

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Another NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is planned for **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please let the church office know by January 22. **(336-248-2617)**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On January 19, the adult class will begin a 6-week book study on **"Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism"** by Drew G. I. Hart. This study will build upon the former **"Race and Faith"** discussions that were offered by the Collaborative Ministry team in the fall. Stacy Sosebee-West and Bonita Hooper will facilitate. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a book. We will have only a limited number.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Several Girl Scouts representing different troops are now attending our church and will be working together as a team to bring you your favorite cookies. They will be set up in **the Narthex after the service today and in the Fellowship Hall during the Congregational Meeting on February 9**. Cookies are \$4 per box.

### MEN'S BROTHERHOOD & WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY GATHERING

The next meeting of Men's Brotherhood and Women's Life Fellowship is the Christmas/Holiday gathering scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Spouses and guests are invited. On Time Catering is serving salad, beef tenderloin, marinated chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per couple. **You must sign-up by January 13<sup>th</sup>** by calling or emailing Paula Lopp. (#336-250-3343 or paula@frucc.org)

### CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING

Our next congregational meal and meeting is February 9, 2020. This will be a catered meal. (More information to come at a later date.) The meeting will focus on 2019 Board Reviews.

### PARENT MEETING WITH REV. SUSAN MORRIS

Susan, our new Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, would like to meet with all parents of our children and youth on **Thursday, January 16 at 6:30** in the church Parlor.

### NAME TAGS FOR ALL!

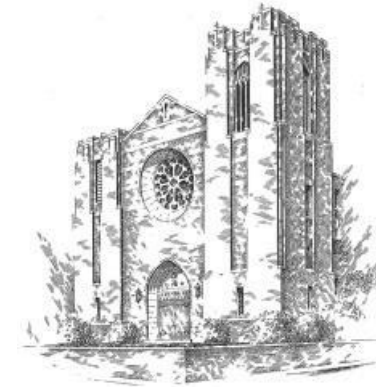
The Board of Congregational Life will be ordering name tags for our congregation, age kindergarten and above, in an effort to help long-time members learn the names of newer members and vice-versa. It will also help our growing list of children learn the names of their adult church family. Many of our church members already have name tags because they serve as ushers. These will be ordered in mid-January. **If you want your name different from what is printed in the membership directory, please let Kivi Miller (kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com or 336-870-0251) or the office know your preference no later than Sunday, January 19.**

### ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

- **CLOTHES CLOSET**  
Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). **Quilts and blankets are also needed for the inventory.** If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.
- **IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:**  
The list for requested food items for student backpacks for Charles England Elementary School has been revised. Please place items in the large box in the Narthex or on the table outside the church office. Thank you for your generous and continued support of this Community Outreach project.

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| Juice Boxes       | Spaghetti-Os       |
| Breakfast Bars    | Ramen Noodles      |
| Applesauce Cups   | Cheese Crackers    |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Soup        |
| Beanie Weenies    | Vienna Sausages    |
| Canned Tuna       | Gallon Ziploc Bags |

## First Reformed United Church of Christ



## The Worship of God

January 12, 2020  
Baptism of Christ Sunday

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 and Announcements Elizabeth Horton
- Choral Call to Worship "Open My Eyes, Lord"
- \*Call to Worship Dave Fulton
  - Wait for the Lord; be strong!
  - The promises of God will never be broken.**
  - With God as our light, what is there to fear?
  - The promises of God will never be broken.**
  - Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
  - The promises of God will never be broken.**
- \*Hymn "Come, O Font of Every Blessing" p. 4
- \*Invocation Dave Fulton

### Centering

- Prayer of Confession Elizabeth Horton
  - Eternal God, we want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.**
- Assurance of Pardon
- \*Passing the Peace
- \*Hymn "Precious Lord" p. 5
- Young Disciples (All children, Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front.)
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 42: 1-9 Dave Fulton  
(Page #657 in Pew Bible)
- Affirmation of Ministry Elizabeth Horton
  - Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Rev. Susan Morris
  - Congregational Response
  - We will do all we can to cooperate with you, support you with our prayers and labor, as we seek to grow in forming our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

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**Trustees:** Walter Hoffman, Doug Sink, Buddy Lohr, Clifford Lopp, Jerry Smith

**\*Covenant**

Leader: ...let us now rise and affirm our covenant with them.

