

# *First Reformed United Church of Christ*

Lexington, NC

**NOVEMBER 2019**

We are turning a corner in the life of this church, looking toward a new decade - 2020, which invites us to look forward into the next 10 years. The Consistory is spending time discussing what opportunities and challenges the new year can bring. We will continue creating a vision for how we understand God calling us as a congregation.

We have two search committees diligently discerning how to fulfill the ministry needs of Organist/Pianist and Director of Spiritual Growth. Please be in prayer for these two groups and for God to provide.

The Time and Talent Sheets help us as we seek to plan for 2020 and beyond. These ask how you would like to serve God through this church. The sheets let Board Chairs know who they can call to help with different ministries of the church. If you wish to do something that is not on the sheet, please write it down or let me know. God is continuously moving us in new and uncharted directions, and we want to help you fulfill God's unique call on your life.

Another tool in looking forward is the 2020 Pledge Card. Completing this is a spiritual discipline of sorts, urging you to think about your life circumstances and how you would like to give financially to the mission of First Reformed. You can still turn both of these in via paper or online

on our website, [www.frucc.org](http://www.frucc.org). Thank you for supporting the many ways this church is sharing Christ's love.

May our eyes be looking to the future for the sake of the Gospel.

~Elizabeth



**The Lexington Senior High School Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Melonie Rector, shared beautiful music with us for worship on Sunday, October 27.**



## **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.

## **~OCTOBER~ MEMORIALS**

MARGIE EVERHART

KATHLEEN FERGUSON

SARAH "JO" HUDSON

FRUCC CHOIR

MERLE & JERRY HODGES

EULENE SHEPHERD

KATHERINE SKIPPER

JERRY & AURELIA SMITH

CATHY & STEVE WAITAN

CAROLYN WARD

CATHY & STEVE WAITMAN

## **~ THANK YOU NOTES ~**

First Reformed UCC Members,

You truly pulled one over on me this time...what a surprise!

I am humbled by your kindness, caring words and warm embraces. There are not enough adjectives to express how thankful I am for my church family.

Special thanks to Rev. Mike Hooper for his generous remarks, Rev. Elizabeth Horton, Consistory President Eddie Yates, Treasurer Walter Hoffman and anyone else who was responsible for making this another exceptional day for me.

Cliff and I have been overwhelmingly blessed by you all. We thank God daily for your love and support.

Paula

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd!**

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**DON'T FORGET**  
**to turn your clocks BACK one hour be-**  
**fore you go to bed on**  
**Saturday, November 2nd!**





~submitted by Matt Johnson

I am working with ***America's Tooth Fairy SMILE DRIVE*** program for my fall internship for school this semester. If you did not know, ***America's Tooth Fairy*** is a nonprofit organization that collects donations, either dental products or monetary, and then distributes them to charities, schools, and other places to give to underprivileged children and their families.

I am writing to ask if you would be willing to bring donations for this worthy program? There is no limit to what kind of donations you can bring:

**toothbrushes, dental floss,  
toothpaste (even travel sizes), or  
monetary donations**

Any monies collected will help the organization buy supplies themselves or set up clinics or educational events.

**ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED AT  
FIRST REFORMED UCC WILL  
STAY IN LEXINGTON!**

I appreciate any help with my internship project for school. Donations may be made until **Sunday, November 17**. Please place them in the box in the Narthex. Money donations can be placed in the offering plate (please label them "Tooth Fairy") or brought to the church office.

**THANK YOU!**

## **MEN'S BROTHERHOOD TO SELL SMOKED PORK LOINS AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

If you'd like to order a smoked pork loin to pick up just in time for your Christmas meal, you may complete this form to place in the offering plate or contact the church office to purchase a ticket.

The pork loins will be available on **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You have a choice of either a **12:00 or 3:00 pick up time**. The cost of each ticket is **\$40.00** each and includes a quart of BBQ dip.

