

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### SYMPATHY:

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Jamie Everhart and family upon the death of their loved one, James Everhart.

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Doug Sink, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walsler, 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:

\*Rev. Sarah Snell (Friend of Eulene Shepherd, 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)

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

7<sup>th</sup>

Cheryl Walsler  
Carolyn Yocum

9<sup>th</sup>

Jacob Hartle  
Mary Jo Jessup

11<sup>th</sup>

Jonathan Odom

12<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Sink

13<sup>th</sup>

Lynn McCarn  
Calvin Odom  
Tracy Potts  
Lindsay Sink

### July Anniversaries

8<sup>th</sup>

Frank & Beth Callicutt

12<sup>th</sup>

Rich & Lena Johnson

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 7

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:45-10:15**

**Church-Wide Social**

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall  
Carolyn & Bill Robbins

**10:30AM**

**WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

**6:00PM - Race & Faith Film Night {Second UCC}**

Thursday, July 11

Women's Life Fellowship prepares food for  
Arts Discovery Camp

Sunday, July 14

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30AM**

**WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

In the Pulpit: Rev. Mike Hooper

**Following Worship**

Parlor Update Committee Meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 17

**7:00PM**

"Evicted" book study begins (continues  
July 24 & 31)

Sunday, July 21

Middle & High School Youth lunch and meeting  
following worship to discuss Tomato Sandwich  
Give-Away in the Garden

July 22-26

Vacation Bible School at Second UCC

Saturday, July 27

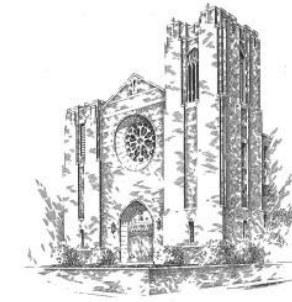
**11-2:00 - Tomato Sandwich Give-Away in the  
Garden**

### **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.

## First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

July 7, 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

Brian McKerlie

Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

**Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!**

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

**Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.**

Come; let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

**May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.**

\*Hymn 440 (Red Hymnal)

"God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"

\*Invocation

Brian McKerlie

Scripture Reading

Galatians 6: 2-10  
(page #1063 in the pew bible)

Brian McKerlie

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

**Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Insert

Young Disciples

(All children and youth 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**

### FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Anthem

“America, the Beautiful”  
(Congregation joins in singing the last verse)

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

### Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 Elizabeth Horton  
(page #945 in pew bible)

Sermon “Simple Directions”

### Responding

\*Hymn “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” 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 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.*

**Rev. Horton will be on vacation and at Johns River Valley Camp** through July 17. Rev. June Grubb, Minister of Pastoral Care, will be on call in case of emergencies. (336-248-5668) You may also contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Willie Cress Leonard; given by granddaughters, Rhonnie and Merle.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**LITURGIST:** Brian McKerlie **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Walter Hoffman **NURSERY:** Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray **GREETERS:** Buddy & Rita Lohr  
**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

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 evenings July 17, 24 and 31 at 7pm.** Mayor Newell Clark will be here July 31 to discuss how this connects with us locally.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE by Wednesday, July 10** if you'd like to purchase a copy through the office for \$10.00. We also have a few copies available to borrow on a **first-come** basis.

### RACE AND FAITH FILM NIGHTS

As a follow-up for the “Conversation on Race and Faith,” two movie nights, hosted by Second UCC are planned. The first is **Tuesday, July 9th at 6:00pm** as we view the 2006 South African film “Son of Man,” which retells the story of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection set within the context of modern-day South Africa. Discussion will follow. We'll have popcorn and invite you to bring your own beverage. Invite a friend. There are plenty of people who may not have any interest in “church” but might love an opportunity for a free movie, popcorn and some discussion.

### 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  
Discussion about both religious and secular movies

**July 21st – 26th**  
**Supper: 5:30-6:00**  
**VBS: 6:00-7:30**

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**  
Registration forms for children and youth ages 0-12<sup>th</sup> grade are available in our church office. Adults should register by contacting Second UCC's church office. (336-248-2107)  
*Please contact Second UCC with questions.*

### COAT AND CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

More winter clothing is needed 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 of more than 10-15 items. Any size warm clothing for men, women and children will be accepted.

### FALL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The Board of Evangelism is asking for art work to display during September. Contact Bonita Hooper about contributions. (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 details will be provided soon.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_