

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

Cathy Waitman, Bill Walser, Lisa Price

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

\*Dan Parks (Friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), \*Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), 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 9-15

### BIRTHDAYS

11<sup>th</sup>

Frankie Hedrick

13<sup>th</sup>

Beth Callicutt

### ANNIVERSARIES

9<sup>th</sup>

Lindsay & Linda Sink

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, June 9

11:00AM

WORSHIP & PICNIC at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN

### Monday, June 10

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, June 11

10:00AM

Collaborative Ministry Meeting {Parlor}

### Wednesday, June 12

11:00AM

Morning Glory Circle {Yarborough's Restaurant}

### Thursday, June 13

5:30PM

Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM

Square Dancing {FH}

### Thursday- Saturday, June 13-15

Southern Conference Annual Meeting (Greensboro)

### Sunday, June 16

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM WORSHIP:

Children's Church

### Sunday, June 23

HOLY COMMUNION

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

[This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Envelopes will be provided for your giving.]

## First Reformed United Church of Christ



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

Gathering Music

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Responsive Call to Worship

Jonathan Kepley

We invite the wilderness to worship with us:

**Strong willow oaks and long leaf pines, red maples and glistening moss!**

We invite the tall trees to celebrate life:

**To lift their green leaves in the breeze and sing their oxygen into the air.**

We call the forest to sing out loud:

**Green tree frogs and brown fluffy squirrels, wild coyotes and white-tailed deer!**

We join with all the creatures in praising God:

**Hawks and hummingbirds, crows and cardinals, creeping things and butterflies.**

We celebrate the song of the forest!

**Sing, forest, sing!**

Worship in Song

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**Down to the River to Pray**

**I'll Fly Away**

Opening Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, You placed us in your glorious creation, and You commanded us to care for it. Yet we have misused your earth for greed and gain. Forgive us for profiting off of poisonous pollution; forgive us for being careless with your creation. Turn us around. Help us live gently on this earth with reverence; sharing space with creatures great and small. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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## Centering

Worship in Song

***This Is My Father's World***

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Scripture Reading

Job 12:7-10

Jonathan Kepley

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind.

Worship in Song

***Sanctuary***

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## Proclaiming

Meditation

Elizabeth Horton

## Responding

Invitation to Receive Offerings

Offertory Songs

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
How Great Thou Art  
Amazing Grace***

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\*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.**

Old Hundredth

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jonathan Kepley

## Sending

\*Call to Discipleship

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?"  
**Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**

Jonathan Kepley

\*Benediction and Blessing of the Food

Elizabeth Horton

## 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MORNING GLORY CIRCLE** meets at Yarborough's Restaurant on **June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00** for their last meeting before summer.

### SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning next **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**, worship will be held at 10:30AM in the sanctuary. Sunday School will not meet during the summer. This schedule continues through September 1<sup>st</sup>. First Sunday Socials in July, August and September will begin at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

### HOT TOPICS JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM

Come join in the discussion of "Resolutions for a Just World" which will be presented at UCC General Synod. Topics include:

- Intersectionality of Climate Justice with All Justice Issues
- The State of Global Forced Migration
- The Use of Styrofoam
- Calling on the United States to Pull "Back from the Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War

### VOLUNTEER FOR SALISBURY PRIDE

**FESTIVAL** First Reformed UCC will host a booth at Salisbury PRIDE on **Saturday, June 22** in downtown Salisbury from 11:00AM-5:00PM. We need volunteers to help greet, pass out candy and information about this church. This festival is Family Friendly and is aimed at cultivating safe, inclusive communities in and around Rowan County. Please call the church office to sign up. (336-248-2617)

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB PICNIC AT FINCH PARK

on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. A Subway sandwich meal will be provided. Bring your own lawn chair and come join us at Shelter #1 at 12:00.

**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 336-309-9302. A time and place will be set to meet 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 **September**. If you are willing to share **any samples** of your art, please get in touch with Bonita Hooper. (336-243-2440 or bonitahooper@gmail.com)

**Down to the River to Pray**

As I went down in the river to pray, studying  
about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way!

O sisters let's go down, let's go down,  
come on down.  
O sisters let's go down,  
down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying  
about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the robe & crown?  
Good Lord show me the way.

O brothers...

As I went down in the river to pray Studying  
about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good  
Lord show me the way

O fathers...

As I went down in the river to pray Studying  
about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O mothers...

As I went down in the river to pray Studying  
about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good  
Lord show me the way

O sinners, ...

As I went down in the river to pray Studying  
about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

**I'll Fly Away**

Some bright morning when this life is over,  
I'll fly away  
To that home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away

CHORUS: I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away in the morning  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by,  
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly,  
I'll fly away  
CHORUS

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet,  
I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles on my feet,  
I'll fly away  
CHORUS

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never end,  
I'll fly away  
CHORUS

**This Is My Father's World**

1-This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2-This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,

The morning light, the lily white,  
 Declare their Maker's praise.  
 This is my Father's world:  
 He shines in all that's fair;  
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
 He speaks to me everywhere.

3-This is my Father's world:  
 O let me ne'er forget  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
 God is the Ruler yet.  
 This is my Father's world:  
 Why should my heart be sad?  
 The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
 God reigns; let earth be glad!

*Sanctuary* (sing twice)  
 Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
 Pure and holy, tried and true  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
 Sanctuary for You

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
 all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 everything to God in prayer!  
 O what peace we often forfeit,  
 O what needless pain we bear,  
 all because we do not carry  
 everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
 cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
 take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
 you will find a solace there.

*How Great Thou Art*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome  
 wonder consider all the works thy hand hath  
 made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty  
 thunder, thy power throughout  
 the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
 how great thou art, how great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
 how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I  
 wander, I hear the birds  
 sing sweetly in the trees;  
 when I look down from lofty mountain  
 grandeur and hear the brook and feel the  
 gentle breeze; [Refrain]

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
 that saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found,  
 was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
 I have already come:  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.