

Thank You for Serving in Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are placed to the glory of God and in honor of all volunteers of First Reformed United Church of Christ; given by Eulene Shepherd.

USHERS: Jeremy Peterson, Mark Smith, Denise Durham, Ben Hale, Susan Miller

YOUTH USHER: Ava Miller

PLATE ATTENDANT: Lynn Brown

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Emory Smith

BIBLE STEWARD: Elliott Smith

GREETERS: Casey, Keri, Jacob & Emma Hartle

NURSERY (INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN): Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or the church office.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Margot Everhart, Mary Berrier, Ruth Essick, Carolyn Spivey, J.W. Bates (WFBMC Sticht Center, Room 367), Betty Bates (Abbotts Creek, Room 109), Merle Hodges, Peggy Bates

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Joyce Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crofts, Hoyle Potts, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

OUR FRIENDS: Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Frankie Powell (former Meals on Wheels cook), Randy Daye (son-in-law of the late Wanda Daye) Nell and Ken Holmes (Neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's Son), Sandra Isaacs (Mike Hooper's sister), Geraldine Westmoreland (Frank Westmoreland's mother)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Horton (elizabeth@frucc.org, cell/text #336-972-8895)

Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com)

Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman (cathy@frucc.org)

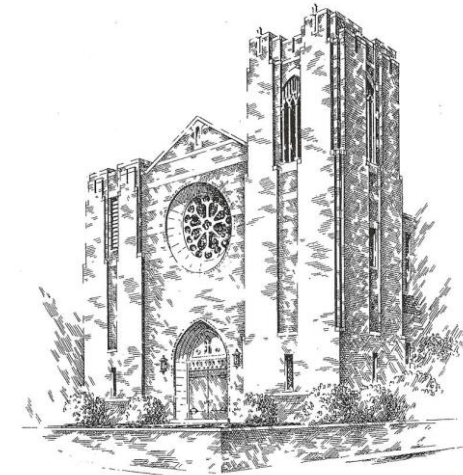
Choir Director, Ellen Peterson

Organist, Lee Ann Peele

Administrative Asst., Carolyn Robbins

Financial Secretary, Paula Lopp

First Reformed United Church of Christ



Where People Discover...

The Love of God

The Power to Love Others

The Ability to Love Ourselves

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

January 14, 2018
11:00am

The Worship of God

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Liturgist: Dave Fulton

Welcome to First Reformed United Church of Christ. We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card with your information and place it in the offering plate when passed so that we may send you some information about the church. Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered in the Educational Building. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

We Gather to Serve God in Worship

Prelude

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Mark 8: 34-35

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Elizabeth Horton

Choral Call to Worship

*Responsive Call to Worship

Dave Fulton

Leader: Christ is calling you as disciples.

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

People: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.

People: We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.

Centering

*Hymn:

“Make Me a Servant”
(sing twice)

Insert

*Opening Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Gospel Reading

Mark 2: 1-12
(Pew Bible p. 911)

Dave Fulton

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(All youth are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

*Hymn:

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Special Music:

“He Leadeth Me”

Lee Ann Peel and Cathy Waitman

Proclaiming God's Word

Gospel Reading:

Mark: 2: 13-22
(Pew Bible page 911)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon:

“Risky Business: Holding the Tension”

Elizabeth Horton

*Affirmation of Faith:

Apostles Creed:

[4th Century]

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responding to God's Grace by Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

Dave Fulton

Going Forth

*Hymn: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" Insert

*Responsive Call to Dedication: Dave Fulton
Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction Elizabeth Horton
*Congregational Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Verse 2)

*Tho' none go with me, I still will follow; Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow; No turning back, no turning back.*

Postlude
*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

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Please pick up your offering envelopes from the table outside the office.

Remember to check the mailboxes located outside the church office. Some of these have mail that has been there for several weeks.

Make Me a Servant

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant' . . . Mt. 20:26

The musical score for "Make Me a Servant" is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a unison vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to-day." The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

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SERVANT
Irregular

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

... and lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:24

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the

tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the
 life is al-most gone; hear my cry, hear my
 day is past and gone, at the riv-er I

night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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Wherever He Leads I'll Go

He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him — John 10:4 NIV

1. "Take up thy cross and fol-low Me," I heard my Mas-ter say;
 2. He drew me clos-er to His side, I sought His will to know,
 3. It may be thro' the shad-ows dim, Or o'er the storm-y sea,
 4. My heart, my life, my all I bring To Christ who loves me so;

"I gave My life to ran-som thee, Sur-render your all to-day."
 And in that will I now a-bide, Wher-ev-er He leads I'll go.
 I take my cross and fol-low Him, Wher-ev-er He lead-eth me.
 He is my Mas-ter, Lord, and King, Wher-ev-er He leads I'll go.

Wher-ev-er He leads I'll go, Wher-ev-er He leads I'll go,

I'll fol-low my Christ who loves me so, Wher-ev-er He leads I'll go.

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Upcoming Events

2018 BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS

Preordered calendars may be picked up in the Narthex this morning. There are still a few available at this time if you'd like to purchase one today. If there is still interest in purchasing a calendar, additional copies will be ordered. The cost is \$10. Please contact Harriette Murphy (336-731-4256) or the church office if interested. Thank you again Ron and Heidi Hutcheson of Davidson Speed Printing for your generosity!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

All are invited to attend a special Martin Luther King, Jr. service on January 15th at 7:00pm at First Baptist Church on Village Drive. Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, pastor of St. Stephens United Methodist Church, will be preaching.

“YOU HAVE THE POWER TO OUTSMART THE SCAMMERS”

On **Thursday, January 18 at noon**, Heidelberg United Church of Christ will host a seminar that will be of interest to our church members. The seminar, *"You Have the Power to Outsmart the Scammers,"* will be presented by David Snapp, Financial Advisor, at Edward Jones in Thomasville. The seminar is free. Lunch will be served.

