

July 12, 2024

## PICKIN' & PRAISE IS SUNDAY!

You don't want to miss worship this Sunday! It is our 3rd Sunday of our Summer Series, Pickin'-N-Praise! Pastor Matt will be smoking pork butts for lunch and Terry will be preparing the sides. Gluten-free options are available as well. Bring a batch of your favorite homemade ice cream if you'd like!

We are very excited to announce that **The Charlotte Bluegrass Allstars** will be performing. They are a local professional bluegrass band that tours all around the south. Click on the link below for a peek at their performances.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CANNED FOOD DONATIONS FOR COMMON HEART!**

## MONTH-LONG FOOD DRIVE FOR COMMON HEART!

As part of the outreach activities scheduled for the 3rd Summer Series: Pickin' & Praise we will be collecting non-perishable foods to donate to Common Heart! Common Heart, a food pantry in Union County, serves a broad community of people and is desperately in need of dry goods

and canned foods. They report almost daily that their shelves are dangerously empty and there is a continual urgency for food donations. To kick things off, the Community Care team will donate \$300 from their budget to purchase items. You can participate by dropping off non-perishable items now through July 14th or make a monetary donation, which the team will use to purchase items. Last year this Food Drive yielded over 1500 pounds in food, which is 3 times the size of a normal food drive! The items most in need are canned soups, pasta sauces, pasta, canned tomatoes and vegetables, canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, rice, and low sodium, low sugar canned foods.



## TROOP 140 SCOUT CAMP

Members of Troop 140 attended the annual Scout Camp @ Camp Grimes in Nebo, NC, June 23-29. Among them, our 4 Scouts earned 19 merit badges, including, but not limited to, chemistry, music, motor boarding, kayaking, nature, and pottery. Two of our Scouts earned the Aviation Merit Badge and each flew a Cessna! Our adult leaders earned their American Red Cross certification in CPR / First Aid / AED. Matthews area Scout Troops were well represented and our Scouts certainly made Cross & Crown proud. It was an amazing week of fellowship, learning, achieving, and getting back to nature!

## HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING INTO BREEZE OR THE C&C APP?

If you are having difficulty logging into the app or gaining access to Breeze so you can view the church directory, call LeAnne in the church office. While on the phone with her, she can set your account up for you with a user name & password. She's in the office M, T, Th, Friday from 8:30-2 pm. Wednesday's she's available by email only as she works from home that day.

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS!**



On August 11, Superhero Sunday, we will assemble 70 Blessing Bags for our neighbors in need. Each of these bags will contain some nutritious food, a few essentials, and a food gift card. Cross & Crowners are invited to keep a Blessing Bag in their cars to share with someone in need as you commute to work, run errands, etc.

YOU can be a Superhero by taking one or more cards from the Pick-A-Pocket board as your commitment to provide a \$5 food gift card for a homeless neighbor! Please take a pocket card for each gift card you will provide.

McDonalds, Bojangles, Chick-fil-A, Taco Bell, Arby's, and Starbucks have verified that you can purchase \$5 gift cards at their locations. You may also pick one up while grocery shopping, making a Target run, or at local drug stores. Please place your purchased gift cards in the offering plate, on LeAnne's desk, or give them to Pastor Melody on or before August 5.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A SUPERHERO!**



## HELPING OTHERS; BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Have you been wanting to build a meaningful relationship in the community while also helping others? If so, Cupboard Alley's may be just what you're looking for! Common Heart, our friends and partners who help the community with their food pantry (Daily Bread) need volunteers for their Cupboard Ally program.

Below are some details and if you are interested, we have provided a link for sign-up!



**What is Cupboard Ally?** A volunteer who helps deliver groceries to Neighbors in need. Allys are paired with Neighbors and deliver groceries on an ongoing monthly basis.

**Who are the Neighbors?** The Neighbors are people who have registered with Common Heart for food assistance. These are often people who can't drive to one of Common Heart's locations or drive-thru pantries. Often these Neighbors are homebound, senior citizens, or people with disabilities.

**How Many Neighbors Can You Be Paired With?** Our teams (groups of 3-4 people) can be paired with 1 - 4 families. Teams would visit each family together, not divide and conquer. Having groups of 3-4 people per team ensures that there is always at least 2 people available for the monthly visits. This allows for people to miss a month due to vacation, illness, or unavailability. This also complies with Safe Gatherings protocols.

**How Often Does a Cupboard Ally Deliver the Groceries?** 1 x month, delivery typically on Saturday but weekdays can be arranged if necessary.

