

## Thank You for Serving Our Church

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lynn Younts; given by her Lexington BBQ family.

**USHERS:** Jeff Hutchens, Cheryl Walser, James Gray

**YOUTH USHER:** Elliott Smith

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** John Gray

**ACOLYTE:** Parker Horton

**GREETER:** Eulene Shepherd

**BIBLE STEWARD:** Patrick Horton

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Nina Smith & Nicole Smith

- ❖ 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 call the church office (336-248-2617).

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** John Potts, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

**OUR FRIENDS:** Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Annetta Everhart (Friend of Lisa Nelson), 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), Ike Trexler (Friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), 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)

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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.

August 5, 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Bonita Hooper

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

*(Based on Ephesians 4)*

Bonita Hooper

Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling.

**People: We cannot do this alone; we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.**

Leader: Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

**People: We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.**

Leader: Lead a life which reflects your calling; that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**People: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.**

Leader: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

**People: We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life.**

\*Hymn:

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Insert

\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

## Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 51: 1-4, 10-12  
(Page #509 of Pew Bible)

Bonita Hooper

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

**God of Compassion, like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please You. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives**

**bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with Your mercy, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Connecting in Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

*"Amazing Grace"*

Mike Price

\*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

## Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

John 6: 24-35

Elizabeth Horton

*(from Cotton Patch Gospels by Clarence Jordan)*

Communion Meditation:

***"Bread of Life"***

Elizabeth Horton

## Responding

\*Hymn:

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Insert

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer:

Leader: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to our God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our good God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Response in Song:

*"Eat This Bread"*

Mike Price

## *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

\*Postlude

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

Communion Prayer

*...With all the prophets, martyrs and saints, and all the company of Heaven, we glorify you:*

**Congregational Response in Song: "Eat This Bread"**

The Words of Institution

**Congregational Response in Song: "Eat This Bread"**

Sharing the Elements (*Servers please come forward*)

*The bread and the cup will be served to you in your pew.*

*Please hold each element until all are served, then we will partake together as one Body.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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## The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

*Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

## 366 Let Us Break Bread Together

"This is my body, which is for you" — 1 Corinthians 11:24 NIV

Unison

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees,  
 2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees,  
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees,

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees;  
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

WORDS: Spiritual  
 MUSIC: Spiritual; arr. William J. Reynolds, 1920-

BREAK BREAD  
 Irregular

**SAVE THE DATE** for the weekend of **September 15-16** when Rev. Al Staggs, a minister and performance artist, will share three presentations. Saturday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Staggs will present “**Laughter for Life**”. This program focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical benefits of humor and features his numerous comedic impersonations.

Sunday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45am in the education building, Rev. Staggs will perform “**Clarence Jordan and the God Movement.**”

Sunday morning at 11:00am in the sanctuary, Rev. Staggs will perform, “**A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**”. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God. In the play, Bonhoeffer tells of the profound influence of fellow Union Theological student, Frank Fisher, an African-American friend who introduced Dietrich to the blight of racism in America. Prisoner Bonhoeffer expresses moral outrage against the Nazi treatment of Jews and explains how that outrage led him to become involved in the German resistance movement, a commitment that would result in his execution by hanging on April 9, 1945



Preparation for Rev. Staggs' visit begins TODAY during the Sunday school hour, Rev. Horton will lead a class on the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman, has ordered additional books titled *Bonhoeffer Study Guide* for those who would like to read and prepare for the Sunday school class. Please see Cathy if you would like a copy.



**Mark your calendars now!**

**Rally Day 2018 is on September 9th!** There will be a program in the Chapel for Adults and Youth culminating our study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Clarence Jordan. We will receive Confirmands during the 11:00 worship service. A delicious baked potato and salad bar luncheon is also planned for the congregational meal.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT for OPEN HANDS MINISTRY**

Open Hands Ministry is in need of size #10 cans of fruits and vegetables. You may drop any donations by the church office. All donations are appreciated. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.



**Send a Kid to School** Please help by bringing items to the **Communities in Schools Box** located outside the office or in the Narthex.

**Our “Back to School” campaign for Communities in Schools continues through NEXT SUNDAY.**

### **ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!**

July 15 – pencils & notebook paper

July 22 – crayons & glue sticks

July 29 - composition books & erasers

**August 5 – colored pencils & markers**

**August 12 - backpacks**

**Back to School Bingo and Movie in church Fellowship Hall – Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 4pm;** prizes, popcorn, snacks and drinks will be provided. Please let Cathy know **TODAY** if you are interested.





**(Building Relationships In Dinner Groups Eating)**

**A new Dinner Ministry begins! Join a Bridge Dinner Group!**

The mission is not to play cards, but to build bridges. We want to get to know congregation members better by sharing a meal together in a small group setting once in September and again in October.

Who's invited to participate? Anyone who wishes...from long-time members to those who are recently visiting.

Tammy Rhodes and Susie Smith will coordinate those who are interested into groups of 6-8 people. Next, an "engineer" will be selected from each group to contact the group members to decide when and where and how the small group will meet for a meal.

Meals could be a covered dish at someone's home, a local park picnic, a table at local restaurant...each small group will decide for itself the meal details.

To participate, e-mail or text your name to Tammy Rhodes **by SUNDAY, August 19th** at [tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com](mailto:tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com) or **(336) 250-3121**.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 5 .....Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:45AM..... Sunday School**

Youth study Esther with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Rev. Horton *{FH}*

**10:30AM .... First Sunday Social:** Rich & Lena Johnson *{FH}*

**11:00AM .... WORSHIP & IN THE SANCTUARY**

**& HOLY COMMUNION**

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary*

Monday, August 6

6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal *{FH}*

Tuesday, August 7

6:30PM ....Board of Evangelism Meets *{P}*

Board of Christian Education Meets *{Rm 102}*

Thursday, August 9

5:30PM..... YOGA Class *{P}*

7:00PM..... Square Dance *{FH}*

**Sunday, August 12 ....Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:45AM..... Sunday School**

Youth study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Rev. Horton *{FH}*

**11:00AM .... WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY & COMMUNION**

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary*

**12:00AM .... Usher Luncheon *{FH}***

**Following Usher Luncheon...Consistory Meeting *{New Way Class}***

**Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries *{August 5-11}***

*BIRTHDAYS.....* August 6 ..... Lucas Peterson

August 10 ..... Nina Smith

*ANNIVERSARIES.....* August 7 ..... John & Vicky Gray

August 11 ..... Tim & Tracy Potts