



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

**MAY 2018**



Dear Beloved Community,

Last month in worship, through our sermon series of **Life Resurrected**, we were reminded that because of God's resurrecting love, we have been and are continuing to be Raised from Doubt, Hopelessness, Insecurity, and Loneliness. With this reassurance of God's faithfulness, we can be emboldened to embrace discipleship as we have never experienced before.

This month, we focus on passages from John's gospel, where Jesus tells the disciples what life in faith looks like...one full of Joy and Love.

We invite folks to join with us on this journey as we seek to follow Jesus uniquely at First Reformed UCC. May 20, is the Day of Pentecost. It is the time we celebrate that the Holy Spirit is alive and moves among us as it did in the early church!

We will also receive new members into the congregation on this day. We understand that uniting with a family of faith is an important step, and we want to make it a little less intimidating by inviting folks to make this step together. While anyone is certainly welcome to join at any time, we are setting aside May 20 to welcome those who want to make this commitment as part of a group.

In preparation for joining, please come to the **UCC: Who We Are** Discussion Series which begins on May 6 at 9:45. Please let me know if you are planning to come or if you cannot come, but still want to unite with FRUCC.

Beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> is a time of **Intercessory Prayer** after worship. The Board of

Evangelism is recharging the ways in which folks on our prayer list are receiving prayer contacts from the church. New prayer cards have been placed in the backs of pews for you to write in your name or the name of someone else who is need of prayer. These cards are placed into a prayer box. Volunteers then send cards to these folks so they may know they are being prayed for by the congregation.

For a more focused time of prayer, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, directly after worship, you are invited to join Ben Hale and other volunteers to spend about 5 minutes as a group in intercessory prayer for the people listed. You don't have to commit to every Sunday.

I thank Ben Hale for leading this effort which helps us fulfill the scripture from 1 Timothy 2: 1, *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone."*



*The prayer box*

As I look at the vast array of ministries happening within this congregation, I fully believe that the Holy Spirit is moving and is among us! The God who brings a new dawn every day is bringing about a deeper spirit in, among, and through the life of this church. I continue to be amazed and also incredibly

grateful.

Let us **BE THE CHURCH** that can help alleviate suffering and proclaim Resurrection Hope through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Together with you on the journey,

Elizabeth

**Scriptures for May:**

May 6 John 15: 9-17  
Holy Communion

May 13 John 17: 6-19

May 20 John 15: 26-27, 16: 4-15  
**Pentecost – wear red Joining Sunday!**

May 27 John 3: 1-17



**~ MEMORIALS ~ APRIL 2018 ~**

**JOYCE PRICE**

**BETTY BATES**

JOHN & LYNN McCARN

SYLVIA WALSER

**BOBBY BELCHER**

CLIFF & PAULA LOPP

BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS

**ROBERT P. MILLER**

CLIFF & PAULA LOPP

BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS

CATHY & STEVE WAITMAN

**V.G. & JOYCE PRICE**

JAMES & ELIZABETH LEONARD

**ALICE SINK**

CALVIN & SUSAN ODOM

BRENDON & JUDITH BAILEY

MARY N. EVERHART

WENDY & WILLIAM FOX

BRENDA GARNER

W. EDWARD HEGE, III

MARYLYN HILTON

ELIZABETH D. HINKLE

MERLE & JERRY HODGES

RICH & LENA JOHNSON

CLIFFORD & PAULA LOPP

JOHN & LYNN McCARN

DEANNA MICHAEL

LOIS MOORE

CALVIN & SUSAN ODOM

JOHN POTTS & JANETTE NEAL

BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS

JOHN & KATHY ROLLINS

MR. & MRS. TED ROYSTER

RICK & LIBBY SAMUELS

ELIZABETH SINK

KATHERINE SKIPPER

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

JOHN & SUSIE SMITH

MARTHA ELLEN SMITH

MR. & MRS. STEVE SMITH

GLADYS SNIDER

CAROLYN & CARROLL SPIVEY

CATHY & STEVE WAITMAN

SYLVIA WALSER

**~ HONORARIUMS ~ APRIL 2018**

**MARY BERRIER'S BIRTHDAY**

ELIZABETH SINK

GLADYS SNIDER

**JOHN' POTTS' BIRTHDAY**

MIKE & LYNN BROWN

**~ THANK YOU NOTES ~**

Acknowledgements have been received  
from the following Benevolences:

The Workshop of Davidson County  
Special Olympics of Davidson County

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Thank you First Reformed UCC for the noisy  
offering!

