

The Guiding Light

August-September, 2019

Meet our "New" Priests

The Rev. Robert (Rob) Lundquist joined us in June.

Fr. Rob was born in the DC area, the oldest of 5 boys. He attended undergrad at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA and seminary at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, then located in Evanston, IL. After ordination he served in eastern Tennessee, Virginia, Colorado and western North Carolina. He is married to Pamela Mumby (since 1983) and they have one son, Nathan, who lives near Seattle, WA. Pamela is a retired psychiatric nurse who, most recently, worked for the Veteran's Administration in Asheville. They have lived in Asheville for 10 years. Fr. Rob will be with us 3 out of 4 Sundays for an extended period of time. He will be visiting those who cannot make it to church and taking communion starting in September. If you would like a visit from Fr. Rob, please let the church office or your vestry member know.

The Rev. Judith Davis joined us in March.

Judith grew up in Fayetteville, NC. She attended undergrad at High Point University, graduate studies (PhD) at the University of Florida, and received her Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School. She was a tenured professor in Medical Sciences before going to Seminary. She has served parishes in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Washington, DC, and most recently at Cape Cod in Massachusetts. She retired 18 months ago and moved to Brevard, NC with her wife, Anne, (who is also a retired Episcopal priest) and their son, Jamie. She enjoys golf and tennis, is an avid birder, photographer and watercolorist. She will be with us at least one Sunday a month.

Outreach Opportunities and Information



The Corner Table - Newton

Epiphany has been a sponsoring church with the Corner Table for many years. This means we provide a designated amount yearly to support this ministry. We assist with providing a meal and helping to serve the meal once a quarter. The Corner Table feeds an average of 125 people, Monday thru Friday year-round. They provide bag lunches for the weekend as well. Janice McPherson is our contact person and can provide additional information. Consider helping this worthwhile ministry whenever you can!

The Corner Table has taken over the "backpack" program for the schools. This program provides nutritious snacks for school age children to take home for the weekends. This may be the only food some children have all weekend. We will provide further information soon, as we hope to participate in this ministry.



LINC (Linked in New Creative) Ministries

Epiphany joined 7 other churches (mostly UCC) last year, in sponsoring this multifaceted ministry. LINC operates *Gift and Thrift* in Newton, *Heart and Hammer* (which provides ramps and home repairs for those who cannot afford them), and has participated in numerous mission trips. They are also partnered with the Catawba Foster Care program. There are a number of volunteer opportunities with this organization, and our hope is that some of you will become involved. We are using the corner of the basement to store some larger items until the thrift store has space for them on the display floor. Dona Richards is our contact person.



DSS Foster Care Program

Last year we partnered with DSS thru **LINC Ministries** to provide storage space for the foster care program. We have been looking for a way to use the downstairs space and this is a wonderful opportunity. The foster care program in Catawba County tries to provide all children with a suitcase to carry their belongings, and to provide foster parents with needed supplies whenever possible. This can include a crib, bed, limited clothing, toiletries, etc. Our only obligation is providing the space, but they are always in need of rolling suitcases (all sizes), small bottles of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes (children's sizes and adult, individually wrapped), floss, soap, etc. Dona Richards is the contact person.



Hospice

We continue to provide individually wrapped snacks for families of hospice patients. We place a sticker on these to identify who provided them. This is an opportunity to get our name out there, but mostly it gives grieving families one less thing to worry about and may be the only thing they eat while sitting with loved ones. Janice McPherson is our contact person.



ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries)

Epiphany has supported "E-tri-CM" for over 30 years in a number of ways. Currently our primary contribution is at Christmas when we provide canned hams to go in the Christmas baskets. However, they can always use non-perishable food items, gently used clothing or monetary contributions.