



**First Reformed United Church of Christ
Lexington, NC
JULY 2019**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generosity, we have 5 young people who are enjoying Johns River Valley Camp this summer! The average cost for a camper to attend for the week is around \$450.

June 30th - July 6th

Isabella Gentry
Bryson Gentry
Patrick Horton
Parker Horton

July 14th - 20th

Ethan Lovell

If you are able, send them a letter at camp.

(Camper Name)
Johns River Valley Camp
6211 Hwy 90
Collettsville, NC 28611

I will be taking a few days vacation the 2nd week in July, then on Sunday the 14th, I will head to JRVC for 3 days to lead the Beginner's Camp for rising 3rd graders. They will be introduced to life at Johns River! I ask for your prayers as this is my first time leading a camp. Rev. June Grubb will be on call for Pastoral Care while I am away.

Conversation on Race and Faith

The 4-week Conversation on Race and Faith concluded at the end of May, but we will continue to engage the discussion. Second UCC will host 2 movie nights on **Tuesday, July 9th and Tuesday August 13th**. Both start at 6pm. More details will come about the specific movie to be shown. Each movie will deal with the theme of race and faith. Discussion will follow.

Beginning September 10th at noon, we will start another 6-week session on Race and Faith on Tuesdays.

For Middle and High Schoolers!

**Saturday, July 27:
Tomato Sandwich Give-Away**

Thanks to an innovative idea from Edgar Miller, the youth will make fresh tomato sandwiches, complete with mayonnaise and white bread, and give them away to the community!

**Sunday, July 21:
Youth and Families Lunch and Meeting**
Youth and families will meet after worship for lunch and to plan the details for the Tomato Sandwich Give-away.

**Saturday, August 17:
Back to School Bash**

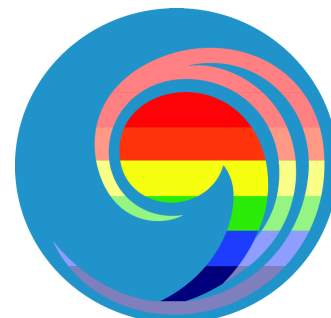
For Children AND Youth!

**Sunday, August 18:
Pizza and Painting with the Pastor!**

All children and youth are invited to stay after worship for a meal of pizza and to enjoy a time of painting. We'll create art pieces for the art show in September. You are welcome to bring a friend. Volunteers are welcome, too!

Although we are not having traditional Sunday School this summer, please take advantage of the other ways the church is offering to deepen and expand your faith.

Continuing to be grateful to be with you in the ministry of First Reformed UCC,
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.

~JUNE~ HONORARIUMS

JOHN GRAY'S BIRTHDAY
JAMES & ALICE GRAY

Thank you, Lindsay Sink,

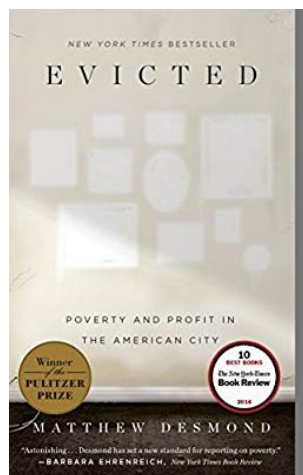


for our new
**SUMMER WORSHIP
SIGNS!**

HARVESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN



Thank you, Sylvia Walser, for your work to harvest all of these beautiful carrots from the garden in early June.



JULY CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY AND CONVERSATION

This summer we will read the book, Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, which follows 8 families "swept up in the process of eviction" who struggle to keep a roof over their heads. We will meet for conversation on Wednesday evening July 17, 24 & 31 at 7:00pm. Mayor Newell Clark will be here July 31 to discuss how this connects with us locally.

You may order your own copy or purchase one from the church for \$10.00. We also have several copies you may borrow. Call the church office for details.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE JUNE 2019 MEETING

Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal: Lena Johnson

- The board plans to meet in August, or earlier if necessary, to discuss “back to school” projects.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship

Financial Report: Denise Durham

- Average weekly offering for April was \$4,120 and May \$6,512

Property Committee: Eddie Yates

- Parlor update committee has been formed but has not met
- Review and update of Fellowship Hall usage guidelines and fees is still in the works

Board of Community Outreach: Jerry Lovell

- Partnership with Charles England Elementary School:
 - Provided refreshments for teachers on May 6th as a part of Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Donated funds to assist students with purchasing books at the Book Fair.
 - Fed Rubies and Pearls students on June 6th
- Ongoing clothes drive for the fall
- Future Projects:
 - Sandwich Ministries
 - Developing relationship with Dragonfly House

Evangelism Board: Dave Fulton and Harriette Murphy

- Average Weekly Attendance for April: 99 and May: 101
- Volunteers signed up to work the church’s table at the Salisbury Pride Festival on June 22nd
- The Art Exhibit that was scheduled for August has been moved to September.

