

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 25

DEADLINE FOR...

Chili Entry, Chrismon & Poinsettia Orders
9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Program Practice

Adults –Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Monday, November 26

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, November 27

5-7:00PM Community Meal {FH}

6:00PM Decorating for Advent {Sanctuary}

Wednesday, November 28

12:00PM

Friendship Club Christmas Meeting {FH}

6:30PM Bell Choir

7:15PM Adult Choir

Thursday, November 29

5:30PM

Yoga {Parlor}

7:00PM

Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, December 1

7:00PM

World Aids Day Service – Files Chapel

Sunday, December 2

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Practice for Christmas Program

Adults –Romans with Jerry Lovell {Parlor}

11:00AM – ADVENT #1:

CALM & BRIGHT: 200 YEARS OF SILENT NIGHT

WORSHIP SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION

IN THE SANCTUARY

12:00PM

CHILI COOK-OFF

FOLLOWING LUNCH...CONSISTORY

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9

DEADLINE FOR...Christmas Cards for our members at home

“The Christmas Story”

Children's Christmas Program at 11:00AM

Catered Luncheon after worship

“The Twelve Days of Christmas”

Santa's Visit

December 12

DEADLINE FOR...Pork Loin Ticket Purchase

December 14

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

December 15

Adult Choir Cantata Practice

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

December 16

Choir Cantata: *“Rhapsody in Bluegrass”*

December 21

Church-wide Caroling, Pizza & Hot Chocolate

December 22

PICK UP PORK LOINS (11 OR 4:00)

December 24

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Candlelight Service and Holy Communion

December 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

December 30

No Sunday School

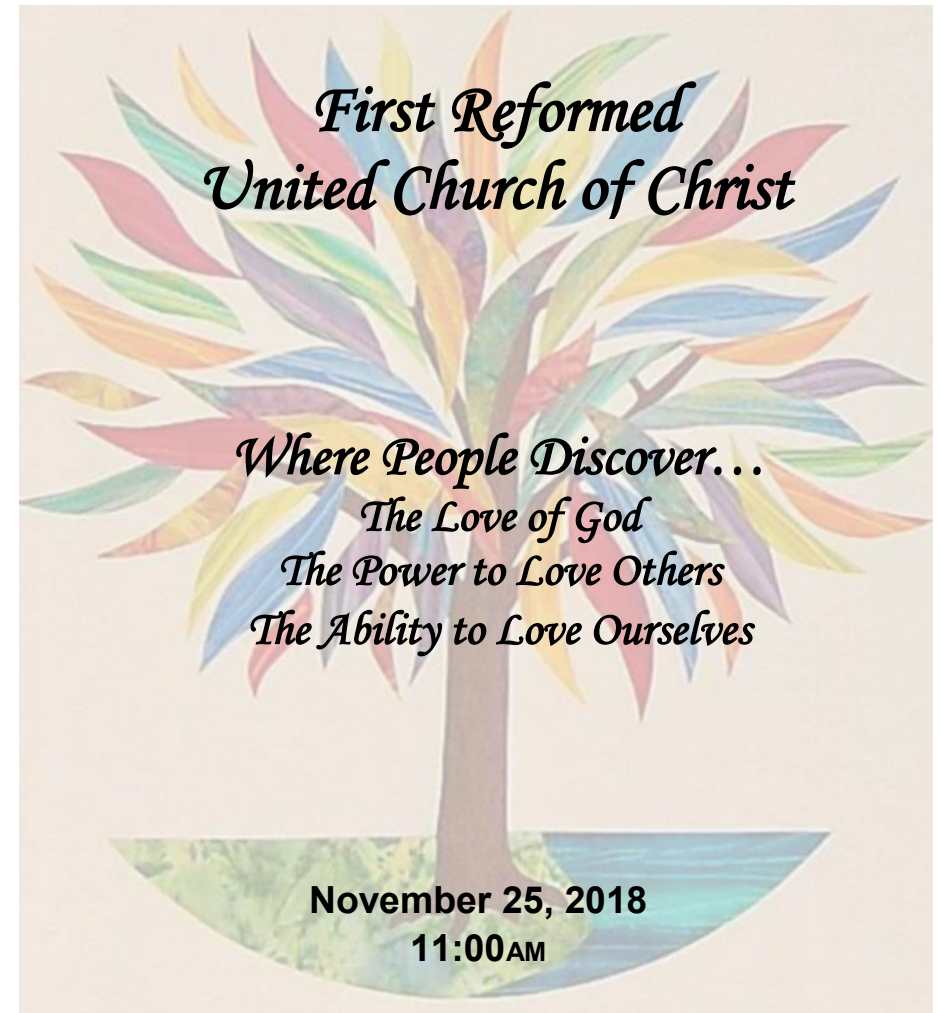
11:00 Worship and Infant Baptism

Rev. Mike Hooper in the Pulpit

December 31

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
DEADLINE FOR...**scholarship applications

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



*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

Reign of Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Prelude		
*Chimes		
Welcome		Elizabeth Horton
Choral Call to Worship	“Come My People”	
*Invocation		Rich Johnson
*Hymn	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	Insert

