



**First Reformed United Church of Christ
Lexington, NC
APRIL 2018**



THE LAST LAUGH!

Easter is coming. Let's laugh! Bring a joke to tell after our Easter Breakfast!

This year Easter falls on April Fool's Day. The last time this occurred was in 1956. After this year, the next time will be 2029 and then 2040! April Fool's Day is when we pull lighthearted pranks and practical jokes...A day when the unexpected occurs. Certainly, April Fool's is not in the liturgical calendar of the church, yet, it's a day that can help us celebrate Easter.

The clergy of the early church got together to tell jokes to celebrate that "God played a practical joke on the devil" by raising Jesus from the dead, which was known as the '*Risus paschalis*' - the Easter laugh."

A good joke has something to do with timing and discovery of a new way of seeing the world.

What do we celebrate on Easter?

That God creates new life out of death and makes the impossible possible.

When God raised Jesus from the dead, God reminds the world that hate and greed will not have the last word; that God is always working for the purposes of love and new life.

I have heard that laughter lowers blood pressure, reduces stress hormones, and can even help tone your abs. So, bring your favorite bit of humor to share and join me on Easter Morning as we celebrate the Last Laugh!

LIFE RESURRECTED!

Our worship series in April, the Season of Easter, will be **Life Resurrected!** We will tackle the question of "What does it look like for us to live as resurrection people in the world?"

We'll explore these Gospel passages for April:

- April 1 John 20: 1-18
- April 8 John 20: 19-31
- April 15 Luke 24: 36-48
- April 22 John 10: 11-18
- April 29 John 15: 1-8

Together with you seeking new life,

Elizabeth



~ MEMORIALS ~ MARCH 2018 ~

DORIS FRYE

KATHRYN AYERS & FAMILY

RICH & LENA JOHNSON

BETTY BATES

MARZELL CROTTS

DAVIDSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & ZEB HANNER, COUNTY MANAGER

KEITH & DEBORAH DOUGHERTY

FRUCC MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

RICH & LENA JOHNSON

KATHY KUEIDER & DAVID WISE OF MARKET STREET WEALTH

FRANK LEONARD

PAM, LARRY, CAREY & MARK SINK

CAROLYN & CARROLL SPIVEY

NANCY & NINA STOUT



PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

New prayer request cards are located on the backs of the pews for your convenience to request prayer for yourself or someone else. You may complete these and place them in the offering plate. The office will forward these requests to Ben Hale from the Evangelism Committee. He will send a card, if requested, to let the individuals know they are in our prayers. You may still continue to contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office at 336-248-2617 of any prayer requests.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE ~submitted by Rita Lohr

The Morning Glory Circle met Wednesday, March 7th in the church parlor. A brief business meeting was held. Members dismissed to attend the Community Lenten Service at First Lutheran Church in Lexington. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th at 11:00a.m. in the church parlor.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB ~submitted by Cathy Waitman

Friendship Club members were scheduled to meet at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 21 for the Community Lenten Service.

Our April meeting is a trip to the Butterfly Farm in High Point on Wednesday, April 25. We must have a minimum of 20 people to get weekday reservations. Please let Cathy know by **April 8** if you will be able to go. We will eat lunch at the Farmer's Market. Please invite friends to go along. More information will follow.

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP ~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

WLF members prepared and served dinner for the Crisis Ministry Shelter on March 12th. Thanks to all who shared their time in assisting with this ministry and act of love. Our next meeting will be April 17th at 7 pm in the parlor. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. At our April meeting, we will discuss plans to participate in a fundraiser for Open Hands Ministry at FUMC on May 5th. Also, we have been asked to assist with Arts Discovery Camp at Grace Episcopal by providing refreshments and lunch one day during the camp as we have in the past. So, this will also be discussed at our next meeting.

