

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Jianna Miller, Doug Sink, Lindsay Sink, 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

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's father), *Grayson Beck (Clifton & Harriette Murphy's grandson), *The Family of Rev. Sarah Snell (Friend of Eulene Shepherd, *Pat Roberts (Stacey Potts' mother), Boyd Clodfelter (Deanna Michael's brother-in-law), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

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.

July Birthdays

14th

Travis White

15th

Bill Walser

16th

Craig Coe

Johnny McCarn

20th

Jasmin Cruz

JULY 28

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

9:30 - Orientation in the church Parlor

If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please contact the church office by **Sunday, July 21.**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 14

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

In the Pulpit: Rev. Mike Hooper

Following Worship

Parlor Update Committee Meeting

Monday, July 15

4:00PM - Trustees' Meeting {Parlor}

6:30PM - Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, July 16

2:00PM - Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {Parlor}

Wednesday, July 17

4:00PM - Trustees' Meeting {Parlor}

7:00PM - Adult Book Study: "Evicted" {Parlor}

Thursday, July 18

5:00PM - Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00 PM - Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, July 21

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Following Worship

Middle & High Youth and families lunch and plan for July 27 Tomato Sandwich Give-Away

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 21-26

Vacation Bible School at Second UCC

Wednesday, July 24 & 31

7:00PM - Adult Book Study: "Evicted" {Parlor}

Saturday, July 27

11-2:00 - Middle & High School Youth Tomato Sandwich Give-Away in the Garden

Monday, August 12

K-5 Back to School Party at Adventure Landing

Saturday, August 17

Middle & High School Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 18

Backpack Blessing during worship

Following Worship

Pizza & Paint with Rev. Horton

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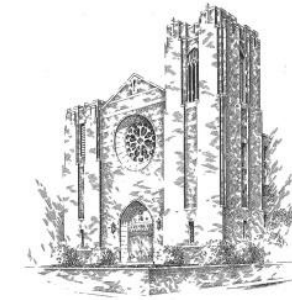
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

July 14, 2019

10:30AM

In the Pulpit: Rev. Mike Hooper

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 Trinity

*Call to Worship

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*Hymn

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Insert

*Invocation

Brian McKerie

Scripture Reading

Psalms 25: 1-10

Brian McKerie

(Page #492 in the pew bible)

Prayer of Confession

Mike Hooper

O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of danger and compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Mike Hooper

*Passing the Peace

Mike Hooper

*Hymn

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Insert

Young Disciples

Mike Hooper

(All children, Pre K-5th Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Centering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Mike Hooper

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Special Music

Mike Price

Scripture

Proclaiming
Luke 10: 25-37
(Page #946 in pew bible)

Mike Hooper

Sermon

“The Better Part of Valor”

Mike Hooper

Responding

*Hymn (Red Hymnal 394)

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*Invitation to Receive Offerings

Mike Hooper

Offertory

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Brian McKerlie

Sending

*Call to Dedication

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?”
Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Brian McKerlie

*Benediction

Mike Hooper

*Choral Benediction

“Carry the Light”

*Postlude

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

We welcome Rev. Mike Hooper to the pulpit this morning.

Rev. June Grubb, Minister of Pastoral Care, will be on call for Rev. Horton in case of emergencies. (336-248-5668)
You may also contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Brian McKerlie

PLATE ATTENDANT: Walter Hoffman

NURSERY: Dave Fulton & John Smith

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

GREETERS: Bill & Carolyn Robbins

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

USHERS: Ron Hutcheson (Captain), Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson

**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

**JULY BOOK STUDY!
CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY AND
CONVERSATION**

The book study on “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City” begins at 7:00 this Wednesday **July 17th, and continues on July 24th and 31st.** Mayor Newell Clark will be here July 31 to discuss how this connects with us locally.

**IT'S TIME AGAIN TO HELP WITH
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Our “Back to School” campaign for Communities in Schools begins today, July 14th. Please help by bringing the items listed to the boxes outside the office or in the Narthex.

July 14
pencils & notebook paper

July 21
crayons & glue sticks

July 28
composition books & erasers

August 4
colored pencils & markers

August 11
backpacks

FALL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

If you have any art work to display during September for the Board of Evangelism's Celebration of the Arts, please contact Bonita Hooper. (bonitahooper@gmail.com or 336-243-2440)

**TOMATO SANDWICH GIVE-AWAY
IN THE GARDEN**

Plans are in the works by Middle and High School Youth and parents to make and give away fresh tomato sandwiches on **July 27**. More information will be provided after middle and high school youth meet following worship July 21 to discuss details.

K-5 KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Where: Adventure Landing
When: Monday, August 12
Time: 10:00 - 12:00

One game of golf, 10 tokens, bumper boats, 2 slices of pizza & a drink

If parents are working, grandparents are welcome to bring kids, play, and eat.

RSVP to Cathy by: July 28

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

When: Saturday, August 17

More details will come later!

COAT AND CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

The winter clothing collection continues for the Board of Community Outreach's Coat and Clothing Drive. Bring items to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493) or Patti Lovell (336-309-9302) for larger deliveries. Any size warm clothing for men, women and children will be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON

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. **Any 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** _____