**Girl Scout Troop #2160**  
**Alyson, Chloe, Kiara,**  
**Jianna, Emma, Brenda**

**Girl Scout Yard Sale a Great Success --**  
Thank You! Our Girl Scout Troop raised nearly  
\$1800 from its yard sale. Thank you to every-  
one who participated in the Declutter Challenge  
and donated or purchased items. All of the re-  
maining household items were donated to Lex-  
ington Community Church for their youth  
group's yard sale and most of the clothes were  
donated to Goodwill.

**Kivi Miller**

**MORNING GLORY CIRCLE** ~submitted by Susan Miller

The Morning Glory Circle met Wednesday, April 4 in the church parlor. President Rita Lohr opened the meeting by saying, "The day the Lord created Spring, He created hope." She acknowledged Mary Berrier 92nd birthday. Then she gave an update on shut ins. Deanna Michael gave the treasurer's report, We gave a memorial for Betty Bates and plan to do the same for Joyce Price. There was also a discussion on a request to help with the meal at the Homeless Shelter. The meal was approved and planned. Myra Thompson had the program. Our group has given her great support in a year filled with many hurdles. She spoke of this and how it helped her endure and look forward to new happiness in her health recovery and first grandchild. She also told us about Paul Stevens who finds pleasure in life despite his ongoing battle with cancer. He has been a great inspiration for Myra and many others. We may ask him to speak in the future.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** ~submitted by Cathy Waitman

Friendship Club met Wednesday, April 25 at Yarborough's restaurant. We had 18 members present who enjoyed a delicious lunch! Gladys Snider presented devotions. Elizabeth filled us in on how our homebound members were doing and gave us an update on June, who went to the ER with pains in her side. June is resting at home and hopefully will feel better soon! Please keep her in your prayers.

Next month, we will meet at March Motorcars on Wednesday, May 23. Time and lunch location will be announced. Our last meeting of the year will be a trip to All-A-Flutter, the butterfly farm in High Point, on June 13. Our reservation time is at 10:00 for an hour tour. Lunch will follow. The tickets cost \$7.00 for ages three and up. Several members are planning to take their grandchildren so that we will have the required minimum number of people to go.

Watch emails and bulletins for more information!

**WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP** ~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

WLF met April 17<sup>th</sup> in the church parlor. Paula Lopp presented devotions, "Gentleness is in Me," which reminded us all that we should let our gentleness be evident to all. Harriette Murphy and Cathy Waitman provided delicious refreshments. WLF will be participating in a fundraiser for Open Hands Ministry on May 5<sup>th</sup> at First Methodist Church. The event will be a High Tea at 2 pm on that day. WLF will sponsor a table. Please contact Bonita Hooper for details. Also, WLF members agreed to provide snacks and lunch in July for the participants at Arts Discovery Camp which is held at Grace Episcopal Church. We will also feed the North Davidson Football team again in August. Our next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the parlor, and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in attending.

**MEN'S BROTHERHOOD**

Men's Brotherhood gathered on Tuesday, April 10th for a delicious meal prepared by Mike Brown and crew consisting of Boston Butt, baked beans, broasted potatoes, slaw, rolls and dessert. Eddie Yates had a short devotional. It was a time of good fellowship for all who attended. The next meeting date is Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00pm. All men of the church are invited.

**KIDS CLUB** ~ submitted by Alice Gray

Kids Club met on April 15th. To continue celebrating the season of Easter, the children made a picture board with colorful flowers and butterflies they made from patterned paper and tissue paper. The Bible verse was John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life." A very special thanks goes to Keri and Casey Hartle, Ashlee Snider and Dain Laguna for their assistance.

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE April 2018 MEETING

After the Pastor's Report...

