



**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.*

**MAY 2019**

Dear Friends,

I want to express my gratitude to all who helped make the Lenten season and Easter Holiday so meaningful! A very special thank you to Rev. June Grubb and Lynn Brown for helping fulfill the vision in the Maundy Thursday Service: Supper, Communion, Foot-washing, and Tenebrae. I appreciate all who showed up even though some were nervous or unsure of what to expect. Thank you for your trust by trying something new. Many hands went into the preparation of the meal, the bread, the logistics, and the music. The Easter breakfast was delicious and I am grateful to the brave souls who constructed the VERY tall Easter Cross full of lilies. We are indeed blessed with folks who have generous hearts and giving hands.

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For the past 2 years, Dave Fulton has done a great job corralling people from 4

churches to create the East Lexington Collaborative Ministries. Representatives from Shadyside Presbyterian, St. Stephen UMC, Second UCC and First Reformed UCC have gathered monthly as 2 white and 2 black churches engaging and working together in ministry. We have shared 2 Bible Studies. In May we will embark on a 3rd entitled, "Conversations on Faith and Race." Beginning May 7th at NOON you are invited to bring a bag lunch to the Parlor and dig into discussion with Rev. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Jim Luck and myself on the topic of Race and Faith.

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The Sundays after Easter are known as Eastertide, a season where we look for signs of new life and transformation. In May we begin our 6-week worship series, "Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God." In the book of Acts, the people experience all kinds of surprises brought on by living life in the wake of the Jesus' Res-

urrection. If our spiritual lives become hum-drum, these stories will help awaken in us a new desire for God's unexpected surprises. Join us as we welcome a VERY Unpredictable God, and come to Expect the Unexpected!

During May, what are ways you can spread surprises to others? How can you surprise someone

...who is underappreciated?

...who is down and out?

...who is a complete stranger?

...who needs a helping hand?

Let's have fun in 'The Merry Month of May' sharing our surprises.

God's blessings and grace be upon 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.

## **HELP WITH E-GIVING!**

If you are interested in giving online through VANCO but have questions that need answering OR you need help setting up your online giving preferences, help can be provided. **Please call or email the office ([carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org) or 336-248-2617) on or before May 15** to let us know how we can help. We will determine the best way to respond to any questions and address concerns, either individually or in a small group setting.

## **~APRIL MEMORIALS~**

### JIM EARNHARDT

JOHN & VICKY GRAY

EULENE SHEPHERD

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

### RUTH FRITTS

THOMAS & JOYCE PHILLIPS

SYLVIA WALSER

### CINDY CROUSE MARTIN

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

### JEFFREY SAUNDERS

SYLVIA WALSER

### GLADYS SNIDER

SYLVIA WALSER

### LAURA WILLIAMS

MIKE & LYNN BROWN

FIRST REFORMED UCC CHOIR

JOHN & VICKY GRAY

FRANK LEONARD

CLIFF & PAULA LOPP

JOHN POTTS & JANETTE NEAL

TONY & LEE ANN PEELE

BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS

ELIZABETH SINK

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

CATHY & STEVE WAITMAN

SYLVIA WALSER

## **~APRIL HONORARIUMS~**

### MARY BERRIER'S BIRTHDAY

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

### MIKE BROWN'S BIRTHDAY

JOHN POTTS & JANETTE NEAL

### JOHN POTTS' BIRTHDAY

JANETTE NEAL

### KATHERINE SKIPPER'S BIRTHDAY

CLIFF & PAULA LOPP

ELIZABETH SINK

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

### SYLVIA WALSER'S BIRTHDAY

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

# HAPPENING AT FIRST REFORMED UCC



Community Meal

**Tuesday, May 21**

**5-7:00pm**

*First Reformed  
United Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall*

**Minimum \$5.00 Donation for the Meal!**

**Menu: Hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad,  
dessert and drink**

**Donations will benefit  
Davidson County Crisis Fund**



**WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME**

Friday evening, June 7  
(time will be announced later)

