



**First Reformed United Church of Christ
Lexington, NC**

OCTOBER 2018



Dear Beloved Community,

The season of Fall is a time of transition. The leaves on the trees remind us there is never a period where time stands still. Change is constant...We can adapt to the seasons of life or we can find ourselves unprepared for the future.

In the life of First Reformed United Church of Christ, transition is ever-present. On October 7, the church is called into special meeting after worship to vote on officially adopting a new Welcoming Statement. We pray for God's guidance and faithfulness as we discern this next step together.

October 14 begins the worship series "GIVE THANKS." As we prepare for the 2019 budget presentation that day, I ask you remember that the church's budget tells a story: Who we are, what we value, and what our priorities are. The church budget is also a theological document – a statement of how we understand how God works in the world, and how we are living out the unique ministry to which God is calling us.

For the next several Sundays, Board Chairs will share in worship about the ministries that the budget supports in order to help us understand how our money is used when we give to the church.

May God bless all of us as we seek to make our way following in the path of Jesus.

~Elizabeth

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Our programs with Rev. Al Staggs have been re-scheduled for October 20 -21! Call the church office if you are interested in purchasing tickets for the Saturday evening catered reception and presentation, "Laughter for Life." On Sunday, the performance during Sunday School, "Clarence Jordan and the God Movement," and during worship, "A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" are open for all to attend.



~ **SEPTEMBER** ~
MEMORIALS

JEFFREY SAUNDERS

J.W. BATES
MIKE & LYNN BROWN
CALVIN & SUSAN ODOM
CLIFFORD & PAULA LOPP
JERRY & PATTI LOVELL
JANETTE NEAL & JOHN POTTS
BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS
JERRY & AURELIA SMITH
MR. & MRS. STEVE SMITH
CARROLL & CAROLYN SPIVEY
CATHY & STEVE WAITMAN

JUNE K. SMITH

(PAM SINK'S MOTHER)
JOHN & VICKY GRAY
CLIFF & PAULA LOPP
EULENE SHEPHERD

GLADYS SNIDER

J.W. BATES
MIKE & LYNN BROWN
GENNIE LOU BYERLY
FRUCC MORNING GLORY CIRCLE
JERRY & PATTI LOVELL
LISA NELSON
TONY & LEE ANN PEELE
JERRY & AURELIA SMITH
CARROLL & CAROLYN SPIVEY

BETTY BELL CALLICUTT

MR. & MRS. STEVE SMITH

MARTHA SUE WALLACE

(FRIEND OF THE LOVELLS)
JERRY & PATTI LOVELL

~ **SEPTEMBER** ~
HONORARIUMS

BUDDY & RITA LOHR

JERRY & PATTI LOVELL

ALICE GRAY

JOHN & VICKY GRAY

~ **THANK YOU NOTES** ~

Dear Pastor Horton & First Reformed Church Family,
On behalf of **Communities in Schools of Lexington/ Davidson County**, we gratefully appreciate the **Tools for Schools** supplies we received from your church family. We have received many requests this year for school supplies, and you have made it possible for us to meet these needs. Your kindness is truly appreciated and many children will be helped because you care. Please share our appreciation with your entire church family, and we wish abundant blessings to all of you as you continue to bless others in our communities.

Thank you for all you do to help others,
Vera McRae, Executive Director

Dear First Reformed UCC,
A very special THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our first **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**. It was a true success. We contributed 29 units in 6 hours, and that was great! Thanks to everyone who contributed food, time, drinks, and most of all your blood. Hats off to one of our members on her 101st contribution - Mary Jo Jessup! It is wonderful that we can give the gift of life! Please help us to contribute in the spring.

