

First Reformed United Church of Christ

Lexington, NC

JANUARY 2020

Dear Congregation,

I want to say a tremendous thank you for your generous Christmas gift. It was an incredible blessing and a huge surprise. I am grateful to serve with you at First Reformed. You have shown me much grace and the love of Christ many times over. You all model what it means to live in community with one another, to show hospitality to strangers, and to engage faithfully the tough questions our faith requires. I am looking forward to moving into ministry with you in 2020!

I am excited to share the good news that beginning January 6, 2020, Rev. Susan Morris will begin at First Reformed as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Her primary responsibilities will be to develop the spiritual growth program and education for all ages, and she will build upon the strong foundation of Cathy Waitman who served as Director of Spiritual Growth and Renewal. This position is 15 hours per week. Susan has already been a part of this church family for quite some time, and began volunteering with the youth this summer. She was instrumental in the Great Tomato Sandwich Give-Away. As we opened up the search, Susan applied and was interviewed. As we engaged the process, we decided that a ministerial position is the next step needed for our congregation.

The search committee and the Consistory have enthusiastically approved this call. I believe God has provided the perfect timing in sending Susan to this church. She does have a full time job, serving as Chaplain/Bereavement Counselor for Novant Health Hospice of Salisbury. She has a Master of Divinity as well as Master of Science in Patient

Counseling. Susan has extensive experience in ministry, having also served in churches as Associate Pastor with emphasis on youth and children. She has a passion for youth, children, community outreach and social justice.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Susan. I am excited for our future and for the new ways God is speaking to us and through us.

~Elizabeth

6-Week Series "New Year, Same Promises"

Our resolutions may fade, but God's unbreakable promises last forever.

JANUARY 12

The Promise of New Life

Psalms 29 and Matthew 3: 13-17

JANUARY 19

The Promise of Faithfulness

Psalms 40: 1-11 and I Corinthians 1: 1-9

JANUARY 26

The Promise of Ministry

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9 and Matthew 4: 12-23

FEBRUARY 2

The Promise of Blessing

Psalms 15 and Matthew 5: 1-12

FEBRUARY 9

The Promise of Guidance

Psalms 112: 1-10 and Matthew 5: 13-20

FEBRUARY 16

The Promise of Freedom

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 and
Psalm 119: 1-8

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Happening Next Month



This will be a catered meal. We will share more information about the menu at a later date. The meeting will focus on a review of last year with Board Summaries from the 2019 Consistory members.

NEW FLOWER CHAIRPERSON

The Board of Worship and Sacrament has a new chairperson. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for worship service, you now will contact **Linda Sink** (lindabs48@yahoo.com or 336-250-0495.)

If you have reserved dates for flowers throughout the year for special occasions, you should contact Linda as soon as possible to verify she has them on the calendar.

Linda is replacing Betty Link. Thank you, Betty, for your many years of service for our church in this capacity.



William Owen Hooper was baptized during the 11:00 worship service on December 1 by Rev. Elizabeth Horton, assisted by William's grandfather, Rev. Mike Hooper.

William is the son of Wilson and Kate Hooper. Proud grandparents are Mike & Bonita Hooper and Curt & Jeri Tucker. His big sister is Caroline.

~**DECEMBER MEMORIALS**~

VALERIE PRICE

SALLY DAVIS
JOHN & KATHY ROLLINS
EULENE SHEPHERD
CAROLYN SPIVEY

Thank you to the following Consistory Members for your service the past three years:

Elders: Lena Johnson & Lindsay Sink
Deacons: Denise Durham and Dave Fulton
Trustee: Merle Hodges

OUR CONSISTORY MEMBERS FOR 2020

PRESIDENT: Eddie Yates **SECRETARY:** Doris Sink **TREASURER:** Walter Hoffman

ELDERS

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Doris Sink | Eddie Yates |
| Raeann Allred | Harriette Murphy |
| Rita Lohr | John Smith |

DEACONS

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| Jerry Lovell | Deanna Michael |
| Kivi Miller | Mike Price |
| Alane Holste | Renee Walsh |

TRUSTEES

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| Walter Hoffman | Doug Sink | |
| Buddy Lohr | Cliff Lopp | Jerry Smith |

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD ~submitted by Cliff Lopp

Thank you to everyone who purchased pork loins for the Men's Brotherhood annual fundraiser. The Brotherhood will serve at the Crisis Ministry Homeless Shelter on Monday, January 13th. Men's Brotherhood and Women's Life Fellowship will hold their annual Holiday Gathering on Tuesday, January 14th. The menu for this catered meal will be announced later. Those planning to attend will need to sign up.