KIDS CLUB ~ submitted by Alice Gray

Kids Club met on March 11. The topic was St. Patrick and his important Christian missionary work in Ireland. To understand how St. Patrick used the simple shamrock to symbolize the Holy Trinity, the children made shamrocks that could used as a refrigerator magnet or a window decoration. The children also made colorful Celtic crosses, as it is believed that St. Patrick introduced them during his conversion of Irish people, who worshiped the sun, to Christianity. Special thank-you to Nicole Smith and Nina Smith for their assistance.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The First Reformed UCC Men's Brotherhood met on Tuesday, March 13th for dinner and a meeting. Thank you to Mike Brown, John Potts, and J.W. Bates for the delicious chili beans and cornbread. The next meeting date is **Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00pm**. All men of the church are invited for dinner and a meeting in the fellowship hall.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE MARCH 2018 MEETING

Pastor's Report Highlights (FEBRUARY 2018)

- Homebound /sick visits: approximately 6
- Pastoral Contacts: approximately 5
- Hospital visits: 2
- East Lexington Collaborative Ministries & GLAMA
- Davidson/Forsyth Ministerium
- Confirmation Class
- Co-facilitator - Lenten Lunch and Learn Bible Study
- BAIC process; Forum #2: LGBT and families and Welcoming Task Force meeting

Average weekly offering for February 2018:

\$3332.00

Average weekly attendance for February 2018:

91

Financial Report: Denise Durham

- General fund available balance at the end of February was \$3,990

Board of Congregational Life: Eddie Yates and Lena Johnson

- Thanked Lisa Nelson and Michell Winters for hosting the March First Sunday Social

Board of Christian Education: Jerry Lovell

- Approximately 15-10 people attending the Lenten Lunch and Learn Bible Study
- Upcoming Events include: April 28th-Families First meet at Joy Walser's house; June 3rd,-Winston Salem Dash Game; June 17th-21st Vacation Bible School with Second Reformed UCC and other churches; Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st

Property Committee: Eddie Yates reported for John Smith

- Receiving quotes for painting the sanctuary interior
- Rich Johnson repaired a step at the side entrance to the sanctuary...thanks for all the projects you do!
- Quote received to replace the damaged rail at the side entrance to the sanctuary and add a center rail
- Increased amount committee may spend for various needs without consistory approval
- Chapel will be used this summer when painting the sanctuary

Security Committee: Lindsay Sink

- Received two quotes for security cameras for the sanctuary, waiting on a third
- Thanked Jeff Hutchens for getting ushers on board for security check on Sundays

Board of Community Outreach: Mark Smith

- Touching Davidson County With Love on March 24th
- Palm Sunday Community Service at Old Courthouse...Rev. Horton speaking at the service
- Edgar Miller received a grant for a soil check in the community garden
- The Lexington Garden Club donated \$1,000 to the community garden. Aurelia Smith, Anne Bevan, and Sylvia Walser are all members.

Evangelism Board: Dave Fulton

- Rev. Al Staggs is scheduled to be here in mid-September.
- New Prayer Request cards available in the pews. If an address is included, a card will be mailed.
- The new Church Directory is in the final stages of preparation for print. Approximate price at this time is \$20
- John McWhorter compiling a slide show we hope to present on his group travels recently to the Holy Land

Old Business:

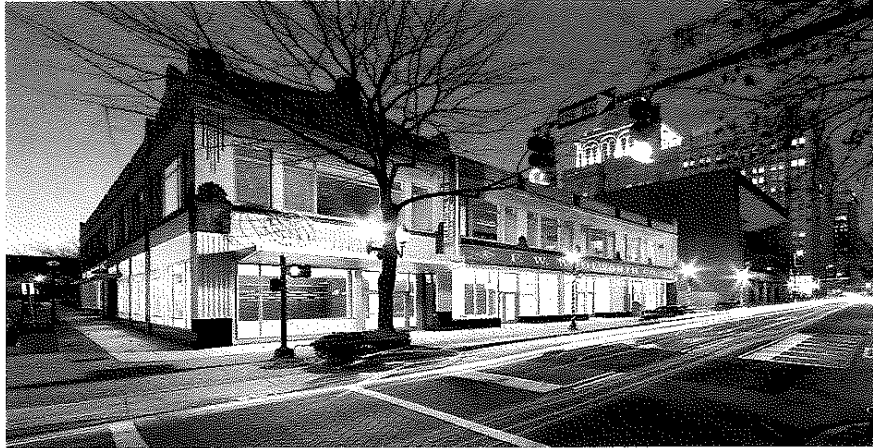
- Becoming an Inclusive Church Process: 51 people attended recent Parent Forum. Task Force discussing ideas for "Welcoming Statement" as an addition to our current "Mission Statement"
- Holy Communion: Elizabeth working with Sylvia Walser, Board of Worship and Sacrament, to coordinate and create guidelines for volunteers to take communion to Homebound members.
- Consistory Retreat: Regular consistory April 8th. Saturday, May 5th will be a combined consistory meeting and retreat at Yarborough's Restaurant from 10am to 2pm to discuss Long Range Planning Goals