Thanks again,
Betty Barr

Dear Church Family,
I'd like to thank all of you who kept me in your prayers during my recent surgery. A special thank you goes to Elizabeth for keeping Bill company during my surgery and for your and June's phone calls. I owe a BIG thank you to Paula, Cathy and Cliff for covering for me in the office during my recuperation and regular check-ins to make sure I was following doctor's orders! All the cards and Facebook posts brightened my days, as did the flowers from the choir and the delicious meal provided by Harriette, Paula, Cathy, Lee Ann and Elizabeth! I am truly blessed to have so many wonderful, caring people in my life!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Robbins

To All,

This is an acknowledgement for your continued donation of cases of cereal from Conrad & Hinkle to Crisis Ministry. This truly helps with our shelters and community. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Gayle Whitehead, Executive Director



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM
OUR CHURCH!**

Thank you **Lena Johnson** for your donation of the new, handmade kneeling pad for the sanctuary bench. We appreciate your time and talents being used in such a wonderful way to contribute to the needs of our church.

Thank you **Buddy Lohr** for the beautiful hand-crafted keepsake boxes presented to each of our confirmands. What a wonderful way for each of them to remember this special day!

Also, thank you **Nina Smith** for coordinating and **the Miller and Horton families** for serving the meal at the Crisis Ministry Shelter on September 10th.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal: Jerry Lovell

- Follow up from August meeting on proposed name change to **Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal**. No restrictions were found in the church manual and by-laws, therefore, President Lindsay Sink called for a vote. Change was unanimously approved. Rally Day luncheon and surveys were very successful.

Board of Congregational Life: Lena Johnson

- Thanked all involved with set-up, preparations and clean-up for the Rally Day lunch. Bridge Groups have been organized and have begun meeting.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship

Financial Report: Denise Durham

- Average weekly offering in the month of August was \$6,963.
- Thank you to those who responded to the recent letter, referencing the status of church finances, with donations.
- General fund available balance at the end of August was \$21,026.

Property Committee: John Smith

- Office A/C unit had a stopped up drain that has been repaired.
- Downstairs boiler room had a broken pipe that was not allowing the water to flow to the drain. Jeff Hutchens repaired.

Security Committee: Lindsay Sink

- Eight cameras were purchased and installed, completing the sanctuary security system. The monitor in the narthex provides views of the parking lots and entrances to the building. There is also a view of the street crossing to the back of the education building nursery.

Board of Worship and Sacrament: No Report

Board of Community Outreach: Mark Smith

- First Reformed UCC First Families served the meal at Crisis Ministry in September. Nina Smith coordinated.
- Bell Ringers will be needed for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season.
- Red Cross blood drive was a success.

Evangelism Board: Dave Fulton

- Average attendance for the month of August was 90
- Rev. Horton is planning to hold an Inquiry Class September 30th for those interested in ministry at First Reformed UCC.

Old Business:

- Results from the Exploratory Survey to adopt the proposed Welcoming Statement were presented and discussed as part of the Building an Inclusive Church Process. We surpassed the 75-80% needed to hold a formal congregational vote which will be on October 7, 2018.

New Business:

- Lindsay Sink presented the 2019 Proposed Budget representing the Finance Committee. The consistory approved the proposal to be presented to the congregation at the annual budget meeting on Sunday, October 14th.
- Time and Talent sheets will be mailed along with pledge cards following the October 14th budget meeting. Board Chairs were asked to give a snap-shot of who they are and their responsibilities during "Connecting in Ministry" in the weeks leading up to Stewardship Sunday.
- Nominating Committee Chairperson, Buddy Lohr and Lindsay Sink will meet to choose nominees to present, to the consistory at the October meeting, as candidates for 2019 Elders, Deacons and Trustee. They will be announced to the congregation the second Sunday of November, and the congregation will be able to nominate from the floor on the third Sunday of November. If no nominations are received from the floor, a vote will be taken.
- Consistory officers will be announced at the December meeting.

All Board reports were approved by the consistory. The next Consistory meeting will be held October 7th.

**SECOND ANNUAL
"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS"
SECOND REFORMED UCC
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
10:00AM-12:00PM**

(IN THE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH)



Rev. Jim Luck will be blessing your animals.
(Drive up blessings, also.)