**THE NUMBER OF TICKETS IS LIMITED,  
so act quickly!**

**The deadline to purchase is Monday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

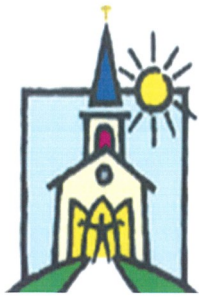
PICK UP TIME PREFERENCE:    12:00                      3:00

## **WORLD COMMUNION DAY**

Sunday, October 3 was World Communion Day. Rev. Horton asked for samples of items from other countries to be brought for display on the Chancel during worship. The items our congregation shared were beautiful and rich in history and personal memories.







## Church Homecoming and Memorial Sunday

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Invite family and friends and former members  
to come and be a part of this special day!*

*~Special Guest~*

**Ken Davis**

Local Singer & Songwriter  
will perform during the 11:00 worship

*Covered Dish Meal*

Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
*Bring your favorite foods, casseroles, desserts or  
other food items to share and join us!*



Holiday  
Bake Sale

### WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY BAKE SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

If you need help with your baking for the Thanksgiving holiday, we'll have an assortment of pies, cakes, cookies and other treats you can share with your family. Come by to visit in the Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday School and after worship.

Mary Jo will also have her famous sausage biscuits again this year, so you can enjoy one for breakfast that morning! Coffee will also be available.



### RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW!

Reserve a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. We are waiting on confirmation of the cost and the deadline for orders, but this should be similar to last year (cost approximately \$13.00 and deadline for orders November 24th.) Confirmation for this will be in the weekly

bulletins and emails. These will be placed in the sanctuary the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following worship that day to enjoy at home during the Advent Season.

Please fill out the information form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_



## HONORING PAULA

On Sunday, October 13, we surprised Paula as we honored her for 25 years of dedicated service in our church office and throughout the church. Thank you, Paula, for all you have done and continue to do for First Reformed United Church of Christ!



## ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER SUNDAYS AT 9:45

Sessions on the Old Testament Wisdom  
(Literature: Ecclesiastes)

Leaders: Rev. June Grubb & Eulene Shepherd

Questions that come to mind in a search for the meaning of life are:

- Whose life are we talking about?
- Is the meaning of life the same for all people?
- How do people in diverse situations come up with their meaning of life?
- Is one person's answer to the meaning of life better than another's?
- Who judges which is better or worse?
- What do we do when opinions differ?
- Is there one right way to look at things?'
- Is there a universal truth that applies to all people at all times?
- Who are the people who believe in universal truth?
- Whose reality is taken more seriously in this world?
- What made the author of Ecclesiastes say the things he said on the meaning of life?
- Is his answer relevant for all of us at all times? If not, what are the parts we should take seriously and what are the ones we need to discard?

### November 3: Ecclesiastes 1-2

Vapor of Vapors: Everything Evaporates  
"Vanity and Meaning"

### November 10: Ecclesiastes 3-4:8

A Time for Everything "Wisdom and Folly"

### November 17: Ecclesiastes 4:9-6:12

The Key to Life is Low Expectations  
"Wealth and Poverty"

### November 24: Ecclesiastes 7-12

Time and Change Happen to All  
"Toil and Pleasure / Life and Death"

## DECEMBER:

Advent through Epiphany:

An Intergenerational Study using the resource,  
"A Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas with  
Saint Francis of Assisi"

# **CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS**

## **FROM THE OCTOBER 6, 2019 MEETING**

### **Board of Business Management and Stewardship**

#### **Financial Report: Denise Durham**

- Average weekly offering for September was \$3,540; month end available funds \$11,084.
- Discussed the 2020 proposed budget presented at the September 2019 meeting was discussed.
- Discussed online giving. Announcements as reminders will be placed in the bulletin. Also suggested we can fill out pledge cards online.

### **Board of Community Outreach: Jerry Lovell**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- CEES Backpack Food Program continues.
- FRUCC will serve November 10, 17 & 24 at Grace Episcopal Sunday Lunch Ministry.
- Organized items in the Clothing Closet; continued need for donations.

#### **Future Activities/Concerns to be Considered:**

- Salvation Army needs bell ringers around town during the Christmas season.
- Clothing Ministry dates will be set as colder weather begins.
- Future CEES needs/projects will be discussed with Principal Beth Jessup.

