

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9:30AM New Member Orientation {Parlor}
 10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 New Member Sunday
 11:30AM Church-Wide Luncheon {FH}

Monday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

- 5:00PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
 7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, August 2

- 5:30PM Church-wide Bowling {YMCA}

Sunday, August 4

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9:45 Church-Wide First Sunday Social {FH}
 Mike & Bonita Hooper
 10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 11

- 10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 In the Pulpit: Rev. J. Randy Hall
 11:30AM Consistory Meeting

Monday, August 12

- 10:00AM K-5 Back to School Party at
 Adventure Landing

Saturday, August 17

- 5:00PM 6-12 Back to School Party
 Rev. Horton's House

Sunday, August 18

- 10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 Backpack Blessing
 12:00PM All Youth:
 Pizza & Paint with Rev. Horton

Sunday, August 25

- 10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
 Holy Communion
 Z-Day!

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Doug Sink, Sherry Bonner, 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:

*Allyson Clark Kennedy (Belinda & Eddie Yates' daughter), *Saundra Everhart (Friend of Brian McKerlie), 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.**

Birthdays

July
 28th Jeff Hutchens
 30th Sam West
 31st Margot Everhart

August

1st Pattie Everhart
 Claire Smith
 2nd Karla Loper
 Jerry Lovell

Anniversaries

July
 30th Eddie & Belinda Yates

August
 3rd Bill & Carolyn Robbins

First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

July 28, 2019

10:30AM

New Member Sunday

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

(from Luke 11)

Brian McKerlie

So I say to you, "Ask, and it will be given you. **Search, and you will find.**

Knock, and the door will be opened for you. **For everyone who asks will receive.**

Everyone who searches will find. **Everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."**

In this time of worship, may we seek God; **May we know God is reaching for us, now and always.**

*Hymn #322 (Red Hymnal)

"The Church's One Foundation"

Brian McKerlie

*Invocation

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

You invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God, but we do not find that easy to do. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

"Seek Ye First"

Insert

*Passing the Peace

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

Reception of New Members

Charyl Clark and Susan Morris; Smithie Parrish, Christie Plummer and Kiaya Plummer;

Stacey Potts, Sarah Potts, Christina Grzech and Rylee Grzech

Invitation

...inspired by the UCC Statement of Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm together our faith as we receive these new members into our church.

Congregation: We believe in God who has created and is creating.

Pastor: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Horton (elizabeth@frucc.org, cell/text #336-972-8895)

Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com #336-248-5668)

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Choir Director: Ellen Peterson

Organist: Lee Ann Peele

Admin. Asst.: Carolyn Robbins (carolyn@frucc.org)

Financial Secretary: Paula Lopp (paula@frucc.org)

Congregation: We trust God. God calls us to be the church.

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talents, and resources, participating regularly in the worship and work of First Reformed United Church of Christ?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by this congregation as we grow.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the city. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

Congregation: We promise you our love, support, and care. We will allow ourselves to be changed and shaped by you as we seek to live together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Insert
Pastoral Prayer Elizabeth Horton

Special Music "Come to Jesus" Ellen Peterson

Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 11: 1-13 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #947 in pew bible)

Sermon "Learning to Pray"

Responding

*Invitation to Receive Offerings Elizabeth Horton
Offertory "The Lord's Prayer" Lee Ann Peele and Mike Price
*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 Brian McKerlie
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."

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Guy and Virginia Gann; given by Joe and Frances Gann.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Brian McKerlie **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Walter Hoffman **NURSERY:** Anne Bevan & Cheryl Walser
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray **GREETERS:** Cliff & Paula Lopp
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

JULY BOOK STUDY! CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY AND CONVERSATION

The book study on "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" concludes at 7:00 this Wednesday **July 31st**. Mayor Newell Clark will be our guest speaker to discuss how this connects with us locally.

PLEASE HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools has begun. 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

Z-DAY IS COMING!

August 25, 2019
Board of Community Outreach
Opportunity for All!

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

RALLY DAY 2019!

Come join us **September 8th at 9:45** in the Education Building for activities for all. Plan to stay after worship for the annual baked potato & salad bar luncheon provided by the Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal. To help with planning, please contact the church office by **Wednesday, September 4** if you plan to attend the luncheon.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER NEEDED

If you are able to help deliver meals, please contact Alisa Johnson. (336-250-6589)

CHURCH-WIDE BOWLING NIGHT

Join us on **August 2** for an evening of bowling fun at the YMCA. **THERE IS NO CHARGE!** Pizza, drinks and cookies are included. If you are interested in attending, **let Cathy know by July 31st!**

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...arcade games... pizza & a drink. Parents or grandparents will need to attend with their child.

Come join us for a fun morning!

**TODAY is the Deadline
to RSVP to Cathy!**

GRADES 6-12

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Where: Rev. Horton's House
When: Saturday, August 17
Time: 5:00-7:00

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)