**How Long Does a Delivery to one Neighbor Take?** They recommend allowing 1 hour per delivery; remember, you are there to form a relationship and visit, not just drop off groceries!

**Where do the Groceries Come From?** Common Heart's Pantry in Indian Trail

**What is the Commitment?** This is an ongoing commitment. While there is no outlined expectation for your participation the overall goal is to develop a lasting relationship with the Neighbor, for as long as they need the care and support. This is not the right volunteer activity for anyone looking for a one-time experience.

**Where do the Neighbors Live?** Most live in Monroe or Indian Trail, however, some live in Matthews. Common Heart will work to pair our group(s) with families in our area.

**This Sounds Great! How Can I Become an Ally?** If you are interested in becoming a Cupboard Ally please click the link below or sign-up using the new Church App! We will coordinate an orientation session for all interested participants!

# PRAYER list...

## MEMBERS:

JENNY BOOTH	VAUGHN HERLONG
JUNE BROOKS	CHRISTA KLOSE
JIM BURNS	CHRIS MACARINE
JO DAVIS	KATHY PALIOTTA
DENNIS DOWNEY	MARY PHELPS
LINDA FARIES	LARRY POOL
JOAN GAUKER	BILL RHYNE
LIZ & HAROLD	BILL SCHWINDLER
HEIDEGGER	JOE & CRISS
	UCMAN
	JD WINFREY

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Charles & Anne Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law & sister-in-law  
 Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law  
 John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father  
 Ellis Baldwin, Julie Rutkowski's brother-in-law  
 Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer  
 Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother  
 Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother  
 Peggy Cox, David Cox's mother  
 Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland  
**Jennifer Eybl, Felicia Eybl's daughter-in-law**  
**Erika Eybl, Felicia Eybl's granddaughter**  
 Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son  
 Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson  
 Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter  
 Liz Garo, friend of Bill & Heidi Rhyne  
 Rhonda George  
 Juliana Grech, friend of Jill & Jim Jurgensen  
 Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother  
 Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl  
 Kelly K. Prayers for healing  
 Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband  
 Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz  
 Kristen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz  
 Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father  
 James McClure, Terry McClure's ex-husband  
 Brian Macarine, Frank & Kathi Macarine's son  
 Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend  
 Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband  
 Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister  
 Melissa Paye, Jill & Jim Jurgensen's niece  
 Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends  
 Brenda & Gary Safrit, Susan Arcuri's sister-in-law  
 Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law  
 Elise Smith, Coury O'Donoghue's mother  
**James Stroud, Susan Arcuri's brother**  
 Tomlinson Family, close friends of the Ansel family  
 Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents  
 Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter



Sharon Davis	JULY 14
Frank Macarine	JULY 17
Darragh Bailey	JULY 17

## ORGAN RECITAL, SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 AT 4 P.M. BY LARRY STRATEMEYER PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH, 4921 RANDOLPH ROAD

Sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
 A free-will offering to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund will be taken, which helps offset the tuition of organ lessons for students in grades 6-12.

All are welcome to attend an Organ Recital, Sunday, July 14, 4 p.m. given by Larry Stratemeyer at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road, assisted by Michael Lehtinen, piano, Gracie Murchison, flute, and members of the Cross & Crown Choir and Handbell ensemble.

The Summer Recital Series of the Charlotte AGO is offered each Sunday between June and September. Below is a listing of the final dates for the summer.

July 14- Larry Stratemeyer Providence Baptist Church  
 4921 Randolph Road, Charlotte

July 21- Jerrick Cavagnaro Providence United Methodist Church  
 2810 Providence Road, Charlotte

July 28- Andrew Pester Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
 115 West Seventh Street, Charlotte

August 4- Katie Ann McCarty Morning Star Lutheran Church  
 12509 Idlewild Road, Matthews

August 11- Ray Weidner Myers Park Presbyterian Church  
 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte

August 18- Les Ackerman St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
 Gabriel Slesinger, Trumpet 1001 Queens Road, Charlotte

August 25- Myers Park UMC Chancel Choir Myers Park United Methodist Church  
 7:00 pm Hugh Floyd and Evan Currie 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte

## Coming up This week...

Sunday, July 14- 8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 9 a.m. "Play Before You Pray" - Playground  
 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 15- 10 a.m. Book Club

Tuesday, July 16- Noon- Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday, July 17- 9:30 a.m. Weight Watchers

Friday, July 19 - 9 a.m. Weight Watchers

Saturday, July 20- 8-10 a.m. Weight Watchers

Congratulations to Cathy & Jim Kozlinski who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20th!