

# Blood Drive

## First Reformed United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall  
104 East Center Street  
Lexington, NC 27292

Wednesday, September 4, 2019  
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or call Betty Barr at 336-239-5001, or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: First Reformed.

### RALLY DAY 2019

Come kick off a new year of spiritual growth and renewal on **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45** in the Education Building for activities for all ages. The children & youth will have fun activities on God's Creations. Billy West, Executive Director of Daymark Recovery Services, will lead the adults in a discussion about mental health issues.

Plan to stay after worship for the annual baked potato & salad bar luncheon. **TO HELP WITH PLANNING**, please contact the church office by **Wednesday, September 4** if you plan to attend the luncheon OR complete this sign-up slip and place it in the offering plate.

I plan to attend the baked potato and salad lunch on Rally Day, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ # CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

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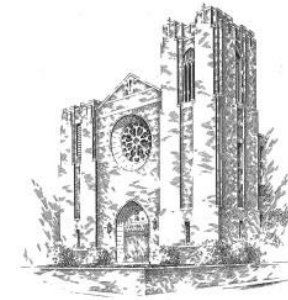
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The Worship of God

August 18, 2019

10:30AM

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

*As you enter the sanctuary, if you brought a backpack, please place it around the pulpit.*

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

**We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**

The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

**We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.**

The One who is with us in every moment composes a love song for our hearts.

**We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.**

Elliott Smith

\*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

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\*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture Reading

Psalm 82

Elliott Smith

(Page #531 in the pew bible)

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

**What more can we say that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for the children and the needy, but we shut our mouths and turn away. Forgive us, God of Righteousness. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Help us see You in the eyes of others. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

Young Disciples

Blessing of the Backpacks

(All children & youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

\*Hymn

"God of All Learning"

p. 4

### Centering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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**

Anthem "Blessing Riddle" arr. Pepper Choplin

I hope you will find peace through every trial; I hope you will find courage for every mile;  
And when you are alone, you'll find a friend; And may you live forever, life without end.

But how will I find peace through every trial? And how will I find courage for every mile?  
And when I am alone, where is my friend? How can I live forever, life without end?

Well, God will give you peace through every trial; And God will give you courage for every mile;  
And when you are alone, He'll be a friend and give you life eternal, life without end.  
He'll give you life eternal, He'll give you life eternal, life without end, without end. Amen, amen.

### Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 12: 49-56 Elizabeth Horton  
(Page #950 in pew bible)

Sermon "Have Faith: Believing Is Seeing"

### Responding

\*Hymn "All Who Love and Serve Your City" p. 5  
\*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 Elliott Smith

### Sending

\*Call to Dedication Elliott Smith  
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 given by Harriette & Clifton Murphy to the Glory of God and in honor their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on August 16.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**LITURGIST:** Elliott Smith    **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Eddie Yates    **NURSERY:** Alice Gray & Vicky Gray  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens    **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson    **GREETER:** Amy Hedrick  
**ACOLYTE:** Lucas Peterson    **BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell    **YOUTH USHER:** Elliott Smith  
**USHERS:** James Gray (Captain), Cheryl Walsler, Denise Durham, John Maze, Jerry Lovell

## How Firm a Foundation

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.  
Early United States melody  
from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832  
Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

## God of all learning

God of all learn - ing, God of all know - ing,  
Bless all the stu - dents, young ones and old ones,  
Some kids are poor and some kids are wealth - y;  
Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,

we bring these back - packs filled with sup - plies.  
walk - ing or rid - ing, trav - eling by bus.  
may we give all the tools that they need.  
bless those who teach and coun - sel and care.

Bless all these tools of learn - ing and grow - ing.  
May they re - mem - ber that you go with them,  
May we make sure they're safe, loved and health - y  
May they re - mem - ber you walk be - side them.

Use them, we pray, to change man - y lives.  
and that they all are pre - cious to us.  
so that they all may thrive and suc - ceed.  
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015  
MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Dean McIntyre, 2013

BUNESSAN  
55.54 D

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## All Who Love and Serve Your City

Unison

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2. In your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
3. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
4. For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
5. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and  
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near to all who  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our Judge, our

jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:  
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.  
Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."  
spurn him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
Glo - ry, be its name, "The Lord is there!"