Deacon, Janelle Bunn mailed a letter of resignation to Consistory due to health reasons. It was decided to not fill the vacant seat at this time in light of the short time remaining in her term.

**Board of Congregational Life:** Eddie Yates and Lena Johnson

Thanked Dave & Glenyce Fulton for April's First Sunday Social. Also thanked all who helped The Board of Christian Education and Jerry Lovell with the Easter Sunday breakfast.

**Board of Christian Education:** Jerry Lovell

Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday school classes will join to begin a series "UCC: Who We Are". June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the annual church picnic. The Board proposed that beginning June 17<sup>th</sup> to have a 10:00am worship service and no Sunday school through July 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was unanimously approved. Sunday School classes will return August 5th with a 5-week study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Clarence Jordan. Rally Day will be September 9. Cathy will be meeting with Linda Sink, VBS coordinator, to make plans for Vacation Bible School with Second Reformed UCC.

**Financial Report:** Denise Durham

The average weekly offering for March was \$3,650. The amount needed weekly is \$5,099, leaving a weekly deficit of \$1449. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the best way to get more information to the congregation.

**Property Committee:** John Smith

Of the several bids received for painting the sanctuary, the quote from Miller Painting was approved, provided he can work within the summer months. Lindsay Sink commended and thanked John Smith for the effort and work he had put into this project.

**Security Committee:** Lindsay Sink

After reviewing 4 quotes for the installation of security cameras for the front doors of the sanctuary, the quote presented by David Driver of Triad Security Systems was chosen. Noting his previous knowledge of the Sanctuary weighed in the committee's recommendation to accept his bid.

**Board of Worship and Sacrament:** Sylvia Walser and Deanna Michael

A future list of Communion dates will be provided. Current and former Elders and Deacons will administer home communion, in addition to the pastor. A signup sheet will be available along with guidelines drawn up by Rev. Horton.

**Board of Community Outreach:** Mark Smith

Thanked Women's Life Fellowship for serving the evening meal at Crisis Ministry in March. Thanked all who helped with Touching Davidson County With Love.

**Evangelism Board:** Dave Fulton

An Organ Recital is scheduled for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Church members are invited to attend the Winston-Salem Dash game Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The board discussed new name tags for ushers and will discuss with Heidi Hutcheson of Davidson Speed Printing. Dave was asked to present a sample tag along with the cost. The Community Meal raised \$650 for Special Olympics.

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| Average Weekly Attendance for<br><b>March: 88</b> |
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**Old Business:**

Consistory Meeting and Retreat is scheduled for May 5 from 10-2:00.

**New Business:**

Jerry and Patti Lovell will represent First Reformed UCC as delegates to the annual meeting of the Southern Conference in June.

Rev. Horton led a closing prayer.

*(For a complete copy of the minutes, please contact the church office.)*





On the eve of Easter morning, the “blue moon” could be seen rising over the Memorial Garden Cross Tower at First Reformed UCC.

*[photo credit Donnie Roberts/  
The Dispatch, March 31, 2018]*

*“The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teacher, to equip the saints for the work of Ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12*

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering.



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Look for giving envelopes in the May 20th bulletins.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers Educational Series Spring 2018**

The Life Center of Davidson County is offering a six week educational series designed to provide you with the tools needed to care for yourself while caring for your loved one.

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided at no charge.)

**Class Schedule:**  
 May 2  
 May 9  
 May 16  
 May 23  
 May 30  
 June 6

**This series offers tools to:**

- ◇ Help you to reduce stress
- ◇ Communicate effectively
- ◇ Take care of yourself
- ◇ Reduce guilt, anger, and depression
- ◇ Locate helpful resources
- ◇ Help you relax
- ◇ Increase your ability to make tough decisions
- ◇ Balance your life

**Location :**  
 The Life Center  
 601 West Center Street  
 Lexington, NC

**\*\* Registration is required and space is limited. \*\***  
 To reserve your space, please contact Nina Smith, Fundraising Coordinator at (336) 249-2155 or [nsmith@lifecenterdavidson.com](mailto:nsmith@lifecenterdavidson.com). This educational series is offered at no charge with contributions graciously accepted.

