

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 28
9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth - Children's Sabbath Practice
with Cathy Waitman and Ellen Peterson
Adults – Roman Series with Dave Fulton

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

Joining Sunday...Children's Sabbath...Noisy Offering
Block Party & Trunk or Treat

5-6:30PM

Monday, Oct. 29

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

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Hand bells and Choir **WILL NOT** meet tonight!

Thursday, Nov. 1

5:30PM..... YOGA Class {Parlor}
7:00PM..... Square Dance {Fellowship Hall}

Saturday, Nov. 3

10-12:30 Nutcracker Practice for Sheets Dance Academy {FH}

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS TOMORROW...turn clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed

Sunday, Nov. 4

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – JAM with Ellen Peterson and Carolyn Robbins
Adults – Roman Series with Jerry Lovell

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

Homecoming and Memorial Sunday...Youth Service Project
Special Guest Baritone: Leonard Rowe

Following Worship

Covered Dish Luncheon

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Oct. 28-Nov. 3}

BIRTHDAYS.....October 28Nicole Smith

November 1Seth Klopp

November 2Sam Gray

November 3Joyce Price

ANNIVERSARIES.....October 30Albert & Melody Evans

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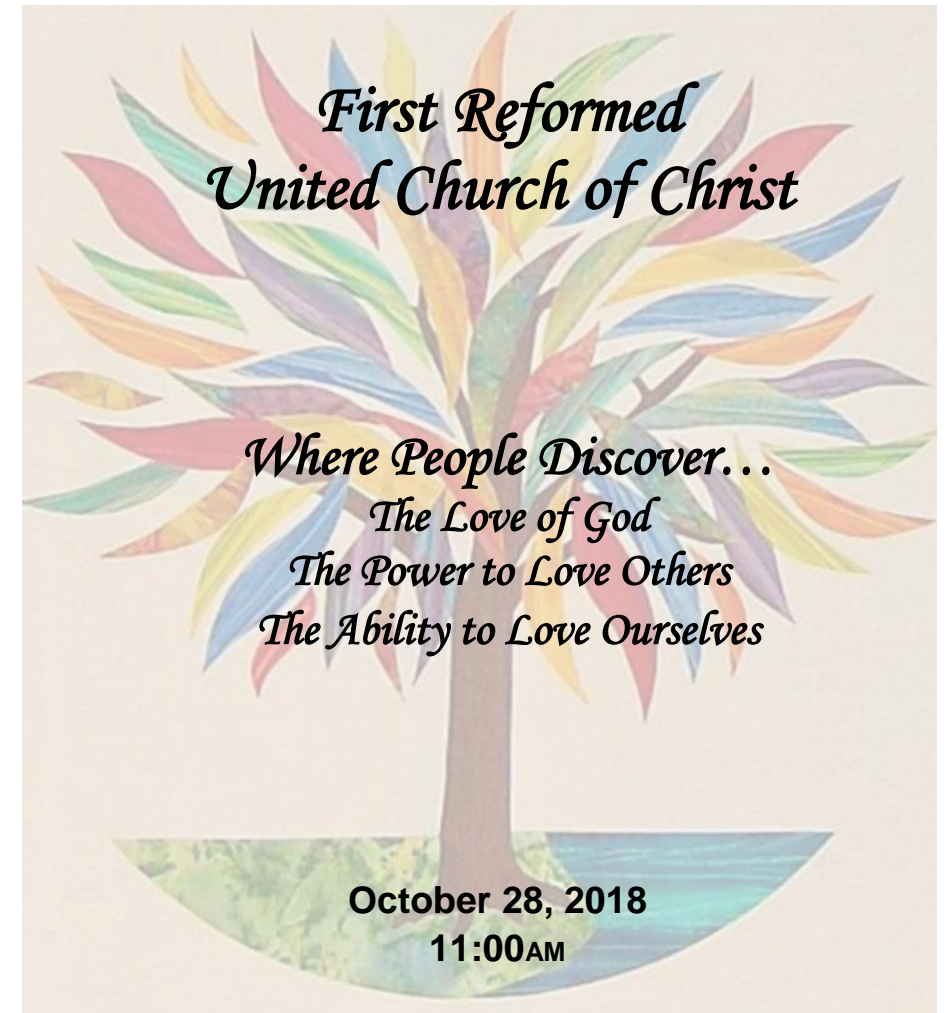
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*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

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

Joining Sunday and Children's Sabbath

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

*Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

Insert

*Invocation

Centering

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Babies may cry in worship, and we may grumble: Forgive us, O God!