**Tickets: \$13.00**

Sign-up in the Narthex or on the bulletin board  
in the Education Building  
OR contact: cathy@frucc.org

**Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 5**

## Celebration of the Visual Arts



The Board of Evangelism is planning a Celebration of the Visual Arts for the summer. We would love to display some of your art work in the Fellowship Hall for the month of August. If you have a painting, watercolor, pen & ink sketch, photography, pottery, or any other samples of visual art work that you created, please get in touch with Bonita Hooper. (bonitahooper@gmail.com or 336-243-2440)

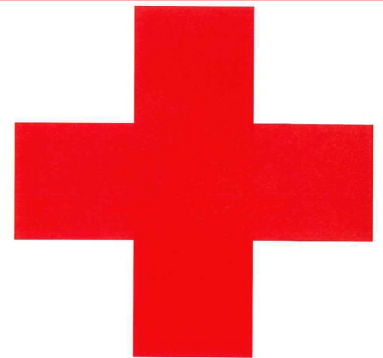


We look forward to sharing your talents with the congregation, community and friends.

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**First Reformed United Church  
of Christ**

Fellowship Hall  
104 East Center Street  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019**  
**2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment, please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or call Betty Barr at 336-239-5001, or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: First Reformed



Scan to schedule  
an appointment

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**SALAD BAR & SANDWICH LUNCHEON**  
**MAY 19**



**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Menu:**

**Salad bar and Sandwiches**  
**(pimento cheese, chicken salad or PB&J)**  
**Dessert & Drink**



**DONATIONS WILL ASSIST YOUTH GOING TO  
JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP**

**SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

**To help us with planning, please sign up if you will  
attend. You may place this slip in the offering plate  
when passed or call the office to put your name on  
the list. (336.248-2617)**

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE APRIL 2019 MEETING

### **Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal:** Lena Johnson

- Plans made for an Easter breakfast and egg hunt
- Church picnic is planned for June 9th at Wildcat Mountain
- Presented as a motion, a request to change summer worship hour (June 16th through September 1st) to 10:30am was approved.

### **Board of Congregational Life:** Kivi Miller and Mike Price

- Plans are being made for another Intergenerational Game Night and a Bingo night in the fall.

### **Board of Business Management and Stewardship**

#### **Financial Report:** Denise Durham

- Average Weekly offering for February: **\$3,249.00**
- Average Weekly offering for March: **\$3,864.00**
- Average Weekly Offering needed to meet budget: **\$5,475.00**
- Discussed e-giving and will have further discussion concerning ways to help members setup online accounts, if needed.

### **Property Committee:** Eddie Yates

- Property will be reviewing the dance studio's contract
- Property has received a request for use of the fellowship hall for a baby shower given by Beth McSparin (one of the church Girl Scout leaders). A motion to approve was seconded. All approved.

### **Board of Worship and Sacrament:** Raeann Allred and Deanna Michael

- Home communions are going well

### **Board of Community Outreach:** Jerry Lovell

- Touching Davidson County with Love
  - \*About 20 volunteers helped out from FRUCC, Girls Scouts and St. Stephens UMC
  - \*Delivering meals, singing in Rest Homes, repairing floors, Kiddie Camp, American Children's Home
- Partnership with Charles England Elementary School
  - \*Will provide refreshments for teachers on May 6th as a part of Teacher Appreciation Week.
  - \*Donated funds from the Adult SS Class and private donors allowed students to purchase books at the Book Fair.
  - \*We have had four people to come forward to be volunteers at Charles England

### **Board of Evangelism:** Dave Fulton and Harriette Murphy

- The Community Meal will be May 28th, 5-7pm  
*{Note: this date has been amended to May 21st}*
- DVD ministry: 5 homebound members receive DVD's each week
- Asked for a vote to participate in the Salisbury Pride Festival on June 22nd with a booth. A motion was made and seconded. The vote passed.
- Planning a craft night with Willing Weavers to learn to make mats and Prayer Shawl group for those interested in making shawls.