North Carolina Family Caregiver Support Program  
 Completing the Care

United Way  
 United Way of Davidson County

Please contact Nina Smith to register at 336-249-2155 or [nsmith@lifecenterdavidson.com](mailto:nsmith@lifecenterdavidson.com)

## John's River Valley Camp 2018 Traditional Summer Camp Schedule

(2018 [Registration](#) HAS BEGUN)

Follow the links below for more information:

[http://jrvc.org/Summer\\_All\\_2018.htm](http://jrvc.org/Summer_All_2018.htm)

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



[June 24-30 Middle High Outpost/Caving \(Grades 7-9\)](#)

[July 1-7 Round Table Rendezvous](#)

[Junior Age \(Grades 4-6\)](#)

[Middle High \(Grades 7-9\)](#)

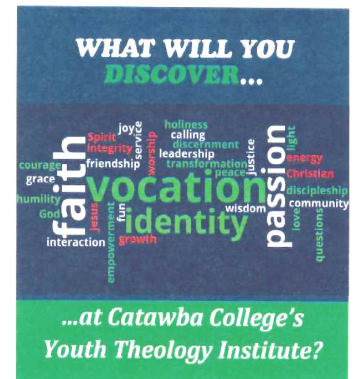
[Senior High \(Grades 9-12\)](#)

[July 15-21 Junior Age Classic \(Grades 4-6\)](#)

[July 15-21 Beginners \(Grade 3\)](#)

### Be a Part of DISCOVER Program at NO COST

*Discover* challenges formative middle and high school youth prior to college life. Students will have the opportunity to *discover* God in new ways; *discover* who they are as children of God; *discover* how to live out their faith; and *discover* what they are called to do vocationally. The week-long institute consists of dynamic learning experiences designed to stimulate theological and moral reflection, as well as afternoon trips to nearby sites consistent with that day's theme and designed to bring participants closer to God's creation and love! Each week-long session takes place at Black Lake Retreat Center located in Asheboro, NC.



**DISCOVER DATES** are:

- June 24-30: Returning Middle School Youth
- July 15-21: First time Middle School Youth
- July 22-29: First Time Senior High Youth
- July 29-August 4: Returning Senior High Youth world around us.

All of these activities will take place through the guidance and instruction of excellent college professors and pastors with the help of college students who will be serving as camp counselors and working closely with the participants in all of the activities.

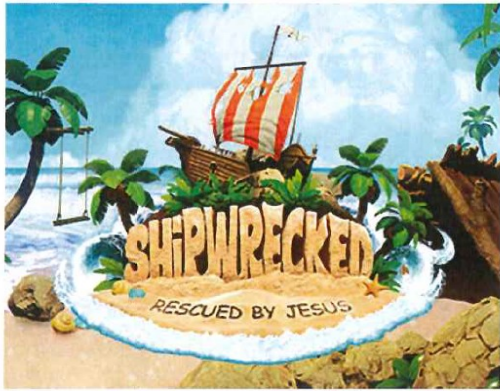
To learn more about **DISCOVER** and to apply, visit [catawba.edu/discover](http://catawba.edu/discover)



### First Reformed UCC Community Garden

Our well-tended Community Garden, weeded and awaiting new seeds. Thank you Edgar Miller and ALL the volunteers who have dedicated their time, skills, knowledge and loving care so that our garden grows to provide food for those in need.





**VBS - Shipwrecked  
At Second Reformed**

**June 17 - 21**

**Meal 5:30 - 6:00**

**Program 6:00 - 7:30**

**Children** preschool - fifth grade  
nursery available for under age three

**Themes**  
Sunday - When you're lonely - Jesus rescues!  
Monday - When you worry - Jesus rescues!  
Tuesday - When you struggle - Jesus rescues!  
Wednesday - When you do wrong - Jesus rescues!  
Thursday - When you're powerless - Jesus rescues!

