



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 items listed are the most requested. Please bring items from the list below to the crates labeled "PASTOR'S PANTRY" in the Narthex throughout October.

OCTOBER 6th

Canned vegetables
Canned fruits

OCTOBER 20th

Canned meats
Canned pastas

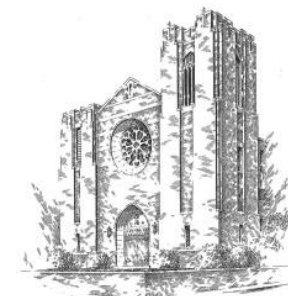
OCTOBER 13th

Saltine crackers
Cereal

OCTOBER 27th

Peanut Butter

First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

September 29, 2019
11:00AM

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 Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Elizabeth Horton

Gathering Words

(based on Psalm 146)

Gennie Lou Byerly

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in worldly rulers

For they are temporary, their plans will fall apart.

Happy are those whose help and hope is in God

For God made heaven and earth and all living things.

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of all.

God watches over those on the margins, the strangers, the widows and orphans,

And God will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"You Servants of God"

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*Invocation

Gennie Lou Byerly

Centering

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 6: 9-12, 17-19
(Page #1083 in Pew Bible)

Gennie Lou Byerly

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Almighty God, we confess that we have sided with the rulers, with those in power, those who have wealth, those who have sway over the people. We confess that our ways are not Your ways. We followed false shepherds, leaders who promise the easy way, instead of seeking You. Forgive us. Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and mercy, even when it is difficult. Call us to bring in those from the margins. Remind us that our own redemption is bound in the liberation of others. It is in Christ's name that we pray, for Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace

"Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All children Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join Children's Church with Keri Hartle & Keri Lovell in the Chapel.)

Weekend Backpack Program



CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & FIRST REFORMED UCC PARTNERSHIP

Our church received a request from CEES for nonperishable food items for their Backpack Program. These Food items allow fifty students to have something to eat over the weekend when they are not in school. This is an ongoing need throughout the school year, so it will also be an ongoing project for First Reformed UCC. These items should be placed in the Narthex to be picked up for delivery to CEES.

Items that are needed:

Juice Boxes

Applesauce Cups

Breakfast Bars

Ramen Noodles

Cheese Crackers

Canned Vegetables

Spaghetti-Os

Chicken Noodle Soup

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 "Here I Am, Lord" Dan Schutte
(Soloist: Lisa Nelson)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling, calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling, calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. **I will hold your people in my heart. (repeats)**

Proclaiming

Scripture Luke 16: 19-31 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #954 in Pew Bible)

Sermon "What Disciples Do: Practice Generosity"

Responding

*Hymn "When I Needed a Neighbour" 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 Gennie Lou Byerly

Sending

*Call to Dedication Gennie Lou Byerly

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 "Pass the Love"

*Postlude

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Gennie Lou Byerly PLATE ATTENDANT: Raeann Allred
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens SOUND TECHNICIAN: John Gray
ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell BIBLE STEWARD: Jacob Hartle
USHERS: John Smith (Captain), Dave Fulton, Alane Holste, Calvin Odom

NURSERY: Jeremy Peterson
GREETER: Frankie Hedrick
YOUTH USHER: Jonathan Kepley

You Servants of God

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,
2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,
and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name,
whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!
all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,
the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,
whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley 1744, rev. R. Gerald Hobbs 1987
Music: William Gardiner 1815
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I Love to Tell the Story

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever — Psalm 89:1 NIV

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove, Of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat What
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; For those who know it best Seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love: I love to
 seems each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet: I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest: And when, in

tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true; It sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard The mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old

long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Twill
 sto - ry That I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

HANKEY
 7.6.7.6.D. with Refrain

When I Needed a Neighbour

Unison Em Bm
 1 When I need - ed a neigh - bour, were you there, were you there?
 2 I was hun - gry and thirs - ty, were you there, were you there?
 3 I was cold, I was nak - ed, were you there, were you there?
 4 When I need - ed a heal - er, were you there, were you there?
 5 Wher - ev - er you trav - el I'll be there, I'll be there,

B C Am7 Em
 When I need - ed a neigh - bour, were you there?
 I was hun - gry and thirs - ty, were you there?
 I was cold, I was nak - ed, were you there?
 When I need - ed a heal - er, were you there?
 where - ev - er you trav - el I'll be there.