Average Weekly Attendance for <b>February: 88</b> <b>March: 85</b>
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### **New Business:**

- Asked for a vote for church to help pay for Johns River Valley campers this summer. A motion was made and seconded. The vote passed. Children will have a fundraiser to help with costs.
- A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for May 29th.
- Lindsay reported on the staff reviews. Based on the average weekly hours reported for 2018, he suggested increasing hours for the administrative assistant. It is difficult to accomplish all she needs to do in 20 hours a week. Consistory will continue with this topic at the next meeting.
- Harriette Murphy said there is conversation concerning refurbishing the church parlor. A motion to create a fund that folks could donate to was made and seconded. All agreed.
- The 54th annual Southern Conference gathering will be June 13-15. Rev. Horton asked for volunteers to attend as delegates. (see page 5 for details)

**The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is June 2, 2019.**





**Registration for the Southern Conference  
53rd Annual Gathering Is Now Open  
June 21-23, 2018**

~Hosted by the Western North Carolina Association~  
Held at the beautiful Canterbury School  
located at 5400 Old Lake Jeanette Rd. in Greensboro NC.

Registration is now open and the cost has been  
reduced from past years!

Download *Registration Packet*  
(includes registration form, hotel information and call letter)

[Register on-line via Eventbrite](#)

[Check SOC website for registration links and additional information](#)  
(control + click on the link above to connect to the site)

**Details for 54th Annual Southern Conference Gathering Announced**

***Dreaming...What's Possible with No Limit!***

*"But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."  
(Matthew 19:26 NRSV)*

**When:** June 13-15, 2019

**Host:** Eastern North Carolina Association

**Where:** Canterbury School, Greensboro, N.C.

**Theme:** "Dreaming...What's Possible with No  
Limit!" (Matthew 19:26)

**Registration:** <https://54thsocannualgathering.eventbrite.com>

**Registration deadline:** June 1, 2019

**WORKSHOPS:**

designed to address three E's: Educating...Equipping...Empowering both clergy and laity

**Thursday morning workshops:**

(sign up for workshops when registering)  
History & Polity (taught by Rev. Rollin Russell)  
Boundary Training (credit class for clergy)

**Thursday evening worship (7:00pm):**

In Canterbury School's Phillips Chapel, a joint SOC service with the Women of the Southern Conference

**Friday morning:**

Prayer walk / learning opportunities.

**Friday afternoon (2:00 - 5:00):**

SOC business session

**Friday evening:**

Experience a "new thing" at Celebration Dinner Show preceded by a relaxing jazz ensemble.

**Saturday:**

Prayer walk / discoveries from the voices of our youth / what draws youth to our churches / closing wor-  
ship / "Dreaming...What's Possible with No Limit!"

# ATTENTION GRADUATES

We plan to recognize all our graduates on Sunday, June 2nd.  
We would like to honor all milestones in education...

PRESCHOOL      5<sup>th</sup> GRADE      8<sup>th</sup> GRADE  
HIGH SCHOOL      COLLEGE AND BEYOND

If your child is graduating from ANY of these milestones in their education, please advise the church office **by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**.



## From the Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal ~ Cathy Waitman ~

### APRIL THANK YOUS...

#### Easter Treats for Meals on Wheels

Thank you Alice Gray, Alisa Johnson and  
Caroline White

#### Palm Sunday

Thank you Emma Hartle, Jacob Hartle, Elizabeth  
Horton, Parker Horton, Patrick Horton, Lena Johnson,  
Ethan Lovell, Keri Lovell, Kyndell Lovell, Elliott Smith  
and Emory Smith

### EASTER THANK YOUS

#### Egg Hunt

Thank you Bryson Gentry, Isabella Gentry, Ava Miller,  
Jianna Miller, Sam West and Emma West

