



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

*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.*

JANUARY 2019

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. I greatly appreciate it! I am grateful to minister with you. I feel blessed by your support, encouragement and wisdom, and look forward to what 2019 will bring!

I'd also like to give thanks for such a glorious Advent and Christmas season by naming a few people who worked extra hard:

- Ellen Peterson, Lee Ann Peele, Mike Price and the Choir for their amazing contributions to the music of the season. We are indeed fortunate with their talents, dedication and the spirit with which they seek to glorify God through music.
- Lynn Brown and Rev. June Grubb for the beautiful altarscape helping us imagine a "Silent Night."
- Carolyn Robbins and Paula Lopp for cheerfully bearing the load of additional administrative and financial tasks that December brings.
- Cathy Waitman for patiently and persistently directing the youth in the Nativity Program.
- Cliff Lopp and Rich Johnson for helping with the logistics involved in preparing for special services, moving scenery, arranging the sanctuary, setting out candles, cleaning up and all the other tasks that often go unnamed.

Many hands have gone into the work of the season. Thanks be to God!

As 2019 begins, we begin Epiphany on January 6th celebrating the light that shone in the star of Bethlehem for the Magi to follow. Our January sermon series will be "Living in the Light."

Also in January...

- I will start a class for youth -- All Middle and High School students are invited!
- "Faith and Family," a 6-week discussion group for parents with children any age will be held with Jeremy Lovell facilitating. Topics will be centered around challenges of raising children in light of our faith.

I hope if you fall into either of these categories, you will get involved! Being a part of a small group helps deepen your faith and also your relationships within the church.

Inside the newsletter on **page 8**, look for new **BRIDGE Groups** forming. This is yet another way to deepen your experience in the First Reformed community.

As we begin 2019, remember we are People of Light. Find a way to shine the Light God has created within you!

Seeking to shine alongside you,
~Elizabeth



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.

~DECEMBER~ MEMORIALS

BETTY BATES

ANNE BEVAN

DANNY FLOYD

THOMAS & JOYCE PHILLIPS

DORIS FRYE

ANNE BEVAN

JOYCE PRICE

ANNE BEVAN

MR. & MRS. VERNON G. PRICE, JR.

MELINDA F. MILEHAM

JEFFREY SAUNDERS

ANNE BEVAN

THOMAS & JOYCE PHILLIPS

GLADYS SNIDER

ANNE BEVAN



SNOW BUDDY!

We appreciate the youth of our church.

We were especially grateful for Jonathan Kepley after the December 9th snow when he came to help clear the sidewalks in front of the sanctuary.

Great job, Jonathan!
Thanks for your help!

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal: Jerry Lovell

- A catered meal from Yarborough's is to follow the Children's Christmas program is scheduled for December

Board of Congregational Life: Eddie Yates and Lena Johnson

- Special thanks to Sylvia Walser and her committee for setting and cleaning tables for the Congregational Christmas lunch.
- Thanks to Cathy Waitman and the Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal for the Chili Cook-off.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship

Financial Report: Denise Durham

- Average weekly offering in the month of November was \$3,705
- 2018 benevolences will be paid in December.
- Pledges are running with 44.4% being pledged toward the 2019 budget. Last year 53.6% was pledged toward the 2018 budget.
- We are still exploring e-giving.

Property Committee: John Smith

- There is a problem with the thermostat in the fellowship hall. Sylvester/Cockrum will remove that air handler from the computer and replace with a stand-alone thermostat. The cost is approximately \$1,900.
- Lindsay thanked John who will continue as co-chair of the property committee in 2019.

Board of Community Outreach: Mark Smith reported:

- Mark created an itemized list of annual events this board organizes to be shared with the new chairperson.
- FRUCC rings bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Fund at Lanier Hardware December 14 and 15. All slots were filled.

Evangelism Board: Dave Fulton

- The November Community Meal profit was \$137. That was combined with the September profit. Saving Grace K9's received a check for \$250.
- The Evangelism Board meets monthly.

Old Business:

- Board assignments for 2019 will be emailed to members
- Outgoing Board Chairs meet with incoming chairs to review goals of boards/committees.
- Rev. Horton handed out sheets, Reflecting – "Discerning and Dreaming 2019". Boards were asked to fill out and return.
- Annual staff evaluations will be conducted in January 2019.
- Everyone was reminded of the gathering at the Horton home December 7th at 6pm.