Old Business:

- A motion was made and approved by e-vote to accept new members on June 2, 2019.

New Business:

- An update to the church manual for Memorial Gifts was presented to the consistory and approved.
- Update to the church staff holiday calendar to move the Good Friday holiday to Easter Monday was approved.
- Special thanks were extended to Harriette Murphy, Mary Jo Jessup and others who use their time and talents to make specific blankets for our high school graduates.
- Updates to all office computers to Windows 10 were made
- Due to an upcoming surgery, Lindsay Sink announced he would be stepping down June 2nd as Consistory President. He will remain on consistory through year-end. Vice President, Eddie Yates will fill the position of President the balance of the year.

The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is August 11, 2019.

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

First Reformed UCC is proud to announce this year's graduates.

We wish you luck as you begin the next chapter of your lives!

High School

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

Graduate School

Kelsey Johnson	<i>Appalachian State University, Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, beginning work as a Clinical Dietician for a Long-Term Care Facility</i>
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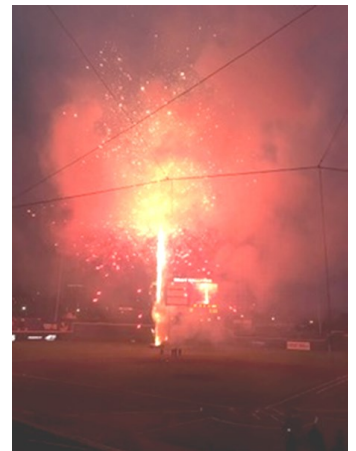
Pictured left to right: Griff Smith, Kalyssa Hutchens, Camill Freeman, Emma West

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!



Picture credits: Alice Gray and Jeremy Peterson

The weather for the Winston Salem Dash game on June 7th did not cooperate. A few brave souls showed up to see if the weather cleared, but it didn't and the game was cancelled. However, it wasn't too soggy to cancel the fireworks!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On June 2, 2019 we welcomed several new members into our church.



Maria, Jasmin, Alyson and Lucas Cruz

Maria grew up in Mexico. She works at BB&T.



Marge Doty

Marge grew up in Murphysboro, IL. She has 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She looks forward to becoming involved in the community.



Joe Kiser

Joe lives in Kannapolis. His interests include music, animals, nature, activism and social media.



Billy, Sam, Stacy & Emma West

Billy works with Daymark Recovery Services and Stacy works with Davidson County Schools. Emma will attend Millikin University in the fall and Sam attends Lexington Middle School.



New Member Sunday

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Another **New Member Sunday** is scheduled for July 28. An orientation will be held that morning at 9:30 in the church Parlor. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our congregation should contact the church office by Sunday, July 21st. (336-248-2617)

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Dear First Reformed UCC,

I wanted to say thank you to those of you who are "in charge" of getting folks to pray for others. My friend John Haydon battled cancer for over a year and was on our prayer list for about 6 months. He is officially in remission and working on regaining his strength (and hair).

Sincerely,
Kivi Miller

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, and food that you have given me as I recover from surgery. Everyone has been so thoughtful and kind. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family. I hope to see all of you soon!

Sincerely,
Cathy Waitman

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for all candy donations for the Salisbury Pride Festival.

Sincerely,
John Maze & Ben Hale

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your most recent gift of \$640.00 to Heifer International. With your support and generosity, women around the world are transformed as they are empowered to stand on their own, provide for their children and become leaders in their communities. Strengthening women is essential to Heifer's work, and we simply could not do it without you.

With gratitude,
Pierre U. Ferrari, President and CEO
Heifer International

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We will begin our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools on July 14th. We will collect supplies during the months of July and August. Each Sunday, please help by bringing the specific items to the Communities in Schools boxes outside the office or in the Narthex. Please refer to the list below.

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

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON IN JULY

On Sunday, July 28 Men's Brotherhood will prepare lunch for the congregation. Following worship, come enjoy a meal of chicken breasts, potato salad and baked beans prepared by head cook, Mike Brown, and other members of the group. Some desserts and tea will be provided by members of Women's Life Fellowship.