You will learn:

- How to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter
- Resources you can turn to in the event you or a loved one is targeted
- Steps you can take now to help protect yourself and your loved ones

FAMILIES FIRST LUNCHEON

All youth, parents and grandparents are invited to lunch on Sunday, January 21st following the worship service. Please RSVP to Cathy by January 17th if you are interested in attending.

HOMEMADE SOUP

If you are interested in ordering homemade “Brunswick-Stew-Style” soup from Women’s Life Fellowship, please complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. **The soup will be available at the February congregational meal.** Quarts are \$8.00 each and pints are \$4.00 each. **Please have your orders in by the end of January.**

HOMEMADE SOUP ORDER FORM

NAME _____

OF QUARTS (\$8 ea.) _____ # OF PINTS (\$4 ea.) _____ Total Amt. Paid _____

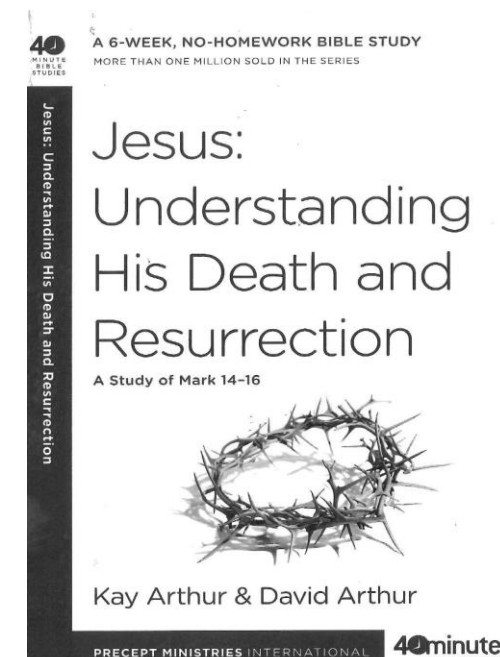
BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Welcoming Task Force will meet this evening at 5:00pm in the church parlor. This meeting is open to anyone interested in helping plan and assist in the process of Building an Inclusive Church.

Forum #1: “Exploring What the Bible Says about Homosexuality”

On Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall there will be a panel discussion featuring Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup, Rev. Mike Hooper and Rev. Elizabeth Horton. This is the first in a series of educational forums.

LENTEN “LUNCH & LEARN” SERIES



The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group (First Reformed UCC, Second Reformed UCC, Shady Side Presbyterian, and St. Stephen UMC) will be holding a “Lunch & Learn Series” beginning Tuesday, February 20th in our church Fellowship Hall from 12:00-1:00pm. The meetings will continue each Tuesday through March 27th.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, pastor of St. Stephens UMC. The bible study will be based on the book *Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection - A study of Mark 14-16*. The books may be purchased in advance by contacting the church office or completing the order form below to return to the office or place in the offering plate. The cost is \$5.00.

Please sign up by February 4th so that we may have time to order literature.

Lenten “Lunch & Learn” Series

Name _____

Number of copies _____ @ \$5.00 each Amount Paid _____



COMMUNITY MEAL

'Come to our Table'

Tuesday, January 23rd

First Reformed UCC

104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC

5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Menu will include:

Pork Loin...Pinto Beans...Collard Greens...Cornbread

prepared by Mike Brown and Team

Dessert & Drink included

Free to all...Donations appreciated!

Proceeds will go to Hospice of Davidson County

Opportunities for Service

CAROLINA SENIOR CARE

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group continues to support the Carolina Senior Care "Bucks for the Boutique" ministry. There is a desperate need for the following items. Many of the items can be purchased at stores like **Dollar Tree** and **Big Lots**. Donations can be placed on the table outside the church office.

Everything is tax deductible and tax forms can be provided by Carolina Senior Care.

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Laundry Detergent	Dish Detergent
Hand Soap	Body Wash	Body Powder	Room Deodorizer
Trash Bags	Denture Cleaner	Multipurpose cleaner	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Shampoo	Body Lotion	Mouthwash	Kleenex

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:45am... Kids Club with Alice Gray
- New Way Sunday School with Dave Fulton
- Willing Workers Sunday School with Doug Sink
- Pastor's Discussion Class with Elizabeth Horton
- 11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:15pm...Consistory meeting
- 5:00pm...Welcoming Task Force

Monday, January 15

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Church office is closed)
- 5:00pm...Tutoring
- 6:30pm...Open Hands Meal

Tuesday, January 16

- 10:00am...Weaving Women {*Willing Workers Classroom*}
- 7:00pm...Women's Life Fellowship {*Parlor*}

Wednesday, January 17

- 10:00am...Church Office Staff meeting
- 6:30pm...Bell Choir {*Bell Room*}
- 7:15pm...Adult Choir {*Ch. Annex*}

Thursday, January 18

- 5:30pm...YOGA Class {*Parlor*}
- 7:00pm...Square Dancing {*FH*}

Saturday, January 20

- First Reformed UCC's 117th Anniversary

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:45am... Children's Sunday School with Cathy Waitman
- New Way Sunday School with Dave Fulton
- Willing Workers Sunday School with Doug Sink
- Pastor's Discussion Class with Rev. Horton
- 11:00am...Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:15pm...Families First Lunch

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {January 14-20}

Birthdays	January 15	Laura Perry
	January 17	Lauren Thompson
	January 18	Patti Lovell...Mike Price...Robert Sandifer
	January 19	Heidi Hutcheson
Anniversary	January 16	Walter & Ann Hoffman