New Business:

- Discussed reviews of those regularly using church property (Open Hands, Sheets Dance, etc.)
 - * Guidelines for maintenance of building
 - * Who to contact when/if problems with use of buildings arise
 - * Waiver of fees (consistory discretion)
 - * Handing out keys
 - * Bonus for custodian for special activities
- Updating and revisions for church manual in January or February.
- A motion was made to change "inactive status of membership" in the church manual from 3 years to 2 years to agree with the church by-laws. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Rev. Horton will be on vacation December 26-January 2
- The next Consistory meeting is scheduled for **January 13, 2019.**

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Many thanks to the congregation for your generosity. All of your contributions to Alternative Gifts and the Tree of Angels helped us meet our goals for all our 2018 Benevolences.

Acknowledgements from the following Benevolences have been received

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Blowing Rock Conference Center  
Catawba College  
(an update on scholarship funds included)  
The Christmas Fund  
Communities in School  
Crisis Ministry of Davidson County  
Family Services of Davidson County  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hospice of Davidson County  
Lancaster Theological Seminary  
Nazareth Child & Family Connection  
The Pastor's Pantry  
Special Olympics of Davidson County

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Thank you from Mark Smith to the following folks for helping out in December ringing the bell for the Salvation Army:

Alisa Johnson	Mike Hooper
Buddy Lohr	Steve & Elliott Smith
Cliff & Paula Lopp	Renee Walsh
Lee Ann Peele	Eulene Shepherd
Camille Morgan	Frankie Hedrick
Emma West	James & Alice Gray
Dave & Glenyce Fulton	John & Vicky Gray
John & Lynn McCarn	

A Special Thank You from First Reformed UCC:

Thank you Craig and Donna Coe for the books purchased for all the children of the church. The Hallmark book "*Snow Letter Left Behind*" is such a special way to keep the memory of Nancy Robbins alive. This is such a special gift that will be enjoyed by all the children and their families who received it.

Sincerely,
First Reformed UCC Children

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate so much all the cards, phone calls and visits. Thank you for the wonderful fruit basket the church sent, too. Happy New Year to each of you!

Sincerely,
Peggy Bates

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for the Christmas gift. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Steve McDonald

To Our Church Family,

There are not enough words to express our sincere thanks for the overflowing fruit basket and beautiful Christmas cards. We were like two children opening gifts on Christmas morning when we opened and read the cards. What joy! We could feel the warmth, peace and blessings from each member who participated! We miss all of you — we miss church! We hope to be back soon! We need your prayers. We wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Love,
Margie and Vogen Everhart

Dear Cathy and FRUCC Members,

On behalf of everyone here in the Permanency Planning units at Davidson DSS, THANK YOU! We cannot adequately express our gratitude for all you have done for the children you chose to sponsor this year for Christmas. Because you, and others in the community, have offered your support, we were able to deliver gifts to 172 children in our county this year! That's 172 children who will have the joy of receiving and opening gifts on Christmas!. Many thanks and Merry Christmas.

Gina Spence

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for your generous gift for Christmas through your cards and contributions to the church benevolences. You are truly wonderful people.

June Grubb

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you so very much for your support of our mission!

Sincerely,
Brigett Parsons
Saving Grace K-9s

From the Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal ~ Cathy Waitman~

2019 IS HERE! January is a time to make personal New Year's Resolutions that we will hopefully keep for longer than just this month. Some of the resolutions that I hope to see and some of you have requested for church this year are:

- active youth groups for children and older youth
- a parent Sunday school class
- adult book discussions in Sunday school
- more intergenerational activities
- more service projects for church members and the community

In Sunday school this month, the adults will continue studying Romans. The children will be studying Rahab, Gideon, and Deborah. They will have a service project during Sunday school on January 20. Ms. Alice will have Kids' Club on January 6 and Keri Hartle and Keri Lovell will have Children's Church on January 27. The Board of Congregational Life has scheduled a Game Night for January 25.



We are planning two new Sunday school classes for the new year. One class will be for middle and high schoolers with Pastor Elizabeth as the teacher, and the other one will be a six week class for parents. **If you are interested in attending the parent class OR are interested in being a helper in the teens' class, please let me know.** We hope to start both classes on January 13.



Thank all of you who participated in the gifts for the Foster Care children. When we delivered the last



gifts, the social worker said some of the children had already opened their gifts from the first delivery and they were thrilled with the presents! She thanked me repeatedly for our participation. She complemented our church on our giving and loving spirit.

Also, I want to thank all of you who were involved in the Youth Nativity Program and The Twelve Days of Christmas. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the singing, and the children and youth did a great job with their nativity scene. There were so many people involved behind the scenes pinning and adjusting robes and head pieces, helping children learn parts, making children's Advent wreaths, and making sure children and youth were at practices. Thank all of you for your help and your patience with our changing plans due to the snow!



