

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of all the fathers of the congregation, past and present; given by FRUCC Board of Evangelism.

USHERS: Jeff Hutchens, Ann Hoffman, Jerry Lovell, Alisa Johnson, Kelsey Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Cheryl Walser

YOUTH USHER: Parker Horton

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell

GREETER: Anne Bevan

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

COMMUNION HELPERS: Lindsay Sink & Sylvia Walser

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

Our Church at Prayer

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 call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Peggy Bates, Kelly Greathouse, Doug Sink, Ruth Fritts, June Grubb, Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Allen Miller (of Miller Painting for the unexpected loss of his son), Dan Smith (Steve and Jerry Smith's brother), Shane Gordon (friend of Alane Holste), Linda Yarborough (Mike Brown's aunt – Trauma Center at WFBMC, Winston Salem), Lacy Belcher (friend of Vicky Gray), Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), Jonelle Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Patsy Bailey Via (Peggy Bates' sister), Sandra Johnson (friend of Patti & Jerry Lovell), Dennis Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's son), Ikie Trexler (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Susan & Joe Calloway (friends of Patti Lovell), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (friend of Cheryl Walser), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves, Ashley Hutcheson (Heidi & Ron Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

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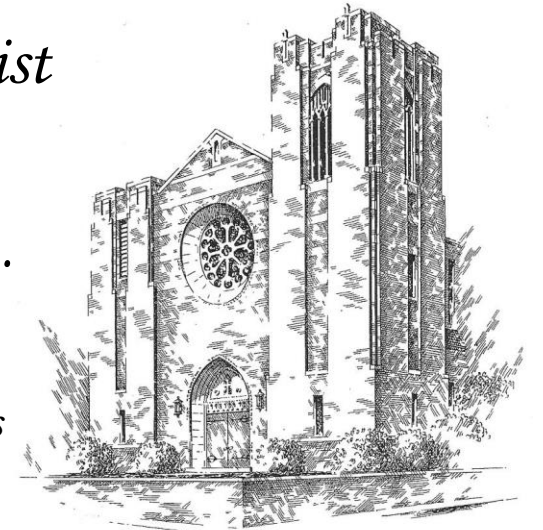
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*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



June 17, 2018

11:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: John Gray

Words for Preparation (Mark 4:30-32)

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which, when sown, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all the shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

"A great man is always willing to be little." Ralph Waldo Emerson, 19th century

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Elizabeth Horton

*Call to Worship John Gray

Leader: What mysteries there are in God's world! From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

People: Good things can come from something that seems so insignificant!

Leader: Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

People: God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Leader: God of compassion, You call us to care.

People: We hear your call.

Leader: God of understanding, You call us to reach out.

People: We hear your call.

Leader: God of justice, You call us to act.

People: We hear your call. Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power.

*Hymn of Promise: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Insert

*Invocation Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Young Disciples Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join Cathy, Alice and Vicky for a Youth Service Project.

Call to Confession Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in You, yet we want life to make logical and rational sense. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us Holy Maker of reality, for playing god instead of trusting in God. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Elizabeth Horton

A Prayer for Father's Day Elizabeth Horton

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Connecting in Ministry Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" Insert

*Prayer of Dedication John Gray

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading I Samuel 15: 34 -16: 13 Elizabeth Horton
(Pew Bible page 257)

Communion Meditation: "Start Small" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

Invitation to the Table Elizabeth Horton

Sharing Holy Communion

Special Music "Sanctuary" Ellen Peterson

Congregational Response

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

John Gray

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Congregational Response

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

*Postlude

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

*You're invited to gather at the front of the chapel following worship
for Intercessory Prayer Circle.*

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

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Upcoming Events



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

A class for **Middle/High School and Adults**, led by Rev. Jim Luck, will also be available.

Worship 101: VBS - It's Not Just for Kids Anymore! We'll address questions such as:

- ◆ Why are Baptist and Catholic and Pentecostal worship services so different?
- ◆ Why do some churches take communion every Sunday?
- ◆ What is the difference between Eucharist, the Lord's supper and communion?
- ◆ Why are church sanctuaries so different? Is it just a matter of personal taste?
- ◆ Do churches still fight about contemporary vs. traditional worship?
- ◆ Why do some people raise their hands in worship while others complain when they do so?
- ◆ Are there new worship trends? What will worship be like in 25 years?

Upcoming Events

HELP NEEDED!

Open Hands Ministry is in need of servers to help with the meal tomorrow evening, **Monday June 18**. Several of the regulars who help will be out. If you are able to help, please contact Open Hands Ministry (336-242-6142) or come to the Fellowship Hall Monday evening by 6:00.

GIDEONS SUNDAY

A representative from the Gideons will be sharing a brief update during worship next Sunday, June 24 about their ministry. The congregation will have an opportunity to donate during this time.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Are you ready for some summer fun? Check out some of the activities Cathy has planned for us. **Anyone** can participate! Please let Cathy know if you are interested in any of the following **FUN** activities.

- **KID'S CLUB** – Sunday, June 24 during worship – digging potatoes in the garden
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** – Sunday, July 15 during worship
- **ADVENTURE LANDING, WINSTON SALEM** – Tuesday, July 31 at 10:00 – 2 hours of miniature golf, boats, and 20 game tokens for \$12.00; 2 slices pizza & med drink \$6.00. **Please let Cathy know by July 8 if you are interested.**
- **BOWLING, LEXINGTON YMCA** – Friday, August 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 with pizza and drinks. **Please let Cathy know by July 22 if you are interested.**
- **BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO AND MOVIE AT CHURCH** – Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 – 4:00; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks provided. **Please let Cathy know by August 5 if you are interested.**

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY & EARLY AUGUST:

- **July 11** Welcoming Task Force (6:00pm...Parlor) Anyone is welcome to attend.
- **July 22** Church-wide Brunch provided by Welcoming Task Force (Fellowship Hall)
- **SPECIAL NOTE:** There will **NOT** be a **Community Meal** in July. The next one will be in **September**.
- **August 5** Sunday School and Worship in the Sanctuary Resume (if painting is complete).
- **August 19** Usher Appreciation Luncheon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 17 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...FATHER'S DAY**

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel...Communion by Intinction**
Youth Service Project with Cathy Waitman, Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

11:00pm Intercessory Prayer Circle – front of the Chapel

5:30-7:30pm Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 18 6:30pm Open Hands Meal {FH}
COME HELP SERVE IF YOU CAN
5:30-7:30pm **Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC**
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 19 **5:30-7:30pm** **Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC**
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 20 **5:30-7:30pm** **Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC**
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 21 5:30pm Yoga {P}
7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}
5:30-7:30pm **Vacation Bible School at Second Reformed UCC**
5:30-6:00 Supper
6:00-7:30 Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 21-Saturday, June 23 **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, June 24 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:00am **Worship in the Chapel...Gideon Sunday**
Kids Club: Dig Potatoes with Edgar Miller

11:15am Consistory

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {17-23}

Birthdays	June 17	Rich Johnson Carolyn Spivey
	June 21	John Gray
	June 22	Peggy Bates