The Davidson County Humane Society
will be on site with
pets available for adoption.

There will be a drawing for
one dog bed and one cat bed,
each filled with goodies for your pet.

All proceeds will go to the
Davidson County Humane Society.

Donations of cash and pet food
will also be accepted.

Many churches in the United States celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi each year. The feast commemorated the life of St. Frances, who was born in the 12th Century and is the Catholic Church's Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. It is a popular day for pets to be blessed.

"To bless is to impart God's power. The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being medicated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners."



The Board of Community Outreach is asking for Volunteers wishing to serve meals to the needy at Grace Episcopal Church on Sundays during the month of November. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry can contact Mark Smith at msmith@gwsmithlbr.com or 336-337-9666.



We really need additional nursery volunteers. If you are able to help out a few Sundays throughout the year, please let Cathy Waitman know! If there are no little ones, then volunteers are able to come to the 11:00 worship service.

From Cathy Waitman

Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal



Thank all of you who filled out a survey on Rally Day. The results were very helpful in letting us know what ministries to keep, return to or plan in the future.

Another helpful planning tool was the meeting Elizabeth and I had with the children and youth parents. It let us know where interests were and what ministries we could successfully plan for the Fall. **Children's Sabbath** will be held on October 28th. The participants will practice during Sunday school until then.

Thank you for helping out with the **bucket project for Hurricane Florence relief**. Your donations were enough to fill 27 buckets with supplies after the first collection! Rich Johnson will deliver them to a depot in Charlotte.

We are planning two **NOISY Offerings in October** to raise money for a Youth Service Project that will make Blessing Bags for Crisis Ministries residents. The bags will be made on November 4th. We appreciate all the coins and bills that are placed in the cans.

We have had lot of interest in the **Family Fun Night** for the last two years. It is planned for October 23rd this year. Please sign up for the number of pumpkins and hotdogs you would like.

We will participate with other downtown churches in the **Block Party on October 28th** from 5-6:30 in the parking lot behind the Methodist Church. We need donations of bags of individually wrapped candy for Trunk-or-Treat and canned pasta, meat, and mixed vegetables for Pastor's Pantry. Please leave these items in the Narthex or outside the church office.

The calendar for the Fall is filling up quickly! I hope you will consider each of the ministries offered and decide where God is calling you!

Love to my church family!



To **Buddy Lohr**: for the beautiful keepsake boxes he crafted for the Confirmands.

To **Lena Johnson**: for the Back Pack Blessing bags and the cushion on the kneeling bench in the sanctuary.

To **Carolyn Robbins**: for the Kids' Worship Bags that she made.

Successful Rally Day and Confirmation Sunday

Our Clarence Jordan and Dietrich Bonhoeffer Rally Day Program, Confirmation Service and Luncheon were a great success. It took many people and lots of hard work to pull all of those things together on one day. This is a list of all the people (I hope) that were involved:

Lynn Brown	Cliff Lopp
Mike Brown	Paula Lopp
Glenyce Fulton	Ethan Lovell
Alice Gray	Jerry Lovell
James Gray	Keri Lovell
June Grubb	Kyndell Lovell
Ben Hale	John Maze
Emma Hartle	Brian McKerlie
Jacob Hartle	Ava Miller
Keri Hartle	Jianna Miller
Elizabeth Horton	Harriette Murphy
Parker Horton	Lisa Nelson
Patrick Horton	Lee Ann Peele
Lena Johnson	Ellen Peterson
Rich Johnson	Lucas Peterson
Jonathan Kepley	Mike Price
Buddy Lohr	Bill Robbins

Like they say, "It takes a village!" Thank all of you so much. It would not have happened without you!

“Building An Inclusive Church” Update

Sunday, October 7, 2018, a special meeting will be held directly after worship to vote on adopting the proposed Welcoming Statement:

If you are searching for a place to experience God’s wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God’s love, Christ’s church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God’s children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

A Welcoming Statement publicly states that a congregation is willing to be an inclusive church home, which is designated in the UCC by the term, Open and Affirming (ONA). Over the summer a Welcoming Statement was created and circulated throughout the congregation for discussion and revision. Then, a congregational Exploratory Survey was taken in August, with 124 responses received. 87% were in favor of the proposed statement, and 13% against.