#### Breakfast

Thank you Lena Johnson, Carolyn Robbins

#### Clean Up

Thank you Ben Hale and his nephew Justin,  
John & Susie Smith and Michell Winters

### EARTH DAY SEED PODS THANK YOUS

Thank you Lena Johnson, Rita Lohr,  
Kerri & Jeremy Lovell and all the youth

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: COOKIES FOR FIREFIGHTERS

All Youth and Parents

### MAY EVENTS...

#### Dessert-of-the-Month Fundraiser

(June – September)

Proceeds for youth camp and summer activities Girl  
Scouts will bake winners' choice of dessert  
Tickets – 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

**Buy your tickets before the  
June 19 luncheon**

*(see page 9 for more information)*

**Kids' Club with Alice Gray  
Sunday, May 5**

**Winston Salem Dash Game  
Deadline to sign up – Sunday, May 5**

#### Sandwich and Salad Bar Luncheon

Youth Activity Fundraiser

**Sunday, May 19**

Deadline to sign up for Fundraiser Luncheon –  
Wednesday, May 15

**Children's Church  
Sunday, May 19**

with Keri Hartle and Keri Lovell

**A Sub-Committee on Adult Education Spiritual Growth** was formed to explore future adult education for our congregation. This group met on April 2nd and began talking about what might be included in adult education offerings from various types, settings and times. A survey was prepared and circulated in the Sunday morning bulletin and by email. A good number of responses have been returned which will guide the sub-committee in its work. As plans develop they will be presented to the Board of Spiritual Renewal and Growth for further review and planning.

The sub-committee members include Walter Hoffman, Bonita Hooper, Edgar Miller, Lisa Nelson, Doug Sink, Stacy Sosebee-West and June Grubb. The Sub-Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm** in the Parlor. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in hearing the results and participating in the planning for future adult education for First Reformed UCC.

## **WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

*~submitted by Glenyce Fulton*

WLF met April 9<sup>th</sup> with the Men's Brotherhood in the Fellowship Hall for a wonderful dinner prepared by Mike Brown and his helpers. WLF furnished a wonderful selection of delicious desserts.

After dinner WLF gathered in the parlor for our monthly meeting. With consent from the Consistory, a planning committee of church members will be established to discuss updating our parlor.

WLF will donate food items for the youth and their parents to prepare for their fundraiser to help offset the cost of tuition for youth camp this summer. They will have a luncheon following church services on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, WLF will provide breakfast, snacks and lunch again for Arts Academy at Grace Summer Camp on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, and we will again join the Men's Brotherhood for dinner prior to our meeting.

## **Men's Brotherhood**

*~submitted by Cliff Lopp*

The Men's Brotherhood met Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike Brown and a large crew of helpers prepared salad, baked spaghetti and bread. They invited Women's Life Fellowship members to join them for dinner and the ladies provided the desserts. Everyone enjoyed great food and fellowship.

Rev. Horton thanked the men and women for their generous donations to assist with necessary items for students at Charles England Elementary School.

The next scheduled dinner meeting of the Men's Brotherhood will be Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## **KIDS CLUB ~ submitted by Alice Gray**

Kids Club met on April 7. We made Easter Bunny Bags stuffed with candy to be distributed to recipients of the First Reformed UCC route for Meals on Wheels. Special thanks to Alisa Johnson for supplying egg cartons. Kids Club used them to make beautiful crosses which were also placed in the Bunny Bags.

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

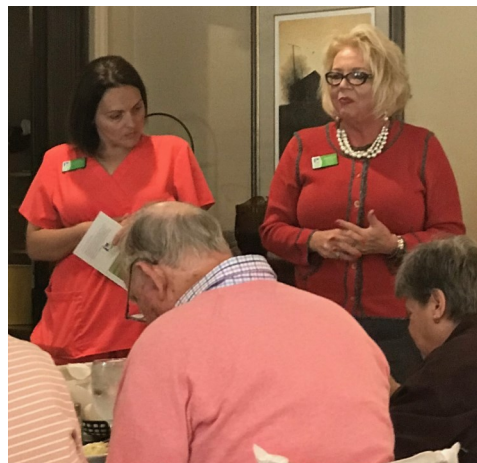
*~submitted by Patti Lovell*

The Friendship Club met on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Yarborough's Restaurant, with sixteen members, one new member, and two guests present.