New Business:

- Consistory granted request of Bill Holtzman to speak on behalf of the Gideons. Rev. Horton will contact him.

The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 8.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM



On Saturday, April 14, Pastor Elizabeth and the Confirmands, Jonathan Kepley, Ava Miller, and Claire Smith, will visit the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, NC to go along with their study of discipleship. At the Museum, they will explore the history of the American civil rights movement with a guided tour of the 17-gallery permanent exhibition, *The Battlegrounds*. This engaging encounter, introduced with a captivating audio/video narrative, includes a journey through time via pictorial, artifacts, video reenactments, and high-tech interactive components.

Any other church members ninth grade and older are invited to come along. The reservation is for 10:00 that morning and rides will leave from the parking lot behind the educational building. The tour lasts about an hour and a half. Please contact Elizabeth if you are interested in going. Tickets are adults \$12.00 and seniors and students \$10.00. If ten people go there is a \$1.00 discount per ticket. Plans are to eat lunch before returning to the church.

♥♥♥♥♥TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE♥♥♥♥♥

~submitted by Mark Smith

I'd like to thank all of our church members and our Girl Scout troop who participated in the Touching Davidson County With Love project on March 24th. Members repaired floors and porches, performed yard work, planted a garden, picked up trash, cooked and delivered meals, made baby blankets/bonnets, visited at assisted living centers, cleaned out cabins at Kamp Kiwanis and spread love with many of our neighbors in need.



John's River Valley Camp 2018 Traditional Summer Camp Schedule

(2018 [Registration](#) HAS BEGUN)

June 24-30 Middle High Outpost/Caving (Grades 7-9)

Co-Directors: Elizabeth Schiemann and Lucy Bennett

Campers live in A-Frame units away from the main site enough to truly enjoy an experience in the woods. This week features a canoe trip, hike to waterfall and rock wall climbing. The high point of the week is a memorable caving experience. Cost is \$450.

July 1-7 Round Table Rendezvous

Directed by Phil Hardy, Jason Stump and Staff

Three age groups (see below) share the grounds and meals. This camping experience lends itself to building "big/little sister/brother" relationships. Age specific activities [apply](#) as indicated.

Junior Age (Grades 4-6)

Camping on the main site these campers will enjoy aquatics, hikes, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, [games](#), campfires and more.

Cost is \$430.

Middle High (Grades 7-9)

Camping on the main site these campers will participate in three bike trips highlighted by a trip on the downhill section of the Virginia Creeper Trail in Damascus, VA. If possible they are encouraged to bring their own bikes and helmets although those will be provided on the Virginia Creeper Trail. They also will enjoy aquatics, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, games, campfires and more. Cost is \$450.

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

These campers will stay on the main site. They will explore their own gifts, build community among a diverse group of young people and discover new ways to recognize God in creation. Their experiences will include aquatics, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, games, campfires and more. The week will also include the biking trip on the Virginia Creeper Trail in Damascus. Cost is \$450.

July 15-21 Junior Age Classic (Grades 4-6)

Co-Directors: Rev. Randy Orwig, Rev. Sharon Wheeler and Rev. Elizabeth Horton

While camping on the main site these campers enjoy all the traditional camping activities. They will learn and grow through aquatics, hikes, archery, [crafts](#), rock climbing, games, vespers, campfires and more. Cost is \$430.