### **Board of Congregational Life: Kivi Miller and Mike Price**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- Time and Talent sheets for 2020 were revamped. Form will be available in both paper and online versions

### **Board of Evangelism: Dave Fulton and Harriette Murphy**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- Third quarter Non-Attendance Report - Letters will be sent to members that have not attended worship service in the third quarter.
- Notes will be sent to congregational members in college to wish them well and remind them they are missed and in our prayers
- A letter of support will be sent to Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem after their synagogue was defaced
- Information for advertising the Big Band of Rowan County has been requested. Concert will be in the Sanctuary on November 23rd .
- Average attendance for the month of September was 88

#### **Future Activities/Concerns to be Considered:**

- The East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group held discussions during "Conversation on Race and Faith" meetings. This led to discussions on interfaith worship services. In 2020 there are four months with 5 Sundays. It was proposed these 5th Sundays be designated UNITY SUNDAYS. On Unity Sunday, one of the member churches will host the other three churches in a worship service. The suggestion is that any monies collected on those Sundays be given to Open Hands of Davidson County (unless designated otherwise).

### **Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal:**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- Organized & approved search committee members for Director of Board of Spiritual Growth & Renewal.
- Continued need for teacher/helpers for children & youth Sunday school...advertisements will continue.
- Adult Sunday School will begin a Bible study of Ecclesiastes in November.

### **Board of Worship and Sacrament: Raeann Allred & Deanna Michael**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- Bereavement Team headed by Lynn Brown served lunch to the Everhart family after the funeral for Margie.

### **Property Committee: Eddie Yates**

#### **Past/present items of interest:**

- Still reviewing options and getting quotes for keypad / entrance options for SDA Dance Studio door
- The leaking in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall is being monitored.
- Sylvester and Cockrum unclogged both AC drains in the sanctuary bell tower

#### **Future Activities/Concerns to be Considered:**

- Review and update Fellowship Hall usage guidelines and fees is still in the works

### **Old Business:**

- Church Organist/Pianist Search: Requirements for our search have been sent to eight different locations and listed on our website.
- Thank you to Kivi Miller for updating and inserting the Time and Talent form on the website. She will work with Dave Fulton to manually input info received by hard copy. Project is to be completed by November 10th.
- Board of Community Outreach will take over the Pastor's Pantry food collection, taking place in October annually, in 2020.

### **New Business:**

- Nominating Committee presented its lists of names for Deacon, Elder and Trustees for 2020
- Handicap Accessibility: bathrooms on the main hallway of the education building are a concern.
- **The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is November 10, 2019.**

## Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal

### **Purpose of Position:**

To provide oversight and leadership in the Spiritual Formation of children, youth, and adults so they may grow in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Part-time:**

Average 15 hours per week, flexible hours; realizing some weeks will be more intensive than others.

We are searching for a person (ordained or non-ordained) who has a high regard for the diversity of God's people and who has an interest in helping young people explore ministries of service and social justice, and in forming intergenerational connections. This person should be able to maintain confidentiality and should have a passion for connecting the relevance of the Bible and Christian tradition with children, youth and adults.

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**Expectations** include but are not limited to:

1. Work collaboratively with staff and lay volunteers to develop, create, and implement fellowship, service, and Bible Study opportunities for children, youth, and adults.
2. Recruit, educate, and nurture teachers/ leaders for children and youth in accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy.
3. Lead and/or Facilitate Ministry Teams for (Children, Youth, Adult) to create and provide faith formation opportunities
4. Attendance/involvement in worship regularly
5. Attend staff meeting monthly
6. Coordinate and communicate calendar events with Larger Church Calendar through Office staff
7. Oversee the coordination of Childcare and nursery for church functions
8. Maintain/Oversee the purchase educational supplies
9. Encourage connection with larger denomination UCC
10. Collaborate with Pastor about involvement in Baptism and Confirmation and other milestones
11. Work with the Pastor to incorporate Children and Youth in worship
12. Seasonal Ministry Programming (Advent/Christmas ,Lent/Easter, Summer such as VBS)
13. Communicate consistently and effectively with children/youth/families
14. Emphasize Intergenerational opportunities and to integrate young people into the life of the congregation.
15. Help develop budget with Ministry Teams
16. Regularly pray for the children and youth.

