

# Community In Christ, Presbyterian

## January 2022

# NEWSLETTER



For twenty-three years, **James Rissmiller** pastored and preached here at CIC. He baptized and belly-laughed. He married and memorialized. He led by loving. And he taught by temperament using the personality types of the Myers-Briggs Temperament Indicator.

Jim's was an incarnational, present theology filled with humor, a love for hymnody, and a full-on allegiance for EVERYTHING reformed and Presbyterian. He offered freely from God's generosity and he encouraged the fullness of enjoying God's presence in the commonplace and in the community. All who knew Jim knew the fullness of God's love from seeing Jim's broad smile and hearing Jim's boisterous laughter.



*Jim baptizing Ashley (Blake)  
Venable 34 years ago at Jordan Lake*

Jim was one of the first people I got to know in Greensboro in the spring of 1999 when I interviewed to be the Presbyterian Campus Minister at UNCG. Jim served on the search committee of that campus ministry and I immediately felt both at ease and challenged by his winsome humor and tangible likeability.

It was my profound privilege to have recently preached a dialogue sermon with Jim on the Theology of the Building at CIC. I am so very grateful to God that we got that service in as we ramped up to the celebration of CIC's first 50 years in early December.

As we begin 2022, I am reminiscing about how we will memorialize Jim in mid-January. He and I would often share that we had never been able to make it through one of Jim's favorite hymns without crying. That hymn - ***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*** - ends with a verse that will forever make me think of my friend, my brother in Christ. I give thanks to Jim for being part of the reason my family and I moved to Greensboro.

*"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."*

**Text & tune: John C. Ylvisaker, 1985**



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**Rev. Bryan McFarland**, Pastor  
**Keven Cockrell**, Director of Children's Ministries  
**Kathy Dotson**, Director of Preschool  
**Hope Rife**, Clerk of Session  
**Jordan Morris**, Treasurer  
**Maureen DeLuca**, Office Coordinator



## **Session Meeting Summary, December 19 2021**

Bryan declared a quorum and opened with an observation from The Twelve Days of Christmas with the Celtic Community. It stresses simplicity and following a simple path. Bryan thanked the **outgoing Elders, Debbie Wingate and Mark White**, and welcomed the **incoming Class of 2024, Betty Pierson and Ashley Venable**.

Bryan presented his report as written and included with our Session documents so elders can review before the regular meeting. He is going to schedule individual visits with all Elders starting in January and is resuming his Watch Word emails. Salem Presbytery has contacted CIC regarding the Administrative Committee to **install Bryan on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. He has chosen many pastors to provide the whole program at the Installation. The Session and Bryan continue to consider a meeting of the College of Elders during our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with possibly a speaker and a potluck.

Bryan and the Session expressed pleasure at how perfectly Charter Sunday went. Every part of it was special.

A **new Clerk of Session, Hope Rife**, was elected unanimously!! She will begin as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. On January 2<sup>nd</sup> CIC will watch the UKIRK presentation from the Fellowship Room with a light breakfast being served and followed by the “undecorating” of the Centrum. **January 30<sup>th</sup> was chosen for the Annual Meeting**.

We adjourned with prayer.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Join us on *Sunday, January 9 at 3pm* for the **Installation of Reverend Bryan McFarland** as the Pastor of Community in Christ, Presbyterian

### **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SERVICES**

We continue to gather online, by phone and in-person observance for Sunday worship. There will be 15min of music as we check our online settings and prepare for hearts for worship. Please join us at 9:15am on Sundays in the following ways:

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP OBSERVANCE**
- **PARTICIPATE** via **Zoom** - <https://bit.ly/3n76xZn>, Password: 5401, Meeting ID: 336 674 0396
- **CALL IN & LISTEN** on your phone - +1 253 215 8782 US or +1 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 336 674 0396# (Participant ID is unnecessary. Press # a 2nd time.)
- **LISTEN IN YOUR CAR** in the church parking lot to 91.7FM on your radio

### **COVID-19 Protocols UPDATE**

As of Monday, November 15, Guilford County Board of Health has rescinded the indoor mask mandate that was put into place in August. CIC will no longer require masks at worship indoors. However, while the Guilford County Board of Health has rescinded the mandate, if you feel like you need to wear a mask indoors, please do.

**CIC Preschool falls under different guidelines and a mask mandate remains in effect.** *If you are in the kitchen during school hours, masks are required over your nose and mouth at all times.* Additionally, if you are in the building when students come down to chapel on Wednesday mornings, masks will be required over your nose and mouth at all times.