While this church *already* reflects inclusive values in our day-to-day life and ministry together, this statement helps us grow into our future, sending a clear message and providing assurance to those looking for an inclusive church home.

If you would like to see any of the materials used in this process over the past year, including forum handouts, congregation correspondence, or a timeline of events, they are available in the church office.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

The Friendship Club met at Yarborough's for their September meeting. We enjoyed a wonderful program presented by Brigette Parsons (Director), James Dean (Veteran Liaison) and his Service Dog, Rebel, from Saving Grace K9s. This non-profit organization trains service dogs for disabled military veterans who suffer from PTSD/TBI at no cost to the veteran.

We enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship. Jerry Lovell presented devotions. John Smith presented a selection of potential programs for the upcoming year. The members were asked to study the list, which will be emailed to them and then let Patti Lovell or Glenyce Fulton know their desired interests. Then a program list will be compiled and distributed at the next meeting.

At our next meeting, we will go to Old Salem for lunch at Salem Tavern. Please join us for an enjoyable adventure and fellowship.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

~submitted by Cliff Lopp

Men's Brotherhood did not meet in September, but we will meet on Tuesday, October 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Mike Brown and crew will provide dinner. We will be making plans for the next few months. We will park cars again this year at the BBQ Festival on Saturday, October 27th and donate the proceeds to the church. All help is appreciated.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

~submitted by Susan Miller

The Morning Glory Circle met at Pastor Elizabeth's home on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. We used our meeting to remember our friend, Gladys Snider. All of us have been touched and helped by Gladys. She was great at meeting and greeting any new visitor or welcoming someone who had been out. She was remembered for her laugh and always-ready smile.

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

WLF met September 18th in the parlor. Paula provided devotions and Glenyce and Linda served refreshments. Our president, Linda, recapped activities and projects WLF participated in last year.

WLF members have looked over the existing Chrismons that have been used over the years and found some that had been broken or are in need of a little TLC. We decided to replace some and add some new ones to the collection the church already has. After investigating, we found a source in Clemmons where we could purchase already-made Chrismons and ordered 20 new ones. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks for the delivery. After discussion, we decided to give church members an opportunity to donate \$20 towards the purchase of the Chrismons in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Carolyn Robbins is making an Advent Banner; each Sunday during Advent a symbol will be placed on the banner to celebrate the Advent season.

WLF will again sponsor Family Fun Night Tuesday, October 23 at 6 pm; details will be in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins. We will also sponsor a bake sale on November 18th.

Elizabeth Horton informed WLF about a program at Charles England School for 5th grade girls called "Rubies and Pearls" where ladies in the community will mentor these young ladies over the school year. WLF made a monetary donation to help promote this program. Volunteers are needed to help. Let Elizabeth know if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be November 13th at 7pm, and we invite anyone in the church to join our group.



Congratulations Confirmands!

Jonathan Kepley, Claire Smith, and Ava Miller became the newest members of our church family on Confirmation Sunday, September 9, 2018 during the 11:00 worship service.

~photo credit: Kivi Miller

Our Community Garden

~submitted by Edgar Miller

The First Reformed UCC Community Garden has slowed down a bit in late summer, but we are looking forward to a great Fall harvest. On Saturday, October 6th, garden volunteers are needed to assist with the sweet potato harvest. Unfortunately, the Harlequin bugs got the initial plantings of broccoli and cabbage plants, but we have replanted. So far this year, the garden has produced more than 200 pounds of fresh vegetables for Pastor's Pantry and Open Hands Ministry (OHM) of Davidson County. We have been blessed with a reliable work crew from OHM and have supported them with an hourly wage for their good work in the garden. Thank you to church members who have donated to the garden fund to make that possible. We should be at over 300 pounds produced once the watermelons and sweet potatoes are harvested.