**Middle/High School and Adults** class with Rev. Jim and Paula - learning about worship

**Meals**  
Sunday - Hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cupcakes  
Monday - Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic toast, cookies  
Tuesday - Tacos (beef & chicken), banana pudding  
Wednesday - Hamburgers, pasta salad, corn, ice cream  
Thursday - Pizza, salad, cupcakes

**Volunteers Needed** to help with children in Bible stories, music, crafts, group leaders for going from one session to another and food clean up



**Scenes from  
INTERFAITH FORUM #4  
Similarities and Differences:  
An Interfaith Conversation with Naijla Faizi**



## Belk Charity Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 5  
6AM TO 10AM



## Belk Charity Sale Event

to benefit  
**Nazareth  
Child & Family  
Connection**

Belk is helping Nazareth Child & Family Connection raise money during their annual Charity Sale Event.

The Charity Sale is a private, four-hour sale dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations. Participating charities will have the opportunity to raise money for their organization by selling event tickets at \$5 each and keeping 100% of ticket proceeds. Ticket holders will receive 20% - 70% off of Belk purchases storewide, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands. It is a win-win! Belk's two Charity Sale events in 2017 together raised more than \$11 million for thousands of participating charitable organizations located in Belk's 16-state market area.

Belk's Spring Charity Sale is set for **Saturday, May 5th, from 6am-10am at any Belk location.**

**Only one ticket may be purchased per donor.**

[Buy Charity Shopping Tickets NOW](#)

(control + click on the link above to connect to the site)

## Nazareth Child & Family Connection Fun Fest Raffle Tickets are HERE!

### It's that time again - FUN FEST!

Thank you to **Cloninger Ford Toyota of Salisbury, NC** for the donation of our 1st Place Prize!

**Prizes are as follows:**

**1st Prize**

2018 Toyota Corolla iM/ Classic Silver Metallic (donated by Cloninger Ford Toyota of Salisbury, NC).

**2nd Prize**

\$1,000.00 Visa Card

**3rd Prize**

65 Quart RTIC Cooler

**4th Prize**

\$200.00 Gift Certificate to Great Wolf Lodge

**5th Prize**

Amazon Echo



All winners not present are notified by phone immediately following the give-away.  
All proceeds benefit Nazareth Child & Family Connection.

[Buy Raffle Tickets NOW](#)

(control + click on the link above to connect to the site to purchase raffle tickets)



Sunday, May 6 at 3:00pm

# First Reformed UCC

104 East Center Street

Lexington, NC 27292



# CONCERT

Bringing Local Musicians Together

## FEATURING:

**Connie Burleson**

First Presbyterian Church Organist/Harpist

**Phyllis Jones**

First United Methodist Church Organist

**Beverly Khemlani**

First Baptist Church Organist

**Celie Lough**

First Lutheran Church, Vocalist

**Arch McMullan**

Beck's Lutheran Church Organist

**Kelly Newsome**

First Lutheran Church Organist/Pianist

**Lee Ann Peele**

First Reformed UCC Organist/Pianist

**Ellen Peterson**

Choir Director First Reformed UCC, Vocalist

**Mike Price**

First Reformed UCC, Saxophonist

**Albert Evans**

Guest Musician, Cellist

Trinity UMC, North Myrtle Beach

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

**OFFERING TO BENEFIT PASTOR'S PANTRY  
OF DAVIDSON COUNTY**

# From Cathy Waitman - Director of Christian Education

Easter Sunday was a very exciting day! It began with Easter breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt. Then we gathered in the sanctuary to hear Rev. Elizabeth's powerful "Being Known" message of Mary's heartbreak and confusion after Jesus' crucifixion, which turned to joy when Jesus called her name. Many people deserve thanks for all of the work that went into the day: Jerry Lovell and Ben Hale for cooking the delicious ham and sausage biscuits; Eddie Yates and Mike Price for setting up the fellowship hall; Betty Barr, Glenyce Fulton, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, and John Maze; for clean up; Lena Johnson for providing the candy-stuffed eggs and the prizes for the special eggs; Lisa Nelson, Jonathan Kepley, Carolyn Robbins and John Smith for hiding the eggs; all of you who brought flowers for the cross.



Easter Egg Hunt

Starting in May, all the adult Sunday school classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Elizabeth



## UCC: Who We Are

to begin a five week study of *UCC: Who We Are*. The video-based lessons will cover the four traditions that led to the formation of the UCC, the UCC Statement of Faith, and our commitment to joining faith and action. The series will conclude in the fall with lessons on UCC church organization and responsibilities, our work for justice, reconciliation, and peace, and the future of the UCC. All interested adults are invited to attend.

