



First Reformed United Church of Christ

Lexington, NC

OCTOBER 2019

Autumn is a time of transition. The leaves on the trees remind us there is never a period where time stands still. In the life of First Reformed United Church of Christ, transition is ever-present. We can adapt to the seasons of life or we can find ourselves unprepared for the future.

We are in the midst of forming a Search Committee for the position of Director for Spiritual Growth and Renewal; the Music Committee, chaired by Harriette Murphy, has worked diligently to create an announcement for the Position of Organist/Pianist open in February 2020.

October is also when we look toward ministry for next year. On October 13th we will eat together and review the proposed budget for 2020. Although it is very easy to see the budget as merely a list of line items and operating expenses, the budget tells a story:

Who we are,
what we value,
what are our priorities?

Our annual budget is also one of our church's most important theological documents. The church budget guides our work each year. It directs us. It represents not just our values, but how we interpret God's call upon our lives. The budget is a pathway into where and how God is leading us.

In addition to the budget, October is when we distribute Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets for next year. Giving is a spiritual discipline and an aspect of our rela-

tionship with God. Please ask yourself, "How are you called to give to God through the work of First Reformed UCC?" How is the Holy Spirit leading you to serve through the ministries of First Reformed? What are the new ministries yet to be discovered?

Looking toward the future with faith,
~Elizabeth

UNITING HEARTS AND VOICES TO END CHILD POVERTY NOW 2019 CHILDREN'S SABBATH

The 2019 National Observance of Children's Sabbath's® Celebration, "*Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty Now*," takes place this October 20. We will join with thousands of places of worship all across the nation as people of faith affirm their determination to move forward with hope to assure every child love and justice. One way we can do that is by ending child poverty in our rich nation so all children have their basic needs for food, housing, and health care met. We will be raising a voice of concern about child poverty, learning how we can help end it and exploring other ways to move forward with hope to assure every child love and justice. To find out how you can be involved, contact Stacy Sosebee-West.



WELCOMING STATEMENT

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

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.

~SEPTEMBER~ MEMORIALS

JIM EARNHARDT

SYLVIA WALSER, JONI WALSER &
BECKY WALSER ABERNETHY

MARGIE EVERHART

CHANDLER & SUSAN BLAKE
CARROLL & CAROLYN SPIVEY
SYLVIA WALSER

CLEMENTINE HORTON

MERLE & JERRY HODGES
SYLVIA WALSER

~SEPTEMBER~ HONORARIUMS

CATHY WAITMAN

MIKE & LYNN BROWN
FRUCC MEN'S BROTHERHOOD
CLIFF & PAULA LOPP
BILL & CAROLYN ROBBINS
EULENE SHEPHERD

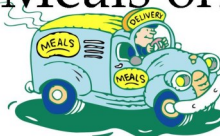
ALICE GRAY'S BIRTHDAY

JOHN & VICKY GRAY



October 20, 2019

Meals on Wheels



Drivers Needed

**IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS
OUTREACH MINISTRY**
please contact Alisa Johnson
at 336-250-6589.

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Dear First Reformed UCC and the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

The Everhart Family would like to thank you so very much for the prayer shawls. They have given us great comfort and peace during this difficult time. Thank you all for your prayers and blessings.

The Family of Margie Everhart

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for the 2019 Benevolent Gift of \$150 we received from your church family. Your continued support of Communities in Schools of Lexington/Davidson County helps meet the critical needs of our students who can't help themselves. Throughout the school year and beyond, many students are without basic necessities, and we appreciate your church family's help to make a difference to meet these needs. Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and your gift will bless many students in need. Abundant blessings to your church family as you bless others less fortunate.

Sincerely,
Vera McRae, Executive Director
Communities in Schools of Lexington/Davidson County

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Rally Day Sunday, September 8 was a wonderful day to celebrate my retirement! I thank God for leading me to this exceptional place of worship to become part of such a loving and caring church family. Being Director of Christian Education/Spiritual Growth and Renewal helped me to make many new friendships and renew old ones. This has been a joyous journey!

I want to thank all of the volunteers, teachers, helpers, and leaders for always being so willing to do whatever I asked! You have helped make this church one of the best churches around! There is no way I could have done this job without you!