July 15-21 Beginners (Grade 3)

Director: Stephanie Hardy

These first time campers will stay on the main site and be introduced to the experiences of JRVC. Their days will be filled with aquatics, games, crafts, hikes, stories, vespers and campfires. This is a great way to get the next generation of campers started. Cost is \$240.

July 22-28 Senior High Outpost/Adventure (Grades 9-12)

Director: Kevin Russell

These campers are challenged toward growth and community building. Their high adventure activities will include white water rafting on the Nolochucky River and off-site rock climbing in Pisgah National Forest. Cost is \$500.

Follow the links below for more information:

http://jrvc.org/Summer_All_2018.htm

<https://www.facebook.com/johnsrivervalleycamp/>



Located in Collettsville, NC

Summer Workers Wanted for Summer 2018

Competitive Salary

Meaningful Work

Johns River Valley Camp seeks seven or eight persons to serve as full time resident leaders during the summer of 2018. Candidates will serve between the time of June 4 through July 31. The on-site Johns River Camp training and orientation will take place during the time of June 4-8, 2018. Plan to arrive on Monday, June 4, between 11:00am and noon.

JRVC seeks candidates who can engage campers in dialogue, foster respect, encourage resilience, model responsibility, and be open with sensitivity to the diverse expressions shared amidst a faith community. SCAT prospects should be at ease in the natural environment and able to live in an outdoor setting with a reasonable level of comfort and respect.

Each person on the team will be assigned skills in a specialty area. These areas may include one or more of the following: Lifeguard, Canoe Instructor, Archery Instructor, Climbing Instructor, or First aid Responder. These “expert/specialty” roles may be areas of competency a candidate already possesses, or reflect certifications and training received at training event options.

Persons with certain advanced or instructor certifications in water areas and health care (Lifeguard Training, Waterfront Lifeguard, EMT or Wilderness First Aid, and Canoe Instructor) will receive a salary of \$3,100 for the summer. Additional training and also responsibility are implied with these positions. The remainder of the staff will receive \$2,800.

If you are interested you can email Phil Hardy at

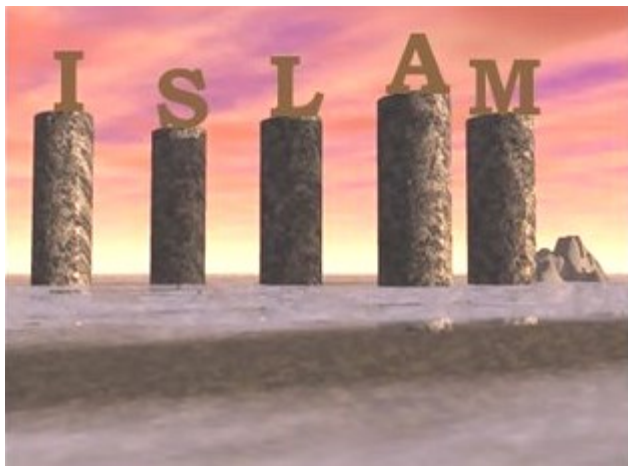
phardy.jrvc@gmail.com

Or go to the web site at

www.jrvc.org

and click on Summer Staff Job Description and Application.

You may also obtain a copy of the Johns River Valley Camp Summer Camp Assistance Team Application by contacting First Reformed UCC church office at 336-248-2617 or carolyn@frucc.org



Similarities and Differences: An Interfaith Conversation **INTERFAITH FORUM #4**

APRIL 22, 2018 (4:00-5:30pm)

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

The Board of Evangelism announces the fourth of its Interfaith Forum Series entitled “*Similarities and Differences - An Interfaith Conversation.*” The fourth forum in this series will be held at four o’clock in the afternoon of April 22, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. After the presentation, there will be a time for questions and answers.