Children's Church met in April to study the symbols of Holy Week and Easter with resurrection eggs. They are learning about the church year and the liturgical seasons. The lesson for May will be about Pentecost. The children are thrilled with their bright orange clipboards that offer storage for all of their art supplies! Hope to see all of the children at the May Children's Church.



The youth service project for April was to paint large rocks and write messages on them for our homebound members. The rocks can be used as paper weights, a knick-knack, or something for the people to hold and feel the love of the children. We will do a Mother's Day gift for the May service project.

We have reservations for a Winston Salem Dash game on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00. Tickets are \$13.00 and include covered seats near home plate and a ball cap. I have to finalize the number of tickets and the money several weeks before our scheduled date, so I need to know by **Sunday, May 6** if you want to go and how many tickets you want.



Friendship Club has reservations for the All-Flutter Butterfly Farm in High Point on Wednesday, June 13 at 10:00. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Since school will be out, some of us are planning to bring our grandchildren. We need 20 people to attend so we are asking any congregation members and friends to sign up. We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Families First will meet at the home of Joy, Vance, and Addie Walser on April 28. Everyone will bring snacks and appetizers to share, discuss family stress, and make plans for the upcoming car wash. Watch bulletins and weekly memos for dates and times.



Our church picnic is coming up in June. Hope you can worship with us at Wildcat Mountain and enjoy some of Mike's delicious hamburgers and hotdogs!



# Scenes from Our Egg Hunt

We had an anxious group of kids show up to search for eggs on Easter Sunday.



## Registration for the Southern Conference 53rd Annual Gathering Is Now Open

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."*

*(Psalm 51:10,12)*

The Southern Conference 53rd Annual Gathering scheduled for **June 21-23, 2018**, hosted by the Western North Carolina Association, will be held at the beautiful Canterbury School located at 5400 Old Lake Jeanette Rd. in Greensboro NC. "Come one, come all!" Registration is now open and the cost has been reduced from past years!

Come join us, as we are planning an excellent agenda, filled with thought-provoking educational workshops, fellowship, a pig pickin' outdoor casual celebration dinner featuring a Bluegrass Band, youth mission activities, a conference choir, relationship building, praise, worship and yes, the business of the Southern Conference.

Download *Registration Packet*  
([includes registration form, hotel information and call letter](#))

[Register on-line via Eventbrite](#)

[Check SOC website for registration links and additional information](#)

(control + click on the link above to connect to the site)



## Thank You MAY 2018 Stewards!

**Liturgist:** Patti Lovell

**Ushers:** **Chairperson:** Jeff Hutchens  
Mike Brown (Captain)  
Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

**Youth Usher:** Kalyssa Hutchens

**Plate Attendant:** Doug Sink

**Acolyte:** Ava Miller

**Sound Technician:** Dave Fulton

**Bible Steward:** Emory Smith

**First Sunday Social:** John & Vicky Gray

### GREETERS:

May 6 Lee & Ellen Bouchard

May 13 Frank Leonard

May 20 John Potts & Janette Neal

May 27 Buddy & Rita Lohr

### NURSERY:

May 6 Aurelia Smith & Nina Smith

May 13 John Smith & Joy Walser

May 20 Nina Smith & Nicole Smith

May 27 Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser



**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:** Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crofts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

**OUR FRIENDS:** Harold Peoples (Drew Peoples' dad), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1<sup>st</sup> UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves (Epworth UMC in Concord), Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter), Morgan Cecil (daughter of Charm & Steve Ketner), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Coney Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son)