I want to thank all of you for making my retirement so special. The roses were beautiful and the charm bracelet is very special to me! The colorful prayer shawl will be useful in the late fall and during the winter! Thank you for such thoughtful gifts. The special music by Ellen and Lee Ann touched my heart as well as the kind words from Elizabeth and the children. Carolyn's acrostic and "Ode to Cathy" were great! I also appreciate the "roasting" and speeches by Eddie, Lena, Alice, Harriette, Paula, Lee Ann, Kivi and Johnny!

I love each and every one of you and want you to know that you are THE BEST!

With love,
Cathy

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you to all of the people who helped with Rally Day and with the Rally Day luncheon on September 8. I hope I can remember everyone who made the day such a success.

Thank you to:

The Rally Day activity leaders and teachers – Carolyn Robbins, Alice Gray, Lena Johnson, Susan Morris, Lisa Nelson, and Billy West

The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal – Lena Johnson, Alice Gray, Vicky Gray, June Grubb, Lisa Nelson, and Carolyn Robbins

The food prep team – Carolyn Robbins, Alice Gray, June Grubb, Lena Johnson, Mike Price, and Brian McKerlie

The set up and cleanup crew – Ellen, Jeremy & Lucas Peterson, Bill Robbins, Rich Johnson

The cooks and dressing makers – Mike Brown, Rich Johnson, and John Pott, Glenyce Fulton and Mike Price.

As you can see, it takes a large number of people to have such a special Sunday! Thank all of you for your gracious assistance!

Cathy Waitman

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 MEETING

Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal: Lena Johnson reported...

- Cathy prepared some lessons for volunteer Sunday School teachers.
- Teachers and helpers are needed for Children and Youth during October and November.
- Rev. Horton met with the board to begin discussion on future visions for the board. We will continue this discussion at our October meeting.
- Children's/Youth's Christmas Program and Congregational Lunch is planned for December 8th.
- The Chili Cook-off is no longer a part of an Advent Workshop. The board decided to move this event to January 12, 2020.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship

Financial Report: Denise Durham reported...

- Average weekly offering for August was \$3,714. Month end available funds \$14,960.

Property Committee: Eddie Yates reported...

- Still reviewing options and getting quotes for keypad/entrance options for SDA Dance Studio door
- No increase for grounds maintenance in the coming year
- The leaking in the Fellowship Hall still being monitored after placement of drip pan
- Sign placement was approved for Crisis Ministry Pancake Supper
- Sylvester and Cockrum unclogged both AC drains in the sanctuary
- Review and update Fellowship Hall usage guidelines and fees is still in the works

Board of Community Outreach: Jerry Lovell reported...

- Purchased items for ZOOM Bags and worked with youth on August 25 to pack 100 bags for distribution to the congregation after worship so that each church member has the opportunity to participate in this ministry to feed the hungry in our community. Members are asked to share their experiences for publication in the Newsletter.
- Organized items in the Clothing Closet as donations came in. More donations are needed and will be appreciated.

Board of Evangelism: Dave Fulton and Harriette Murphy reported...

- Concord Big Band Concert scheduled for November 23, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Organ/Music Recital has been moved to Fall of 2020
- Board is planning a Dinner Fundraiser for Spring of 2020
- We will contact Director of BBQ Festival to see if we can have a Hospitality Tent on Education Building grounds to provide free water, church brochures, restrooms and "Love Is Love" pins during the Barbecue Festival.
- The Board will be sending cards/care packages to college students of the congregation during the school year.
- Weekly attendance average for August 2019: 84

Old Business:

- Parlor Update Committee met. Mike Price, Chairperson, is waiting for estimates for flooring and window treatments.
- Congregational Meal Plan was approved.
- Thanks were extended to Betty Barr for organizing the Red Cross Blood Drive held in September. Twenty-eight pints were collected.

