

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Robert and Edith Swing; given by Susan Swing Kleckley and Cindy Swing Koontz.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

USHERS: Jeff Hutchens, Cheryl Walser, James Gray, Jerry Lovell

USHER CAPTAIN:

YOUTH USHER: Elliott Smith

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETER: Pattie Everhart

BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider

- ❖ 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 (336-225-2964), contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

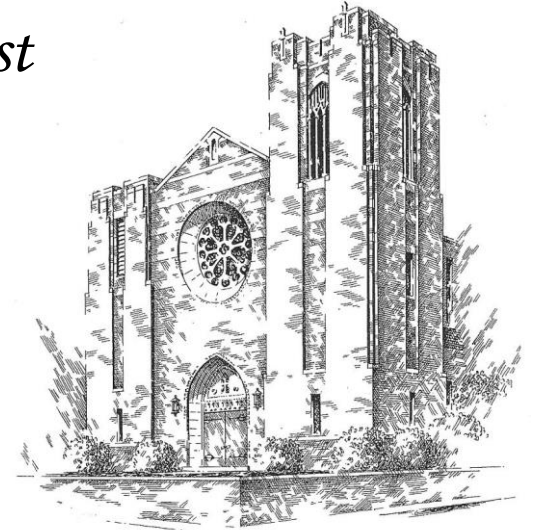
CHURCH MEMBERS: Melody Evans, Ruth Fritts, Brian McKerlie, Lee Bouchard, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Noriko Shaw (friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Shane Gordon (Friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (Friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard); Dr. Sidney Hood...Family of Cindy S. Bowers...Kiana Sinz (Friends of Patti & Jerry Lovell); Dennis Yocum (Son of Carolyn Yocum), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (Friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (Friend of Cheryl Walser), Ashley Hutcheson (Daughter-in-law of Heidi & Ron Hutcheson)

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.



August 26, 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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Bonita Hooper

As you enter the sanctuary, please place your backpack around the baptismal font at the front of the sanctuary.

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

*Call to Worship

Bonita Hooper

One: In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

Many: In Christ we find life anew.

One: Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

Many: In Christ we find life anew.

*Hymn:

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Insert

*Invocation

Bonita Hooper

Centering

Scripture Reading:

Ephesian 6: 10-20
(Page #1067 of Pew Bible)

Bonita Hooper

Young Disciples

Jia Miller

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Elizabeth Horton

Liturgy of Baptism for Kyndell Lovell

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation

Pledges to God and to One Another

Question to the Congregation:

One: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Now I ask this congregation, what will be your part in helping Kyndell discover the grace of God through Christ Jesus?

All: We promise to give Kyndell and her parents our support, and our love and care.

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com cell/text #336-240-2503)

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The Waters of Baptism

Prayer of Baptism and Pouring of the Water

The Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer

Special Music: "Child of Mine" Ellen Peterson

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading John 6: 56-63 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #973 of Pew Bible)

Sermon: "Bread for the Journey" Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" Insert

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings Bonita Hooper

Offertory

*Offering Response "The Doxology"

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

*Prayer of Dedication Bonita Hooper

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication Bonita Hooper

Liturgist: 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

*Postlude

*** PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

You are invited to join in the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen
Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Jesus Loves Me

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860
St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Anna B. Warner collaborated with her sister, Susan, on several novels. In one, Say and Seal, this hymn was sung to comfort a sick child. Two new stanzas have been provided by Canadian David R. McGuire, an Anglican priest.

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7. with refrain.
William B. Bradbury, 1862

Saturday Evening, September 15th at 6:30PM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

REV. AL STAGGS

Reception and Performance

"Laughter for Life"

ADMISSION WITH TICKETS ONLY

\$10.00 each

Dave Fulton will have tickets for sale in the Narthex following worship beginning today, or you may contact the church office to reserve your ticket. (336-248-2617)



ANNUAL GATHERING

The Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ announces their **Annual Gathering** titled *"The Future of the Local Church"* to be held **Saturday, October 6 from 9:00am-3:00pm** at Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton, NC. Two lay delegates from our church are invited to attend. Registration will be open at \$20 per person through September 17th. After that, registration cost will be \$25. Please contact the church office to receive more information on how to register if you are interested in attending as a representative of our church. Requests will be taken on a first come basis.