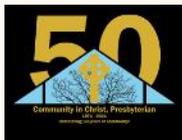
If using the kitchen outside of Preschool hours, please ensure that the Kitchen is properly disinfected for the Preschool staff to begin using upon their return.

## Community in Christ, Presbyterian Charter Sunday

December 5, 2021

*"Whereas, We the undersigned have been identified with the new congregation being formed in Southeast Guilford County, having been a worshipping and serving community since November 9, 1969, and...*

*...Trusting that Christ will use our deeds and support, we respectfully petition Orange Presbytery to organize us the undersigned as a Presbyterian Church in the United States on December 5, 1971, if the way be clear."* (From Charter for Community in Christ, Presbyterian)



Community in Christ commemorated 50 years as a chartered Presbyterian congregation on December 5, 2021, with Charter Sunday, the first event

in a yearlong celebration of CIC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Former Pastors Jim Rissmiller and Dr. Fred Beck** were recognized along with fifteen charter members and forty charter family members. **Rev. Bryan McFarland** presented a video asking charter members **Betty Gilmore, Betty Glasgow, Jo McGuire, Sue Middleton, and Patricia Routh** to describe the mission, or the "why," of Community in Christ as it began in the late sixties and early seventies. Rev. McFarland's dialogue sermon with **Wynn McGregor**, titled "Commemorating the First 50, Celebrating the Beginning of the Next 50," emphasized that the charter members understood "the Church to be forward movement, serving Christ, and demonstrating His love in the world." One hundred twenty-five people stayed for the

celebratory catered lunch, remembering, as the charter states, to accept "our present situation as a gift from God," promising "to walk together" as a community in Christ.



## A Note of Appreciation for Dianne Catterall

How extremely fortunate CIC has been that pianist **Dianne Catterall** shared her exceptional talent and musical skills with us for over a decade! Whether settling us down with meditative gathering music, offering inspirational Word in Music pieces, and leading us in hymns and responses during Sunday



worship or providing accompaniment for choir, Dianne graced us spiritually and made the Centrum's grand Steinway "sing" with reverent exuberance! Alas, Dianne retired from her CIC pianist post on December 26<sup>th</sup> and will be sorely missed! We are forever grateful for Dianne's ministry of music and her memorable service to CIC.

## Sunday Birthdays

It is extra special when birthdays fall on a Sunday, and that's exactly what happened on December 5<sup>th</sup>! On that noteworthy Sunday, two birthdays were observed - CIC commemorated its 50<sup>th</sup> chartered birthday, and **Logan Lowry** celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup>!! In recognition of this unique concurrence, birthday lad Logan and charter member **Betty Gilmore** were



asked to team up and provide the service's Advent Candle Lighting. Just proves that CIC may be five times older than Logan, but this church family's legacy shines bright and full of promise in the faces of our children!

## Dear CIC Friends,

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the help and support you provided us when mom (**Johnnie May**) passed. The service was beautiful and could not have happened so smoothly if not for your assistance. Thank you for allowing this grieving family to be wrapped in the arms of our childhood church family. With love and thanks,

**Mary Margaret, Maria and Robert**

## CIC 50th Anniversary Banner

The Banner committee started work back in June to complete the quilted banner now hanging in the Centrum. Committee members **Lynne Poteat, Beverly Dye, Vickie Chamberlin, Brenda Archer** and **Cindy Bumgarner** met regularly at **Mary Harvey's** home.



Inspired by the artist rendered 50<sup>th</sup> design, we were able to replicate it for the banner. All materials were purchased from JAMS, a local quilt/fabric shop in Climax. **Judy Merrill**, owner of JAMS provided consultation throughout the process. Once Mary and Lynne finished piecing together the quilt top, it was taken to JAMS for quilting. **Nikki Merrill** freehanded the stitch pattern we requested, that reflects the architectural design of the Centrum window. Thanks to **Jared Penrod** for getting the banner hung in time for the December 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

## CIC Primps for Charter Sunday

The necessary preparation for CIC's Charter Sunday celebration was preceded by the diligent work inside *and* outside of MANY dedicated church members! **Grateful recognition** goes to those who toiled outside to spruce up CIC's landscape, to those who organized the special Centrum and Narthex set-up, to those who turned the Fellowship Hall and PYF rooms into meccas for dining, and even to those children who created precious table centerpieces! Another shout-out of **deep appreciation** goes to the luncheon servers as well as the clean-up crew who handled KP duty with the greatest of ease!