D G Em G C Em B7 Em
 (Refrain: vv. 1-4)
 And the creed and the col - our and the name won't mat - ter, were you there?
 (Refrain: v. 5)
 And the creed and the col - our and the name won't mat - ter, I'll be there.

Words: Sydney Carter 1962

Music: Sydney Carter, barm. Cantate Domino, full-music edition

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**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.

**FALL SERMON SERIES
What Disciples Do: Luke 14-20**

- Take Faith Seriously
- Search for the Outcasts
- Resist Greed
- Practice Generosity**
- Believe in the Impossible
- Say Thank You
- Never Give Up
- Don't Judge
- Befriend the Friendless
- Ask Hard Questions
- Dream of What Can Be

BELL CHOIR TO RESUME PRACTICE
Beginning Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 the Bell Choir will have its first practice for the year. If you are interested in being a part of the group, please contact Ellen at ellenpeterson@gmail.com or the church office, 336-248-2617.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH MINISTRY
Wednesday, October 2nd
6:00- 7:30**

This ministry will continue to meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month. Susan Morris will lead.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL
SUNDAY LUNCH MINISTRY**

The Sunday Lunch Ministry will begin again in October. **Our church needs volunteers to serve November 10, 17 and 24.** Please contact Jerry Lovell if you are willing to serve on any of these Sundays. (336-746-6493)

**MEALS ON WHEELS
DRIVERS NEEDED**

If you can help deliver meals for this outreach ministry, please contact Alisa Johnson at 336-250-6589.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
CHILDREN & YOUTH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

During October, Sunday School for our children and youth will focus on **preparation for Children's Sabbath** on October 20th. Stacy Sosebee-West will direct, with assistance from volunteer rovers.

Volunteers are still needed to teach and serve as rovers beyond October 20th. If you can help, please contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 6th is World Communion Sunday. **If you have an item from another country, please bring it to the sanctuary for display.**

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING
This is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. We will receive this offering **October 6**. Envelopes will be distributed the Sunday before for your convenience.

**CHURCH CALENDAR
THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER**

Celebration of the Arts Display in the Parlor

Sunday, September 29

- 9:45AM** Coffee {FH}
- 10:00AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Open to All: "Parenting and Faith" led by Jeremy Lovell
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Lisa Nelson
Teens: "Wise Guy, Eh?" (Wisdom) led by Kivi Miller
Children: "Don't Judge by Appearances" led by Vicky Gray
Roving Helper: Carolyn Robbins
Worship in the Sanctuary
"What Disciples Do: Practice Generosity"
Children's Church
led by Keri Hartle & Keri Lovell

Monday, September 30

- 12:30PM** Consistory Board Reports due in office
- 6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry {FH}

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:45AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
- 12:00PM** Conversations on Race & Faith {FH}
- 6:30PM** Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}
Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Office}

Wednesday, October 2

- 11:00AM** Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
- 6:00PM** Youth Ministry {FH}
- 6:30PM** Bell Choir {Bell Room}
- 7:15PM** Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, October 3

- 5:15PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}
- 7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

Friday, October 4

- 11-7:00** Open Hands Ministry Annual Fish Fry {St. Stephen UMC}

Sunday, October 6

- 9:45AM** Coffee {FH}
- 10:00AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper
Children & Teens: Children's Sabbath Practice: led by Stacy Sosebee-West
Roving Helper: Marge Doty
Worship in the Sanctuary
"What Disciples Do: Believe the Impossible"
World Communion
Neighbors in Need Offering
Kids Club with Alice Gray & Lynn Brown

Following Worship: **Consistory**

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.

September / October

Birthdays

Anniversaries

29th
Marzell Crofts

1st
John & Susie Smith

30th
Kelly Greathouse

1st
Stacey Potts

2nd
Adena Wall

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Mike Price to the Glory of God and loving memory of Clifford & Margaret Price.

THE BUD VASE is in honor of Piper Elizabeth Lohr, born Thursday, September 19th. Her parents are Dorothy Mauldin and John Lohr. Proud grandparents are Buddy and Rita Lohr.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND BUDGET MEETING

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 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!

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.