(Additional desserts will be welcomed!)

To help with planning, please contact the church office to sign up or complete the sheet below to place in the offering plate by **Sunday, July 21st**. Donations for the meal appreciated.

I will attend the Men's Brotherhood Lunch on July 28th.

Name _____

Attending _____

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

~submitted by Rita Lohr

The Morning Glory Circle met June 12th at Yarborough's Restaurant at 11:00 a.m. This was the final meeting until September. The program included the members reading inspirational quotes from the book *You Will Never Have This Day Again*. Also, we read Myra Thompson's poem *Ode to My Morning Glories*. Our next meeting will be September 4, 2019 in the church parlor.



FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR, ELLEN PETERSON

WANTED: People to share their musical talents
WHEN: Selected Summer Worship Services
WHO: Anyone...Young or Old
WHAT: Accordion to Xylophone... Duets to Solos...and EVERYTHING in BETWEEN
HOW: If interested, please email Ellen Peterson [ellenrpeterson@gmail.com] or contact the church office(336-248-2617)



Fall Celebration of Visual Arts

The Board of Evangelism is planning a **Celebration of Visual Arts** for the summer. 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.

Second United Church of Christ Vacation Bible School **Giddy Up Junction:**

Taking God's Love to New Frontiers

Adult Class: *Faith & Film*

Led by Rev. Jim Luck

July 21st – 26th

Supper: 5:30-6:00

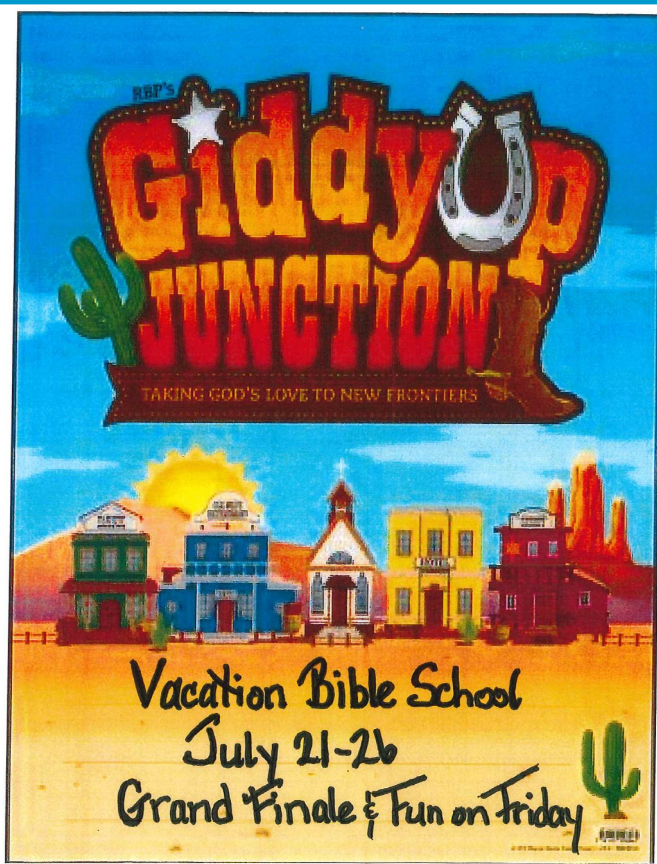
VBS: 6:00-7:30

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Registration forms for children ages 0 -12th grade are available in our church office.

Adults should register by contacting Second UCC's church office. (336-248-2107)

Please contact Second UCC
if you have questions.



2019 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

First Reformed UCC didn't let a little rainy weather interfere with their picnic fun. Although the location changed to the fellowship hall, the annual picnic was well-attended. The worship service was filled with songs and praise, the food was delicious and plentiful, and the games were entertaining.

(picture credits: Alice Gray, Clifton Murphy, Susie Smith)





PRIDE! FESTIVAL

First Reformed's tent was well-visited at the PRIDE! FESTIVAL in Salisbury on June 22nd. Our volunteers handed out approximately 900 "LOVE WINS" buttons before the rainy weather forced them to head home.



BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

Spaghetti Luncheon Celebration

On June 6, 2019 a Spaghetti Luncheon Celebration was provided for fifth grade girls in the Rubies and Pearls Program at Charles England Elementary School. As part of our congregation's on-going partnership with the school, these young ladies, along with their mentors, enjoyed a sit-down meal complete with tablecloths. About a dozen members of First Reformed UCC helped prepare and serve the meal. This celebration was to acknowledge the positive support the mentors gave the girls through the school year.



