec Tech is looking for youth to help monitor the online service. No major computer skills needed! Let Karen know if you would like to help.

NURSERY

Want to play with the littles outside during worship? Let Karen know if this is a way you would like to serve here at The Rec.

CONTACT KAREN MILLER

KAREN@CHURCHREC.ORG



To access our YouTube: search The Rec Chapel Hill

SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE:

Worship at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings via Zoom

If you have a conflict with this schedule – please call others on the list and make a swap. Then inform the church office of these changes at 919-929-2127 or churchrec@churchrec.org. THANKS!

ELDER-ON-CALL

5th Kurt Elia
12th Beth Welton
19th Chris Lutes
26th Jeep Morrison

FLOWERS

5th TBD
12th Ann Gordon
19th Chris Lutes
26th Linda Houseman

GREETERS

5th Kristin Bowers, Sharon Mujica
12th Jeep Morrison & Mary Anne Dooley
19th Jeff and Cheryl Chambers
26th Lil Royal, An Stuart

CAREGIVERS

5th Julie Byerley, Stephanie Jonesn
12th Helen Maxwell,
Carolyn Ikenberry
19th Rose Crawford,
Kristin Bowers
26th Marty Propst, Beth Welton

CHANCEL SET-UP

5th Meri-Li Douglas
12th Howard Carter, Alex Gordon
19th Sandra Burt, Gene Johnson
26th Courtney Chávez

OFFERING COUNTERS

5th Jeannie Goguen
12th Sue Regier
19th Alex Gordon
26th Lisa Anthony, Sharon Mujica

MUSICIANS

5th Dale Herman
12th Akiko Haywood
19th Dale Herman
26th Akiko Haywood

LOCK-UP

5th Ken & Lory Brockenbrough
12th Julie & Mike Byerley
19th Lil Royal
26th Alfred Covington

REC TECH TEAM

Michael Jokich, Jess Bowers,
Simon Covington, Anne Lutes



During the month of July please contact staff by email or phone. See our schedule below:

Troy's Rec Office Hours:

Mon-Thur, 9 AM – 12 Noon, and by appointment
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Home Office: Wed 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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JoAnn's Office Hours:

Home Office: Mon/Wed/Fri, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(churchrec@churchrec.org; 919-724-9171
- text only - then I will return your call)
Rec Office: Tue / Thu, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
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Fall Gatherings with The Flock

Traditionally, every Fall the Deacons organize "Meals with The Flock". In these Pandemic times, we are looking to re-invent this concept! We still want our "Flock" to get together to socialize, but we must find ways to do so safely. Our newest idea is "Gatherings with The Flock"! Same idea, but updated to be Covid safe. We are looking for volunteers from our church congregation to host small group activities outside, OR virtually on Zoom. The purpose is to socialize and become better friends with our church family. We hope you will sign up to host, or attend. Or both! Please click this link to learn more: ([Click Here](#))

Sign up to host closes September 12. You may contact your Deacon or Diana Barefoot (dianafoot@gmail.com) with any questions.

September, 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<p>Join us on Sunday mornings for Worship at 11:00 AM!</p> <p>Join us in the Sanctuary or on Zoom!</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Bible Study - 2:00 PM (Patio)</p> <p>Outreach 6:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>L & S 7:00 PM (Zoom)</p> <p>Adult Ed 7:00 PM (PHC)</p> <p>Weekly Email Deadline is 10 AM on Thursday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Friday Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>11:00 AM Sunday Worship (Sanctuary or Zoom)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p> <p>Deadline for Mid-Week Announcements 10 AM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mid-Week Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p> <p>RPC 4 PM</p> <p>Personnel 5:00 PM</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6 PM</p> <p>RecTech 7:00 PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study - 2:00 PM (Patio)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Weekly Email Deadline is 10 AM on Thursday</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Friday Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Ed (PHC)</p> <p>10:00 AM Rec Fall Kick-off! Ice Cream for Breakfast!</p> <p>11:00 AM Sunday Worship – Backpack Blessing(Sanctuary/Zoom)</p> <p>12:00 PM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary or Zoom)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p> <p>Deadline for Mid-Week Announcements 10 AM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mid-Week Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Congregational Gathering 6:00 PM (SN)</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 10 AM</p> <p>Bible Study - 2:00 PM (Patio)</p> <p>Congregational Gathering 3:30 PM (SN)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Deacons 6:30 (Zoom)</p> <p>Earthcare 7:00 (PHC)</p> <p>Weekly Email Deadline is 10 AM on Thursday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Friday Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Ed (PHC)</p> <p>11:00 AM Sunday Worship – (Sanctuary or Zoom)</p> <p>12:15 PM Children's Sunday School / Youth Combo – Lunch & gathering outside (1st & 3rd Sundays)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p> <p>Congregational Gathering 7:00 PM (Zoom)</p> <p>Deadline for Mid-Week Announcements 10 AM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mid-Week Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bible Study - 2:00 PM (Patio)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>MCY 6:30 PM (Zoom)</p> <p>Weekly Email Deadline is 10 AM on Thursday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Friday Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Rec Craft Circle 1:30 PM (Zoom)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Ed (PHC)</p> <p>11:00 AM Sunday Worship (Sanctuary or Zoom)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p> <p>Deadline for Mid-Week Announcements 10 AM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mid-Week Email Blast 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Learning Bridges 6:00 PM (FH)</p> <p>Session 6:30 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		

NOTE: The deadline for getting articles/calendar events into the October *Reconciler* will be Wednesday, September 15th. Leave a message or email your information!

LET'S DO THE NUMBERS..."

Each month, Session will report key financial data about our church's budget.

July 2021 revenue = \$26,865

July 2021 expenses = \$30,719

January - July 2021 revenue = \$205,883

January – July 2021 expenses = \$182,777



If you have questions, please be in touch with Sue Regier, Session Liaison to Finance Committee, or Finance Committee Chair Jim Spaeth.



ON-LINE GIVING AT THE REC

You can now give securely online to the Church of Reconciliation via the Tithe.ly app (or scan the QR code). Simply navigate to <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app> on your smartphone to download the app. We also have a button on the church's website, as well. Once you download the app, simply search for "Church of Reconciliation PCUSA." Note you can currently direct your gift either to "General Offering and Pledges" or to "Blue Jar Mission." The app collects a small fee from the church from each transaction so please also note you have the option of covering the fee, which will increase your donation by approximately 3%. You can watch a short information video on Tithe.ly at this website: <https://vimeo.com/195985593>.

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