New Business:

- Consistory will not meet in the month of December.
- **Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal:** The Executive committee of the Consistory will meet to form a Search Committee for this position
- **Church Organist/Pianist Search:** Harriette Murphy, chair of the Music Committee met with the committee to review the job description for a new church organist/pianist. She is hopeful they will begin to receive applications by the first of November.
- **Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee is beginning the work of selecting candidates for 2020 elders, deacons and trustee to present at the October meeting.
- **Trustee Resignation:** President Eddie Yates received a letter from Carolyn Spivey requesting to be relieved as a Trustee for First Reformed UCC due to health issues that prevent her from fulfilling the duties necessary.
- **WNCA 52nd Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting of the Western NC Association will be held Saturday, October 5th. Clifton Murphy will attend as a member of the WNCA Board. Mike Price volunteered to attend.
- **Thanksgiving Day Request:** Tina Royal will be allowed use of the fellowship hall again this Thanksgiving Day.
- **Grace Episcopal Sunday Meal Ministry:** The Sunday meal ministry will restart the first Sunday in October. First Reformed UCC will serve three Sundays in the month of November; omitting the first Sunday that is FRUCC's Homecoming.
- **Pantry Donations for Charles England:** This endeavor is to help stock food items in the pantry at Charles England Elementary School. Leaders at the school will assemble the items in packs and send them home with approximately fifty children for the weekend. Church members will be asked to donate designated food items for this project.
- **Time and Talent Sheets:** Kivi Miller volunteered to revamp the annual time and talent sheets.
- **Kitchen Committee:** Mike Price is chairing a kitchen committee to review kitchen and meal management including the use of disposable products.
- **The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is October 6, 2019.**



ORGANIST/PIANIST SEARCH

First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC is seeking an Organist/Pianist effective February 2020. He/she will work collaboratively with the Choir Director and Minister to provide the music ministry for all Sunday morning regular and special church services and choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Salary commensurate with education and experience. FRUCC 's Sanctuary Organ is a Casavant Freres Opus 3113 Pipe Organ constructed in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec Canada and purchased in 1972. The congregation takes great pride in this fine instrument which plays to the glory of Almighty God.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is a moderately sized congregation in Uptown Lexington, NC. For more information about us, please visit our website at www.frucc.org. Questions, resumes and/or additional details about the position should be directed to:

FRUCCOrganistsearch@gmail.com or 336-731-4256.

Deadline for resumes is Nov. 1, 2019



Pastor's Pantry Needs

The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal will hold their annual food drive to benefit Pastor's Pantry. During the month of October requested food items will be collected. Pastor's Pantry will accept ANY food items, but the ones listed are the most requested. Please bring items from the list to the crates in the Narthex throughout October.

OCTOBER 6th

Canned vegetables
Canned fruits

OCTOBER 13th

Saltine crackers
Cereal

OCTOBER 20th

Canned meats
Canned pastas

OCTOBER 27th

Peanut Butter

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our crocheted and knitted prayer shawls have dwindled down to nothing, and we need your help. If you can crochet or knit, please consider making two or three shawls so we may replenish our supply.

Any color is acceptable, as well as any crochet or knit pattern. The only guideline is the shawls should be rectangular, measuring approximately 12-inches x 60-inches.

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

~submitted by Susan Miller

Morning Glory Circle met at church Wednesday, September 12, 2019. President Rita Lohr opened the meeting with updates on shut-ins. Lib Sink has fallen but with minor injuries. Janelle Bunn is getting chemo but was able to attend. Mary is maintaining at Piedmont Crossing. We may have our next meeting there. The knife sale is being considered for October and setting up at November bake sale. Eulene gave the program, giving details of her family Viking Cruise to France. She discussed side trips... silk factory, lavender fields, and chocolate makers. Afterward we felt as we all had been there.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

~submitted by Glenyce Fulton and Patti Lovell

Rev. Galen Hahn gave an informative and heartfelt presentation about his lifelong experiences working with immigrant farm families during the Friendship Club meeting on August 28.



His book is entitled "Finding My Field"

Our September meeting will be held at Yarborough's Restaurant on the 25th.



MORNING GLORY CIRCLE TO SPONSOR ANOTHER RADA CUTLERY SALE

In past years, the ladies in the Morning Glory Circle have sold lots of Rada Cutlery. They are bringing back this fundraiser this year beginning in October. If you are interested in looking at a catalog or making a purchase, please contact Rita Lohr at 336-346-7607.

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- And never lose sight of our desire to make cooking easier and more fun.

As it turns out, it has been a recipe for success.

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BACKPACK BLESSING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

A big crowd of both children and teens showed up with their backpacks ready for Rev. Horton to bless.
Good luck for a great year!



WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

~submitted by Carolyn Robbins

WLF joined Men's Brotherhood for another delicious meal before beginning our meeting on September 10th. Linda Sink shared devotions. Our meeting included upcoming events on our calendar. We reviewed our plans to feed the North Davidson High School football team on September 27. We will also have our November Bake Sale, scheduled for Sunday, November 24 before Thanksgiving. Susan Morris spoke with our group about sponsoring one of the snack suppers for the Middle/High School Youth Ministry Group she leads. We selected a date to provide their meal and plan to sit with the youth as they eat and enjoy conversation with them. We discussed the possibility of another dinner theater play. We will revisit this idea again at another time. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th. We will again begin with sharing a meal with the Men's Brotherhood.



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

~submitted by Cliff Lopp

The Men's Brotherhood met Tuesday, September 10th for supper along with the Women's Life Fellowship. Mike Brown, John Potts, J.W. Bates, Buddy Lohr, and John Gray prepared a delicious meal of BBQ pork loin, mashed potatoes, cabbage, baked beans, and rolls. The ladies from WLF supplied desserts. Following the meal Buddy Lohr had devotions. Susan Morris asked for help with snack suppers for the Youth Ministry. A date was selected to help out with the meal.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Dorothy Mauldin and John Lohr on the birth of their daughter, Piper Elizabeth Lohr, born Thursday, September 19th. Proud grandparents are Buddy & Rita Lohr.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~submitted by Jerry Lovell
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ARE WE ENABLERS?

As we've been doing book studies and having discussions about poverty, race, and justice, the term "enable" has come up a few times. The dictionary defines enabler as "one who gives power, ability, or means to achieve a goal".

Back in April, about thirty members of our congregation joined with about thirty other congregations for Touching Davidson County with Love. Families and some organizations, like Boys and Girls Club, were provided meals, food staples, and help with projects at their homes and sites. The Girl Scout Troop from First put out 300 bags of mulch at the American Children's Home. These volunteers enabled others in the community to be fed and feel better about themselves and where they spend time.

First Reformed and Charles England Elementary School formed a partnership last year. Donations of socks and underwear enabled students who needed them to have them. Monetary donations enabled some students to make purchases at the school Book Fair. The program, Rubies and Pearls, enabled fifth grade girls to be paired with women who provide extra one-on-one time with them. A Spring Luncheon, prepared and served by Community Outreach, enabled these girls and their mentors to enjoy time together in a special way. We have other members who go to read with students or be Lunch Buddies, enabling these children to feel good that someone cares about them. Breakfast was provided for the faculty and staff at CEES during last year's Teacher Appreciation Week and for Orientation Day during the workdays at the beginning of school this year. Both of these enabled everyone at the school to know that they are important and appreciated. First UCC donated "First Aid" stations for each classroom, enabling students and teachers to handle little boo-boos in the rooms.

First also provides meals to clients at the Homeless Shelter on the second Monday in January, March, May, September and November. This enables those folks, not only a meal (about 300 a year) but a place to get in from the heat or cold. There is a member of our church family who volunteers overnight once a month, enabling these folks to have a comfortable, safe place to sleep.

Our commitment to Open Hands, opens our Fellowship Hall on Monday nights to feed those in need of a meal (about 6000 a year). Meals On Wheels uses our kitchen daily to prepare over 100 meals a day that are delivered by volunteers from all over the county. Our ZOOM Bag Ministry has been launched, with the opportunity to feed 150 of our neighbors wherever we might see a need. All of these enable those served to be fed and to know someone cares about them.

Our Clothing Closet has been accepting donations (over 600 pieces so far) for several weeks now. More donations are needed and welcomed. This will enable members of our community to be warmer than they might otherwise be during the coming months.

Members of our church family have been volunteering to ring the Salvation Army bell for many years around town. Members will be invited to volunteer again during the Christmas season. Donations from this program will enable families to know the spirit of the season from their neighbors.

Looking at all of these ministries and opportunities, First Reformed UCC is enabling our neighbors in need to know that God loves them and so do we. I'm proud to be an enabler!