Don't forget that in February, the adults will begin a book study of "Love Wins" by Rob Bell. Walter Hoffman will be leading the class, and we hope that many of you will plan to attend. Watch the bulletin for information about ordering books and the beginning date.

Back to resolutions – When making your New Year's resolutions please include some that involve church ministries and activities. It takes all of us working together to make a difference in our members' lives and in the community. The older I get the more I realize that giving of ourselves is the most important thing God calls us to do. I pray that your new year will be filled with many blessings, peace, and love!

~Cathy



SAVE THE DATE for FIRST REFORMED UCC GAME NIGHT...FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th

(from the Board of Congregational Life)

First Reformed UCC members and friends are invited to our **FIRST GAME NIGHT** on Friday, January 25th in the Fellowship Hall. This is **NOT JUST FOR KIDS!** We'll have board games and card games for adults, too!

Are you willing to host a table for your favorite game? Each table will have a different game and we are looking for a variety of board games and card games. Just contact Kivi Leroux Miller (kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com) or Mike Price (canjunmike@gmail.com) to sign up as a game host, letting us know if you prefer adults only, kids only, or an intergenerational group. For long games like Monopoly or Risk, you'll need to use the "Speedy Rules" so you end by 9:00 pm or so.

On Game Night, check in and sign up for a game between 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Games will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share!



GIFTS FOR OUR "TREE OF ANGELS"

IN HONOR OF...

GIVEN BY...

Eddie & Jemmietta Allred	Raeann & Chris Allred
Kacie, Erinn & Madison Allred	Raeann & Chris Allred
Peggy Bates	Elizabeth Sink
Mary Berrier	Elizabeth Sink
Holt Biesecker	Raeann & Chris Allred
Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal	Cathy Waitman
Children and Youth of First Reformed UCC	Cathy Waitman
My Family	Peggy Bates
First Reformed UCC Congregation for their generous and welcoming spirit	Dan & Elizabeth Horton
My Friends	Peggy Bates
Our Grandchildren: Ashley, Palmer, Sarah, Abigail, Audrey, Lorran & Liza	Lena & Rich Johnson
June Grubb	Merle Hodges
June Grubb	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
June Grubb	Carolyn Robbins
Gerri Hill	Elizabeth Sink
Elizabeth Horton	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Elizabeth Horton	Carolyn Robbins
Elizabeth & Dan Horton & Family	Merle Hodges
Marguerite Leonard	Elizabeth Sink
Buddy & Rita Lohr	Merle Hodges
Buddy & Rita Lohr	Elizabeth Sink
Cliff & Paula Lopp & Family	Merle Hodges
Paula Lopp	Jeremy Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Paula Lopp	Carolyn Robbins
Adam McKerlie	Brian McKerlie & Mike Price
Becca McKerlie	Brian McKerlie & Mike Price
Deanna Michael	Elizabeth Sink
Harriette & Clifton Murphy	Elizabeth Sink
Lee Ann Peele	Merle Hodges
Lee Ann Peele	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Lee Ann Peele	Carolyn Robbins
Ellen Peterson	Carolyn Robbins
Jeremy & Ellen Peterson & Family	Merle Hodges
Carolyn Robbins	Merle Hodges
Carolyn Robbins	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Bob Shaak	Raeann & Chris Allred
Irvin & Doris Sink	Elizabeth Sink
Ron & Pam Sink	Elizabeth Sink
Katherine Skipper	Merle Hodges
Katherine Skipper	Elizabeth Sink
Stacy Sosebee-West	Raeann Allred
Carolyn Spivey	Lena & Rich Johnson
Carolyn & Carroll Spivey	Merle Hodges
Kristi Thornhill	Raeann Allred
Cathy Waitman	June Grubb
Cathy Waitman	Merle Hodges
Cathy Waitman	Lena & Rich Johnson
Cathy Waitman	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson
Cathy Waitman	Carolyn Robbins

IN MEMORY OF...

GIVEN BY...