Send cover letter, resume, and 2 letters of recommendation to [church@frucc.org](mailto:church@frucc.org)

**Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



# Meals on Wheels



## Drivers Needed

### IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS OUTREACH MINISTRY

please contact Alisa Johnson  
at 336-250-6589.



### 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.

Rada Cutlery is 100% American Made – raw materials and construction. Rada Mfg. Co. has made and sold over 150,000,000 knives since 1948, earning the reputation for remarkable cutlery, service, and value. Buy the best high carbon, stainless steel. Through the years the lessons we've learned have been simple:

- Machine the blades to a razor sharp edge.
- Ship orders within 48 hours.
- Charge a fair price.
- Treat our customers as we ourselves would like to be treated.
- 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!

#### **Guaranteed for Life!**

Rada Mfg. Co. will replace any product manufactured by our company returned to us due to defects in material or workmanship.

## NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Volunteers are needed **EACH WEEK** to help with the Children and Teens Sunday School classes. Three volunteers are needed each Sunday...two teachers and one 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)**

## A ZOOM BAG STORY

*"Whom shall I send?"*

*"Here I am! Send me!"*

~shared by Susie Smith

I was at work and right before my break a man walked up to me and held his hand out with a little change in his hand and said he was tapped out, could he get a sandwich? I told him to keep his change and that I would buy him a hot dog. He was grateful with a tear in his eye. I went to my car and got that goodie bag from church, put \$2 in it along with his hot dog and cup of water. He thanked me with tears in his eyes and said God loves us all! That man was grateful and so am I to be able to help him.

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



## **MORNING GLORY CIRCLE**

*~submitted by Susan Miller*

The Morning Glory Circle met October 2, 2019. President Rita Lohr gave an update on our shut-ins. Susan Miller read the minutes from the previous meeting. Deanna Michael gave the treasurer's report.

Rita Lohr had our program using an article from *Guide Post Planner* concerning a traffic jam in St. Louis. A mother goose stopped traffic in order to cross with her babies and God took care of them. Then each of us described a similar situation when we had witnessed God's protection.

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

*~submitted by Paula Lopp*

The United Friendship Club met at Yarborough's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for a delicious meal.

Following lunch Rev. June Grubb gave an update on homebound members and requested prayers for the family of Jo Hudson upon her recent death and Valerie Price who is now a resident at Hinkle Hospice House.

President, John Smith opened discussion on Friendship Club By-laws. Prior to the meeting club members had received a copy for review. The most recent copy had been revised in 2005; therefore, several items were discussed and updated.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year. Co-presidents are John Smith and Clifton Murphy; co-treasurers, Deanna Michael and Paula Lopp.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Friendship Club will have a joint November/December meeting on **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** in the church fellowship hall. The meeting is scheduled to begin at **11:30am**. Chicken casseroles will be provided. Members/guests are asked to bring side dishes and dessert. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**

## **KID'S CLUB**

*~submitted by Alice Gray*

Kids Club met on October 6. The conversation was centered around allowances, saving money and budgeting. We discussed how church members donate to our church to pay for the buildings, utilities, salaries, supplies, etc. Special thanks go to Lynn Brown and Stacy Sosebee-

West for their assistance. Stacy also talked with the children about Children's Sabbath money. With money on their minds, the children drew placemats that were used for the Congregational Budget Meeting and Meal on October 13.

## **WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

*~submitted by Carolyn Robbins*

WLF joined Men's Brotherhood for supper before beginning their meeting on October 8. Linda Sink called the meeting to order. Paula Lopp shared devotions and Belinda Yates gave a treasurer's report.