Morning Glory Circle ~submitted by Rita Lohr

The Morning Glory Circle met on December 4th at Yarborough's Restaurant for their annual Christmas Party. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 11:00a.m. in the church parlor.

United Friendship Club ~submitted by Paula Lopp

The United Friendship Club had a joint November/December meeting on Wednesday, December 11. December birthdays were recognized and everyone enjoyed a delicious variety of covered dishes.

Following lunch, Cathy Waitman shared inspiring devotions.

Holiday trivia questions brought lots of laughs as Christmas songs, movies and hymns were guessed with only a single line being provided.

The group decided the January 22 meeting would be in the fellowship hall. Ham will be provided with club members sharing sides.

Everyone is invited!



GIFTS FOR OUR "TREE OF ANGELS"

IN HONOR OF...

GIVEN BY...

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| Peggy Bates | Elizabeth Sink |
| Mary Berrier..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Pattie Everhart..... | Sylvia Walser |
| First Reformed UCC Choir..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Jayven Gray | Mom |
| John & Vicky Gray | Sylvia Walser |
| Jordan Gray..... | Mom |
| June Grubb..... | Lee Ann & Tony Peele |
| June Grubb..... | Cathy Waitman |
| Gerri Hill..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Dan & Elizabeth Horton & Family | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Dan & Elizabeth Horton & Family | Cathy Waitman |
| Ron & Heidi Hutcheson | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Myrtle Latimer | Gerri Hill |
| Myrtle Latimer..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Marguerite Leonard | Elizabeth Sink |
| Rita & Buddy Lohr | Elizabeth Sink |
| Cliff & Paula Lopp..... | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Cliff & Paula Lopp..... | Cathy Waitman |
| Deanna Michael..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Harriette & Clifton Murphy | Elizabeth Sink |
| Clifton & Harriette Murphy | Cathy Waitman |
| Our Amazing Staff | Walter & Ann Hoffman |
| Office Staff..... | Eddie Yates |
| Our Church Family | Mike & Lynn Brown |
| Our Grandchildren | Rich & Lena Johnson |
| Past & Present Consistory Members..... | Eddie Yates |
| Lee Ann Peele | Gerri Hill |
| Tony & Lee Ann Peele..... | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Tony & Lee Ann Peele..... | Cathy Waitman |
| Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson..... | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson..... | Cathy Waitman |
| Bill & Carolyn Robbins | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Bill & Carolyn Robbins..... | Cathy Waitman |
| Katherine Skipper..... | Elizabeth Sink |
| Cathy Waitman | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |

GIFTS FOR OUR "TREE OF ANGELS"



IN MEMORY OF...

GIVEN BY...

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| John Barber | Sylvia Walser |
| Roy Bevan | Sylvia Walser |
| Grady & Elise Brown | Mike & Lynn Brown |
| Rev. Chet Byerly | Gennie Lou Byerly |
| Lori Lopp Floyd | Lee Ann & Tony Peele |
| Jayden Gray..... | Mom, Jayven & Jordan |
| Dwight Hinkle, V.G. Price, John T. Walser..... | John & Vicky Gray |
| Jo Hudson..... | Gerri Hill |
| Jo Hudson..... | Clifton & Harriette Murphy |
| Chad Kirkman | Lee Ann & Tony Peele |
| Betty Potts..... | Mike & Lynn Brown |
| Greg Potts..... | Mike & Lynn Brown |
| Valerie Price..... | Gerri Hill |
| Jerri Russell | Joe Yarbrough |
| Rev. Banks Shepherd | Eulene Shepherd & Family |
| R. Bruce & Eleanor Smith | Jerry Smith |
| Rev. William Yocum..... | Carolyn H. Yocum |

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 is 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.

~ **THANK YOU NOTES** ~

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all those who helped organize the America's Tooth Fairy fundraiser, as well as those who donated. I think it was a huge success for the church, and I am sure it will help many children at Charles England Elementary School.