We received updates on homebound members, then wished Happy Birthday to those celebrating another year in March and April.

Patti Lovell presented the program using stories associated with Easter about the dogwood, the pine tree, and the colt that had never been ridden. Bill Sosebee offered the blessing before our meal.

Mitzy Hayden and Angela Davis from Piedmont Crossing presented an informative program about the various living arrangements and services offered through this UCC facility. Many of us learned for the first time that Home Health care is available through Piedmont Crossing, based on the person's needs and doctor's orders. They encouraged anyone to contact them with questions or more information.



The next Friendship Club Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 22 in our Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch at noon. Chicken, desserts and tea will be provided. Our special guest will be Rachel Denny, who will share stories and music for our enjoyment. Cathy Waitman will present devotions.

Looking ahead, Friendship Club will meet at Finch Park on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Details for that meeting will be discussed at the May meeting.

## **MORNING GLORY CIRCLE**

*~submitted by Rita Lohr*

The Morning Glory Circle did not meet in April. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 in the church parlor.

## ~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kind words, cards, prayers, food, prayer shawls and memorials for the recent loss of my mom, Laura Williams. All provided comfort for my family and me during this difficult time.

Peace in Christ,  
Carolyn Robbins

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for donating sleeping bags for Open Hands Ministry.

Thank you,  
Girl Scout Troop #2160  
Kiara, Chloe, Emma, Jianna, Alyson, Brenda

Dear Jerry Lovell and First Reformed UCC,

On behalf of the people supported by The Arc of Davidson County, thank you, First Reformed UCC and Touching Davidson County with Love for the nice supply of paper products that was donated to The Arc.

With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you for supporting our efforts.

All the best,  
Teresa McKeon, Executive Director  
The Arc of Davidson County

Dear, ?

Thank you for giving me books.

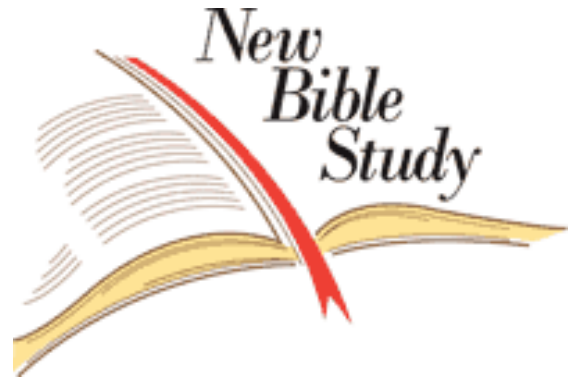
What I bought was Unschooled, Restart and Supergifted I also bought another book which I forgot the name because I'm letting my friends borrow it

If you were wondering I am in Eboli but Southwest won but at least I was a good sport, but I think I did good for my first year Thank you again I'm very thankful

Date: 4/16/19

Dear, PPP

Thank you for donating the money to our school because I got free books from the book fair thanks to you, And I like to read non-fiction books and thanks to you I got some interesting books. I already read one I still got some more that I am going to read during our spring break/and during the summer break.



## LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY "A Conversation on Race and Faith"

Collaborative Ministries will hold another **Lunch & Learn Bible Study. This will be held EACH TUESDAY IN MAY** from 12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Jim Luck. This bible study is open to anyone who would like to attend.