Discussions included upcoming events. We will provide a snack supper for the youth ministry on November 20. Our November Bake Sale is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, just in time for Thanksgiving. We will have items for sale in the Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday School and after worship. We are still considering the possibility of another dinner theater and will discuss this more next month. We are looking at a Sunday in January to sell soup. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12. 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, October 8<sup>th</sup> along with Women's Life Fellowship for a delicious meal of pork loin, salad, and baked potato. Women's Life Fellowship members provided several desserts. Thank you to all the cooks for a delicious meal.

After breaking into separate meetings, Frank Leonard provided devotions for the Brotherhood.

The men discussed parking vehicles on the church lots for the BBQ Festival. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Narthex for folks to sign up to assist with the church-wide fundraising project.

The Brotherhood will sell pork loins again this year. They will be prepared Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to have available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day family gatherings. Cost is \$40.00 each and includes a quart of dip. Pre-orders will be taken with a deadline of December 16th. Please use the signup sheet in the newsletter, bulletin or contact the church office at 336-248-2617. Our next meeting date will be November 12th.

## BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

### Grace Episcopal Church

First Reformed UCC will be volunteering on three Sundays.

#### November 11

**Cooking:** John Maze & Susie Smith

**Serving:** Mark, Nicole, Elliott & Emory Smith, John & Vicky Gray

#### November 17

**Cooking:** John Maze & Susie Smith

**Serving:** John & Susie Smith

Girl Scout Troup #2160: Kivi Miller, Beth McSparin, Jianna Miller,  
Alyson McSparin, Brenda Spence, Chloe Redfern, Kiara Lewis

#### November 24

**Serving:** Buddy & Rita Lohr, Doris Sink, Alicia Johnson, Jerry & Patti Lovell

### Charles England Elementary School

Please continue to send donations for the Backpack Food Program. A sincere thank you goes to our First Reformed UCC church family for the generous contributions for this on-going ministry.

### Clothes Closet

The Clothing Closet is now open! On Monday evenings before Open Hands Ministry Meal, folks will be available to assist shoppers. At other times, Jerry Lovell is available for shoppers by appointment. (336-746-6493) If you would like to volunteer to help in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.



### Thanksgiving Meal

This meal will be provided at no charge by community members and will be served in our church fellowship hall. There will be a full Thanksgiving meal available from 11:00AM-3:00PM. Meals can be eat-in or carry out. To participate, contact Jerry Lovell. (336-746-6493)

### Salvation Army

Volunteers are needed to ring the bells for THE RED KETTLES around Lexington. There will be sign-up sheets for dates, times and locations as soon as that information is available.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

First Reformed UCC needs volunteer bell ringers in December for the Salvation Army. Volunteers will fill 2-hour time slots. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jerry Lovell** at 336-746-6493



## How Does Our Garden Grow?

We are close to wrapping up our 9th year in the First Reformed UCC Community Garden. On October 12, **85 pounds** of sweet potatoes and **15 pounds** of okra and eggplant were harvested.



## COMMUNITY FORUM ON RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING

The congregation is invited to a workshop by The Racial Equity Institute on **Saturday, November 2 from 9-12** at DCCC, free of charge. For more info, contact Rev. Horton or visit the website at [www.racialequityinstitute.com](http://www.racialequityinstitute.com)

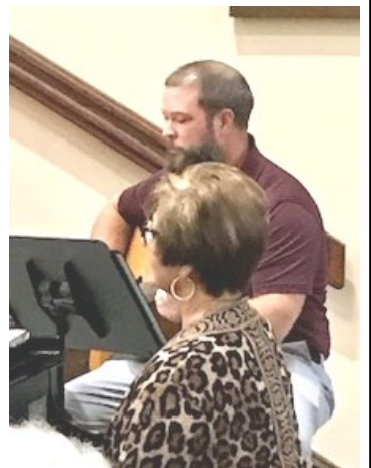
## CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM TRIP PLANNED

East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group has held a series of discussions on "Race & Faith." We are excited that others from the community have participated. We are extending services through November 12. Also, we are planning a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. If interested, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 10, 2019**. The cost will depend on the number going. Plans will include lunch after visiting the museum.