Sincerely,
Matt Johnson

Dear First Reformed UCC,
Thank you to the Congregation for prayers during my recent hospital stay. Your love and kindness through cards, phone calls and visits meant so much to me. I am so thankful for each of you. May everyone have a blessed and wonderful New Year.

Much love,
Lynn Brown

Dear FRUCC Family,
Thank you so much for your generosity! We are blessed to have you as our partner and part of our CEES family! Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Charles England Elementary School

Dear Church Family,
Lee and I want to express our gratitude for all the love and concern, never-ending prayers, visits, cards and fruit basket. Thank you does not seem enough for all that it has meant to each of us. We are very grateful.

Ellen & Lee Bouchard

First Reformed UCC,
Thank you so much for the wonderful fruit basket. I really appreciate your thinking of me and your prayers. Thank you again. I know I will enjoy it.

Blessings and love,
Lib Sink

Dear First Reformed UCC,
Thank you so much for the wonderful gift you gave me. I really appreciate all of your thoughtfulness and kindness. You, my church family are very near and dear to my heart, and I thank God for you everyday!

Love,
Cathy Waitman

Church family,
First I want to thank you for the wonderful basket of delicious fruit and goodies. It is a wonderful gesture of love, and Linda and I are grateful. I also want to recognize and send a giant thank you to

Dan Horton, Walter Hoffman. Buddy Lohr, Cliff Lopp, Clifton Murphy, Mike Hooper and Lee Jessup for the king-sized gesture of removal of the leaves in our yard. Everyone who knows our yard and the number of trees knows the magnitude of the task. I will also add that since he had so much fun the first time, Dan came back for a second visit and did another clean sweep. He timed his visit perfectly with virtually all the leaves finally off the trees. This was truly an act of brotherhood and love by these seven great friends, and it goes without saying that I appreciate it beyond words.

I am very hopeful to be back at church on more of a regular basis in the near future and am grateful for the positive thoughts and prayers that have been sent by so many during my recovery from back surgery. I am thankful to be a part of this church family and these acts of love make me know I am in the right place. I look forward to seeing everyone soon and wish all a Merry Christmas season.

Lindsay and Linda Sink

Dear First Reformed UCC,
Thank you so much for the exam care package. It was a nice surprise and came in very handy during those late night study sessions. Your support and prayers are always very much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of me.

Merry Christmas,
Holt Biesecker

First Reformed United Church of Christ,
Thank you for your donation of toothpaste and toothbrushes. Our students will really benefit from these. We appreciate everything you do for our school.

Sincerely,
Ms. Waller, CEES

Dear Church Family,
I am very thankful for the wonderful gift from the congregation this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity always touches my heart!

Sincerely,
Carolyn Robbins

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the basket of fruit, the many cards and visits, especially from Elizabeth and June and my friends. Thank you to Carolyn for all she does for me.

Sincerely,
Peggy Bates

~ THANK YOU NOTES ~

Dear First Reformed Members,
Many thanks for the fruit basket you sent to us. Not only was it beautiful, but delicious too! Thank you also for being such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,
Merle Hodges

**Acknowledgements have been received
from the following Benevolences**

**The Pastor's Pantry
Crisis Ministry of Davidson County**

**Special thanks go to the following people for
volunteering to ring the bell for the Salva-
tion Army Kettle:**

Mark Smith & family
Steve Smith
Susan Morris
Clifton Murphy

John & Vicky Gray
Lena Johnson
Clifford Lopp
Mike Hooper

James & Alice Gray
Dave & Glenyce Fulton
Alisa Johnson & Kathleen Danze
Travis White & Renee Walsh

OVER \$2,000 IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS DONATED FOR 40 CHILDREN

~Submitted by Kivi Leroux Miller

I am so happy to report that we donated more than \$2,000 in Christmas gifts and gift cards to local children and grandchildren of people living with HIV/AIDS, via Positive Wellness Alliance. We had intended to adopt 20 children, but thanks to the overwhelming generosity of both people who purchased and wrapped gifts and people who donated to the Gift Card Fund, we were able to double the number of children we supported! Paula has a full accounting of the donations. Thank you so much for bringing special Christmas blessings into the lives of these families. Your support means the world to both the children and the adults who love them.

DO WE HAVE YOUR NAME RIGHT?