Jerry Lovell, Board of Community Outreach Chairperson

Partnership Continues with Charles England Elementary School

~submitted by Patti Lovell



Mrs. Marsh, Office Manager at Charles England Elementary School, and Jerry Lovell, Chair of Community Outreach at First UCC unloaded desperately needed food items for CEES' "Backpack Program" to be distributed Friday, September 13th.

These bags of food go home weekly with about 50 students on Fridays. This enables these children to have something to eat over the weekend. More than we like to believe, for many children, school provides the most consistent place to receive food.

When we took those things to the school food pantry, it was almost completely bare. Since First UCC and the school are in a partnership together, we need to find ways to keep the pantry full all the time.

How could you help? What ideas do you have to help keep their pantry sufficiently stocked? Money donations would be welcomed and Jerry would gladly grocery shop. No one wants to live week-to-week.

We'd love to hear from you,
Patti P. Lovell

More than we'd like to believe, for many children, school provides the most consistent place for them to receive food. First UCC received a request earlier this month from CEES for nonperishable food items for their Backpack Program. These simple food items allow fifty students to have something to eat over the weekend when they are not in school. When the delivery was made to Charles England, their food pantry was almost completely empty.

Charles England Elementary needs help with this ongoing need throughout the school year. Each Friday, these fifty students receive a gallon-size Ziploc bag filled with food so they know they have something to eat until they return to school. This will be an ongoing project for First UCC since the children receive these bags weekly.

Items that are needed:

Juice Boxes	Applesauce Cups	Breakfast Bars	Ramen Noodles
Cheese Crackers	Canned Vegetables	Spaghetti-Os	Chicken Noodle Soup

These items should be placed in the Narthex of the church to be picked up for delivery to CEES.

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

SUNDAY LUNCH MINISTRY AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH BEGINS AGAIN!

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

Grace Episcopal Church will begin their Sunday Lunch Ministry again in October. First Reformed UCC will serve November 10, 17, and 24 this year. Please contact Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493) if you'd be willing to serve on any of these Sundays.

For the coming year, a new format is being put together for the meals that will also provide more opportunities for participation. Grace is looking for team leaders, cooks, servers, and clean-up crews. For more information, contact John Maze (704-524-6462), Susie Smith 336-596-6889, or Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493).

A ZOOM BAG STORY

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

The Hungry Veteran

He was not on the battlefields of Viet Nam or any other foreign land, but in the outer parking lot of Walmart. This battered soul was dozing under the shade of a withering maple tree. He looked as though he had been beaten down by hunger, hardship, mistakes...by life.

Living an uncertain life of loneliness and possibly despair, he was startled when I spoke to him. I handed him a bag of food, a ZOOM Bag, and thanked him for his service to our country. I received a smile and thank you from a grateful heart. "God bless you", he said as I left and he prepared to fight the battles he faces another day.

Jerry Lovell. Board of Community Outreach

(If you have a ZOOM BAG story to share, please contact Jerry at 336-746-6493.)



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2160 CANDY AND MAGAZINE SALES

Girl Scout Troop 2160 is selling candies and magazines as part of the Girl Scouts Fall Product Campaign. This fundraiser supports the troop's activities until the Cookie Sale in January and February.

Jianna Miller can accept your orders and payment through October 21 and will deliver the items to you in mid-November. Please talk to her on Sundays or email her directly at jiannamiller@gmail.com. She can also send you a link if you'd like to order anything online, including magazines.

Here is the list of candies to choose from:

- **Dulce Daisies:** Sweet milk chocolate daisies filled with a creamy caramel center. 5.1 oz. gift box: \$6
- **Fruit Slices:** Sweet, chewy candy with a punch of your favorite flavors and sprinkled with sugar. 10.5 oz.: \$6
- **Peanut Butter Monkeys:** Creamy peanut butter covered monkeys with irresistible milk chocolate. 5.1 oz. gift box: \$6
- **Spicy Cajun Mix:** Barbecued peanuts, barbecued corn sticks, mini sesame chips, taco and hot Cajun sesame sticks. 7 oz.: \$7
- **Malted Milk Balls:** Dark chocolate malted milk balls with sea salt. 7.5 oz.: \$8
- **Chocolate Covered Raisins:** Plump, juicy raisins covered in smooth, delicious chocolate. 10.5 oz.: \$7
- **Cranberry Trail Mix:** Cranberries, raisins, almonds, cashews, English walnuts and banana chips. 7 oz.: \$7
- **Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels:** Creamy caramel enrobed in dark chocolate, sprinkled with sea salt. 6 oz. gift box: \$7
- **English Butter Toffee:** Crunchy butter toffee covered in milk chocolate topped with crushed almonds. 5 oz. gift box: \$7
- **Pecan Supremes:** A combination of creamy caramel and pecans covered in rich milk chocolate. 5 oz. gift box: \$7
- **Chocolate Covered Almonds:** Roasted almonds smothered in a creamy milk chocolate. 9 oz.: \$8
- **Whole Cashews.** Gourmet cashews roasted and lightly salted to perfection. 8 oz.: \$9
- **Girl Scout Tin with Milk Chocolate Trefoils:** Trefoil-shaped milk chocolates with mint centers. 6 oz. tin: \$10