~Dave Fulton, Leader of East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group









# CHILDREN'S SABBATH, OCTOBER 20, 2019

Thank you for your wonderful service on *"Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty."*



Thank you, Stacy Sosebee-West, for your leadership.

Thank you Jeremy & Keri Lovell and Keri & Casey Hartle for your help with music .



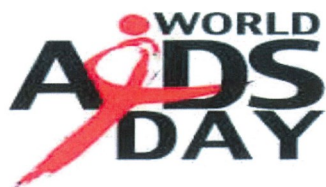
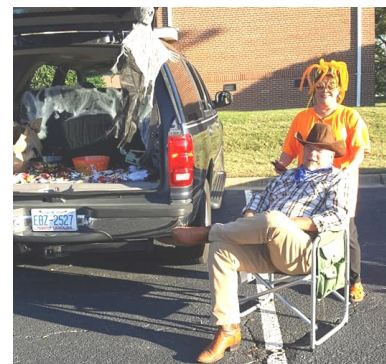
Thank you for your assistance Marge Doty, Camille Morgan, Brian McKerlie, and Renee Walsh.





# TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

Community churches shared in Trunk-or-Treating and other activities for kids to enjoy on Sunday, October 27. Some of our members really got into the "spirit" of the festivities!



*"KNOW  
YOUR  
STATUS"*

**Sunday, December 1 at 3pm**

First Reformed UCC, Fellowship Hall  
104 E. Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292

*If I Knew Then  
What I Know Now*

A collection of dramatic monologues –  
stories of the impact of HIV and AIDS

*Presented by*

**FirstFruits** Drama Ministry of  
Saint Matthews UMC, Greensboro, NC



Sponsored by: East Lexington Collaborative Ministries  
St. Stephen UMC, Shadyside Presbyterian, 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed UCC, 2<sup>nd</sup> UCC  
No Charge; Offering taken to benefit Positive Wellness Alliance

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# ROWAN BIG BAND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 at 4:00PM

FIRST REFORMED UCC

104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC



"The **Rowan Big Band All Stars** is an 18-piece community big band in the tradition of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and other early twentieth-century great bandleaders, home-based in Landis, North Carolina and specializing in Great American Songbook favorites and big band swing. First organized in 2000, the Band is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving this uniquely American style of music and sharing our appreciation of it with others. The members of our band volunteer their talents for performances, and the net proceeds from our musical performances are used to support worthwhile local charities.

"From the beginning, founder Roy Turbyfill's vision for the band has been to help support charitable causes in Piedmont North Carolina by providing quality entertainment for charity events and fundraisers. Over the years the Rowan Big Band has performed at benefits for charities such as Communities in Schools, Speedway Children's Charities, the USO, American Cancer Society, The American Legion Auxiliary, W.G. Hefner Veterans' Medical Center and others."

*The above information comes from the Band's website at <https://www.rowanbigband.com/the-band>*

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN NOVEMBER

**Liturgist:**  
Keri Hartle

**Youth Liturgist:**  
Jonathan Kepley

**Usher Chairperson**  
Jeff Hutchens

**Usher Captain:**  
Mike Brown

**Ushers:**  
Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough,  
Heidi Hutcheson

**Youth Usher:**  
Haylee Hutcheson

**Plate Attendant:**  
Buddy Lohr

**Sound Tech:**  
Dave Fulton

**Acolyte:**  
Elliott Smith

**Bible Steward:**  
Emory Smith

**FIRST SUNDAY  
CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:**  
(No Social due to Homecoming)

## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

### Greeters:

|       |                      |
|-------|----------------------|
| 3rd:  | Jerry & Patti Lovell |
| 10th: | Susan Morris         |
| 17th: | Marge Doty           |
| 24th: | Raeann Allred        |

### Nursery:

|       |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 3rd:  | Jeremy Peterson & John Gray   |
| 10th: | Alice Gray & Vicky Gray       |
| 17th: | Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser |
| 24th: | Nicole Smith & Nina Smith     |

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*The family of Valerie Price, \*The family of James & John Gray, \*The family of Sarah "Jo" Hudson, Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