[LET US KNOW FOR YOUR NAMETAG BY JANUARY 19!](#)

~Submitted by Kivi Leroux Miller

The Board of Congregational Life will soon be asking everyone to begin wearing a magnetic name tag on Sundays, provided by the church and stored in the Narthex. This will help long-time members learn the names of newer members and vice-versa. It will also help our growing list of children learn the names of their adult church family. And let's be honest, many of us fully into adulthood could use a little memory support too!

About half of our church members already have a name tag because they serve as ushers. We will be ordering name tags for everyone else in mid-January. This includes kindergartners and older. As new members join the church or children start school, we will order name tags for them.

If there is any doubt in your mind about the name we will print on your name tag, please let Kivi or the office know your preference no later than Sunday, January 19. Let's say people call you "Jim" or "Elizabeth," but you prefer "James" or "Beth" on your name tag -- make sure we get it right! For example, many people know me as Kivi Miller, but my legal last name is Leroux Miller, and that's what I want on the name tag. Again, just let us know if there is any doubt. This includes usher name tags already printed. If you would prefer something else than what you have, just let us know. (kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com or 336-870-0251)

We will also be printing several "Visitor" name tags.

Special thanks to Heidi and Ron for providing the name tags at cost!

ADULT EDUCATION SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDIES

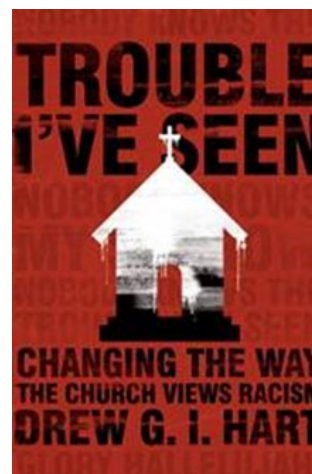
~submitted by Rev. June Grubb

The Sunday Morning Church School Program begins at 9:45AM. Our Adult Education class will begin a new series of studies on the theme of Racial Equity. Beginning on Sunday, January 12th Rev. Horton will lead a discussion on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" as we near the MLK, Jr. Day Celebration. You can use the following link to the letter or you may pick up a copy of the letter from the church office in preparation for this discussion. (Control & click on the link... [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#))

Then, beginning January 19th there will be a six-week study of the book "**Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism**" written by Drew G. I. Hart. Stacy Sosebee-West and Bonita Hooper will lead this study which builds upon the former "Race and Faith" discussions that were offered by the Collaborative Ministry team last fall.

In the spirit of the original black spiritual, "*Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen,*" the book is rooted in what the author has seen, in what black people have seen, and in what all

who have experienced the underside of white supremacy have seen. One reviewer of the book said, "Drew Hart is an emerging voice in one of the most difficult conversations facing the church today --- the reality and on-going effects of white supremacy in American Christianity. He challenges the church to take a long, hard look at its complicity with the racism that still permeates our society and to be transformed in thought, word, and deed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. A provocative, powerful, and necessary book." Please let the church office know if you need help obtaining a copy of the book.



LUNCH PREPARATION FOR GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

~submitted by John Maze



Do you have an interest in joining a team to prepare lunch meals at Grace Episcopal? The training was in October, but if there are still people who want to get involved, get in touch with John Maze or Susie Smith. We can meet you at Grace Episcopal at 9:30 and begin your master chef training!

The main dish is literally prepared by chefs out of Winston-Salem. The prepared meals consist of chicken and rice, beef stroganoff, chili, and many other nice meals prepared by the chefs and placed in shrink-wrapped packaging. We only have to add additional meat and veggies to make the meal a homerun! The main cook puts that together, while another team member works on the dessert and bread, and another team works on vegetables and tabling preparations. Remember it can be as easy as taking brownies out of a package, and opening ten cans of green beans to heat up.

Training is available with some advanced notice. The First Reformed team is scheduled to cook again in April, but we can easily train new teams before then. Any help from the community takes some strain off of the good folks at Grace. The main cook can send the rest of the team back to First Reformed in plenty of time for service! It is fun, fast, and simple!

Contact John at 704-524-6462 or Susie at 336-596-6889.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~submitted by Jerry Lovell

This year the Board of Community Outreach here at First Reformed has put the three "R's" of mission work to use: **Requests...Replies...Responses.**

When First received a request to participate in the annual service of **"Touching Davidson County With Love,"** church members and the Girl Scouts, Troop #2160, not only replied but responded by working on five different assigned projects around the area.