Dale B. Everhart	Pattie Everhart
Dwight Hinkle	John & Vicky Gray
Chad Kirkman	Tony & Lee Ann Peele
H.C. & Rachael Koonts	Raeann Allred
My Parents	Pattie Everhart
V.G. Price, Jr.	John & Vicky Gray
Nancy Robbins	Edgar, Kivi, Ava & Jianna Miller
Jeffrey Saunders	Lena & Rich Johnson
Dawn Shaak	Raeann Allred
Ray & Dot Shaak	Raeann Allred
Banks Shepherd / Our Dad	Eulene Shepherd & Family
Boyce Sink	Elizabeth Sink
Griff & Nora Smith	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
R. Bruce & Eleanor Smith	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Gladys Snider	June Grubb
John T. Walser	John & Vicky Gray
Rev. William R. Yocum	Carolyn Yocum

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

~submitted by Cliff Lopp

Men's Brotherhood members spent the Saturday before Christmas working together. Special thanks to Mike Brown who took the lead and organized the pork loin fundraiser. Thanks also to all the men who assisted Mike with cooking, bottling the dip and wrapping the pork loins for pickup. It was a great day of fellowship. We appreciate all who purchased tickets.



The Brotherhood will serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on Monday, January 14th. Final plans will be made when we meet on January 8th.

Our next meeting is a Christmas gathering of Men's Brotherhood and Women's Life Fellowship members and spouses/guests, scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. On Time Catering is serving salad, beef tenderloin, marinated chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. You must sign-up by **January 2nd** by emailing or contacting Brotherhood treasurer, Cliff Lopp (cjlopp@yahoo.com).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

The Friendship Club met November 28th in the Fellowship Hall for a wonderful covered dish luncheon. David Fulton provided devotions. We celebrated November and December birthdays for Cathy Waitman, Buddy Lohr and Belinda Yates. After a short business meeting everyone enjoyed playing Dirty Santa. Our next meeting will be at Yarborough's Restaurant at 12 noon on January 23rd. The program will be presented by Cathy Robertson regarding the local Prison Ministry.

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

WLF did not meet in December. The next meeting will be at 6:00 PM on January 8th when we meet jointly with Men's Brotherhood again in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas meal. Spouses/guests are invited to the meal prepared by On Time Catering. Please contact Cliff Lopp by January 2nd if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$20 each or \$40 per couple.

The Holiday Bake Sale was a big success! Thank you to all who purchased the delicious items contributed. Thank you to Mary Jo Jessup for your delicious sausage biscuits again this year.

We also received many contributions for the purchase of new Chrismons for our tree. The names of those purchased in honor and in memory of loved ones were included in the bulletin the first Sunday of December.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

~submitted by Rita Lohr

Picture Credit: Myra Thompson



The Morning Glory Circle met December 5 at Yarborough's Restaurant for their annual Christmas Party and lunch. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 11:00AM in the church parlor.

Annual Chili Cook-Off December 2nd



UPDATE ON BRIDGE GROUPS

It is time to start signing up for 2019 Bridge Groups. We will be contacting previous members but would love to have some new faces, also. We all shared new and old friendships in 2018. There was plenty of laughter, fellowship, and good food, too.

You can email Belinda Yates if you would like to join.

besyates@windstream.net

8th Annual Gardeners' Conference

Sponsored by Davidson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association

Open to the Public

When: February 7, 2019

Snow Date Feb. 14

Where: Center United Methodist

Church of Welcome

(186 Center Church Road, Lexington, NC 27295)

Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$35 (includes morning refreshments and hot lunch)

Many craft, plant and gardening supply vendors will be there too!

Main Speakers:

Adrienne Roethling, *Caged in Shade*

Pam Beck, *The Four Seasons*

Concurrent Sessions:

- *Insights on Pesticides*
- *Woody Ornamentals*
- *Drip Systems for Containers*
- *Growing Roses*
- *Growing & using chestnuts*

Registration opens Dec. 1, 2018.

Limited to 200 registrants.

Registration forms available at the Davidson County Cooperative

Extension Office (301 E Center St. in Lexington) or print from

go.ncsu.edu/gardenersconference2019

Call 336-242-2080 for more information



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Master Gardener | Davidson County

YOUTH NATIVITY PROGRAM!

Although the snowy weather prevented the youth from performing their program on the originally scheduled date, Everyone was able to participate when rescheduled for December 23rd. Congratulations to all who took part under the wonderful direction of Cathy Waitman!



Shepherds:

Jacob Hartle, Parker Horton,
Patrick Horton

Angels:

Isabella Gentry, Emma Hartle,
Kyndell Lovell, Emory Smith,
Caroline White



Mary:

Jianna Miller

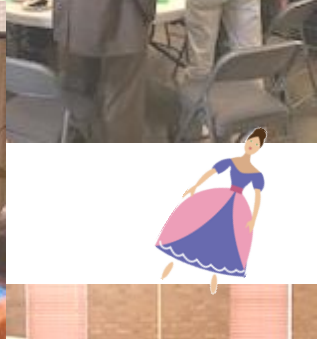
Joseph:

Bryson Gentry

Wise Men:

Ethan Lovell, Elliott Smith,
Lucas Peterson

A Delicious Catered Congregational Meal on December 16th was followed by an Interactive Children's Program on the "Twelve Days of Christmas"...