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND BUDGET MEETING October 13

On Sunday, October 13 we will hold our annual Congregational Meal and Budget Meeting in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The meal will be prepared by Mike Price and friends. The menu will include chicken casserole, scalloped potatoes and green beans. Drinks will be provided.

We are asking those who plan to attend to bring a dessert to share.

So that we can plan accurately, please sign up by using this form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. (336-248-2617)

NAME _____

ATTENDING _____

_____ YES, I will bring a dessert.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS OCTOBER 9!



SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2019

This year's Homecoming will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3rd. The 11:00 service in the sanctuary will include a time of remembrance. A candle will be lit for each congregation member who passed away during the past year. Also during worship, Ken Davis, a local singer/songwriter, will be our guest for the 11:00 Homecoming worship service. He performs regularly at Yarborough's Restaurant, Weathervane Winery, and also participates in the Lexington Barbecue Festival and Arts of Davidson County. He plays with fellow musicians for the praise and worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. He is also an elder at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Following the worship service, the Board of Congregational Life will sponsor a covered dish lunch. Plan to bring your favorite food items to share with family and friends as we enjoy lunch together. Drinks will be provided.

Invite family, friends, and former member to attend!

RALLY DAY 2019

Services were well-attended for Rally Day on September 8. We kicked off a new year of spiritual growth with activities for "God's Creations" for all our children and youth. Activities included Sand Art, Inchworm Puppets, Balloon Animals and power snacks. The adults met in the Chapel for a discussion on mental health issues led by Billy West, the President and CEO of Daymark Recovery Services, Inc. and a licensed clinical social worker in North Carolina. The annual salad and potato bar luncheon was served following these activities.



HONORING CATHY WAITMAN

Rally Day 2019 was Cathy Waitman's last day as Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal. We honored her during the 11:00 worship service and following the luncheon. We will miss her skills as a leader and teacher shared during her ten-year tenure in this position. We wish you well in your retirement, Cathy!



MEMBER FOCUS: KERI LOVELL

This article comes from the August 28, 2019 Edition of "THE DISPATCH" Lexington, NC.

CHURCHLAND

School begins with new principal



Caleb Sink

School started back for students at Churchland Elementary School on Monday with a new theme, new goals and new staff members.

Principal Keri Lovell, former assistant principal at the school, provided us with an update to share with the community as the school begins

their theme of "Every Child, Every Day."

"As I transition from the assistant principal role to principal, my goal is to continue the momentum and maintain a trajectory of success," said Lovell. "As a district we have a new strategic plan and it is our goal to weave that into our mission at the school level. We have a partnership with the Dragonfly House in an effort to build a Compassionate Resilient School and meet the ever changing social and emotional needs of our students."

Several new faces are

also present on the staff of the school including: Assistant Principal Kemp Smith, fourth-grade teacher Angela Kelly, speech pathologist Kate Antony, second-grade teacher Debora Snider, kindergarten teacher Heather Leonard and exceptional childrens compliance specialist Jennifer Ogle.

We hope for an enjoyable year for the students and staff of Churchland Elementary.