### OUR FRIENDS:

\*Mason Monk (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn), \*Sara MacMillan (friend of Frankie Hedrick), \*Boyd Perry (friend of Frankie Hedrick), Landon Yocum (Carolyn Yocum's granddaughter), Michelle Kilgorf (friend of Brian McKerlie), Carolyn Ward (John & James Gray's aunt), Bert Davison (friend of Frank Leonard), Chase Saunders (Lee & Ellen Bouchard's grandson), Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Pastor Marion Rhyne (friend of John Maze), Steve Comer (friend of the Holste's), Michael Cortina (friend of Patti Lovell)

**\*Indicates newly added.** 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).



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TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK  
ONE HOUR  
BEFORE YOU GO  
TO BED  
SAUTRDAY,  
NOVEMBER 3RD.**



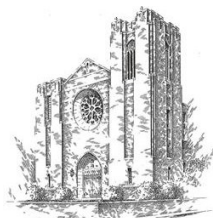


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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                         | <b>1</b><br><b>6-8:00</b><br>Valerie Price<br>visitation at<br>Piedmont Funeral<br>Home | <b>2</b><br><b>9-12:00</b><br>Racial Equity<br>Training at<br>DCCC<br><br><b>2:00</b><br>Memorial<br>Service for<br>Valerie Price<br>{Sanctuary} |
| <b>3</b><br><b>9:45</b> Adult Bible Study<br><b>10:00</b> Children & Youth<br>Sunday School<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br>Homecoming<br>Holy Communion<br><br><b>Following Worship:</b><br>Congregational Covered<br>Dish Lunch {FH}                                                                                    | <b>4</b><br>Consistory Board Reports<br>due to the office<br><br><b>5:30</b> Clothes<br>Closet Open<br><br><b>6:30</b> Open Hands<br>Ministry Meal {FH}              | <b>5</b><br><b>10:45</b> Willing<br>Weavers {Rm. 3}<br><b>12:00</b> "Race &<br>Faith" {FH}<br><b>6:30</b> Bd. of<br>Evangelism {P}<br>Bd. of Spiritual<br>Growth {Office}                                              | <b>6</b><br><b>11:00</b> Morning<br>Glory Circle {P}<br><b>6:00</b> Youth<br>Ministry {FH}<br><b>6:30</b> Bell Choir<br>{Bell Room}<br><b>7:15</b> Choir<br>{Chapel Annex} | <b>7</b><br><b>5:15</b> Yoga Class<br>{Dance Studio}<br><b>7:00</b> Square<br>Dancing {FH}              | <b>8</b>                                                                                | <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>10</b> GRACE EPISCOPAL MEAL<br><b>9:45</b> Adult Bible Study<br><b>10:00</b> Children & Youth<br>Sunday School<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br>Kid's Club<br><br><b>Following Worship:</b><br>Congregational Meeting<br>Consistory                                                                                     | <b>11</b><br><b>VETERAN'S<br/> DAY</b><br><br><b>5:30</b> Clothes<br>Closet Open<br><br><b>6:00</b> Shelter Meal<br><br><b>6:30</b> Open Hands<br>Ministry Meal {FH} | <b>12</b><br><b>10:00</b> Collabora-<br>tive Ministries {P}<br><b>10:45</b> Willing<br>Weavers {Rm. 3}<br><b>12:00</b> "Race &<br>Faith" {FH}<br><b>6:00</b> Men's<br>Brotherhood &<br>Women's Life<br>Fellowship {FH} | <b>13</b><br><b>6:30</b> Bell Choir<br>{Bell Room}<br><b>7:15</b> Choir<br>{Chapel Annex}                                                                                  | <b>14</b><br><b>5:15</b> Yoga Class<br>{Dance Studio}<br><b>7:00</b> Square<br>Dancing {FH}             | <b>15</b>                                                                               | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>17</b> GRACE EPISCOPAL MEAL<br><b>9:45</b> Adult Bible Study<br><b>10:00</b> Children & Youth<br>Sunday School<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br>Children's Church<br>Baptism: Lucas Cruz<br><br><b>Following Worship:</b><br>Congregational Meeting<br><br><b>4:00</b> Director of Spiritual<br>Growth Search Committee | <b>18</b><br><b>5:30</b> Clothes<br>Closet Open<br><br><b>6:30</b> Open Hands<br>Ministry Meal {FH}                                                                  | <b>19</b><br><b>10:45</b> Willing<br>Weavers {Rm. 3}                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>20</b><br><b>6:00</b> Youth<br>Ministry {FH}<br><b>6:30</b> Bell Choir<br>{Bell Room}<br><b>7:15</b> Choir<br>{Chapel Annex}                                            | <b>21</b><br><b>5:15</b> Yoga Class<br>{Dance Studio}<br><b>7:00</b> Square<br>Dancing {FH}             | <b>22</b>                                                                               | <b>23</b><br><br><b>4:00</b><br>ROWAN BIG<br>BAND<br>PERFORMANCE<br>{Sanctuary}                                                                  |
| <b>24</b> GRACE EPISCOPAL MEAL<br><b>9:45</b> Adult Bible Study<br><b>10:00</b> Children & Youth<br>Sunday School<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br><br><b>Following Worship:</b><br>Congregational Meeting                                                                                                                 | <b>25</b><br>NEWSLETTER<br>ARTICLES DUE TODAY!<br><br><b>5:30</b> Clothes<br>Closet Open<br><br><b>6:30</b> Open Hands<br>Ministry Meal {FH}                         | <b>26</b><br><b>10:45</b> Willing<br>Weavers {Rm. 3}<br><br>Decorate<br>Sanctuary for<br>Christmas                                                                                                                     | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>28</b><br><b>HOLIDAY</b><br>Office Closed<br><b>1-4:00</b><br>Community<br>Thanksgiving<br>Meal {FH} | <b>29</b><br><b>HOLIDAY</b><br>Office Closed                                            | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                        |