WORDS: Erik Routley, 1966 (Lk. 19:41; Ezk. 48:35)  
MUSIC: USA melody; harm. and arr. by Carlton R. Young, 1964

CHARLESTOWN  
87.87

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 18

#### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10:30AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
Blessing of the Backpacks
- 12:00PM** Children & Youth:  
Pizza & Paint with Rev. Horton

### Monday, August 19

First day of school for Lexington  
City Schools

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

### Wednesday, August 21

- 6:30PM** Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}

### Thursday, August 22

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

### Friday, August 23

- 12:00PM** September Newsletter Articles Due

### Sunday, August 25

#### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Monday, August 26

First day of school for Davidson County  
Schools

### Wednesday, August 28

- 12:00PM** Friendship Club {Yarborough's}  
**7:00PM** Parent Meeting re: Children & Youth  
Ministry {Parlor}

## THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER...Celebration of the Arts Display

### Monday, September 2

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**  
Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 4

- 2:30-7:00** Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}  
**11:00AM** Morning Glory Circle {P}  
**7:15PM** Choir Practice Resumes  
{Chapel Annex}

### Sunday, September 8

- 9:45AM** Rally Day Activities  
**11:00AM** WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
**Following Worship:**  
Baked Potato & Salad Luncheon {FH}

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian  
Hope with Dan Horton and family upon the  
death of Dan's mother, Clementine Horton.

### OUR MEMBERS:

Margie & Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper,  
Marguerite Leonard, Doug Sink, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser,  
Lisa Price

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, 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:

\*Bert & Virginia Davison (Friends of Frank Leonard,  
\*Randy Swicegood (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser),  
\*Family of Christine Huckleberry (Friends of Eulene  
Shepherd), \*Cindy Coble (Friend of Alane Holste),  
\*Family of Lydia Rose (Friends of Alane Holste), Robert  
Phelps (Friend of John Potts & Janette Neal), Frances  
Ashby (Lisa Price's mother), Rev. Bill Sosebee (Stacy  
Sosebee-West's father), Brinlee Michael (Deanna  
Michael's granddaughter), Allyson Clark Kennedy  
(Belinda & Eddie Yates' daughter), Sandra Everhart  
(Friend of Brian McKerlie), Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's  
father), 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.

### *August Birthdays*

**18<sup>th</sup>**

Amanda Fulton

**19<sup>th</sup>**

J.W. Bates

**20<sup>th</sup>**

Myra Thompson

**21<sup>st</sup>**

Ramona Yarbrough

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Edgar Miller

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

Vogen Everhart

### *August Anniversaries*

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Calvin & Susan Odom

## 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

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

On **Wednesday, August 28 at  
7:00PM** parents of children and  
youth meet in the parlor to  
discuss future needs of Children  
and Youth Ministry. Come share  
your ideas for the ministry of our  
children and youth.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club will meet on  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019. The  
meeting will be at noon at  
Yarborough's Restaurant. The  
program will be provided by  
author Rev. Galen Hahn. Rev.  
Hahn is a retired United Church  
of Christ minister who became  
inspired to write a book in his  
retirement. He will share some of  
his migrant ministry experiences  
from his book, "Finding My Field."  
Mark your calendars and invite  
someone to come with you;  
maybe, even pick someone up  
to join us!

### VOLUNTEER AT CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First Reformed UCC will continue  
to partner with CEES. You may  
help out by becoming a  
volunteer. Let the church office  
know if you are interested, and  
we will help you get started. It  
will require a background  
check. Even just 30 minutes twice  
a month can make a big  
difference.

### OPEN FLOWER DATE

**September 29** is an open date for  
flowers for the church. If you  
would like place flowers in the  
church for that Sunday, please  
contact Betty Link (jll3@ptmc.net)  
or call the church office.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you haven't noticed your  
birthday or anniversary in the  
bulletin or newsletter, it is not in  
our records. Please contact the  
office to help us update records.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Regular choir practice resumes  
next month. We welcome anyone  
interested in joining us. You don't  
need to know how to read music.  
All you need is a passion for  
sharing Christ's love through  
music. **Come join us on  
Wednesday, September 4 at 7:15  
in the Chapel Annex.**

### MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER NEEDED

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

### FILM NIGHT: "A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH"

As a follow-up for "A Conversation  
on Race and Faith," another  
movie night, hosted by Second  
UCC, is planned for **Tuesday,  
August 20 at 6:00pm** to view the  
movie "The Color Purple."  
Discussion will follow. There will be  
popcorn and you are invited to  
bring your own beverage. Invite a  
friend!

### "A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH" Part II

Collaborative Ministries' series on  
Race & Faith will begin on  
**September 10 and continue EACH  
TUESDAY through October 15** from  
12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor.  
You may bring your own bag  
lunch. This is open to anyone who  
would like to attend. No special  
preparation is required.

### NEW BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN

During Sunday School time on  
**September 15**, the adults will  
begin a 6-week book study on "A  
Bigger Table: Building Messy,  
Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual  
Community" by John Pavlovitz.  
Bonita Hooper and Lisa Nelson will  
lead discussions.

The office has a few copies to  
borrow, or you may purchase one  
for \$10.00 each on a first-come  
basis. You may also order on your  
own. The first session will discuss  
the Introduction through the  
second chapter.