**...followed by a visit from
Santa Claus for the kids of
ALL ages!**

JANUARY STEWARDS

Liturgist:

Dave Fulton

Usher Chairperson:

Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:

Mark Smith

Ushers:

**Denise Durham, Ben Hale, Kivi Miller,
Susan Miller, Jeremy Peterson**

Youth Usher:

Ava Miller

Plate Attendant:

Doris Sink

Sound Tech:

James Gray

Acolyte:

Emory Smith

Bible Steward:

Elliott Smith

**First Sunday Social: Anne Bevan, June
Grubb, Cheryl & Bill Walser**

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

January 6:

Tammy Rhodes & Jeff Hutchens

January 13:

Linda & Lindsay Sink

January 20:

Barbara & Doug Sink

January 27:

Casey, Keri, Jacob & Emma Hartle

Nursery:

January 6:

Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

January 13:

Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser

January 20:

Nicole Smith & Nina Smith

January 27:

Rita Lohr & Patti Lovell

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

CHURCH MEMBERS: Mary Berrier (Piedmont Crossing, Rm. 419), Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill, Walser, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Ron Koprowski (friend of Frankie and Buddy Hedrick), Linda Burgess (friend of Susan Odom), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' step-mother), Eric Cole (son of visitor, Jill Cole, in training for Border Patrol in New Mexico), 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 (friend and co-worker of Keith Johnson), John Haydon (friend of Kivi Miller), Dan Smith (brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Eddie Wray (friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter)



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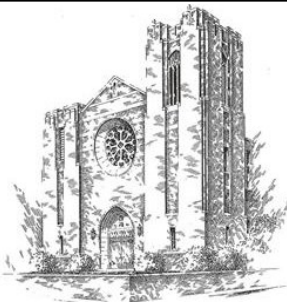
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6 9:45 Sunday School Youth & Adults 10:30 First Sunday Social 11:00 Worship: Holy Communion & Kids Club Following Worship Take Down Christmas Decorations	7 5:00 Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	8 10:00 Collaborative Ministry {P} 10:00 Willing Weavers {Class beside Nursery} 6:00 Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship Dinner {FH}	9 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	10 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	11	12
13 9:45 Sunday School Children, Youth & Adults 11:00 Worship: Remembering Our Baptism Installation & Ordination of Consistory and Trustee 12:15 Consistory	14 11:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal {provided by Men's Brotherhood} 6:30 Open Hands Meal {FH}	15 10:00 Willing Weavers {Class beside Nursery} <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE BY THE 25th </div>	16 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	17 5:30 Yoga Class {P} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	18	19
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All Are Welcome Here!
Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves



'Come to our Table'

NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL

Tuesday, March 26
5:00pm Fellowship Hall

Minimum \$5.00 Donation for the Meal!

*First Reformed United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall*

104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292



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Choir Director

Ellen Peterson

Organist

Lee Ann Peele

Financial Administrator

Paula Lopp
(paula@frucc.org)

**WORSHIP
HOURS**

Sunday School
9:45am
Worship
11:00am

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm

January
birthdays and anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Gerri Hill	15 Laura Perry
3 Carolyn Spivey	17 Lauren Thompson Gould
5 Gianna Miller	18 Patti Lovell Mike Price Robert Sandifer
6 Gennie Lou Byerly	19 Heidi Hutcheson
9 Valerie Price	21 Carolyn Robbins
10 Deanna Michael Harriette Murphy	22 Lisa Nelson
11 Camille Morgan	24 Denise Durham
12 Hoyle Potts	25 Eddie Yates
13 Jitter Yarbrough	30 Lauren Mims Gregg

ANNIVERSARIES

16 Walter & Ann Hoffman
20 Chris and Raeann Allred

WILLING WEAVERS WILL BEGIN AGAIN!
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS WEAVING WOMEN)

Gennie Lou Byerly and Glenyce Fulton are beginning a new group of weavers on January 8, 2019. They make mats out of plastic grocery bags to donate to the homeless shelter. **This group is open to EVERYONE!**

Regular meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM in the classroom beside the nursery in the Education Building. If you are unable to help weave at the church, there are things that can be done at home to prepare bags to be woven into mats.

Contact Gennie Lou (336-475-7785) or Glenyce (336-250-8739) if you are interested in being a part of the Willing Weavers ministry. Also, start saving those plastic bags to be used in making the new mats!