

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 4
9:45AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Youth – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins
Adults – Roman Series with Jerry Lovell

11:00AM **WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY**
Homecoming & Memorial Sunday
Special Guest Baritone: Leonard Rowe
Youth Service Project
Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Following Worship

Monday, Nov. 5 5:00PM..... Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Parlor}
6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, Nov. 6 Election Day!

Wednesday, Nov. 7 11:00AM..... Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
6:30PM..... Bell Choir {Bell Room}
7:15PM..... Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, Nov. 8 5:30PM..... YOGA Class {Parlor}
7:00PM..... Square Dance {Fellowship Hall}

Saturday, Nov. 10 10-12:30 Nutcracker Practice for Sheets Dance Academy {FH}

Sunday, Nov. 11
9:45AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Youth – Advent Wreaths and Christmas Program Practice
Adults – Veterans’ Day Presentation: Donna Hurt {Fellowship Hall}

11:00AM **WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY**
Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards
Following Worship **Congregational Meeting: 2019 Consistory Nominees**

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Nov. 4-10}

BIRTHDAYS.....November 5.....Linda Sink
November 6.....Eli Gregg
November 9Harrison Danze
.....Robert Danze
.....Coreen Freeman

*First Reformed
United Church of Christ*

*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

November 4, 2018
11:00AM

*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.*

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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

Homecoming and Memorial Sunday

Gathering

Prelude		
*Chiming of the Hour		
Greetings		Elizabeth Horton
Call to Worship	<i>“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”</i>	Leonard Rowe
*Litany of Welcome		Keri Hartle
Leader:	In every one of us there is a longing for home.	
People:	For a home where we are known, accepted, and loved just as we are.	
Leader:	Where we are nurtured, guided, and challenged to become more than we are.	
People:	God says to us, “Come, there is a home for you in my forgiving love, the gathering of my people.”	
ALL:	Our hearts respond, “We are coming, Lord. We are coming home.”	
*Hymn	<i>“The Church’s One Foundation”</i>	Insert
*Invocation		Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Unison Prayer of Confession		Elizabeth Horton
	It is said that confession is good for the soul, but there are times, O God, when we just don’t want to own up to the many ways in which we have failed to be faithful. We have turned our backs on those in need. We have sought after power and riches, believing that these things bring true happiness. We have been selfish and indifferent to the plight of so many. Forgive us and turn our hearts back toward Christ, who always reaches out to offer healing and love. Amen.	
Assurance of Pardon		
Remembering the Saints		
Anthem	<i>“We Thank You for Beloved Saints”</i>	Choplin
	<i>Lord, thank You for beloved saints, the true and faithful ones Who lived their lives with love and faith, with many a task well done.</i>	
	<i>We thank You for the memory of those who still inspire. When we recall their lives of love, they stir our spirits’ fire.</i>	
	<i>We hear their voices in our hearts. They speak their message clear; “My friends, rise up, be faithful now. Your day and time are here, your day and time are here.”</i>	

*We thank You for beloved saints and though their time on earth is gone,
When we build on foundations of their faith; the legacy of love lives on.
When we build on foundations of their faith, the legacy of love lives on.
Let love live on!*

A Prayer for the Saints		Elizabeth Horton
Lighting of the Memorial Candles		
	Doris Greer Frye {August 1, 1929 - December 14, 2017}	
	Betty Smith Bates {January 9, 1936 - February 11, 2018}	
	Joyce Elizabeth Bowie Price {November 3, 1932 - March 29, 2018}	
	Gladys Hampton Snider {June 28, 1928 – August 10, 2018}	
	Jeffrey Scott Saunders {February 9, 1972 – August 24, 2018}	
Prayer of Gratitude		
	...Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.	
Special Music	<i>“The Lord’s Prayer”</i>	Leonard Rowe
Young Disciples		
	<i>{All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to participate in a Youth Service Project with Cathy Waitman and Alice Gray}</i>	
	<h3><i>Proclaiming</i></h3>	
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21: 1-6 (page #1132 of Pew Bible)	Elizabeth Horton
Sermon	<i>“Coming Home”</i>	Elizabeth Horton
	<h3><i>Responding</i></h3>	
Connecting in Ministry		Elizabeth Horton
Stewardship Story	Board of Evangelism	Dave Fulton
Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>“Ride On, King Jesus”</i>	Leonard Rowe
*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

Keri Hartle

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Keri Hartle

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

*Choral Response

"Give Thanks"

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

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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

WELCOME LEONARD ROWE, Guest Baritone

Leonard Rowe is a baritone from Fredericksburg, VA. He is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and also attended Elon College. Leonard has performed with many symphonies and opera companies here in the United States including several seasons at New York City Opera and The Buffalo Philharmonic and Peter Nero and the Philly Pops. He also had the opportunity to work with the great Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians. The Baritone has also sung in Europe including Germany, The Netherlands, England, Sweden and Belgium. Having lived in Mocksville raising Quarter Horses, Leonard now lives here in Winston-Salem.

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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

First Reformed UCC needs volunteers to help ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 15th. We will be stationed in front of Lanier's Ace Hardware. Volunteers will fill a 1-hour time slot. Times begin at 10:00 and end with the 5-6:00 slot. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the clip board located in the Narthex or contact **Mark Smith at 336-337-9666 or msmith@gwsmithlbr.com.**

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 _____

RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW!

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 the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following worship that day 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. **Order deadline is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.**

In Memory of: _____ **By:** _____

In Memory of: _____ **By:** _____

In Honor of: _____ **By:** _____

In Honor of: _____ **By:** _____

COMING NEXT SUNDAY...

We will have a special Veteran's Day speaker during Sunday School on November 11th. **Donna Hurt** will join us to share an amazing World War II story that spans over 60 years. This is a personal story about her father who was killed in the war when she was very young. Hearing the unfolding of this drama, from the days of WWII to the present, will both amaze and inspire you.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norman F. Essick; given by Ruth Essick.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Keri Hartle

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

USHER CAPTAIN: Mike Perry

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

USHERS: Mike Brown, Heidi Hutcheson, Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

ACOLYTE: Elliott Smith

GREETERS: Jerry & Patti Lovell

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Aurelia Smith & Nina 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 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, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: 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), 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)