**People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

Choral Response

*"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Declaration

Anthem

*"Look at the World"*

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us; look at the world and Marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along the way.

~REFRAIN~

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of Thee.*

Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above.

**Proclaiming**

Scripture

Matthew 3: 13-17  
(Page #879 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

*"The Promise of New Life"*

**Responding**

\*Hymn

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

p. 6

\*Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all crea-tures here be-low.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God with all the hosts a-bove.

Praise God in won-der, joy and love. Praise the Spi-rit, ho-ly

Spi-rit. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**Sending**

\*Call to Dedication

Dave Fulton

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

*"Standing on the Promises"*

\*Postlude

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by the family of Rev. Banks D. Shepherd to the Glory of God and in loving memory of him.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

<b>LITURGIST:</b> Dave Fulton	<b>PLATE ATTENDANT:</b> John Potts	<b>SOUND TECHNICIAN:</b> James Gray
<b>USHER CHAIRPERSON:</b> Jeff Hutchens	<b>ACOLYTE:</b> Emma Hartle	<b>BIBLE STEWARD:</b> Jacob Hartle
<b>USHERS:</b> Mark Smith (Captain), Jeremy Peterson, Kivi Miller, Denise Durham, Ava Miller (Youth Usher)		
<b>GREETERS:</b> Johnny & Lynn McCarn		

# Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

D A D G D A7 D

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2 Here I pause in my so-journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
 3 O, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I am drawn a-new!

D A D G D A7 D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for songs of end-less praise.  
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

D G D G D G D G D F#m G A7 D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.  
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan-der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

D A D G D A7 D

Praise the moun-t, I'm fixed up-on it, moun-t of God's un-fail-ing love.  
 came to res-cue me from dan-ger, pre-cious pres-ence, pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your ver-y own.

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# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*I am the LORD ... who takes hold of your right hand — Isaiah 41:13 NIV*

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand — I am  
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near — When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me  
 life is al-most gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand lest I fall — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD  
 Irregular

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368

## 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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 12

9:45AM Adult Sunday School:  
 "Letter from Birmingham Jail"  
 {Ed. Building}

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 Installation of new Consistory Members

Following Worship: Consistory Meeting

### Monday, January 13

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}  
 6:00PM Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal prepared and served by Men's Brotherhood  
 6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, January 14

10:00AM Collaborative Ministries {P}  
 10:45AM Willing Weavers  
 6:00PM Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship Christmas/Holiday Meal {FH}

### Wednesday, January 15

6:00PM Youth Ministry {FH}  
 6:30PM Bell Choir {Bell Room}  
 7:15PM Choir {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, January 16

5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  
 6:30PM Parent Meeting with Rev. Susan Morris {P}  
 7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, January 19

9:45AM **Adult Sunday School**  
 Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" Facilitators: Bonita Hooper and Stacey Sosebee-West

11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 Anniversary Sunday

### Monday, January 20

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday...Church Office Closed**  
 5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}  
 6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Lori Tussey, Lynn Walser, and Stephen Tussey and families upon the death of their mother, Rita Tussey.

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

\*Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raean Allred's step-daughter), Beverly Ward (Ron Link's Sister-in-law), Robert Yates (Eddie Yates' uncle)

\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. 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).

## ~JANUARY~

### BIRTHDAYS

12<sup>th</sup>  
 Hoyle Potts

13<sup>th</sup>  
 Jitter Yarbrough

15<sup>th</sup>  
 Laura Perry

17<sup>th</sup>  
 Lauren Thompson Gould

18<sup>th</sup>

Patti Lovell  
 Mike Price  
 Robert Sandifer

### ANNIVERSARIES

16<sup>th</sup>  
 Walter & Ann Hoffman