Please consider coming out to help harvest the sweet potatoes on **Saturday, October 6th, at 10:00 AM**, or donate to the church garden fund to help pay for planting costs and garden workers.



BUILDING BRIDGES OF FAITH ~submitted by Susie Smith



Our "Bridge Groups" are building bridges of Faith. Belinda Yates engineered her group with a meal at Yarborough's Restaurant. They made plans to meet again.

Lindsay and Linda Sink planned to have a meal in their home, but Hurricane Florence blew their Bridge down. They are in the process of rebuilding.

Group five plans to meet at Coaches on October 21st and Rev. Al Staggs will join them on his way to the airport. They are also planning a meal in November at the home of Dave and Glenyce Fulton.

Thank you to all of the "Engineers" for organizing dates and places for all "Bridge Groups." I hope we can continue to build more "Bridges" in the future!



Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering for Youth Service Project: *Blessing Bags for Crisis Ministries*

**Money will be collected Sunday,
October 14 & 28 during worship**

***Project will be completed
Sunday, Nov. 4 at 9:45***



**YOUTH
SERVICE
PROJECT**



October 28, 2018

**Open Hands Semi-Annual
David Surgeon Memorial Fish Fry**

Tickets: \$8.00

Friday, October 5th 11AM-7PM

Open Hands Mercy Station Stephen

@ St. Stephen UMC - 100 East 1st Street

(corner of East 1st Street and North Salisbury)

Fish/Slaw/Hushpuppies Eat in or Carryout

(Delivery available for local orders of five or more)

Proceeds to benefit our free food ministry

(Donations are accepted to provide free meals to our friends who may be struggling.)

Call 336-242-6142 for more information.

To purchase tickets by text, text the word FISH to 336-221-3187

David Surgeon was a faithful member of St. Stephen UMC who firmly believed in the call of Christ to serve those in need and to reach out to our community. He strongly supported Open Hands and the establishment of Mercy Station Stephen.



**Donations Needed for
Block Party October 28th**

**Bags of individually wrapped candy
for trunk or treat**

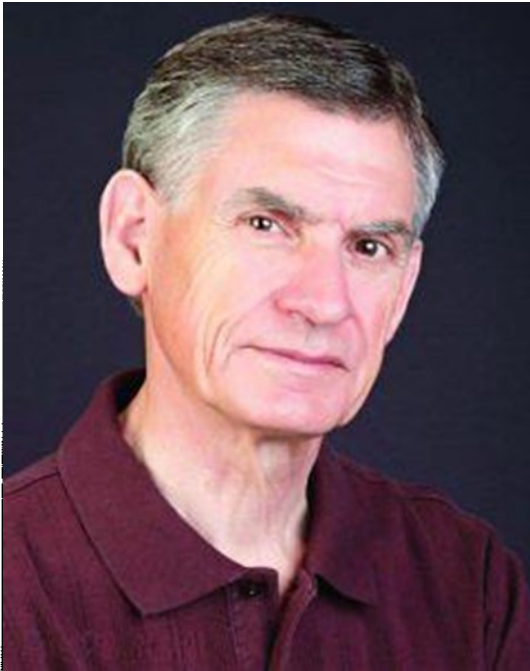
**Canned pasta, meat, & mixed vegetables
for Pastor's Pantry**

**Bring all donations to the
Narthex or to the table
outside the office
any Sunday in October**



**Feed My
Sheep**

REV. AL STAGGS
MINISTER and PERFORMING ARTIST



October 20-21, 2018

First Reformed

United Church of Christ

104 East Center Street

Lexington, NC

THREE PRESENTATIONS

Saturday Evening, October 20th at 6:30PM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

Reception and Performance

“Laughter for Life”

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

Contact the church office to reserve your ticket (336-248-2617)

Sunday Morning, October 21st at 9:45AM

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

“Clarence Jordan and the God Movement”

Sunday Morning, October 21st 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.