## Jared Does It Again!

Last April when Session spent a day on the idyllic campus of St. Francis Springs Retreat Center in Stoneville, NC, we were impressed by the Celtic Cross that graced a hillside outside the facility. Right then and there a mental seed was planted for creating a cross on CIC's berm that would finally be visible to traffic on Forest Oaks Drive. Well, that creative seed took root in the mind of CIC's very own jack-of-all-trades-ingenious-never-stops-working-git-'er-done **Jared Penrod** who decided to make this dream possible *and* in time for Charter Sunday!!! After brainstorming ideas with CIC's green-thumb Linda Holt, Jared staked out the plan, brought in the plants, flowers, and mulch, and even "planted" the cross that he had also built!! Though Linda Holt and Bobbie Gaddy helped with the flower planting, credit for this beautiful *and* visible creation goes to Jared whose tireless penchant for projects to benefit CIC never ends! Jared, your church family endlessly **THANKS YOU!!!**



# Keven Cockrell Children's Wing

Catching **Keven** by SURPRISE!



Now, who said it couldn't be done!?! Well, on December 5<sup>th</sup> CIC pulled off the almost impossible when **Hal McElroy** and **Jim Penrod** shocked **Keven Cockrell** with the news that CIC's preschool wing would now bear her name!! Dedicating that wing to her was in recognition and appreciation of the 25 years that *she* has dedicated to countless CIC and SE Community children through teaching Children's Church and Sunday School, ministering to all with Word for Children on Sundays, serving as director of VBS, and loving on/leading the toddlers of CIC's preschool program. Needless to say, it was a unanimous decision by Session et al!! Hal McElroy and Jim Penrod provided this final highlight of Charter Sunday's worship service by presenting Miss Keven with two plaques – one to take home and a second one that now hangs beside the entrance of the preschool wing. Then Bobbie Gaddy concluded with a limerick honoring this phenomenal person.



# CIC Patchwork Tapestry

CIC children and youth decorated 50 squares that were assembled to form a patchwork tapestry celebrating CIC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, demonstrating that we can make something beautiful when we work together! After adding handprints and footprints to symbolize that we are the hands and feet of Christ, there were 66 squares, the same number as the books of the Bible. The tapestry with 50 squares for 50 years fills one partition in the Fellowship Hall, and the 16 squares "beyond 50" on the second partition look to the future, as noted by the sign:



CIC Patchwork Tapestry  
*50 Squares for 50 Years*  
Honoring the Past  
Living in the Present  
*Looking to the Future!*

## Dear CIC Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely presentation on Charter Sunday. What an incredible surprise and honor! It is truly a blessing and joy to learn, grow, worship, and serve God with you.

Love, *Mrs. Keven*

## PYF January

Meetings are fluid at this time due to various schedule conflicts. Youth leaders will be in direct contact with youth and parents about actual meeting dates and times.

**Sunday Supper for PYF** – Please sign up in the narthex to provide dinner for PYF (such as pizza, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, etc.).

## Acolytes

January 2 – UKirk Service (no acolyte needed)

January 9 (9:30 a.m. worship) – Makenzie Venable

January 9 (Pastor Bryan's Installation at 3:00 p.m.) – James Penrod

January 16 – Leah Lowry

January 23 – Logan Lowry

January 30 – Makenzie Venable

# CIC IS GROWING!

A new habit for CIC may be **welcoming new members** to the CIC family – at least we hope so!! Following in the footsteps of Beverly Murrelle, on November 28<sup>th</sup> **Jerry Cecil** officially joined CIC followed by **Ron and Janie Walters** on December 5<sup>th</sup>! Each was presented a wooden cross with CIC and their joining dates inscribed. The CIC family welcomes all of our wonderful new members and hopes that CIC’s “growing” continues! What a good start to meeting the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary goal of embracing 50 new members in the next five years!



## News from the Preschool:

CIC Preschool children and teachers always look forward to Chapel time with Pastor Bryan. Our last Chapel of 2021 was especially joyful, as it was also Pajama Day!



## CIC Christmas Post Office

CIC children and youth have enjoyed delivering Christmas cards to their church family! Thank you for bringing your cards and for donating to our 2022 Vacation Bible School, *Food Truck Party*. This VBS will highlight some of the many ways God provides, loves, and cares for us and will invite us to provide, love, and care for others.



## CIC Kids

CIC children and youth practiced waiting during Advent by “Searching for the Light” to find four objects hidden outside – a star, a candle, a mirror, and Christmas lights. The star represented the special light that the wise men followed to find Jesus. The candle reminded us of the Advent Wreath – the candle of hope, the candle of peace, the candle of joy, the candle of love, and the Christ candle. Jesus is the Light of the world and the mirror reminded us that we reflect His light. Like small signs of joy inviting us to enjoy the glow, Christmas lights represented God’s light, which is for everyone and welcomes us all. We also enjoyed experiencing the Christmas story with “Breakfast in Bethlehem” through games, crafts, and snacks!