Lexington City Schools requested support for schools around the city. We replied by establishing a partnership with a school in the attendance zone of First Reformed, Charles England Elementary School. Church members have responded in a wide variety of ways: by reading to students in small groups or working one-on-one with students; by providing and serving meals and snacks for the teachers and staff; by preparing a sit-down meal for all the fifth grade girls and their mentors from the community; by making donations of nonperishable food items for 50 children to take home on Fridays so they know they will have something to eat when they're not in school; by gathering money donations so the school could purchase underwear for students in need; by making donations that allowed students to make purchases at the school's Spring Book Fair...for some, the first time ever to attend a book fair; by making donations that let the school's administrator create a "Nurse's Station" in each classroom so students don't need to leave the room for a band aid. All this has made a difference for the students, their families, and the faculty and staff at CEES.

In 2018, a local family requested the use of our Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. and Mrs. James Ross made the request again this year. It seems the matriarch of the family had been providing a true Thanksgiving meal, at her own expense, to anyone in the community who wanted to have a special meal. The family wanted to continue this ministry, but they needed more space as the number of dinner guests grew to over 200! Again, First Reformed, of course, replied, "Yes," and the response from our church family to theirs was to offer assistance serving the meal to the many grateful diners.

Over the past several years, the local Salvation Army has requested help during the holiday season. First members graciously replied to help ring the bell for the Red Kettle Fund on two days. Folks eagerly responded by filling all the time slots for both days.

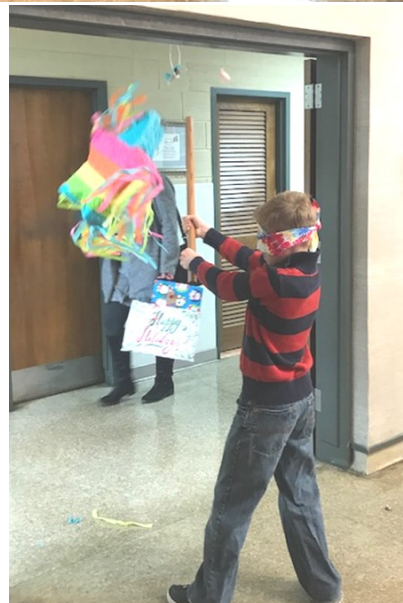
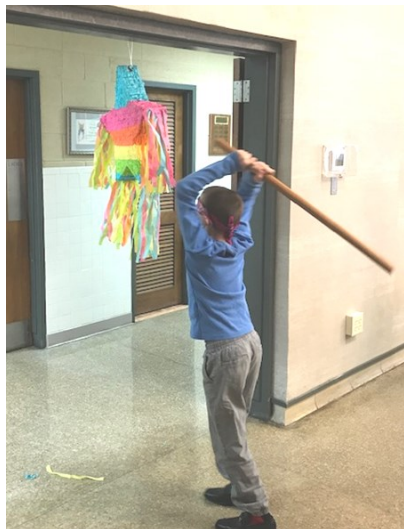
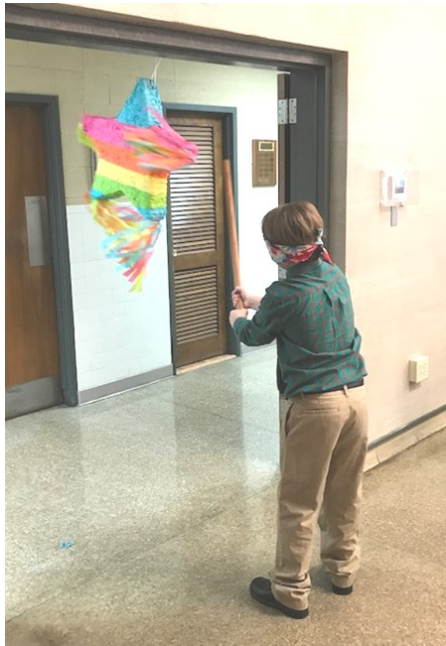
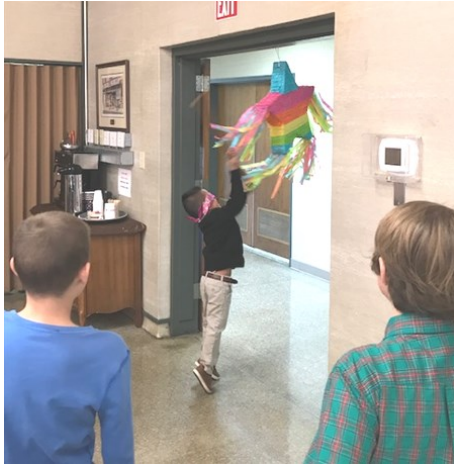
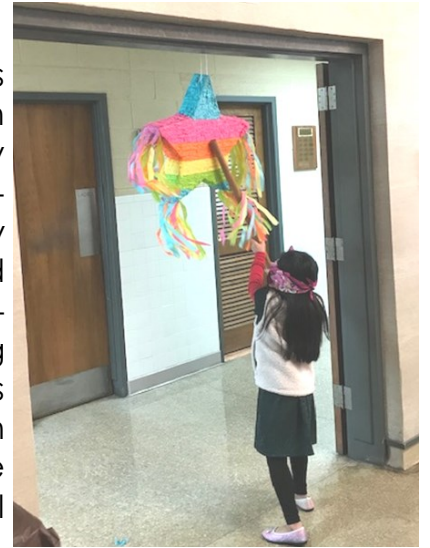
In talking with the folks who eat the Monday night meals, coordinated by Open Hands, many requests are heard. A recurring request for clothing revealed a specific need in the community, so the reply was to consider opening a Clothing Closet. A designated area in our Education Building was secured. Clothing racks, hangers, and size signs were acquired. The response came in the form of clothing donations for men, women, and children with sizes available for most anyone. Several church members have helped by organizing and displaying items as clothing was received. Members are also available to help folks shop, at no charge, in a store-like atmosphere. Over 2000 pieces of clothing have been distributed in November and December. As the inventory began to look depleted, totally unexpected donations would arrive from church members and even the community, so that the racks were filled once again. God is like that, providing when there seems to be no hope. Could this be a Bible Story?