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## WORSHIP HOURS

9:30 COFFEE  
9:45 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 CHILDREN & YOUTH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL



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## November BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Seth Klopp
- 2 Samuel Gray
- 5 Linda Sink
- 6 Eli Gregg
- 9 Robert Danze  
Harrison Danze  
Coreen Freeman
- 12 Mike Hooper
- 13 Will Hooper
- 14 Holt Biesecker
- 17 Anne Bevan
- 18 Dottie Walser
- 19 Maria Cruz  
Gary Hahn
- 20 Emory Smith
- 21 Vance Walser
- 23 Frank Leonard
- 24 John Maze
- 25 Webb Fulton
- 27 James Gray  
Ava Miller  
Cathy Waitman
- 30 Irvin Sink

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Stacey & Sarah Potts



## DECEMBER

- 1 **1st Sunday of Advent**  
3:00 World Aids Day Service
- 3 6:30 Bd. of Evangelism  
Bd. of SG&R
- 4 11:00 Morning Glory Circle  
6:00 Youth Ministry
- 8 **2nd Sunday in Advent**  
11:00 Children's Christmas Program  
12:00 Congregational Lunch  
Deliver Fruit Baskets to our members at home
- 11 11:30 Friendship Club  
Covered Dish Lunch
- 14 10:00 Cantata Practice
- 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
11:00 Choir Cantata
- 16 Deadline for Men's Brotherhood Pork Loin Sale
- 18 6:00 Youth Ministry:  
Progressive Dinner
- 22 **4th Sunday of Advent**  
23 12:00 & 3:00  
Pick up Pork Loins
- 24 Christmas Eve  
Church Office Closed  
8:00 Candlelight Service
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
Church Office Closed
- 29 **First Sunday after Christmas**  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 Worship
- 31 New Year's Eve  
Church Office Closed

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP THEME

"WHAT DISCIPLES DO..."

- NOVEMBER 3 BEFRIEND THE FRIENDLESS  
Luke 19: 1-10
- NOVEMBER 10: ASK HARD QUESTIONS  
Luke 20: 27-38
- NOVEMBER 17: DREAM OF WHAT CAN BE  
Isaiah 65: 17-25
- NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING SUNDAY