## 3,330 Pounds of Food! Drive-Thru for GUM on January 9



CIC collected a total of 3,330 pounds of nonperishable food items for Greensboro Urban Ministry in 2021 – 879 pounds more than last year! Your generous donations enabled GUM to feed many needy people in our community throughout the year. Thank you very much to everyone who brought food to fill 42 shopping carts towards our goal of filling 50 carts to celebrate CIC’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! **We will collect food for GUM at our next Drive-Thru on Sunday, January 9, after the worship service until noon.**

## Be a Voice for a Child!



Last month I invited members of the congregation to consider becoming a voice for a child in Guilford County. When a child enters the foster care system, his/her parents are assigned an attorney to represent their interests; but children also need someone to speak on their behalf so that they can get all they need to grow and thrive. That someone is a volunteer Guardian ad Litem. As we begin a new year, I ask that you prayerfully consider this important task as a way to give back to the community.

**An information session is scheduled for  
February 6, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Community in  
Christ, 5401 Liberty Road, Greensboro, NC 27406.**

I look forward to sharing more information to those of you who are interested in becoming a part of this process. Please RSVP to the email below to register, providing your name, email, and phone number. Thank you.

*Sally Beck, sabeck2013@gmail.com*

## 2021 G.U.M. Honor Cards

Thank you all so much for supporting the Honor Cards program this year. There are too many of our neighbors suffering in these hard times. With your support, we have raised **\$725 dollars** to help the homeless and needy in our community. We may be a small church but have a big heart. What a privilege to participate and be an intricate part of God's love for others. Thank you.

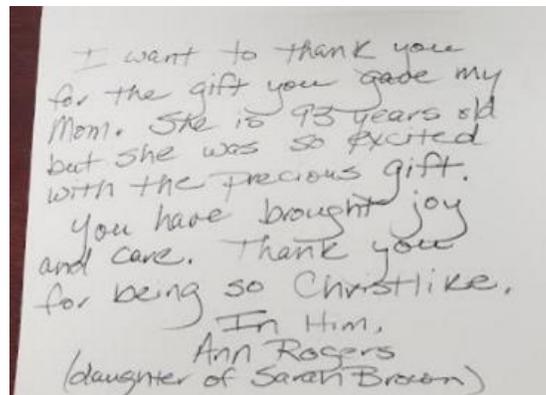
## Thanks for Being an "Angel" for Our Preschool Angels!

Community Outreach requested financial assistance for CIC Preschool for emergency tuition aid and supplies instead of the usual wish lists on the Angel Tree. We greatly appreciate everyone who donated to this important ministry. Thank you very much for supporting CIC Preschool financially and with your prayers.



## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to everyone who filled a gift bag for our Angel Tree Meals on Wheels recipients. We had an overwhelming response and our seniors were spoiled once again by your kindness.



## Volunteer Drivers

**Do you have an immediate need for transportation to a doctor's appointment, etc? We have volunteers willing to drive you. Please contact one of the following persons for a ride:**

Bobbie Gaddy	336-707-2321
Linda Holt	336-601-4248
Andrea Lee	336-209-5374
Amy Schwartz	336-430-9041
Belinda Blake	336-312-0449
Keven Cockrell	336-558-5811
Dianne Catterall	336-707-2661
Beverly Murrelle	336-908-9784
Marcia Cham	828-719-9611
Hal McElroy	336-254-3929

If a long-term ride is needed please contact Bobbie Gaddy directly. There is a program that we have begun called the "wheel Train". This is for long-term transportation needs for our members.

## Hal and Sue McElroy have moved.

Their new address and new home phone number are below. *Cell phone numbers and email will not change.*

3768 Seabury Ct.  
Burlington, NC 27215  
336-350-7895 - Home

## What was CIC doing in 1995 & 1996

### 1995

A Los Angeles jury found **O. J. Simpson** not guilty of murder. The bombing of the **Oklahoma City Federal Building** killed 168 people.

**Eda Warwick** reported a total of **1,030 pounds** of food donated to GUM in 1994.

**Jim Rissmiller** led a six-week seminar on the **Beatitudes** entitled "Blessed Are You."

The average attendance for **Sunday School** was 55 children and adults.

The worship service on Easter Sunday included a **dedication ceremony** for CIC's new addition to the building.

**Beverly Wilson** led "**Awesome Adventures in VBS**" with **Vandalia Presbyterian**.

CIC invited the community to a special "**Longest Night**" service of comfort and hope on December 20 for those who were hurting.