Naijla was born and raised in NC. She graduated from Wake Forest University in 2014 with a B.A. in Religious Studies and concentrations in Religion & Public Engagement and International Studies with a focus on the Middle East and South Asia. While at Wake Forest, Naijla was a leader in the Muslim Student’s Association and Interfaith Council. After graduating, Naijla pursued her interest in education justice work as an AmeriCorps VISTA for Education with the Pro Humanitate Institute at WFU. Prior to joining the Office of the Chaplain staff, Naijla was the Middle & High School Program Coordinator at Asian American LEAD, a nonprofit in Washington, DC that serves low-income Asian American youth. She is excited to be in this position as the Director of Muslim Life to be able to provide support for Muslim students, faculty & staff, and opportunities of engagement to the Wake Forest & Winston-Salem communities.

In her free time, Naijla enjoys spending time with her family and friends, hiking, enjoying the outdoors and eating.

Girl Scout Yard Sale

Additional collection days have been added for the Girl Scouts’ “40 BAGS in 40 DAYS” DECLUTTER CHALLENGE. You may bring items by the church the following days and times:

Tuesday, March 27	5-8:00pm
Monday, April 2	10:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, April 3	3-6:00pm
Thursday, April 5	12-5:00pm



Whether you participated in the Declutter Challenge or not, the Girl Scouts would welcome your continued support by visiting during their yard sale on Saturday, April 7. The sale will take place in the grassy area in front of the playground. (In case of rain, the event will be held in the church Fellowship Hall). Come out and help support the Girl Scouts. This will help the group as they plan for their June trip to Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon.



SAVE the DATE ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY, MAY 6th at 3:00pm
First Reformed UCC Sanctuary

Various Organists from Local Churches

Instrumental Performances
on Piano, Harp & Saxophone
and Vocal performances

More information to come



ANNUAL BOOK SALE APRIL 12-14, 2018

AT THE LIBRARY ANNEX
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PREVIEW: THURSDAY, 4/12: 4-7:30PM
(FOR MEMBERS)*

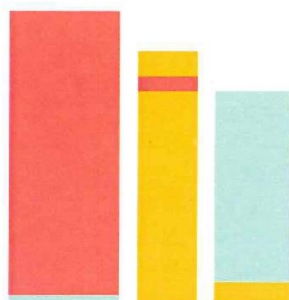
FRIDAY, 4/13: 9AM - 5:30PM
(FOR GENERAL PUBLIC)

SATURDAY, 4/14: 9AM - NOON
(FOR GENERAL PUBLIC)

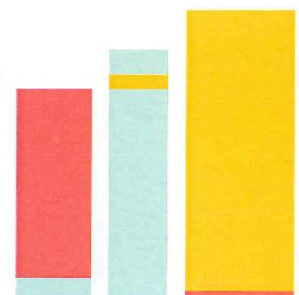
SATURDAY, 4/14: 1-3PM BAG SALE
(FOR GENERAL PUBLIC)

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The Friends of the Lexington Public Library are receiving items for the annual book sale on Tuesdays from 1-4PM and on Saturdays from 10AM-Noon at 612 S. Main St. (Library Annex) through April 10. (Dates include March: 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, AND April: 3, 7, 10. Not March 31)



From Cathy Waitman - Director of Christian Education

April is a great month! Everything is springing to life.



Trees and flowers are coming out and the warmer temperatures are a welcome relief from the cold days of winter.



Easter Sunday morning will be an exciting time at FRUCC! Easter Breakfast, prepared by Jerry Lovell, will begin at 9:30. The menu will be

ham biscuits, sausage biscuits, pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee. Children will hunt Easter Eggs at 10:00 and watercolor a special Easter egg to take home. At 11:00, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with our Easter worship service.

Last month, the youth participated in JAM and in Kids' Club twice (once in the garden), met for Children's Church, packed food in bags for the Back Pack Program at South Lexington School, and waved palms to begin the Palm Sunday service. This month, the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 1, JAM and Children's Church will be on April 8, Kids' Club will meet on April 11, and there will be a service project on April 29. In Children's Church, the youth will learn about Resurrection Eggs which represent the symbols of Easter. The youth will be studying *Knowing Jesus in a New Way* lessons in the *Godly Play* series. The lessons and materials were donated to our church by Rev. Marion Rhyne.



Willing Workers class members will continue their study of Genesis. New Way class has completed Mark and will start lessons on Romans this month. The Still Speaking class will continue meeting in the Parlor.

