

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Cathy Waitman, Bill Walser, Lisa Price

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Accordius Health (formerly Brian Center): Valerie Price

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

Westchester Manor: James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS:

*Christy Bouchard Saunders (Lee & Ellen Bouchard's daughter), *Lance Perrell (Christie Murphy Perrell's father-in-law), Kiana Sinz (Friend of Patti Lovell), Dale Allen (Friend of Patti Lovell), Sandra Everhart (Friend of Brian McKerlie)

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

***Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2-8

BIRTHDAYS

7th

Caroline White

8th

Brian McKerlie

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd

Craig & Donna Coe

Buddy & Frankie Hedrick

Irvin & Doris Sink

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning June 16th, worship will be held at 10:30AM in the sanctuary. Sunday School will not meet during the summer. This schedule will continue through September 1st.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 2

9:45AM New Member Orientation {Parlor}

10:00AM Sunday School for Children {Downstairs}
All-Church Social & Conversation {FH}
(Social Volunteers: Ben Hale & John Maze)

**11:00AM WORSHIP: RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS
HONOR GRADUATES**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Consistory

1-5:00PM 15th Annual Garden Tour

Monday, June 3

11:00AM Staff Meeting

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Thursday, June 6

11:00AM Meal for Rubies & Pearls group at Charles England Elementary

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

6:30PM Adult Spiritual Growth Planning Meeting {P}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, June 7

7:00PM Winston-Salem DASH Game

Sunday, June 9

11:00AM

WORSHIP & PICNIC at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN
Carpooling from the church parking lot will be available. Please let the office know BY NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7 if you need a ride.
Please be at the church by 10:15 to carpool.

WE WILL RECEIVE OFFERING DURING THIS SERVICE.
Folks are welcome to fish, hike or just lounge.
Bring your own lawn chairs.

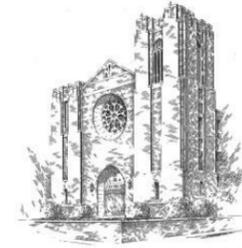
(If you have extra lawn chairs to share, please bring.)

WE'LL HAVE A SPECIAL PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDES

**Directions to Wildcat Mountain Farm:
10000 Hwy 47, Denton**

- From the church, head North on North Salisbury Street
- Turn right at the stop sign onto **East 5th Street** (becomes Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard then Raleigh Road then Old Hwy 64 East)
- Travel 6.7 miles (staying straight through the 2 stoplights you'll pass) and turn right onto **Young Road**
- Travel 1.9 miles and turn left onto **Jerusalem Road** (this will change to Regan Road)
- Travel 2.9 miles and turn right onto **Frank Road**
- Travel 1.8 miles and turn left at the stop sign onto **Hwy 47 East**
- Travel 0.6 miles to the entrance to Wildcat on the right
- Travel ¼ mile to the picnic area

First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Unexpected Acts of God

June 2, 2019

11:00AM

New Member and Graduate Sunday

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

Gathering

(*Please stand as you are able)

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Procession of the Graduates

"Pomp & Circumstance"

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

*Hymn:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Invitation to Worship

John Gray

We come to this place of prayer,

for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

We come to this place of grace,

for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

We come with these people called the church,

to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God, You know everything about us. Forgive us for what we have done and left undone. Look deep into our hearts, and help us open ourselves to the grace you offer. Give us the gift of the Spirit so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Centering

Psalms 139

John Gray

I made you myself, carefully and lovingly.

I gathered your molecules together, scooping them out of the dust, warming them into clay.

I formed you, deftly with the skill and vision of an artist into a unique creation.

A tiny masterpiece. Your contours bear the imprint of my fingers.

Your imperfections and irregularities are a part of my design; they are what make you beautiful.

I breathed life into you with my own breath.

To behold what I have brought into being in you fills me with pleasure and pride.

As I cradle you in cupped hands, how could I feel anything but love?

It is my love for you that brought you into existence.

I know you more intimately than you could ever know yourself.

I know your thoughts before you think them, your words before you speak them,

the pattern and purpose of your days before you live them.

There is no point in hiding or pretending; don't even try.

Who told you that I did not love you? Who taught you to be ashamed?

Listen to me. Hear the very words that I whispered into you at the moment of your beginning,

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.
You are my beloved child; I will never let you go.
You are my beloved child; do not be afraid.”

(Retold by Cara Heafey)

*Passing the Peace
*Hymn

“The Servant Song”

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Reception of New Members

Elizabeth Horton

**Maria Cruz, Jasmin, Alyson and Lucas;
Marge Doty; Joe Kiser; Stacey and Billy West, Emma and Sam**

Invitation

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talents, and resources, participating regularly in the worship and ministry of First Reformed United Church of Christ and contributing to our life and ministry, locally and globally?

New Members: We promise our faithfulness to this new community. With you, we will celebrate God’s presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by this congregation as we grow as a child of God.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the city. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

Congregation: We promise our love and support and care. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by these new members, as we all live into our called identity as a beloved community of God.