COAT & CLOTHING DRIVE

The Board of Community Outreach appreciates all the donations already made for the Coat and Clothing Drive. The inventory is increasing, but more is needed. Please continue to bring items to the church and put them on the table across from the office. You can also contact Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493) or Patti Lovell (336-309-9302) to set up a drop-off time for large deliveries (more than 10-15 items) at the lower drive next to the playground. Items needed include:



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

ANY SIZE WARM CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL BE ACCEPTED

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Liturgist:
Brian McKerlie

Usher Chairperson
Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:
Ron Hutcheson

Ushers:
Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider,
Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

Youth Usher:
Ava Miller

Plate Attendant:
Walter Hoffman

Sound Tech:
James Gray

Acolyte:
Jacob Hartle

Bible Steward:
Lucas Peterson

**FIRST SUNDAY
CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:**
Carolyn & Bill Robbins

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

7th: Buddy and Rita Lohr
14th: Carolyn and Bill Robbins
21st: Harriette and Clifton Murphy
28th: Paula and Cliff Lopp

Nursery:

7th: Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates
14th: John Smith & Dave Fulton
21st: Jeremy Peterson
28th: Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Lindsay Sink, 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:

Grayson Beck (Clifton & Harriette Murphy's grandson), Boyd Clodfelter (Deanna Michael's brother-in-law), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith), 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)

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.**



OPEN FLOWER DATES

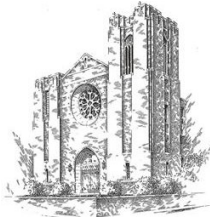
If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar on either July 14 or July 21, please contact Betty Link at jll3@ptmc.net or 336-225-7035.



2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	2	3	4  CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	5	6
7 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:15 Church-wide Social {FH} 10:30 Worship	8 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	9 6:00 Race & Faith Film Night at Second UCC	10	11 Women's Life Fellowship provides food for Arts Camp 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	12	13
14 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship <u>In the Pulpit:</u> Rev. Mike Hooper Following Worship: Parlor Update Committee Meeting {P}	15 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	16 10:00 Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}	17 7:00 "Evicted" Book Study {P}	18 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	19	20
21 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 Worship Following Worship: Middle & High School Youth & Families Lunch & Meeting {FH}	22 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	23	24 7:00 "Evicted" Book Study {P}	25 5:30 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 5-9:00 Red Hats Dinner & Meeting {FH} NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY!	26	27 11-2:00 Tomato Sandwich Give-Away in the Garden
Second United Church of Christ Vacation Bible School (see page 7 for details)						
28 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 New Member Orientation {P} 10:30 Worship Following Worship Church-wide Luncheon by Men's Brotherhood {FH}	29 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	30	31 7:00 "Evicted" Book Study Guest Speaker: Mayor Newell Clark {P}			

**First Reformed
United Church of
Christ**



All Are Welcome Here!
Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves

104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 2729
(336) 248-2617
email: church@frucc.org
website: www.frucc.org

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP in the SANCTUARY
10:30am



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Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Horton
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Financial Administrator

Paula Lopp
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Choir Director

Ellen Peterson

Organist

Lee Ann Peele

Church Office

Hours:

Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Keri Hartle
- 2 Raeann Allred
Brad Robertson
- 3 Marguerite Leonard
- 5 Paula Lopp
- 7 Cheryl Walser
Carolyn Yocum
- 9 Jacob Hartle
Mary Jo Jessup
- 11 Jonathan Odom
- 12 Elizabeth Sink
- 13 Lynn McCarn
Calvin Odom
Tracy Potts
Lindsay Sink
- 14 Travis White
- 15 Bill Walser
- 16 Craig Coe
Johnny McCarn
- 20 Jasmin Cruz
- 21 Jeremy Peterson
Michell Winters
- 23 Annabell Callicutt
- 24 Mary Lloyd Callicutt
- 25 Melody Evans
- 27 Betty Link
- 28 Jeff Hutchens
- 30 Sam West
- 31 Margot Everhart

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8
Frank & Beth Callicutt
- 12
Rich h & Lena Johnson
- 18
Mark & Nicole Smith
- 30
Eddie & Belinda Yates



**The church office will be
closed July 4th!**