Families First will meet on Saturday, April 28. We will be discussing issues that parents and

their children are facing at home, school, and in the community. Dan Horton and Jeff Hutchens are making plans for a car wash to raise money for any of our youth who would like to attend Johns River Valley Camp this summer. The schedule of camps and brochures with registration forms are on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Information is also included in this newsletter on page 6.

Our three confirmands will be studying Jesus' life and ministry, the UCC, and discipleship as



they conclude their classes with Pastor Elizabeth. On April 14, the

Confirmands will visit the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro in relation to discipleship. The confirmands will be working on their statements of faith and a service of confirmation will be scheduled at a later date.

Sign-ups for tickets for the Winston Salem Dash game (Sunday, June 3) are posted on the bulletin board in the educational building and in the narthex. Tickets are \$13.00 and include covered seats behind home plate and a ball cap. Sign up deadline is May 20. We are hoping to have a big crowd to go and enjoy the game, food, and fun!



Volunteers are needed in the following capacities:



**VOLUNTEERS:
VERY VALUABLE!**

Helpers for Children's Church

Helpers for youth Sunday school

Helpers for JAM

Helpers for Kids' Club

VBS group leaders

If you are willing or interested in helping out with any of these activities, please contact me.

First Reformed UCC's Community Garden Off to a Fast Start

~submitted by Edgar Miller

Despite the cold temps and Spring snows, the First Reformed UCC Community Garden is alive with God's blessing of renewed life and sustenance. Garden volunteers and Open Hands Ministry garden workers participated in two work days in March to prepare the garden for Spring planting. They also harvested 10 pounds of collards for Pastors' Pantry clients.



On March 18, Kids' Church participants, Ethan Lovell, Jacob and Emma Hartle, Lucas Peterson, and Parker and Patrick Horton helped plant 15 pounds of red, white and Yukon gold seed potatoes and more than 100 red and white onions. Joni Walser read the "Parable of the Sower" about Jesus instructing us to sow our seeds on fertile ground and closed with a spirited singing of "The Farmer Plants the Seed" to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" led by Jianna Miller. Thanks to Cathy Waitman for organizing and volunteers, Joni and Sylvia Walser, Aurelia Smith, Keri Hartle, and Ava and Jianna Miller.

In addition to the preparing and planting, researchers studying community garden soils from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment selected the Garden as one of ten community gardens statewide to participate in the soil study. Soil samples have been taken and results should be back in a couple of months. The findings will help guide future efforts to maintain soil health and sustainability in the Garden.



In April and May volunteers will be installing new raised beds and building a pollinator garden. If you would like to help in the Garden please let Edgar Miller know at edgarmiller@gmail.com or watch for Garden workday announcements in weekly church updates.

Thank You APRIL 2018 Stewards!

Liturgist: June Grubb & Eulene Shepherd

Youth Liturgist: Kalyssa Hutchens

Ushers: **Chairperson:** Jeff Hutchens
John Gray (Captain), John Maze,
Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins, Linda Sink

Youth Usher: Patrick Horton

Plate Attendant: Dave Fulton

Acolyte: Parker Horton

Sound Technician: Calvin Odom

Bible Steward: Lucas Peterson

First Sunday Social (to be held on April 8):
Dave & Glenyce Fulton

GREETERS:

April 1 John & Susie Smith

April 8 Eddie & Belinda Yates

April 15 Dave & Glenyce Fulton

April 22 Jeremy & Lucas Peterson

April 29 Rita Lohr & Susan Miller

NURSERY:

April 1 Dave Fulton & Jeremy Peterson

April 8 Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

April 15 Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider

April 22 Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr

April 29 Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller



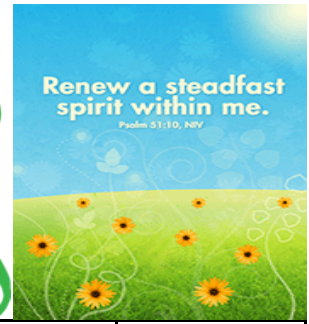
PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Jo Hudson, Ruth Essick, Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Valerie Price, Joyce Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