**No special preparation is required.**





## Dessert Raffle

### **DESSERT OF THE MONTH FUNDRAISER (JUNE-SEPTEMBER)**

**Proceeds will help our youth cover costs for Johns River Valley Camp and help cover costs for other summer activities.**

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- **Four winning tickets will be drawn from purchased raffle tickets.**
- **Girl Scouts from Troop #2160 will offer DESSERT OPTIONS for the winners to choose.**
- **During their winning month, the dessert will be delivered at a determined time.**



**Tickets = 1 for \$2.00 OR 3 for \$5.00**

**Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex following worship on  
May 5, 12 and 19.**

**Winning tickets will be drawn before the May 19 luncheon.**



**STRENGTHEN  
THE CHURCH  
OFFERING**

*"The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teacher, to equip the saints for the work of Ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Look for giving envelopes in the May 20th bulletins.

- **discover** God in new ways, especially as incarnational and interactive;
- **discover** who they are as children of God;
- **discover** how to live out their faith;
- and **discover** what they are called to do vocationally.
- **explore** some of life's most important questions
- **grow** in faith and sense of calling as we explore each person's sacred worth as a child of God.
- **learn and engage** theological concepts alongside excellent college and graduate level faculty
- **participate** in exciting field trips to explore creation, serve others, and grow in knowledge and faith
- **challenge** themselves in activities such as water sports and zip lining
- **get to know** college-aged Teaching Fellows who will lead them through the week's programming
- **grow** in community with other participants

# John's River Valley Camp

## 2019 Summer Camp Schedule

Johns River Valley Camp seeks to provide, in an outdoor setting, opportunities for persons to experience the presence of God, to discover personal wholeness, and to participate amidst Christian community.



Registration for 2019 has already begun!

To find out more about each camp, CONTROL & CLICK THE HEADING FOR EACH CAMP TO CONNECT TO THE WEBPAGE or go to <https://www.jrvc.org/shop>

### BEGINNER CLASSIC CAMP

**Grade: 3rd July 14-17**

Director: Elizabeth Horton

Cost: \$250

### JUNIOR CLASSIC CAMP

**Grades: 4th-6th July 14-20**

Director: Rev. Randy Orwig

Cost: \$440

### MISSION CAMP I

**Grades: 7th-12th June 9-15**

Director: Phil Hardy

Cost: \$460

### JUNIOR ROUND TABLE RENDEZVOUS

**Grades: 4th-6th June 30 - July 6**

Director: Samantha Jones

Cost: \$430

### MISSION CAMP II

**Grades: 7th-12th July 21-27**

Director: Phil Hardy

Cost: \$460

### MIDDLE HIGH CLASSIC CAMP OUTPOST/CAVING

**Grades: 7th-9th July 7-13**

Directors: Elizabeth Schiemann  
and Lucy Bennett

Cost: \$460

### BRIDGE BUILDERS

**Grades: 7th-12th JUNE 23 - 29**

Co-Directors: Elivette Mendez Angulo  
and Phil Hardy

Cost: \$460

### MIDDLE HIGH ROUND TABLE RENDEZVOUS

**Grades: 7th-9th June 30-July 6**

Director: Phil Hardy

Cost: \$460

### PATHFINDERS

**Grades: 7th-12th July 7 - 13**

Director: Rebecca Wrights

Cost: \$440

### SENIOR HIGH CLASSIC CAMP OUTPOST/ADVENTURE CAMP

**Grades: 9th-12th July 21-27**

Director: Kevin Russell

Cost: \$500

### SENIOR HIGH ROUND TABLE RENDEZVOUS

**Grades: 9-12 June 30-July 6**

Director: Jason Stump

Cost: \$460





# Scenes from Our Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal served a delicious light breakfast of mini sausage and ham biscuits, assorted fruit, donut holes and a breakfast punch. Anxious kids showed up to hunt for Easter eggs that our teens had hidden in and around the Memorial Garden. The weather cooperated for all the morning activities.

*~pictures courtesy of Clifton Murphy and Paula Lopp*





## ♥♥♥♥♥2019 Touching Davidson County with Love

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

On April 13, First Reformed UCC participated in Touching Davidson County with Love. Our Girls Scouts, and Kivi Miller, along with four volunteers from St. Stephen UMC, Julie from American Children's Home, and Jerry Lovell didn't let the rain slow them down. They put out 40 pounds of mulch and planted five azalea bushes at the Children's Home.