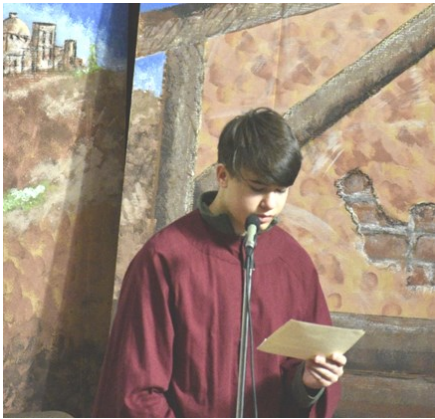
During the coming year, we will continue to get requests and, prayerfully, First Reformed will reply in an agreeable way. Our ongoing commitment to CEES is especially important for children facing a two-week holiday break. TDCWL is already scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Thank you all, in advance, for your continued support and positive responses!
Jerry Lovell, Community Outreach Chairperson

REFLECTIONS OF CHRISTMAS!

The joy of the Christmas season was evident through various activities at our church, especially those involving our children and youth. They participated in intergenerational Sunday School activities like breaking a candy-filled piñata and decorating cookies to share with family and friends. The Children and Youth-led Worship Service on December 12 told the true meaning of Christmas. All the young ones were filled with excitement when a very special visitor came to see them after the congregational lunch on December 8!













THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN JANUARY

Liturgist:
Dave Fulton

Youth Liturgist (January 19)
Elliott Smith

Usher Chairperson
Jeff Hutchens

Usher Captain:
Mark Smith

Ushers:
Jeremy Peterson, Kivi Miller,
Denise Durham, Susan Miller

Youth Usher:
Ava Miller

Plate Attendant:
Doris Sink

Sound Tech:
James Gray

Acolyte:
Emory Smith

Bible Steward:
Elliott Smith

FIRST SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:

Bill & Cheryl Walser
John Potts & Janette Neal

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Greeters:

5th: Tammy Rhodes & Jeff Hutchens
12th: Lynn & Johnny McCarn
19th: Barbara & Doug Sink
26th: Rita & Buddy Lohr

Nursery:

NO VOLUNTEERS ARE SCHEDULED

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Rita Tussey, Tony Peele, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

*Robert Yates (Eddie Yates' uncle), Alan Bagby (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn)

***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).

ATTENTION!



If you receive mail copies of DVDs from the church or borrow any to view for Sundays you are absent, please remember to return them to the office. These can be used to record more services and help control costs for this ministry.

