

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Sherry Bonner, Jianna Miller, 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

Abbotts Creek: Doug Sink (rehab)

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), 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.**

July Birthdays

21st

Jeremy Peterson
Michell Winters

23rd

Annabell Callicutt

24th

Mary Lloyd Callicutt

25th

Melody Evans

27th

Betty Link

July Anniversaries

27th

Mark & Nicole Smith

JULY 28

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

9:30 - Orientation in the church Parlor

If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please let Rev. Horton know **TODAY!**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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

July 21-26

Vacation Bible School at Second UCC

5:30-6:00 Supper

6-7:30 VBS for all ages

Monday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 25

12:00 - Newsletter articles due

5:00PM - Yoga {Dance Studio}

6-8:00PM - Red Hats Society Dinner & Meeting {FH}

Saturday, July 27

11-2:00 - Tomato Sandwich Give-Away in the Community Garden

Sunday, July 28

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - New Member Orientation {Parlor}

10:30AM

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

New Member Sunday

Following Worship

Church-Wide Luncheon {FH}

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 31

7:00PM - Adult Book Study: "Evicted" {Parlor}
Guest Speaker: Mayor Newell Clark

Monday, August 12

K-5 Back to School Party at Adventure Landing

Saturday, August 17

Middle & High School Back to School Party

Sunday, August 18

Backpack Blessing during worship

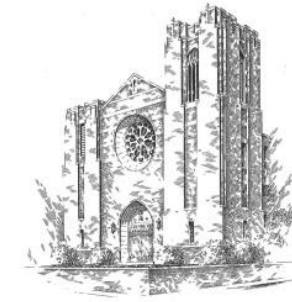
Following Worship

Children & Youth: Pizza & Paint with Rev. Horton

Sunday, August 25

Holy Communion

First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

July 21, 2019

10:30AM

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

Come, put your worries and troubles aside!

Let us sit at the feet of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Come, sit and listen to the Great Teacher.

Let us worship together at the feet of Jesus.

*Hymn

"Creator God, Creating Still"

Insert

*Invocation

Brian McKerie

Scripture Reading

Psalms 52: 1-9
(Page #510 in the pew bible)

Brian McKerie

Call & Response

"Let Your Spirit Come"

...Let Your Spirit come...fall upon me now...Let your Spirit come...fall upon us now.

...Let your rain fall down...pour upon our souls...come and wash us now...come and make us whole.

...Let Your Spirit come...fall upon me now...Let your Spirit come...fall upon us now.

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Mighty, gentle God, you have called us to be your servants, but we have made ourselves too busy and too worried to notice. At times we forget about you and are distracted by our to-do lists. Forgive us God, that we have worried over the wrong things, and set us free for your service. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn #221 (Red Hymnal)

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Young Disciples

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

Centering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

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

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Anthem

“God Is There”

Jay Althouse

Everywhere I go God is watching. Everywhere I go God is there.
In my joy and in my pain, through rainbow and the rain,
God is watching, God is there.

Everywhere I go God is watching, holding me with love and tender care.
When I'm filled with doubt and fear, I know God's love is near.
God is watching, God is there.

In God I place my trust and my devotion. My faith is growing stronger every day.
For God alone is light with full and endless sight that comforts me and guides me on my way.

When I need a friend and companion, I can speak with God in my prayer.
When I'm in a time of need, my God, alone, will lead.
God is watching, God is watching, God is watching.
God is there. God is there.

Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 10: 38-43
(Page #946 in pew bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

“The Most Important Thing”

Responding

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I Might See”

Insert

*Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

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

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

“Carry the Light”

*Postlude

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST:	Brian McKerlie	PLATE ATTENDANT:	Walter Hoffman	NURSERY:	Jeremy Peterson
USHER CHAIRPERSON:	Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN:	James Gray	GREETERS:	Clifton & Harriette Murphy
ACOLYTE:	Jacob Hartle	BIBLE STEWARD:	Lucas Peterson	Youth Usher:	Ava Miller
USHERS:	Ron Hutcheson (Captain), Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller				

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

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY JULY 28

If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please let Rev. Horton know **TODAY!** There will be an orientation meeting at 9:30 next Sunday in the Parlor prior to worship.

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

The book study on “*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*” continues at 7:00 this Wednesday **July 24th, and continues on July 31st.** Mayor Newell Clark will be our guest speaker on the 31st 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 began last Sunday. 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

TOMATO SANDWICH GIVE-AWAY IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

On July 27 from 11-2:00 come eat tomato sandwiches made fresh from our garden free of charge!

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

Parents or grandparents will need to attend with their child.

Come join us for a fun morning!

RSVP to Cathy by: July 28

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

When: Saturday, August 17

More details will come later!

COAT AND CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

Bring items for the winter clothing collection 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.

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)

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCHEON NEXT WEEK!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP for the church-wide luncheon July 28. IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW by completing the slip and placing it in the offering plate today. Men's Brotherhood will prepare a meal of chicken breasts, potato salad, and baked beans. Some desserts and tea will be provided by members of Women's Life Fellowship. **Any additional desserts will be welcomed! Donations for the meal appreciated.**

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

Name _____ # Attending _____