In another part of the county, for more our church members teamed up with others to complete another large project. Mark Smith, Jeff Hutchens, John Maze and Clifton Murphy worked into the evening moving furniture, replacing flooring and carpet and completed other major repairs.

Others helping to spread love around the county included Nicole and Elliott Smith, who worked at the Kiwanas Kiddie Kamp; James and Alice Gray cleaned roadsides; Camille Morgan shared music along with others in nursing care facilities; Dave and Glenyce Fulton delivered food and meals. Countless others donated almost a pickup truck-load of items to both ARC of Davidson County and Davidson County Senior Services along with monetary contributions also designated for those agencies.

### ♥First Reformed United Church of Christ works tirelessly to Touch Davidson County With Love.♥



Members of Girl Scout Troop 2160, St. Stephens UMC, and First Reformed UCC



left to right: Alyson McSparin, Brenda Spencer, Emma McSparin, Kiara Lewis, Jianna Miller

### Other Community Outreach Work

- Open Hands Ministry continues to serve 100-plus people each Monday night with volunteers from First Reformed UCC.
- Meals-on-Wheels delivers meals throughout our community. If you would like to be part of this ministry to visit and deliver a hot meal, please contact Alisa Johnson.
- James Gray dedicates the fourth Tuesday night of each month to staying overnight at the Homeless Shelter.
- We are continuing to build our partnership with Charles England Elementary School in Lexington.

**We thank you for your support and involvement with our Community Outreach.**



### GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2160 WORKING FOR THEIR SILVER AWARD!

~submitted by Kivi Miller

Girl Scout Troop #2160 delivered 30 new sleeping bags and more than a dozen bottles of detergent to Open Hands Ministry. Thanks to First Reformed UCC for your generosity in helping the troop with their Silver Award.

P.S. Remember, you can continue to support the Troop by purchasing baked goods and houseplants from Grow and Go Girls, which reopens at the Lexington Farmers Market at the Depot on Saturday, May 4.

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING

### Liturgists:

**May 5:** Rich Johnson  
**May 12:** Jeremy Lovell  
**May 19:** Kalyssa Hutchens  
**May 26:** Jerry Lovell

**Usher Chairperson:** Jeff Hutchens  
**Usher Captain:** Mike Brown

### Ushers:

Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson,  
Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

**Youth Usher:**  
Kalyssa Hutchens

**Plate Attendant:**  
Doug Sink

**Sound Tech:**  
Dave Fulton

**Acolyte:** Elliott Smith  
**Bible Steward:** Emory Smith

**First Sunday Social:**  
Vicky & John Gray

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

### Greeters:

**5th:** Lee & Ellen Bouchard  
**12th:** Michell Winters  
**19th:** Susan Miller  
**26th:** Frank Leonard

### Nursery:

**5th:** Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller  
**12th:** Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser  
**19th:** John Smith  
**26th:** Tammy Rhodes & Susie Smith

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

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).

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME:** Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

## OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

Westchester Manor: James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Leonard Prevette (Bill Walser's cousin), Janice Tritt (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), George Urwick (Eulene Shepherd's neighbor), Sarah Stapler (Friend of Janette Neal), Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son)

Names with an \* indicate newly added. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless the church office is notified.




A Memorial Service for Cynthia Crouse Martin, sister of Henry Crouse and niece of Peggy Bates, will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, May 11 at 3:00. The family will receive visitors in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

On Sunday, May 26 following worship, there will be a Memorial Garden Service for Tom Danze and John Walser. The congregation is invited. No seating will be available for this short service.