OPEN HANDS
MORE GRACE - LESS JUDGMENT

Open Hands Breakfast Fundraiser

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Saturday October 20th 7:30 AM-10:30 AM

First Reformed United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall

(East 1st Street and North Salisbury)

Eggs, bacon, sausage links, biscuits, grits, gravy, toast, and more!

Proceeds to benefit our free food ministries.

Donations accepted to provide free meals to the community we serve.

Call 336-242-6142 for more information.

We will be accepting donations by mail if you want to support this project but cannot attend.
Checks can be mailed to Open Hands PO Box 409 Lexington, NC 27293



October 23rd

6:00pm

First Reformed UCC Fellowship Hall

Hot Dogs, Chips,
Drinks & Dessert

Decorate a Pumpkin!

Reserve your pumpkin by October 17th by signing up on the bulletin board in the education building, contacting the church office or letting Cathy Waitman know!



Women's Life Fellowship is beginning an effort to replace many of the Chrismons that are old and in disrepair. They would like to offer members of the congregation, and anyone else interested, the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of new Chrismons **in honor of or in memory of** someone special in your life. If you are interested, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate by November 25th along with \$20 each to help cover the cost of the new

Chrismons. A list will be included in the bulletin the first Sunday in December similar to Poinsettias purchased in honor or memory of loved ones. The Chrismons will remain at the church to be used each Christmas instead of being taken home.

of Chrismons _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



BLOCK PARTY

Sponsored by the following churches:
**First United Methodist, First Presbyterian,
First Baptist, First Reformed UCC and
Grace Episcopal**

Wear your costume and bring canned pasta, meats, and mixed vegetables to donate to Pastor's Pantry



Games & Prizes

Hotdogs for the kids!



Trunk or Treat

Music



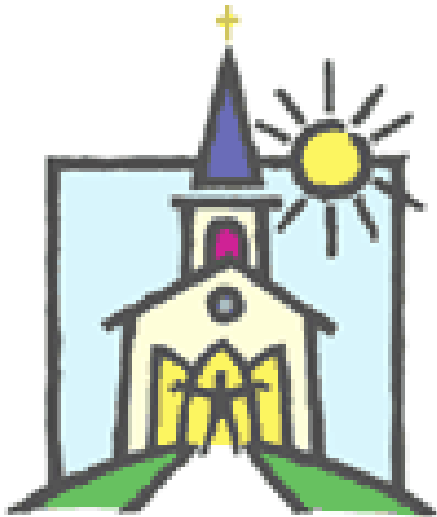
**All activities will be held in the parking lot
behind the Methodist and Presbyterian churches**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

5pm-6:30pm

HOMECOMING

2018



CHURCH HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming will be celebrated on Sunday, November 4th. Guest baritone Leonard Rowe will join us during the 11:00 worship to share his talents. Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and also attended Elon College. He has performed with many symphonies and opera companies in the United States, including the New York City Opera, The Buffalo Philharmonic and Peter Nero and the Philly Pops, and worked with the great Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. He has also performed in Europe. Mr. Rowe now lives in Winston Salem.

Following worship there will be a Congregational Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend!

Coming November 11

Special Veteran's Day Speaker
for Sunday School:

Donna Hurt



***Donna Hurt joins us to share an amazing
World War II story that spans over 60
years.***

This is a personal story for Donna, about her father who was killed in the war when she was very young. Recently she has made some phenomenal discoveries that have opened up more understanding about the end of his life. Donna recognizes how many timely details have fallen into place during these discoveries, and knows that God put the pieces together. Hearing the unfolding of this drama, from the days of WWII to the present, will both amaze and inspire you.