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Milestones

Pre-K..... **Caroline White**
Elementary..... **Christina Crzech and Patrick Horton**
Middle..... **Bryson Gentry and Isabella Gentry**

High School

Mary Lloyd Callicutt..... *Lexington Senior High, attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Camill Freeman..... *East Davidson High, attending Davidson County Community College*
Kalyssa Hutchens..... *West Davidson High, attending Forsyth Technical Community College*
Griff Smith..... *Westchester Country Day, attending Appalachian State University*
Emma West..... *Lexington Senior High, attending Millikin University*
Kyle Winters..... *North Davidson High, attending William Peace University in the fall and NC State University in the spring*

Graduate School

Kelsey Johnson *Appalachian State University, Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, beginning work as a Clinical Dietician for a Long-Term Care Facility*

Anthem

“Everlasting Arms”

Susan Naylor Callaway

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus.
O how bright the path, how bright the path grows every day, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread? What have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Proclaiming

Scripture

Acts 1: 6-11
(page #991 in pew bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

“Up, Up and Away”

Responding

*Hymn
Invitation to Receive Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology

“Here I Am, Lord”

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Elizabeth Horton

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God with all the hosts above. Praise God in wonder, joy and love.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

John Gray

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

John Gray

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us to share God's love in the unexpected places?”

People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

*Benediction
*Choral Benediction
*Postlude

“Peace I Leave with You”

Elizabeth Horton

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

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-lect your rays,
 3 You are giv'-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)

1 We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, fel-low trav-ellers
 2 Sis-ter, let me be your ser-vant, let me be as
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
 4 I will weep when you are weep-ing, when you laugh I'll

on the road, we are here to help each oth-er
 Christ to you, pray that I may have the grace to
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you, I will share your joy and sor-row,

walk the mile and bear the load.
 let you be my ser-vant too.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour-ney through.

Words: Richard Gillard, 1977

Music: Richard Gillard 1977, arr. Betty Pulkingham

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SERVANT SONG
 Irregular

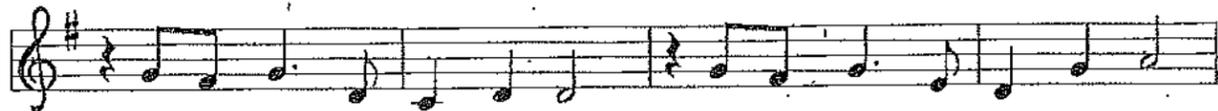
Here I Am, Lord



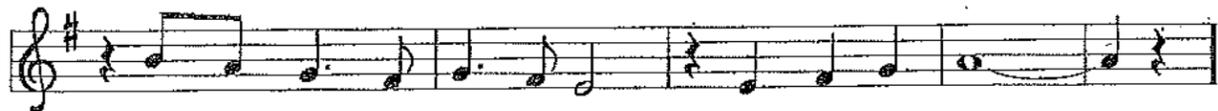
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give their hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you.



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: Daniel L. Schutte
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HERE I AM, LORD
 7 7 7 4 D end refrain

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

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.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST REFORMED UCC serves a spaghetti luncheon for fifth-grade girls, their mentors, and teachers in the Rubies and Pearls Program at Charles England Elementary School on **Thursday, June 6th** as part of our partnership with the school. Please let Jerry Lovell know if you could help with preparation for the meal or assist in serving or make a donation to help offset the costs. 336-746-6493 (Home) or 336-309-9302 (Patti).

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th AT 10:00AM

Grace Episcopal Church invites the public to hear Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple share about her trip to the Southern US Border. Through a World Missions Pilgrimage, she and other Episcopal bishops met with immigrant families living in shelters, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, and families living on the border on both the Texas and Mexico sides. She stated "I believe what is happening along the border impacts us all ...is defining for who we are as U.S. citizens and, for many of us, who we are if we understand ourselves to be first and foremost a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, where we seek God's will be done on earth as well as in heaven."

A simple breakfast will be served as well. This session will end in time to still arrive at Wildcat Mountain Service.

WANTED: PEOPLE TO SHARE THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS during selected summer worship services. If you would like to provide music during worship service, please contact the church office or Ellen. (336-248-2617 or ellenrpeterson@gmail.com)

THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH is planning a fall/winter coat and clothing give-away.

We need your help in providing gently used, clean items for our inventory. Especially needed are: coats, jackets, sweaters, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, jeans. Any sized warm clothing for men, women and children will be accepted.

Members of the Board of Community Outreach will sort donated items as they arrive. Donations of 10-15 pieces can be brought to the church and left on the table across from the office. For larger deliveries, please contact Jerry Lovell at 336-746-6493 or Patti Lovell at 336-309-6493. A time and place will be set to meet you on the first floor of the Education Building in the former Men's Bible Class.

A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS is being planned by the Board of Evangelism. We would **love** to display some of your art work in the Fellowship Hall during August. If you are willing to share any samples of your art, please get in touch with Bonita Hooper. (bonitahooper@gmail.com or 336-243-2440).

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: John Gray
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens
ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson
USHERS: Jeff Hutchens (Captain), Ann Hoffman, Jerry Lovell, Alisa Johnson, Kelsey Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Cheryl Walser
SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray
BIBLE STEWARD: Ethan Lovell

GREETER: Carolyn Yocum
NURSERY: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray