



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Lexington, NC

AUGUST 2019

Dear First Reformed,

Last week, two of our beloved staff members, Cathy Waitman and Lee Ann Peele, announced that they will each be leaving their positions.

Effective September 8, 2019, Cathy Waitman will step down as Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal. She has served faithfully and diligently in this position for almost 10 years. In addition to leading spiritual formation for children, youth, and adults alike, she has planned and implemented many activities to benefit both the church and wider community. She has a heart for children and has given her time and talents generously to help them grow in faith. She has also been an integral part in the overall operations of the church office.

Cathy says that while recuperating from her recent surgery, she realized the time was right for her to spend more time with her husband, mother, and son, and to keep up with her granddaughter's activities.

Effective February 1, 2020 Lee Ann Peele will step down as the Church Organist/Pianist. Lee Ann has served here for 28 years. She is an amazingly talented musician who tackles the most difficult piece of music with grace, skill, and poise. Her love of God shows through in her inspirational piano selections and majestic organ pieces. She has helped build a strong musical foundation in this church for almost 3 decades.

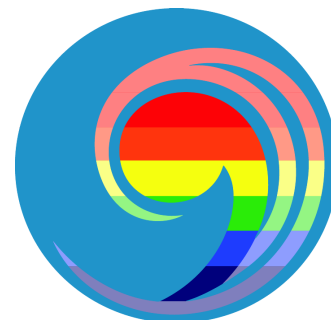
Lee Ann says this decision has weighed heavily on her heart, but she feels it is the right time for her to spend more time with her family.

We will celebrate Lee Ann's time with us closer to her departure date. We will celebrate Cathy on Sunday, September 8, during the Rally Day luncheon.

Cathy and the Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal are making plans to keep the ministries steady through our transition time. To help us better determine our future needs, Cathy is making a list of all the tasks she does, many of which are not mentioned in the current job description. We will also hold listening sessions for you to share your hopes about ministry for children, teens, and adults alike. Together we will discern the direction we need to take in the next phase of Spiritual Growth ministry.

Please pray for God's guidance as we move to the future.

Serving with you in faith and hope,
~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.

~JULY~ MEMORIALS

JAMES EVERHART

JOHN & VICKY GRAY

MERLE & JERRY HODGES

FRANK LEONARD

KATHERINE SKIPPER

MICHELLE DODGE

JERRY & PATTI LOVELL



American Red Cross

**The American Red Cross
is in need of volunteers in our
community.**

**If you would like more information
please contact
Sabrina Beasley-Cline,
Recruitment Specialist
At 704-301-3932
or Sabrina.cline@redcross.org**



Fall Celebration of Visual Arts

The Board of Evangelism's **Celebration of Visual Arts** takes place next month. We would love to display some of your art work in the Fellowship Hall for the month of **SEPTEMBER**. If you have a painting, watercolor, pen & ink sketch, photography, pottery, or any other samples of art 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.

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift card to Barnes & Noble. I can't wait to see what they carry in the field of nutrition and older adults to assist me with the start of my career! I also cannot thank you all enough for your love, support and prayers throughout the years.

Love,
Kelsey Johnson

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you so much for the honor of the V. G. Price Memorial Scholarship. I am truly blessed to have grown up in such a loving church family, and I couldn't be more thankful. I will work hard at Appalachian State to make everyone proud. I pray that God continues to bless me and keeps leading me in the right direction.

With love and appreciation,
Griff Smith

What an experience we had at camp!
Thank you for assistance.
We are truly grateful for your help!



The campers and staff of
Arts Discovery Camp 2019

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton

WLF provided breakfast, lunch and snacks on July 11 for the children attending Arts Discovery Camp at Grace Episcopal Church. The children and staff were very grateful for the wonderful food. Thanks to Paula Lopp, Bonita Hooper, June Grubb and Glenyce Fulton for taking time to gather, prepare and serve the children and staff.

WLF's next meeting will be September 10th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet with the Men's Brotherhood again for supper, then move to the Parlor for our monthly meeting.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton and Patti Lovell

The Friendship Club met June 26th at Finch Park for our summer picnic. Everyone enjoyed great food and beautiful weather as well as wonderful fellowship. Paula Lopp provided devotions. Thanks to those who purchased food and set up for this event. There was no meeting in July.

Friendship Club will resume meetings on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. The meeting will be at noon at Yarborough's Restaurant. The program will be provided by a recommendation from Pastor Elizabeth, author Rev. Galen Hahn. Rev. Hahn is a retired United Church of Christ minister who became inspired to write a book in his retirement. He will share some of his migrant ministry experiences from his book, *Finding My Field*.

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's not too late to help with our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools. Items listed for July can still be brought to the church by August 11. Please help by bringing all items to the Communities in Schools boxes outside the office or in the Narthex.



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| July 14 | pencils & notebook paper |
| July 21 | crayons & glue sticks |
| July 28 | composition books & erasers |
| August 4 | colored pencils & markers |
| August 11 | backpacks |



Upcoming Events

Friday, August 2nd

5:30-7:30

Church-wide Bowling Night

Pizza, drinks, and cookies at the YMCA

Sunday, August 11th

Last day to bring school supplies for
Communities in Schools

Monday, August 12th

10:00 – 12:00

Back to School Party for Elementary Youth (K-5)

Adventure Landing in Winston Salem

Bumper Boats, Mini Golf, Arcade Games,

Pizza and Drinks

Saturday, August 17th

5:00—7:00

Back to School Party for Teens (Grades 6-12)

Sunday, August 18th

During Worship — Bless the Backpacks

Following Worship — Painting with Pastor Elizabeth
for ALL YOUTH

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 8th

9:45 – RALLY DAY ACTIVITIES for Kids and Adults

Following Worship — Baked Potato and
Salad Luncheon

A Personal Note:

Thank all of you for your support and your generous help for the past 10 years. I will really miss working as the Spiritual Growth and Renewal Director, but the time has come to turn my duties over to a new person. I will still be a member here and will participate in church life.

There are so many individuals that I need to thank that I cannot name them all. I especially appreciate my office staff coworkers - Carolyn, Paula, Lee Ann, and Ellen and my board member ladies – Lena, Alice, Vicky, June, Lisa, and Carolyn. Elizabeth and June have been wonderful sources of ideas, support, and encouragement. So many of you have been faithful volunteers for nursery, VBS, Kids Club, Children's Church, and the list goes on and on. The whole congregation has supported the food drives, back-to-school drives, Llamas for Lent, etc. Thank you all!

I hope that all of you will support the new person and help out when asked. We will need Sunday school teachers and helpers as well as volunteers for church activities. The new director will have new ideas and will need your assistance.

I treasure all of the friendships that I have made at FRUCC and will remember these years as highlights of my life!

Cathy

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On July 28, 2019 we welcomed nine new members into our church.



**Christie Plummer and Kiaya Plummer
Smithie Parrish**

Christie is a medical coder at Wake Forest Baptist Health. Her hobby is furniture restoration.

Smithie retired from UNC Hospital Burn Center in Chapel Hill. She enjoys painting and arts & crafts.

Charyl Clark and Susan Morris

Charyl is a Director for Special Olympics of North Carolina and enjoys playing the ukulele and flute and knows sign language.

Susan serves as pastor for Novant Health Hospice. Her hobbies include reading and drama.



Stacey Potts and Sarah Potts Christina Grzech and Rylee Grzech

Stacey is a Passenger Conductor for Amtrak. Her hobbies include reading and cooking.

Sarah is a Technical Writer for GGS Information Services and enjoys video games, reading, outdoor activities and spending time with her kids.



KIDS CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

On June 30, 2019, the First Reformed UCC youth, guided by Edgar Miller and Vicky Gray and with help from Open Hands Ministry volunteers, collected **the biggest single-day harvest in the community garden...131 pounds!** Thank you, Edgar, for all your hard work in making our community garden a success.



BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

COAT & CLOTHING DRIVE

coats...jackets...sweaters...
flannel shirts...sweatshirts...
sweat pants...jeans

**ANY SIZE WARM CLOTHING FOR MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN ACCEPTED**

Thank you for the clothing donations that have been given so far. There is a variety of shirts, pants, sweaters and coats downstairs, but there is room (and a need) for much more. Winter-weight clothing for all sizes, in children and adult garments, is continuing to be collected. Donations can be left on the table across from the office OR you may contact Jerry (336-746-6493) or Patti (336-309-9302) to arrange a time for bringing items downstairs using the driveway next to the playground.



NEWS FLASH

In association with our continued partnership with Charles England Elementary School, Community Outreach will be coordinating breakfast for their faculty and staff on one of the workdays Thursday, August 15 at 9:00 am. Anyone willing to help with preparation or serving, please let Jerry Lovell know. (Jerry 336-745-6493) (Patti 336-309-9302)

Z-Day is coming!

August 25, 2019

**Community Outreach
Opportunity for all!**

*"Whom shall I send?
Here I am! Send me!"*

Partnership Continues with Charles England Elementary School.

School begins August 19th for CEES. We are excited that Beth Callicutt is the new principal. First Reformed will continue to partner with them.

Here are ways to join in:

1. Please pray for the students, faculty, and staff. Ride by the school to be familiar with it.
2. Volunteer with a student at the school. Let the church office know, and we will help you get started. It will require a background check. Even just 30 minutes twice a month can make a big difference.
3. Help with a back-to-school breakfast for teachers.
4. Do you have other ideas about how we can share God's love with our neighborhood school? Let Jerry Lovell know.

