



**Southside  
Community  
Outreach**

Donation as of  
March 10, 2020

Sugar 23 bags @ 110 lbs.  
Oil Bottles – 21 bottles @ 42 lbs.  
Dawn – 23 bottles –mostly small bottles  
Carry Out Plates – 4 smaller packs, 6 huge packs.  
Wax Paper – 2 Rolls  
Odds & Ends (canned foods) 3 lbs.

*Collection of these items will continue through the month of April. Please place in tubs in the Narthex or at the mailboxes. Thank you!*

**Council Action Report (March 2020)**

This Report is for information only. The Minutes for the meeting will be the official record of action taken by the Council. This report shows actions approved at the March 8, 2020 meeting.

- The minutes from the February 9, 2020 regularly scheduled Council meeting were approved.
- The minutes from the February 23, 2020 called council meeting were approved.
- A motion was made to purchase a columbarium from Winecoff Memorials of Statesville for \$11,742.50 and does not include concrete pad. Discussion followed. The motion passed



The executive committee has decided to follow the recommendations of the Synod – “Following the CDC and the recommendation this week of our ecumenical partners, we recommend this - “no gatherings of

more than 10 people in any NC Synod congregation” policy be extended until at least May 12.” Updates are being posted to our Facebook page as well. Please contact Tim Sloop with questions. Stay safe and well!

*Thank you*

Dear Grace Family,  
Thank you so much for all the love and care (prayers, cards, call, visits) that have been given me since I haven't been able to get to church....even a delicious cake! I miss all of you so much, but especially the children. You should be

here sometime when they are at my house singing while making cookies. They gather around the table singing a favorite of theirs – “I Looked Over Jordan” and “What Did I see, A bag of Angels coming after me!” Love to you all. In Jesus Name, Margie Martin

*Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church;  
Thank you for your compassionate generosity. Without your support and kindness, the Rowan One Church One Child Ministry would not be able to meet the needs of Rowan County Children and teenagers who are receiving Child Protective or Foster Care Service. Your gift of 18 blankets empowers ROCOC to meet the need of those that we serve.*

*Our children are blessed beyond measure by your outpouring of love to them. Thank you for bringing hope to them.*

*Sincerely, Jon Hunter, Coordinator  
One Church One Child Ministry*

From Ray and Diane Rivers,  
Once again the members of Grace Church have blessed us. Over the past years, we have received love and support in many ways from our church family. Lately, the Men in Mission group has worked on fallen trees AGAIN. Thanks to everyone involved in all of the projects that have been done for us.

Please continue to pray for us. We truly appreciate everything. We love Grace Church!



About two years ago several of the ladies from the Circle of Hope went on a barn quilt tour in western Rowan County. For those that might not know, a barn quilt is a large, hand-painted wooden block typically displayed on the front or side of a barn and is usually fashioned after an actual quilt pattern. We learned that Elsie Bennett of West Rowan Farm Home and Garden, held classes where you could make your own barn quilt. As time went by, more and more barn quilts started popping up on barns, schools and churches. The Circle of Hope tries to do a project around the church every year so we thought it would be fun to paint a barn quilt and place it on the shelter to add beauty and color to that area of our grounds. We decided on a pattern that had a cross and also had an area in the middle where we could place the same heart and cross symbol that we have in the FLC. Ms. Bennett drew the pattern and chose colors that would make it easily visible from the road. Under the watchful eye of the ladies at West Rowan Farm, we were able to complete our quilt in just three hours. When the shelter was built, it was dedicated and named the Charlie Sloop Memorial Shelter. Charlie was a life-long farmer so it was only fitting that the shelter that is named for him should have a barn quilt on it. The Circle hopes that everyone will enjoy our new barn quilt.



## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?



The Grace Quilters could use some help! As of the beginning of March, the quilters have used all of their quilt tops; they have been made into 51 completed quilts! YAY!! The goal for this year is

125 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and 25 quilts to have on hand for community distribution as needed. We could use some help in making quilt tops. Some people could cut squares and some could sew the squares into quilt tops. We have lots of fabric in the FLC quilting room. Bags of fabric can be assembled with directions for cutting squares and for sewing a quilt top. If you are interested, please call, text or e-mail Terri Brown to make arrangements for pick up on a bag of fabric. Terri's phone number is 704-213-4202 and e-mail is:

[tmbrown366@gmail.com](mailto:tmbrown366@gmail.com).

Note: Distribution will need to stop if a stay at home order is implemented for Rowan County.

## RAYMER REFLECTIONS

Justin and Kristen are looking forward to serving in the Washington D.C. area with an outreach ministry partnership providing English language instruction and practical help to meet the needs of refugees, asylees, and immigrants. They desire to engage with students outside of class, whether it is sharing a meal or helping them navigate life in the United States. They unashamedly proclaim the gospel as the only hope of healing for the brokenness we all experience. In the Washington D.C. area there are more than 400,000 people yet to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Raymer's desire, through the power of God's Holy Spirit, is to see Christ-Centered Churches among all African Peoples, with a priority for the un-reached, specifically the unreached African population of the D.C. area. Justin and Kristen are originally from the West Rowan area and have two children, Fiona (12) and Whitaker (9).