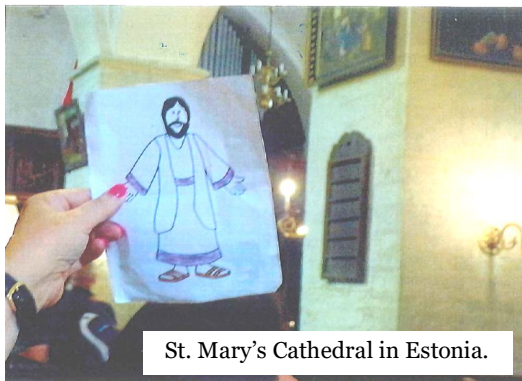
Keri Lovell is the new principal of Churchland Elementary School. [CALEB SINK FOR THE DISPATCH]

FLAT JESUS CONTINUES HIS TRAVELS!

Johnny and Lynn McCarn took Flat Jesus along with them when they travelled through Germany and Russia. They shared their adventures with some great pictures!



On the train to Berlin, Germany.



St. Mary's Cathedral in Estonia.



Russia's architecture.



St. Isaac's Cathedral in Russia.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

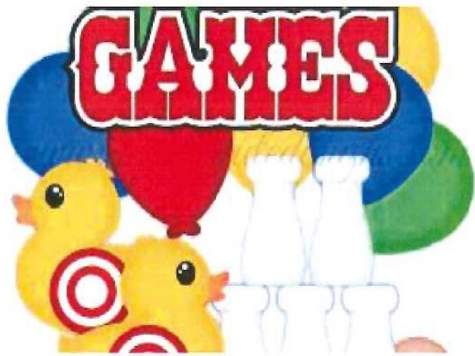
There was plenty of help from the children and youth for the Garden Work Day on Sunday, September 15. Thanks for the guidance and help from Edgar Miller, Sylvia Walser and Vicky Gray!

Due to the lack of rain and the extended growing season, the First Reformed UCC Community Garden Fund is running a little low. Please consider making a small special offering to the Garden Fund so we can finish strong. Thank you .



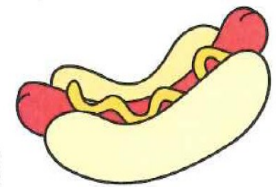
BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5pm-6pm



Games & Prizes

(3rd Avenue @ First Presbyterian)



Hotdogs for the kids!

(State St. @ First United Methodist)



(State Street Parking Lot @
First United Methodist)

Music



(corner of 3rd Avenue & State Street)

**Wear a costume and BRING non-perishable
canned food items (canned meats, canned pasta &
canned beans, corn, or potatoes) for Pastor's Pantry**



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**PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING
AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHER FOR OUR
CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Volunteers are needed each week to help with the Children and Teens Sunday School classes. Typically, two are needed to teach the **CHILDREN'S** or **TEEN'S CLASS** and one is needed to serve as a **ROVING HELPER**.

Volunteering as a Sunday School Teacher or Roving Helper, even just for one Sunday, **would be a big help!**

Volunteers will need a background check, which is a quick and easy process and the cost is covered by the church.

Please contact the church office if you are willing to help! (336-248-2617)

The adult class will continue its book study on "A Bigger Table" through October 20th. Bonita Hooper and Lisa Nelson will lead these discussions.



OPEN HANDS
MORE GRACE - LESS JUDGMENT



**Open Hands Semi-Annual
David Surgeon Memorial Fish Fry**

Tickets: \$8.00

Friday, October 4th 11AM-7PM

Open Hands Mercy Station Stephen

@ St. Stephen UMC - 100 East 1st Street

(corner of East 1st Street and North Salisbury)

Fish/Slaw/Hushpuppies /Baked Potato

Eat in or Carryout

(Delivery available for local orders of five or more)

Proceeds to benefit our free food ministry

(Donations are accepted to provide free fish plates to our friends who may be struggling.)

Call 336-242-6142 for more information.

David Surgeon was a faithful member of St. Stephen UMC who firmly believed in the call of Christ to serve those in need and to reach out to our community. He strongly supported Open Hands and the establishment of Mercy Station Stephen.



**FALL FESTIVAL
AT SECOND CHURCH**

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 4-7 PM
FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
IN THE AREA ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
CHURCH

330 N. CHURCH STREET



MUSIC BY DAVIS TUCKER

HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS
DESSERT

&

YARD GAMES
(CORN HOLE, etc.)