Centering

Unison Prayer of Confession		Elizabeth Horton
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The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in how we treat others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness		
Prayer Response	“I Love You, Lord”	Insert
Litany of the Leaves: <i>Counting Our Blessings from the Give Thanks Tree</i>		Elizabeth Horton
Young Disciples	{All youth, pre-K - 5 th grade, are invited to join in Children’s Church with Keri and Casey Hartle and Rita Lohr.}	
Connecting in Ministry		
Prayers of the People		
Anthem	“God Be in My Head”	Hopson

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.*

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading	John 18: 33-37 (page #987 of Pew Bible)	Elizabeth Horton
Sermon	“Living in the Kingdom”	

Responding

*Hymn	“God, Speak to Me”	Insert
Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	“The King Is Coming”	

*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
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Sending

*Call to Discipleship		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 Response	“Give Thanks”	

**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. Give thanks.**

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

I Love You, Lord

I love you, O Lord, my strength. Ps. 18:1

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor-ship

you, O my soul, re-joice! Take joy, my King, in

what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

WORDS and MUSIC: Laurie Klein, 1978
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I LOVE YOU, LORD
9.9.8.10.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 19:16

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,
4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,
5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

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WORDS: Edward Pemonet, 1780; adapt. John Rippon, 1787
MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793

CORONATION
C.M. Repeats

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God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John T. Walser, Jr.; given by Bill & Cheryl Walser.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Rich Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

USHERS:

Mike Brown, Heidi Hutcheson,

Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

GREETERS: Ashlee Snider & Dain Laguna

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:

Rita Lohr & Patti Lovell

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

CHURCH MEMBERS: Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Kelly Greathouse, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Adena Wall, Marzell Crofts, **Jo Hudson**, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Charm Ketner, Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), 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), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surret (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), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard), 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)

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES {NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1}

BIRTHDAYS

November 25 Webb Fulton
 November 27 James Gray, Ava Miller & Cathy Waitman
 November 30 Irvin Sink
 December 1 Ann Johnson Crandell, Buddy Lohr & Jerry Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

(None this week)

RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS TODAY!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to reserve a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is **\$13.00** per plant. These will be placed in the sanctuary next Sunday. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following worship to enjoy at home during the Advent Season. Please fill out the information form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

of Poinsettias _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

CHRISMONS!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to purchase a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate along with \$20 for each one ordered.

of Chrismons _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MEMBERS AT HOME

We are collecting Christmas cards to deliver to our members at home again this year. Simply sign cards, place them in envelopes and put them in the bags that will be on the front pew of the sanctuary **TODAY, DECEMBER 2nd or DECEMBER 9th**. These bags will be delivered along with the holiday fruit baskets. Thank you Lena Johnson for making the cute holiday bags for the cards!

COMMUNITY MEAL

Don't forget the Community Meal on **Tuesday, November 27th**. The menu is: pinto beans, cabbage, cornbread and stewed apples. **ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED** and will benefit **Saving Grace K-9s**.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club's "Christmas" Gathering is Wednesday, November 28 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Meats will be provided. Dave Fulton will have the devotions, Lee Ann Peele will accompany our "joyful noises" of Christmas songs, and we'll play the ever popular "Dirty Santa"! Hope to see you are there for the fellowship we enjoy together!

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Our Advent Worship Series begins next Sunday, December 2nd. Come and be a part of "**Calm and Bright: 200 Years of Silent Night.**"



Don't forget to join us for lunch **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd** following worship for our annual chili cook-off. There will be plenty of chilis competing for this year's winning recipe. A small salad, cornbread and crackers, dessert and drinks will also be available. Bring plenty of dollar bills to vote for your favorites!

PORK LOIN FUNDRAISER!

Smoked Pork Loins will be prepared by Mike Brown and helpers on December 22nd as a fundraiser for Men's Brotherhood. Each will sell for \$40.00 You can choose from two pick up times: 11-12:00 or 4- 5:00. Price includes the pork loin and a quart of BBQ sauce. Tickets are available by contacting the church office. (carolyn@frucc.org or 336-248-2617) There are a limited number of tickets available, so act quickly! **THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS DECEMBER 12TH**.

The **Tree of "Angels"** will be placed in the breezeway of the Education Building again this year. Make a donation (your discretion) to place an angel on the tree in honor or memory of someone. Donations will assist with year-end benevolences. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

In **Memory** of: _____

By: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

By: _____

ATTENTION CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS!

It is time to apply for the Hinkle, Sink, Swing Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed by contacting paula@frucc.org. Applications should be completed and back in the office by **DECEMBER 31, 2018**.



**Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 9 at 12:00
Fellowship Hall**

Come join us for a catered luncheon following worship. The menu includes: Baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, buttered corn, baked apples, dessert and drink. The cost for the meal is **Adults - \$8.50 and Children (11 and under) - \$4.25**.

Please sign up by completing the form below, contacting the office or completing the form on the bulletin in the Education Building. Money will be collected at the door on December 9th.

NAME _____

Adults @ \$8.50 _____ #Children (11 & under) @ \$4.25 _____