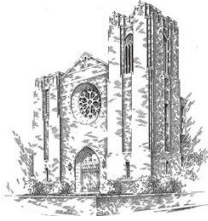
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>New Member Sunday is January 26. If you are interested in becoming a part of our congregation, please let the church office know.</p> | | | <p>1</p> <p>~HOLIDAY~ Office Closed</p> | <p>2 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}</p> <p>7:00 Square Dancing {FH}</p> | 3 | 4 |
| <p>5 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 First Sunday Social</p> <p>11:00 Worship: Holy Communion</p> <p>In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb</p> | <p>6 5:30 Clothes Closet</p> <p>6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}</p> | <p>7 10:45 Willing Weavers</p> <p>6:30 Bd. of Evangelism {P}</p> | <p>8 11:00 Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}</p> <p>6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room}</p> <p>7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}</p> | <p>9 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}</p> <p>7:00 Square Dancing {FH}</p> | 10 | 11 |
| <p>12 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 Worship: Installation of Consistory Kid's Club</p> <p>Following Worship: Consistory</p> | <p>13 5:30 Clothes Closet</p> <p>6:00 Shelter Meal: Men's Brotherhood</p> <p>6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}</p> | <p>14 10:00 Collaborative Ministries {P}</p> <p>10:45 Willing Weavers</p> <p>6:00 Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship Catered Meal {FH}</p> | <p>15 6:00 Youth Ministry {FH}</p> <p>6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room}</p> <p>7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}</p> | <p>16 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}</p> <p>7:00 Square Dancing {FH}</p> | 17 | 18 |
| <p>19 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 Worship: Anniversary Sunday</p> | <p>20</p> <p>~HOLIDAY~ Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 Clothes Closet</p> <p>6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}</p> | <p>21 10:45 Willing Weavers</p> <p>10:00 Meals on Wheels Board Meeting {P}</p> | <p>22 12:00 Friendship Club Covered Dish Meal {FH}</p> <p>6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room}</p> <p>7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}</p> | <p>23 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}</p> <p>7:00 Square Dancing {FH}</p> | <p>24 8-12:00 DCS Regional Committee Mtg. for Foster Care {Parlor}</p> <p>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY!</p> | <p>25 9-12:00 Consistory Retreat</p> |
| <p>26 9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 Worship: New Member Sunday</p> | <p>27 5:30 Clothes Closet</p> <p>6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}</p> <p>7:00 Adult Spiritual Growth Sub- Committee Meeting {Parlor}</p> | <p>28 10:45 Willing Weavers</p> | <p>29 6:30 Bell Choir {Bell Room}</p> <p>7:15 Choir {Chapel Annex}</p> | <p>30 5:15 Yoga Class {Dance Studio}</p> <p>7:00 Square Dancing {FH}</p> | 31 | |

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JANUARY

Birthdays

- 1 Gerri Hill
- 3 Carroll Spivey
- 5 Jianna Miller
Smithie Parrish
- 6 Gennie Lou Byerly
- 10 Deanna Michael
Harriette Murphy
- 11 Camille Morgan
- 12 Hoyle Potts
- 13 Jitter Yarbrough
- 15 Laura Perry
- 17 Lauren Thompson Gould
- 18 Patti Lovell
Mike Price
Robert Sandifer
- 19 Heidi Hutcheson
- 21 Carolyn Robbins
- 22 Lisa Nelson
- 24 Lucas Cruz
Denise Durham
- 25 Eddie Yates
- 30 Lauren Gregg

JANUARY

Anniversaries

- 16
Walter & Ann Hoffman
- 20
Chris & Raeann Allred

Thank you again this year, Craig & Donna Coe, for keeping the tradition Nancy Robbins started so long ago alive by giving each of our young children a copy of the Hallmark book "This Is Snow Time for Sleeping!" Your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated!

**COMING
NEXT
MONTH!**

FEBRUARY

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| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Church-wide First Sunday Social • Worship: Holy Communion • "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bd. of Evangelism • Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Glory Circle • Youth Ministry |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race & Faith trip to the Civil Rights Museum |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Worship • Congregational meal & meeting • Consistory Meeting |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Ministries • Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship |
| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Cross Blood Drive |
| 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Worship |
| 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Ministry |
| 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Newsletter Articles due |
| 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Worship |
| 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Club • Ash Wednesday service |