OUR FRIENDS: Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Jonelle, Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves (Epworth UMC in Concord), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Greg Nifong (Lib Sink's nephew), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Dot Crotts (Frank Leonard's aunt), Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates, (Eddie Yates' dad), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson)

April 2018

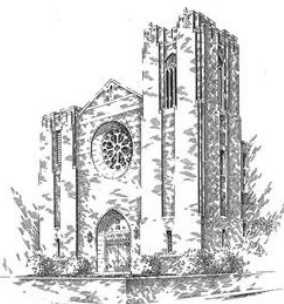



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 BRING FLOWERS TO PLACE AT THE RESURRECTION CROSS 9:30 EASTER Breakfast (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL) 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 Worship	2 10-2:00 Declutter Challenge Drop off 5:00 Tutoring {D} 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	3 10:00 Weaving Women 3-6:00 Declutter Challenge Drop off 6:30 Bd. of Christian Ed. Meeting {Rm102}	4 11:00 Morning Glory Circle {P} 6:30 Hand Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {ChA}	5 12-5:00 Declutter Challenge Drop off 5:30 Yoga {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	6 5:30 Confirmation Class	7 GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE
8 9:45 JAM & Sunday School 10:30 Social {FH} 11:00 Worship *Children's Church* 12:15 Consistory	9 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Tutoring {D} 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	10 10:00 Weaving Women 10:00 Collaborative Ministries {P} 6:00 Men's Brotherhood {FH} 6:30 Bd. of Evangelism Meeting {P}	11 10:30 GLAMA Meeting 6:30 Hand Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {ChA}	12 5:30 Yoga {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	13 5:30 Confirmation Class	14 Confirmands visit Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro Friends of the Lexington Library Annual Book Sale (see page 9)
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship *Kids Club*	16 1-5:00 Bd. of Realtors Meeting {DS} 5:00 Tutoring 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	17 8:30-5:30 Bd. of Realtors Meeting {DS} 10:00 Weaving Women 7:00 Women's Life Fellowship {P}	18 6:30 Hand Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {ChA}	19 5:30 Yoga {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	20	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4-5:30 Interfaith Forum #4 Najila Faiza {FH}	23 5:00 Tutoring 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	24 10:00 Weaving Women 2:00 Meals on Wheels Bd. Meeting {P}	25 12:00 Friendship Club- Butterfly Farm and Lunch at Farmer's Market 6:30 Bell Choir {BR} 7:15 Choir {ChA}	26 5:30 Yoga {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	27	28 Families First meets at Joy Walser's House
29 9:45 Youth Service Project Sunday School 11:00 Worship	30 5:00 Tutoring 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}					

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**All Are Welcome Here!
Where People Discover...**

*The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



'Come to our Table'

NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL

Tuesday, May 22

5:00pm Fellowship Hall

Free to all. Donations appreciated!

*First Reformed United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall*

104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292



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Church Staff

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Minister of Pastoral Care

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Director Christian Ed.

Cathy Waitman

Admin. Assistant

Carolyn Robbins

Choir Director

Ellen Peterson

Organist

Lee Ann Peele

Financial Administrator

Paula Lopp

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:45am
Worship 11:00am

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 Bill & Cheryl Walser | 15 Chris Fulton |
| 4 Larry Link | Rita Tussey |
| Ashlee Snider | 17 Mike & Laura Perry |
| 5 Caroline Hooper | 22 Nadia Freeman |
| 6 Mary Berrier | 21 Casey & Keri Hartle |
| 7 Mike Brown | 22 Edgar & Kivi Miller |
| 8 John Potts | 26 Hense Walser |
| 9 Eulene Shepherd | Sylvia Walser |
| 10 Jeremy & Ellen Peterson | 28 Emma Hartle |
| 11 Clifton Murphy | Pam Sink |
| 12 Kyle Winters | 29 Kay Crouse |
| 13 Lee & Ellen Bouchard | Katherine Skipper |

Let us draw near...
with a sincere
heart in full
assurance of faith.
Let us hold
unswervingly to
the hope we
profess.



Hebrews 10:22-23

THANK YOU NOTES

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