OCTOBER STEWARDS

Liturgist:

Doris Sink

Youth Liturgist:

Kalyssa Hutchens
(October 14)

Usher Chairperson:

Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:

Ted Smith

Ushers:

Susan Odom, Nicole Smith,
Clifford Lopp, June Grubb

Youth Usher:

Claire Smith

Plate Attendant:

J.W. Bates

Acolyte:

Jacob Hartle

Bible Steward:

Griff Smith

Sound Tech:

Calvin Odom

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

October 7: Michell Winters

October 14: Frankie Hedrick

October 21: John & Susie Smith

October 28: Buddy & Rita Lohr

Nursery:

October 7:

Dave Fulton & Jeremy Peterson

October 14:

Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser

October 21:

Kivi Miller & Belinda Yates

October 28:

Alice Gray & Vicky Gray



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: Melody Evans, Ruth Fritts, 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: David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), 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); 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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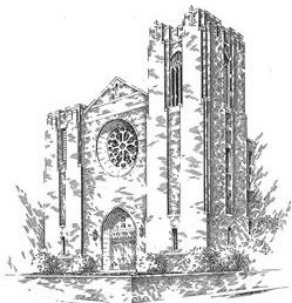


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	2 12:00 Psalms Bible Study {P} 6:30 Bd. of Evangelism {P} Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal. {Rm. 102}	3 11:00 Morning Glory Circle {P} 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	4 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	5 11:00-7:00 OHM Fish Fry	6 10:00 Community Garden Workday 10:00 2nd Reformed UCC—Blessing of the Animals WNCA Annual Gathering
7 9:45 Youth: Children's Sabbath Practice Adults: UCC: Who We Are (Lesson 8) 10:30 First Sunday Social {FH} 11:00 Worship: Communion, NIN Offering, BAIC Vote 12:15 Consistory	8 11:00 Staff Meeting {P} 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	9 10:00 Collaborative Ministries {P} 12:00 Psalms Bible Study {P} 6:00 Men's Brotherhood {FH}	10 10:30 GLAMA {P} 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	11 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	12	13 10-12:30 Sheets Dance Practice {FH} 1:00 Set up for Congregational Meal
14 9:45 Youth: Children's Sabbath Practice Adults: UCC: Who We Are (Lesson 8) 11:00 Worship Noisy Offering & Children's Church Congregational Meal & Budget Meeting {FH}	15 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	16	17 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	18 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	19	20 7:30 OHM Breakfast Fundraiser {FH} 6:30 Rev. Al Staggs Reception & Performance: "Laughter for Life" Tickets only {FH}
21 9:45 Youth & Adults Rev. Al Staggs: <i>"Clarence Jordan"</i> {FH} 11:00 Worship Rev. Al Staggs: <i>"Dietrich Bonhoeffer"</i>	22 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	23 6:00 Women's Life Fellowship Family Fun Night {FH}	24 12:00 Friendship Club {Lunch in Old Salem} 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	25 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 6:00 Red Hats {FH}	26	27 Lexington BBQ Festival — Men's Brotherhood Parking Cars
28 9:45 Youth: Children's Sabbath Practice Adults: UCC: Who We Are (Lesson 8) 11:00 Worship: Noisy Offering & Children's Sabbath 5-6:30 BLOCK PARTY	29 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	30	31 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}			

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Sunday School
9:45am
Worship
11:00am

Church Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Adena Wall
- 6 Joy Walser
- 7 Kelsey Johnson
- 9 Griff Smith
- 12 Bill Robbins
- 20 Lee Ann Peele
- 21 Mark Loper
- 22 Molly Robertson
- 25 Jamie Link
- 28 Nicole Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Susie Smith
- 7 Robert & Beverly Sandifer
- 23 Jeremy & Keri Lovell
- 25 Henry & Kay Crouse
- 30 Albert & Melody Evans

OCTOBER WORSHIP

In preparation for worship this month, please read the following scriptures...

- October 7 – Mark 10: 2-16
- October 14 – Mark 10: 17-31
- October 21 – Mark 10: 35-45
- October 28 – Mark 10: 46-52

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mary Jo Jessup made her 101st contribution during the recent Red Cross Blood Drive held on September 5th in the FRUCC Fellowship Hall.