## Grace Online Giving Options

With the Coronavirus delaying all our scheduled events, here are some easy ways to continue giving to the church.

1. **Give Plus Church App** – This is a mobile-based app you can download, enter our church name, set up an account, enter your payment options and select the fund you want to donate to. You may make a one-time donation or recurring donation through this app. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
2. **Church website** – go to [www.grace-salisbury.com](http://www.grace-salisbury.com), click one of the “Donate” links, and follow instructions. You may make a one-time donation or recurring donation through this link. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
3. **Simply Giving** – Fill out the Authorization Form and put it in the Church Treasurer’s mailbox. This is primarily for set giving amounts. If you wish to make changes, you have to submit a Change Authorization Form. The church does incur a small fee, but you can elect to pay that fee.
4. **Your Bank** – Although not technically an online option, your bank may offer free Bill Payment options where they send a check on your behalf to the church.

If you have any questions, please see Lynn Lippard.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

“STEWARDS OF GOD’S LOVE”

Monday, March 23, your Stewardship Team met via teleconference. We could have used video

chat, however, decided that might be a “bit of a shock”. Maybe another time!

The Stewardship Committee, in light of our current situation, revisited and updated our planned initiatives for 2020.

**ELCA Lenten World Hunger** – March 1-Easter Sunday. Please save those coins and perhaps dollars in your Barn Banks. We hope to send Honeybees and community vegetable gardens, seeds and gardening tools, and fruit-tree seedlings to our global partners. All items will fight hunger, produce jobs, produce revenue for families, and contribute to the environment.

**Quilting Ministry** – Continues through November. Terri reported that we have 52 completed quilts. We are considering putting together bags with material and instructions to cut quilting squares. See Terri’s update in this newsletter.

**School Supplies for Main Street Marketplace** collection will move forward in June and July. **“Noisy Offering” for school supplies for ELCA Good Gifts Program** is still planned for September.

**Clean Water 5K date**, Saturday, November. Pam is working hard to plan and move forward with this important global ministry. Additional events will be forthcoming. Recently, the ELCA Good Gifts Outreach shared information about Grace’s past donations including our gifts of livestock, wells, Irrigation System, and emergency water systems. ELCA Representative, Joanne B. e-mailed that she was both pleased, impressed and intrigued at our Clean Water 5K. Help us to continue our work by volunteering and/or participating in this event.

**Scholarship Timeline for 2020** – Those eligible: High School graduates accepted and enrolled in college for the fall semester; and current college students, who are enrolled in college the fall 2020 semester. Applications will be available in the church office soon. See separate scholarship note in this newsletter.

**Financial Stewardship** – As part of Stewardship, we analyze our congregational giving patterns. We don’t look at names, but pages of numbers. According to a former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe”. It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love.



Applications for church scholarships will be available in the church office beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> and are due back to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The church offers three scholarships for high school graduates and college students:

The Grace Church Scholarship is for college bound high school graduates. The William & Cornie Allman and the Crawford and Eva Sloop Scholarship are for current college students.

Anyone interested in an application packet should contact the church office by phone or in person.



Please remember that the Church Office is open from 10am-2pm Monday through Friday.

April 2020 Calendar has not been included since all gatherings have been postponed. Please see the website for any updates and pass along any updates to those who do not have access to the internet.



Main Street Marketplace and Meeting Place  
March 23, 2020

The Marketplace is grateful that we are still able to help our community in this trying time. This is a reminder that our hours have been adjusted and are from 10am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are offering boxes of food to those we serve in a drive-through approach. In addition, we ask that volunteers stay home and stay safe. We are operating for now with a skeleton crew made up of mostly staff. Our desire is to offer what is critically needed but to also keep everyone safe. Thank you for understanding Food Donations are accepted during our open hours and monetary donations may be mailed or given online. [www.marketandmeeting.org/donations](http://www.marketandmeeting.org/donations).

**Rowan One Church One Child Ministry:** Beginning March 26, 2020, we can no longer accept any more donations until we resume normal operations. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH (Located at Main Street United Methodist Church, 1312 N. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144). We will let you know when it is safe for us to receive them. The ROCOC Assistance Donation Center 24/7 outside donation bin will be locked. The ROCOC Assistance Center is closed until further notice. We are grateful for your continued monetary gifts during this time of crisis as we have to adjust to the ways that we serve our families. You can send monetary gifts to Rowan County Dept. of Social Service, Attention: Jon Hunter, at 1813 E. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28146.

**AGAPE` Kure Beach Ministries:** In order to be part of the global solution to stop the spread of Coronavirus, in "love" for all God's people, we have decided to cancel all retreat guest groups and special events at both Camp Agape~ and the Kure Beach Faith Center from March 22-April 30. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will reassess the situation as it pertains to guests for the month of May.