

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE PLANT PLACED ON THE ALTAR is to the glory of God and in honor of high school graduate, Holt Biesecker.

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: Carolyn Yocum

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at the chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

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: Kelly Greathouse, Doug Sink, Ruth Fritts (Hinkle Hospice Home), Marguerite Leonard, June Grubb, Ruth Fritts, 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: Bob Saylor (friend of John Maze), (Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard), Patti Hartzog (friend of Glenyce Fulton), 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), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), 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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First Reformed United Church of Christ



*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.



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.

June 3, 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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: John Gray

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Procession of the Graduate *"Pomp & Circumstance"*

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

*Invitation to Worship

John Gray

Leader: We gather on this day

People: to praise our God, who is our strength.

Leader: We gather on this holy day

People: to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.

Leader: We gather in this sacred space

People: to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.

*Hymn: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"*

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God, You know everything about me. Take a good look at me now. Look deep into my heart and soul. Point out the things that displease You, the thoughts and actions I need to change. Show me how to live as You would want me to live. Amen.

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139

John Gray

(Retold by Cara Heafey)

I made you myself, carefully and lovingly.
I gathered your molecules together,
scooping them out of the dust, warming them into clay.

I formed you, deftly
with the skill and vision of an artist
into a unique creation.

A tiny masterpiece.
Your contours bear the imprint of my fingers.
Your imperfections and irregularities are a part of my design;
they are what make you beautiful.
I breathed life into you with my own breath.
To behold what I have brought into being in you
fills me with pleasure and pride.

As I cradle you in cupped hands, how could I feel anything but love?
It is my love for you that brought you into existence.
I know you more intimately than you could ever know yourself.

I know your thoughts before you think them, your words before you speak them,
the pattern and purpose of your days before you live them.
There is no point in hiding or pretending; don't even try.

Who told you that I did not love you?
Who taught you to be ashamed?
Listen to me. Hear the very words that I whispered into you
at the moment of your beginning,
"You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased.
You are my beloved child, I will never let you go.
You are my beloved child; do not be afraid."

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Recognition of the Graduate

Holt Biesecker
Graduating from Lexington Senior High School
Will attend Appalachian State University in the fall

Proclaiming

Anthem: "Vision Prayer" (James & Berry)

*Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine,
And now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine.
His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies,
And spread His truth and beauty before my wandering eyes.*

*Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see,
The dying of my Savior has given life to me.
And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour
Has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its power.*

*O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart,
This brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart.
And as I shine this gospel in every darkened place,
O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.*

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-20 Elizabeth Horton
(Pew Bible page 244)

Sermon: "The Lamp of God" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" Insert

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Connecting in Ministry Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Receive Our Tithes and Offering Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

*Pentecost Doxology Tune: "Old Hundredth" Text: Roger Lynn

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth,
Whose love reveals our sacred worth,
Whose Spirit forms one family,
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication John Gray

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Lov-ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD 7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard You call-ing in the night I will

go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your

peo - ple in my heart.

Fine

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

**Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends.
I give to you so you can give to others, too.**

*Postlude

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

You're invited to gather by the Chancel for Prayer Circle.

Upcoming Events

CONGRATULATIONS HOLT BIESECKER!

Holt will be graduating from Lexington Senior High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club. He was a scholar athlete. He was on the swim team and varsity baseball team where he was also captain. He served as Ward 3 representative for Lexington City Government Youth Council, was a member of Acts Alive and a volunteer with Special Olympics. He will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall and is this year's recipient of the Vernon G. Price, Jr. Scholarship.

SIGN-UP TODAY TO HELP WITH ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC

Sign-up sheets can be found in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex or see Cathy Waitman for what is still needed.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY!

If you reserved a directory, they are available for pick up in the church office. We still have just a few extras if you didn't pre-order. The cost is \$20.

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP TO VISIT THE BUTTERLY FARM JUNE ON 13TH

Join others in the Friendship Club, along with some of their children and grandchildren, for the trip to the All-a-Flutter Butterfly Farm in High Point on Wednesday, June 13th. We will leave from the church at 9:00am to travel to the farm. Afterwards we will eat lunch at Chick-Fil-A or any of the many other fast food restaurants in the area. **PLEASE LET CATHY KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

NEW SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS BEGIN JUNE 17th

Worship will begin at 10:00am on June 17th. There will NOT be Sunday school. **Worship will be held in the Chapel.** We will follow this schedule through July 29th. Sunday school and worship will resume at its regular time and place the first Sunday in August, if the painting is complete. Look for updates on the painting progress in future weekly emails and bulletins.

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NEXT SUNDAY!

WORSHIP AND PICNIC at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN

Sunday, June 10th at 11:00 AM
No worship in the Sanctuary on this day.

**COME JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP... FELLOWSHIP... and GOOD FOOD**

We will still receive offering during this service. Bring lawn chairs for yourself and an extra one if you have it.

Directions to Wildcat Mountain Farm
10000 Hwy 47, Denton

SPECIAL NOTE:

**There is currently a detour on the route to Wildcat Mountain Farm
Please be sure to follow the detour signs.**

- Take Hwy 8 South to the stoplight at The American Children's Home/Junior Order Home
- Turn left onto Hwy 47 East (Shemwell Highway)
- Travel 3.5 miles, Hwy 47 East makes a sharp turn to the left (look for church picnic sign)
- After bearing left, travel 0.6 miles (still on Hwy 47 East).
- Turn left in front of Bethany United Methodist Church (look for church picnic sign).
- Travel 5.5 miles. The stone entrance to Wildcat is on the right.
- Turn into the entrance and drive ¾ mile to picnic area.

Please contact the church office by Friday, June 8th if you need transportation to the picnic site.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 3 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...GRADUATION SUNDAY

- 9:45am Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins
Adult Sunday School: "UCC: Who We Are" {FH}
- 10:30am First Sunday Social: Clifford & Paula Lopp
- 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Prayer Circle – front of the Sanctuary
- 2:00pm Winston Salem Dash Game

- Monday, June 4**
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
 - 6:30pm Open Hands Meal {FH}

- Wednesday, June 6** 11:00am Morning Glory Circle {Yarborough's Restaurant}

- Thursday, June 7**
- 5:30pm Yoga {P}
 - 7:00pm Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, June 10 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 11:00am **WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN FARM**
(There will NOT be worship at the church this day. Please contact the church office by Friday, June 8th if you need transportation to the picnic site.)

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {June 3-9}

Birthdays	June 8	Brian McKerlie
Anniversaries	June 9	Lindsay & Linda Sink