TOMATO SANDWICH GIVE-AWAY IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN



On Saturday, July 27th over 50 people came out for the first Tomato Sandwich Give-away made with fresh tomatoes from our community garden. What a wonderful idea! Thank you, Edgar Miller!



What a Difference a Few Months Can Make!



On Sunday, April 28th during Sunday School, the youth made seed bombs as an Earth Day activity. They we planted in one of the larger pots in the Memorial Garden. These pictures show what a beautiful garden has grown from their efforts.





CHURCH-WIDE BOWLING NIGHT

Friday, August 2

5:30 – 7:30

Pizza, Drinks, & Cookies

NO CHARGE!

6th-12th GRADE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY



WHERE:

Rev. Horton's house

WHEN:

Saturday,
August 17, 2019

TIME:

5:00-7:00

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 18

Bring your backpack to the altar.



PAINTING WITH PASTOR ELIZABETH

Sunday, August 18

12:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Pizza Lunch

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

August Liturgists:

4th...Brian McKerlie

11th & 25th...Bonita Hooper

18th...Elliott Smith (youth liturgist)

Usher Chairperson

Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:

James Gray

Ushers:

Cheryl Walser, Denise Durham,
John Maze, Jerry Lovell

Youth Usher:

Elliott Smith

Plate Attendant:

Eddie Yates

Sound Tech:

Jeremy Peterson

Acolyte:

Lucas Peterson

Bible Steward:

Ethan Lovell

FIRST SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:

Bonita & Mike Hooper

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

4th: Denise Durham

11th: Gennie Lou Byerly

18th: Amy Hedrick

25th: Rich & Lena Johnson

Nursery:

4th: Tammy Rhodes & Susie Smith

11th: Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller

18th: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

25th: Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Katherine Skipper, *Marguerite Leonard,
Doug Sink, Sherry Bonner, Lindsay Sink, Bill
Walser, Lisa Price

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie
Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt,
Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Christine Huckleberry (Friend of Eulene
Shepherd) *Brinlee Michael (Deanna
Michael's granddaughter), *Saundra Everhart
(Friend of Brian McKerlie), *Allyson Clark Ken-
nedy (Belinda & Eddie Yates' daughter), Earl
Parker (Elizabeth Horton's father), Grayson
Beck (Clifton & Harriette Murphy's grandson),
Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Pat
Roberts (Stacey Potts' mother), Boyd
Clodfelter (Deanna Michael's brother-in-law)

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.

Meals on Wheels



DRIVERS NEEDED!

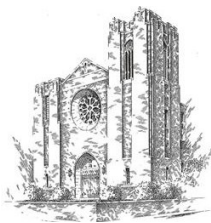
If you are interested in delivering
meals for our Meals on Wheels
ministry, please contact Alisa
Johnson. (336-250-6589)

AUGUST

2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	2 5:30-7:30 Church-wide Bowling {YMCA}	3
4 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:15 Church-wide Social {FH} 10:30 Worship In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb	5 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	6 6:30 Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor} Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Office}	7	8 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	9	10
11 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship In the Pulpit: Rev. J. Randy Hall Following Worship: Consistory	12 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	13	14 7:00 Adult Education Sub-committee Meeting {Parlor}	15 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	16	17 5-7:00 Middle & High School Back to School Party {Rev. Horton's House}
18 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship *Backpack Blessing* Following Worship: All youth Pizza and Paint with Rev. Horton	19 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH} Lexington City Schools begin for 2019-2020	20	21 6:30 Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}	22 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	23 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY!	24
25 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship Holy Communion Z-Day!	26 6:30 Open Hands Minis- try Meal {FH} Davidson County Schools begin for 2019-2020	27	28 12:00 Friendship Club {Yarborough's}	29 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}	30	31

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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

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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP in the SANCTUARY
10:30am



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Ellen Peterson

Organist

Lee Ann Peele

Church Office

Hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Patti Everhart
- Claire Smith
- 2 Karla Loper
- Jerry Lovell
- 4 Lynn Klopp
- 6 Lucas Peterson
- 10 Nina Smith
- 12 Casey Hartle
- 14 Lena Johnson
- 15 Baron Freeman
- Beau Sink
- 16 Doris Sink
- 18 Amanda Fulton
- 19 J. W. Bates
- 20 Myra Thompson
- 21 Ramona Yarbrough
- 22 Edgar Miller
- 23 Vogen Everhart
- 24 John Smith
- 26 Albert Evans
- Jeremy Lovell
- 30 Jude Sink
- 31 Kathleen Danze

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bill & Carolyn Robbins
- 7 John & Vicky Gray
- 16 Clifton & Harriette Murphy
- 22 Calvin & Susan Odom
- 27 Buddy & Rita Lohr