People: Jesus said: "Let the children come to me for they belong to the reign of God."

Leader: Children may remind us that we are all creatures with bodies, imaginations, and questions—and we may send them off to another space so as not to disturb us:
Forgive us, O God!

People: Jesus said: "Let the children come to me for they belong to the reign of God."

Leader: Children may confront us with their vulnerability and need, and we may forget they are able agents of hope and new life: Forgive us, O God!

People: Jesus said: "Let the children come to me for they belong to the reign of God."

Leader: Images of children show us the reality of our world in this time: Fleeing refugee children, homeless and hungry children, abused children, but we may turn our faces from the evidence all around us: Forgive us, O God!

People: Jesus said: "Let the children come to me for they belong to the reign of God."

All: Cleanse us from our ignorance.

Cleanse us from our lack of compassion.

Come into our hearts, O Holy One, and make us new, like children again.

Assurance of Pardon

Reception of New Members

Travis White and Renee Walsh, Bryson, Isabella, and Caroline

Questions of the Candidates

Question of the Congregation

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our faithful companionship and love as we grow together, living into our called identity as a beloved community of God.

Proclaiming

"Miracles by the Sea"

Introduction and Bible Verse:

Mark 5: 40-41

Parker Horton & Ethan Lovell

Praise Song

"Forever Mine"

Children & Parents

Congregational Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Stewardship Stories

Board of Spiritual Growth & Renewal

Cathy Waitman

Noisy Offering

Can Attendant, Patrick Horton

Sermon Part I

Mark 5: 21-29

Jacob Hartle, Lucas Peterson, Keri Hartle

Did You Know?

Emma Hartle & Keri Hartle

Healing for Everyone

Jianna Miller, Patrick Horton & Children

Sermon Part II

Mark 5: 30-43

Parker Horton, Ethan Lovell, Jeremy Lovell, Jeremy Peterson

Did You Know?

Kyndell Lovell, Keri Lovell

The Body

Jianna Miller, Lucas Peterson, Jacob Hartle & Children

Did You Know?

Caroline White & Ellen Peterson

Sermon Part III

Mark 2: 15-17 and Romans 3: 23

Jonathan Kepley

Praise Song

"You Are a Miracle"

Children & Parents

Closing Prayer

Jonathan Kepley

Responding

Connecting in Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"What A Wonderful World"

*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

Doris Sink

*Hymn

"Give Thanks"

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks!

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Doris Sink

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 Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

*Postlude

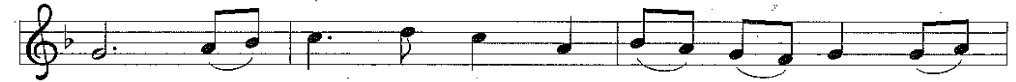
You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary.

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends November 4th, so turn you clocks back November 3rd before you go to bed.

CHURCH HOMECOMING AND MEMORIAL SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4TH!

We welcome guest baritone Leonard Rowe during worship. A covered dish luncheon will follow worship in the Fellowship Hall.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CPR CLASS?

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group will host a CPR & Basic First Aid class in early 2019. Cost will be determined by class size. An opportunity for certification will be available for an additional charge. If you are interested, please contact the church office by Sunday, November 11, 2018. (336-248-2617)

CHRISMONS!

You may purchase a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate **by November 25th** along with \$20 for each one ordered.

of Chrismons _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



On this leaf, write one reason you are thankful for this church. Please place your leaf in the offering plate as it is passed.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jake and Corky Briggs; given by their daughters, Ellen Briggs and Betty Burns.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Doris Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: J. W. Bates

USHER CAPTAIN: Ted Smith

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Calvin Odom

USHERS: Susan Odom, Nicole Smith, Clifford Lopp, June Grubb

YOUTH USHER: Claire Smith

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

GREETER: Buddy & Rita Lohr

BIBLE STEWARD: Griff Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

❖ 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: Janell Bunn, Gennie Lou Byerly, Kelly Greathouse, 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: Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's father), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), Eugenia Holste (Alane Holste's Mother), 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); Family of Boyd Shirley (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)