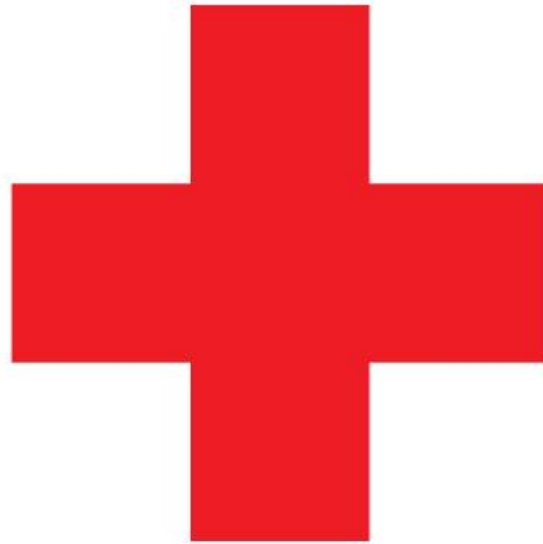
THE EAST LEXINGTON COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES GROUP

(First Reformed UCC, Second Reformed UCC, Shady Side Presbyterian Church, and St. Stephen UMC) will be holding a 6-week **Collaborative Bible Study**. The study will be on the book of Psalms and will begin on September 4, 2018 from 12-1:00pm in the Parlor of First Reformed UCC. The study will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Arnetta Beverly. Please bring your lunch and join us as we study and interact with members of our sister churches.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive

First Reformed

United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
2:30 PM to 7:00 PM

To make an appointment, please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or call Betty Barr at 336-239-5001, or go online at www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: First Reformed.



Rally Day 2018 is on September 9th! This Rally Day will be a continuation of our study about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Clarence Jordan. There will be a program in the Chapel for Adults and Youth during Sunday School. We will receive Confirmands during the 11:00 worship service. Following worship, plan to enjoy a delicious baked potato and salad bar luncheon for the congregational meal in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT for OPEN HANDS MINISTRY

Open Hands Ministry is in need of large **size #10** cans of fruits and vegetables. Please drop any donations by the church office. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

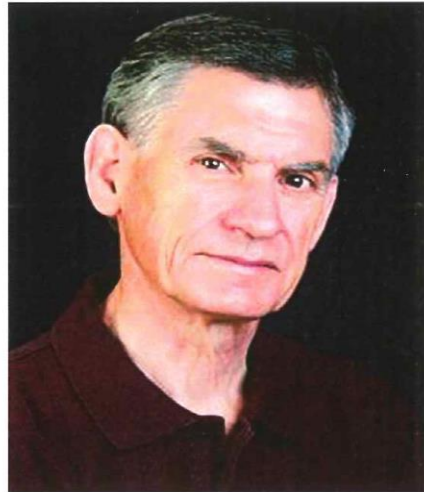


UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

- September 5..... Morning Glory Circle
- September 11..... Men's Brotherhood
- September 25..... **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Menu: Boston Butt, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Slaw

REV. AL STAGGS
MINISTER and PERFORMING ARTIST



September 15-16, 2018

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104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC**

THREE PRESENTATIONS

Saturday Evening, September 15th at 6:30PM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

Reception and Performance

“Laughter for Life”

ADMISSION WITH TICKETS ONLY...COST \$10.00 each

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Sunday Morning, September 16th at 9:45AM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

“Clarence Jordan and the God Movement”

Sunday Morning, September 16th at 11:00AM

First Reformed UCC Sanctuary

***“A View from the Underside:
The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”***

Clarence Jordan was a farmer, Baptist minister and biblical scholar who, in 1942, founded the interracial community of Koinonia in south Georgia. His perspective of Christian discipleship, particularly in regard to the issues of racial equality, war and greed, made him a highly controversial figure in his hometown of Americus and Sumter County, Georgia. Jordan's life and theology were a radical embodiment of the teachings of Jesus, especially those from the Sermon on the Mount. In 1968 he and Millard Fuller founded Fund for Humanity, which later became Habitat for Humanity International.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 26FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth: Rally Day practice with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Elizabeth Horton {FH}

11:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY & HOLY BAPTISM

BACKPACK BLESSING...YOUTH: bring backpacks to church

Confirmands meet with Rev. Horton following worship today

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

Monday, August 27 6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, August 28 6:00PM.....Finance Committee Meeting {P}

Thursday, August 30 5:30PM..... YOGA Class {P}

Sunday, September 2 .. FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth: Rally Day practice with Carolyn Robbins & Ellen Peterson

Adults study Clarence Jordan with Elizabeth Horton {FH}

10:30AM ...First Sunday Social: Keith & Alisa Johnson {FH}

11:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {August 26-September 1}

BIRTHDAYS..... August 26 Albert Evans

August 30 Jude Sink

August 31 Kathleen Danze

ANNIVERSARIES August 26 Buddy & Rita Lohr