### 1996

**Bill Clinton** was elected for a second term as U.S. president. **General Motors** was America's largest company.

**Scott and Debbie Baize** gave a presentation on their missionary work in the Dominican Republic after the PYF's annual **Lasagna Dinner** in February.

**Ed Cooke** began emailing **CIC newsletters** to everyone who submitted an email address.

CIC honored **Lindy Bodkin** with a brunch and gifts in appreciation of her faithful service before her wedding and move to Oklahoma.

CIC's Task Group began examining options for a **Columbarium and Memorial Garden**.

CIC celebrated a "homecoming" and **25 years as a chartered Presbyterian congregation** with a covered-dish luncheon.

## LIMERICK CORNER

CIC Limerick for **Bobby Patrick**:

Our church has an artist named Bobby,  
Whose art work is more than a hobby.

His painted descriptors  
Interpreting scriptures  
Now grace CIC's Narthex lobby!

-Bobbie Gaddy

### January Birthdays

Robert Stringer	1-2
Wayne Jenkins	1-6
Kirby Broughton	1-9
Adelaide McVeigh	1-9
Avery McElvey	1-13
Jayden Liggins	1-17
Truston Long	1-19
Mark Dowd	1-19
Lesley Pierson	1-22
Max Steele	1-26

### Christmas Eve 2021 Service



Chase, Michael &  
Crue Jones



### BLAST FROM THE PAST

Do you know who this is?



Answer Left: Beverly (Wilson) Dye and her daughter  
Rebecca; right: Ed Cooke

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30am UKirk Pulpit Supply Undecorating CIC after worship No Second Hour	3 Community Life, 7pm	4 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 11:00am Staff Mtg Preschool Returns	5 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 11am Zoom lectio divina	6 Maureen Office 9am-2pm	7 Maureen Office 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study, cancelled	1/8
9 9:30am Baptism of the Lord Worship, Communion and Elder Installation 11am Second Hour Pennies for Hunger and GUM drive through 3pm Bryan Installation	10 6:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6pm Outreach Meeting	11 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 11:00am Staff Mtg	12 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 10am Preschool Chapel 11am Zoom lectio divina	13 Maureen Office 9am-2pm	14 Maureen Office 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study 10am Rissmiller Visitation 4pm-6pm	15 Rissmiller Innurnent and service
16 9:30am Worship 11am Second Hour 6pm Session Meeting	17 Preschool Closed—Parent Teacher Conferences	18 Preschool Closed—Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00am Staff Mtg Maureen Office 9am-2pm	19 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 11am Zoom lectio divina	20 Maureen Office 9am-2pm Newsletter Deadline	21 Annual Report Items Due Maureen Office 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study 10am	22
<b>Mobile Meals All Week</b>						
23 9:30am Worship 11am Second Hour	24	25 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 11:00am Staff Mtg 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	26 Maureen Office 9am-2pm 10am Preschool Chapel 11am Zoom lectio divina	27 Maureen Office 9am-2pm	28 Maureen Office 9am-2pm Women's Bible Study 10am	29
30 9:30am Worship and Annual Meeting 11am Second Hour	31				<b>ELDERS:</b>	

FH = Fellowship Hall, CR—Choir Room, C = Centrum, L = Library

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### *Prayer Concerns*

#### ***For the Family of those who have passed***

Rev. Mr. James Rissmiller  
Chuck Oakley  
David Blake  
Mary Sorrell  
Linda McCauley  
Gena Penley  
Howard Coomes  
David Arnold  
Shane Corthum  
Johnnie May Long

#### ***Members***

Kirby Broughton  
Steve Stringer  
Jennie Bodkin  
Betty Glasgow  
Helen Hotz  
Lou Leasure  
Jim Routh, Sr.

#### ***Friends & Family***

Marci Saunders  
Bill Chamberlain  
Fred Murdock  
Abbie Hawkins  
Suzanne Hawkins  
Maritta Dupois  
Ray Profitt  
Michelle, Trey, and new-  
born Camden Holmes  
Kathy Rissmiller Risley  
Wanda Harwell  
Sarah Brigman  
Courtney Brown  
Bill Roberts  
Ken Acker  
Dorothy Ashcraft  
Caryn Somerville  
Jan Greene  
Cheri Bagent  
Chuck Oakley

Richard Rhyne  
Wendy Delvecchio  
Alice Edmondson  
Madison Budwine  
JJ Hodge  
Jerry Bankhead  
Rachel Kennedy  
Jimmy Brooks  
Linda Seawell  
Joey Kochis  
Amanda Venable