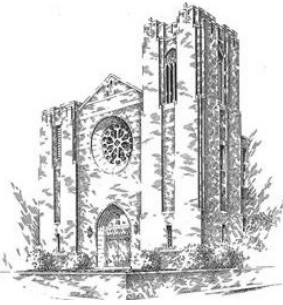
# 2018

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|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                               | <b>1</b><br>6:30<br>Bd. of Christian Ed. Meeting {Rm102}<br><br>Bd. of Evangelism Meeting {P} | <b>2</b><br>11:00<br>Morning Glory Circle {P}<br><br>7:15<br>Choir {ChA}                                                      | <b>3</b><br>5:30<br>Yoga {P}<br><br>7:00<br>Square Dancing {FH}  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><br>10-2:00<br>Consistory Retreat<br>{Yarborough's} |
| <b>6</b><br>9:45<br>JAM<br><b>UCC: Who We Are</b><br><b>*Confirmands*</b><br><br>10:30<br>Social {FH}<br><br>11:00<br>Worship<br>COMMUNION<br><br>3:00<br><b>ORGAN RECITAL</b> | <b>7</b><br>11:00<br>Staff Meeting<br><br>5:00<br>Tutoring {D}<br><br>6:30<br>Open Hands Meal {FH}            | <b>8</b><br>10:00<br>Collaborative Ministries {P}<br><br>6:00<br>Men's Brotherhood {FH}       | <b>9</b><br>7:15<br>Choir {ChA}                                                                                               | <b>10</b><br>5:30<br>Yoga {P}<br><br>7:00<br>Square Dancing {FH} | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                                                       |
| <b>13</b><br>9:45<br>Youth Service Project<br><b>UCC: Who We Are</b><br><b>*Confirmands*</b><br><br>11:00<br>Worship<br><b>*Kids Club*</b>                                     | <b>14</b><br>5:00<br>Tutoring<br><br>5:00<br>Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal<br><br>6:30<br>Open Hands Meal {FH} | <b>15</b><br>7:00<br>Women's Life Fellowship {P}                                              | <b>16</b><br>7:15<br>Choir {ChA}                                                                                              | <b>17</b><br>5:30<br>Yoga {P}<br><br>7:00<br>Square Dancing {FH} | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                                       |
| <b>20</b><br><b>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b><br>9:45<br>Sunday School<br><b>UCC: Who We Are</b><br><b>*Confirmands*</b><br><br>11:00<br>Worship / Kids Club                           | <b>21</b><br>5:00<br>Tutoring<br><br>6:30<br>Open Hands Meal {FH}                                             | <b>22</b><br>5-7:00<br>Community Meal {FH}                                                    | <b>23</b><br>11:00<br>Friendship Club–<br>Labyrinth at March<br>Motor Cars and<br>Lunch at Dario's<br><br>7:15<br>Choir {ChA} | <b>24</b><br>5:30<br>Yoga {P}<br><br>7:00<br>Square Dancing {FH} | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                                                       |
| <b>27</b><br>9:45<br>Sunday School<br><b>UCC: Who We Are</b><br><b>*Confirmands*</b><br><br>11:00<br>Worship                                                                   | <b>28</b><br><b>HOLIDAY</b><br><b>*Church Office Closed*</b>                                                  | <b>29</b>                                                                                     | <b>30</b><br>7:15<br>Choir {ChA}                                                                                              |                                                                  |           |                                                                 |

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**NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL**

**Tuesday, May 22**  
5:00pm Fellowship Hall

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**Sunday Services**

Bible Study 9:45am  
Worship 11:00am

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday  
8:30am to 12:30pm

**MAY CELEBRATIONS**

|   |                          |    |                      |
|---|--------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 4 | Tammy Rhodes             | 12 | Sloan Gray           |
|   | Lily Robertson           | 14 | James & Alice Gray   |
|   | Aurelia Smith            | 15 | Ellen Bouchard       |
|   | Jones Walser             | 17 | Devin Odom           |
| 6 | Vance & Joy Walser       |    | Susan Odom           |
| 8 | Sherry Bonner            |    | Ashley Potts         |
|   | Ben Hale                 | 19 | Jerry & Patti Lovell |
|   | Nathan Jessup            | 28 | Patrick Horton       |
| 9 | Ellen Peterson           |    | Ben Hale & John Maze |
|   | Carroll & Carolyn Spivey | 31 | Wilson Hooper        |

**~Update on Building an Inclusive Church~**

**The Welcoming Task Force will meet April 29 at 4:30 in the Church Parlor to continue discussing the process. Anyone is invited to attend and join the discussion.**

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