

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Irvin L. Sink, Hoyt & Jackie Sink and "Ernie" Bonner; given by their families.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

USHERS: Dave Fulton, Alane Holste, Calvin Odom, Joy Walser

USHER CAPTAIN: John Smith

YOUTH USHER: Jonathan Kepley

SOUND TECHNICIAN: John Gray

ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell

GREETERS: Amy Hedrick and Rita Lohr

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Heidi Hutcheson & Jeremy Peterson

- ❖ 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



We extend sympathy to Amy Hedrick on the loss of her son, Jeffrey Saunders. Please be in prayer for Amy and the rest of the family.

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).

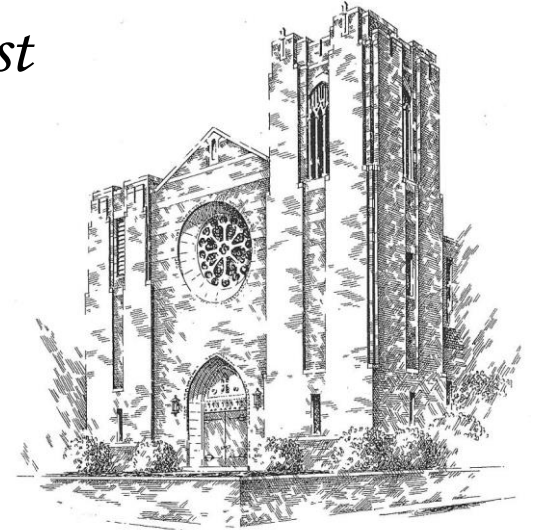
CHURCH MEMBERS: Melody Evans, Ruth Fritts, Brian McKerlie, Lee Bouchard, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surrett (Friends 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), Judy Stanley (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.



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
God is still speaking.

September 2, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Rich Johnson

Gathering

“One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

*Call to Worship

Rich Johnson

Leader: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

People: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: And I will give you rest.”

Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

People: Let us worship God this day!

*Hymn:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

Scripture Reading:

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Rich Johnson

(Page #917 of Pew Bible)

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other’s hearts. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {September 2-8}

BIRTHDAYS September 2 Dave Fulton

September 4 Henry Crouse

September 5 Kyndell Lovell

ANNIVERSARIES September 5 Dave & Glenyce

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Connecting in Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Pastoral Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Anthem:

“The Blessing Riddle”

Choplin

*I hope you will find peace through every trial;
I hope you will find courage for every mile;
And when you are alone, you'll find a friend;
And may you live forever, life without end.*

*But how will I find peace through every trial;
And how will I find courage for every mile;
And when I am alone, where is my friend:
How can I live forever, life without end?*

*Well, God will give you peace through every trial;
And God will give you courage for every mile;
And when you are alone, He'll be a friend and give you life eternal, life without end.
He'll give you life eternal, He'll give you life eternal without end, without end.*

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

James 1: 17-27
(Page #1100 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

“A Faith that Works: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn:

“I'm Gonna Live So Go Can Use Me”

Insert

*Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Rich Johnson

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

Rich Johnson

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Rich Johnson

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

*Congregational Benediction: ***“Go My Children, with My Blessing”***

Go My children, with My blessing, never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.

In My love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,

Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.

*Postlude

*** PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

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

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For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me an - y -
 2. I'm gon-na work so God can use me an - y -
 3. I'm gon-na pray so God can use me an - y -
 4. I'm gon-na sing so God can use me an - y -

- time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.

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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. Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Arnetta Beverly will be led by. Please bring your lunch and join us as we study and interact with members of our sister churches.



RALLY DAY IS 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.

SURVEY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Board of Christian Education is planning spiritual growth ministries for our children, youth and adults for the future. Where do you feel God is calling you? What ministries would you like to see us continue? What new ministries would you like to see? We'll ask you to fill out a survey during the Rally Day Luncheon.

Tickets Available Today for

REV. AL STAGGS

Reception and Performance

"Laughter for Life"

Saturday Evening, September 15th at 6:30PM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

\$10.00 each

Please see Dave Fulton in the Narthex following worship today, or you may contact the church office to reserve your ticket. (336-248-2617)



**51st ANNUAL GATHERING
OF THE WESTERN NC ASSOCIATION**

First Reformed will be well-represented at the Western NC Association meeting. Our clergy will be in attendance, and Patti Lovell is a WNCA Board member, but, we would love to have **YOU** also attend and learn more about our engagement with the Wider Church of the UCC. Our church can send two lay delegates. If you are able to attend the entire day and/or serve as a voting delegate let Carolyn know by **September 9** so she can get the registration information to you. (carolyn@frucc.org)

"The Future of the Local Church- Following Christ in a Changing World"

Saturday, October 6 from 9:00AM - 3:00AM

Abernathy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton, NC

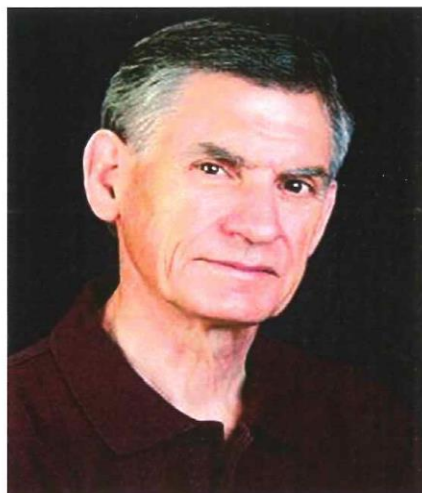
10:00AM PROGRAM & INTERWOVEN WORSHIP

- * Sustainability: What does a sustainable church look like?
- * Rethinking Worship: Three Churches Doing New Things
- * Innovative Ministry: The Church as Community Servant

12:00PM WORKING LUNCH BREAKOUTS

- * The 24/7 Church Property - The Rev. Sara Wilcox
- * ONA & the Small Church - The Rev. Colleen Samson
- * Author Talk: The View from Here - The Rev. Lynne Hinton

REV. AL STAGGS
MINISTER and PERFORMING ARTIST



September 15-16, 2018

**First Reformed
 United Church of Christ
 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, September 2FIFTEENTH 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

Monday, September 3

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY * CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED *

Tuesday, September 4

12:00PM.....Collaborative Ministries Bible Study

on the Book of Psalms {P}

(Don't forget to bring your lunch)

6:30PMBd. of Evangelism {P}

..... Bd. of Christian Education {Rm. 102}

Wednesday, September 5

11:00AM ..Morning Glory Circle {Rev. Horton's Home}

2-7:00PM...Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}

Call Betty Barr to schedule {see insert in bulletin}

7:15PM.....Choir Practice {ChA}

Thursday, September 6

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

7:00PM.....Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, September 8

10:00AM ... Sheets Dance Academy Practice {FH}

1:00PM Bd. of Christian Education Preparation for
 Sunday's meal {K}

Sunday, September 2.....SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth & Adult Rally Day Program {Ch}

11:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY & CONFIRMATION

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

12:00PM..... SALAD & POTATO BAR LUNCHEON {FH}

FOLLOWING LUNCH: CONSISTORY MEETING