&

BINGO

BRING YOUR LAWN
CHAIRS

& JOIN US FOR A
RELAXING
AFTERNOON



THANK YOU FOR SERVING

October Liturgist:

Doris Sink

Usher Chairperson

Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:

Ted Smith

Ushers:

Susan Odom, Nicole Smith,
Clifford Lopp, June Grubb

Youth Usher:

Claire Smith

Plate Attendant:

J. W. Bates

Sound Tech:

Calvin Odom

Acolyte:

Jacob Hartle

Bible Steward:

Lucas Peterson

FIRST SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:

Brian McKerlie & Mike Price

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

6th: Brian McKerlie
13th: Smithie Parrish,
Christie & Kiaya Plummer
20th: John & Vicky Gray
27th: Brian McKerlie

Nursery:

6th: John Smith
13th: Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller
15th: Anne Bevan & Sylvia Walser
22nd: Tammy Rhodes & Susie Smith

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, 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:

*Steve Comer (friend of the Holste's),
*Michael Cortina (friend of Patti Lovell), Carolyn Ward (John and James Gray's aunt), Bruce Wehrle (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn), Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Sam Maness (Marge Doty's grandson), Jerry Byrd (Friend of John & 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.

2019 BBQ FESTIVAL

October 26

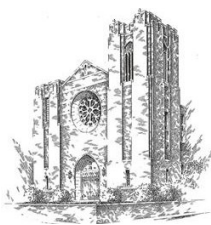




OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Throughout October: Girl Scout Troop 2160 Candy & Magazine Sale (until October 21) RADA Cutlery Sales	September 30 Consistory Board reports due to the office	1 10:45 Willing Weavers {Rm. 3} 12:00 "Race & Faith" {Parlor} 6:30 Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor} Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Office}	2 11:00 Morning Glory Circle {Parlor} 6:00 Middle/HS Youth Ministry 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	3 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	4	5
6 9:45 Coffee 10:00 Spiritual Formation 11:00 Worship Kids Club World Communion Neighbors in Need Offering Following Worship: Consistory	7 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	8 10:00 Collaborative Ministries {Parlor} 10:45 Willing Weavers {Rm. 3} 12:00 "Race & Faith" {Parlor} 6:00 Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship {FH}	9 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	10 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	11	12
13 9:45 Coffee 10:00 Faith Formation 11:00 Worship Following Worship: Congregational Meal & Budget Meeting {FH} 4-7:00 2nd UCC Fall Festival	14 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	15 10:45 Willing Weavers {Rm. 3} 12:00 "Race & Faith" {Parlor} 2:00 Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {Parlor}	16 6:00 Middle/HS Youth Ministry 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	17 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}	18	19
20 9:45 Coffee 10:00 Faith Formation 11:00 Worship Children's Sabbath	21 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	22 10:45 Willing Weavers {Rm. 3}	23 12:00 Friendship Club {at Yarborough's} 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	24 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 5-9:00 Red Hats Meal & Meeting {FH}	25 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY!	26 2019 Lexington BBQ Festival
27 9:45 Coffee 10:00 Faith Formation 11:00 Worship Receive Pledge Cards & Time & Talent Sheets 5-6:00 BLOCK PARTY	28 6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}	29 10:45 Willing Weavers {Rm. 3}	30 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room} 7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}	31 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio} 7:00 Square Dancing {FH}		

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The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves

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WORSHIP HOURS

9:45 COFFEE

10:00 FAITH FORMATION

11:00 WORSHIP



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stacey Potts
- 2 Adena Wall
- 6 Joy Walser
- 7 Kelsey Johnson
- 9 Griff Smith
- 12 Bill Robbins
- 20 Lee Ann Peele
- 21 Mark Loper
- 22 Molly Robertson
- 25 Jamie Link
- 28 Nicole Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1
John & Susie Smith
- 7
Robert & Beverly Sandifer
- 23
Jeremy & Keri Lovell
- 25
Henry & Kay Crouse
- 30
Albert & Melody Evans

OCTOBER WORSHIP THEME

"WHAT DISCIPLES DO"

OCTOBER 6: BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE

Luke 17: 5-10

OCTOBER 13: SAY THANK YOU

Luke 17: 11-19

OCTOBER 20: NEVER GIVE UP

Luke 18: 1-8

OCTOBER 27: DON'T JUDGE

Luke 18: 9-14