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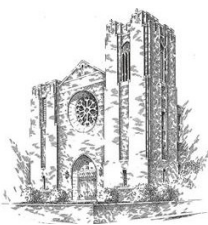
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 12:00 Morning Glory Circle {P}  7:00 Choir {Chapel Annex}	<b>2</b> 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:45 Sunday School Children, Teens & Adults  10:30 First Sunday Social {FH}  11:00 Worship: Kids Club  Dessert-of-the-Month Raffle Ticket Sales  <b>DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR W-S Dash</b>	<b>6</b> Community Outreach Breakfast for Teachers at Charles England Elementary School  6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	<b>7</b> 10:00 Willing Weavers {Rm #3}  12:00 Collaborative Ministries "Lunch & Learn {P}  6:30 Bd. of Evangelism {P} Bd. of SG&R {Office}	<b>8</b> 7:00 Choir {Chapel Annex}	<b>9</b> 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 3:00 Memorial Service for Cynthia Crouse Martin {Chapel}
<b>12</b> 9:45 Sunday School Children, Teens & Adults  11:00 Worship  Dessert-of-the-Month Raffle Ticket Sales	<b>13</b> 11:00 Staff Meeting {P}  5:00 Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal  6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	<b>14</b> 10:00 Willing Weavers {Rm #3}  12:00 Collaborative Ministries "Lunch & Learn {P}  6:00 Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship {FH}	<b>15</b> 7:00 Choir {Chapel Annex}  <b>DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR MAY 19 LUNCH-</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Set-up for Families First Luncheon
<b>19</b> 9:45 Sunday School Children—Service Project Teens & Adults  11:00 Worship Holy Communion Children's Church  Dessert-of-the-Month Raffle Ticket Sales Fundraiser Luncheon	<b>20</b> 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	<b>21</b> 10:00 Willing Weavers {Rm #3}  12:00 Collaborative Ministries "Lunch & Learn {P}  5-7:00 Community Meal {FH} \$5 minimum donation	<b>22</b> 12:00 Friendship Club {FH}  7:00 Choir {Chapel Annex}	<b>23</b> 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	<b>24</b>  <b>APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:45 Sunday School Children, Teens & Adults  11:00 Worship Remembering our Veterans  Memorial Garden Service for Tom Danze & John Walser	<b>27</b> HOLIDAY Church Office Closed  <b>NO OPEN HANDS MINISTRY MEAL TONIGHT</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 Willing Weavers {Rm #3}  12:00 Collaborative Ministries "Lunch & Learn {P}	<b>29</b>  2:30-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}  7:00 Choir {Chapel Annex}	<b>30</b> 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	<b>31</b>	



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



**NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL**

**Tuesday, May 21**

5-7:00pm Fellowship Hall

*First Reformed United Church of Christ*

**Minimum \$5.00 Donation  
for the Meal!**

Menu:

Hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad  
dessert and drink

Donations will benefit Davidson  
County Crisis Fund



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**WORSHIP  
HOURS**

Sunday School  
9:45am  
Worship  
11:00am

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday  
8:30am to 12:30pm



*May*

**BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Tammy Rhodes
- Lily Robertson
- Aurelia Smith
- Jones Walser
- 8 Sherry Bonner
- Ben Hale
- Nathan Jessup
- 9 Ellen Peterson
- 12 Sloan Gray
- 15 Ellen Bouchard
- 17 Devin Odom
- Susan Odom
- Ashley Potts
- 28 Patrick Horton
- 31 Wilson Hooper

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Vance & Joy Walser
- 9 Carroll & Carolyn Spivey
- 14 James & Alice Gray
- 19 Jerry & Patti Lovell
- 20 Dan & Elizabeth Horton
- 28 Ben Hale & John Maze

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**CHURCH PICNIC AT  
WILDCAT MOUNTAIN FARM**

COME JOIN US FOR  
WORSHIP...  
FELLOWSHIP...



**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR MAY:**

- May 5 Acts 9: 1-20
- May 12 Acts 9: 36-43
- May 19 Acts 11:1-18
- May 26 Acts 16: 9-15

