

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Guy and Virginia Gann; given by Joe and Frances Gann.

USHERS: Ron Hutcheson, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, Rich Johnson, Edgar Miller

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Walter Hoffman

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Jacob Hartle

GREETERS: Clifton & Harriette Murphy

BIBLE STEWARD: Ava Miller

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: John Smith & Joy Walser

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser (336-225-2964), contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Marilyn Lohr, John Potts, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), Earl Parker (Father of Elizabeth Horton), Ed Leonard (Brother of Sylvia Walser), Annetta Everhart (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Dan Smith (Brother of Steve and Jerry Smith), Shane Gordon (Friend of Alane Holste), Lacy Belcher (Friend of Vicky Gray), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard); Family of Cindy S. Bowers...Sandra Johnson...Susan & Joe Calloway...and Kiana Sinz (Friends of Patti & Jerry Lovell); Dennis Yocum (Son of Carolyn Yocum), Ike Trexler (Friend of Mike & Lynn Brown), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith), Eliza Paris (Friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Harold Peoples (Friend of Cheryl Walser), Ashley Hutcheson (Daughter-in-law of Heidi & Ron Hutcheson)

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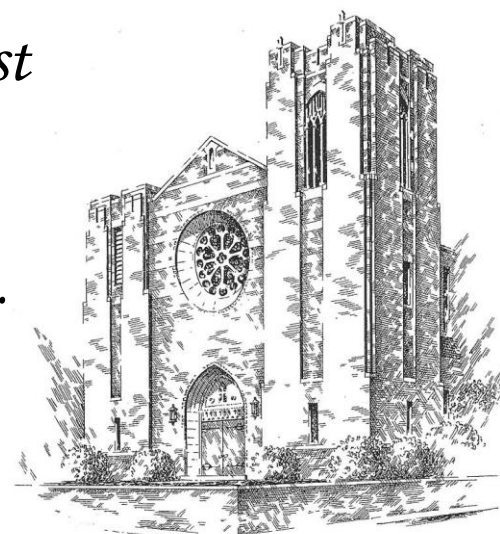
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*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.

July 22, 2018
10:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

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

The Worship of God

COMMITMENT: TRUST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jeremy Peterson

Gathering

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Jeremy Peterson

Leader: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness and be fully present with God.

People: We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

Leader: God's love surrounds us here. God's faithfulness endures forever.

People: This is God's house, and God invites us to be at home in this place.

Leader: This is a time for renewal of our promises to God.

People: Let us offer ourselves to worship and to serve.

*Hymn:

"How Firm a Foundation"

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.

Special Music:

Collis Bentley

"Have You Seen the Leprechaun?" (J. Vogt)... "Joyful, Joyful" (Beethoven)... "Paradise in Heaven" (C. Bentley)

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
(Page #916 of Pew Bible)

Jeremy Peterson

*Prayer of the Confession

Elizabeth Horton

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed Your commandments and forsaken You by our words, thoughts and deeds. We have mistreated those whom You have called us to love. Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive us we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Announcements

Prayers for the People

Elizabeth Horton

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed!
3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
I will not — I will not desert to his foes,
What more can be said than to you has been said,
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
up-held by my righteous omnipotent hand.
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
your dress to consume, and your gold to refine.
I'll never — no, never — no, never for sake!"

Words: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns 1787, alt.
Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

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Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-16
(Page #278 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

Sermon

“Where Does God Live?”

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn:

“All Are Welcome”

Insert

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

*Offering Response

“The Doxology”

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Jeremy Peterson

Liturgist: 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

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

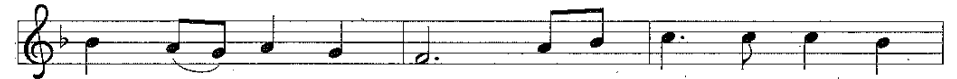
All Are Welcome



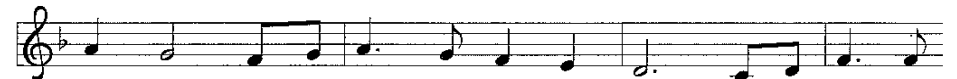
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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SAVE THE DATE for the weekend of **September 15-16** when Rev. Al Staggs, a minister and performance artist, will share three presentations. Saturday evening, September 15th, Rev. Staggs will present “**Laughter for Life**”. This program focuses on the spiritual, emotional and physical benefits of humor and features his numerous comedic impersonations.

Sunday morning, September 16th, at 9:45am in the education building, Rev. Staggs will perform “**Clarence Jordan and the God Movement.**”

Sunday morning at 11:00am in the sanctuary, Rev. Staggs will perform, “**A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**”. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God. In the play, Bonhoeffer tells of the profound influence of fellow Union Theological student, Frank Fisher, an African-American friend who introduced Dietrich to the blight of racism in America. Prisoner Bonhoeffer expresses moral outrage against the Nazi treatment of Jews and explains how that outrage led him to become involved in the German resistance movement, a commitment that would result in his execution by hanging on April 9, 1945.



As we begin preparation for Rev. Staggs’ visit, beginning Sunday, August 5th, during the Sunday school hour, Rev. Horton will lead a class on the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our Director of Christian Education, Cathy Waitman, has ordered several books titled, Bonhoeffer Study Guide for those who would like to read and prepare for the Sunday school class. Books will be available, Sunday, July 22nd.



You and your spouse are invited to attend an Usher Appreciation Lunch scheduled for Sunday, August 12th immediately following the worship service.

This free meal is a chance for the church to thank you for your dedicated service along with an opportunity to explain the new sanctuary security system and refresh the operation of the life-saving AED system located in the narthex and fellowship hall. You are the front line for our members and visitors and we want to thank you for your faithful service.

To assist with ordering catered food, please email or call the church office by Sunday, July 29th to confirm the number planning to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 22..... Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM ... Worship Service in Chapel

Intercessory Prayer Circle at front of Chapel

11:00AM... CHURCHWIDE BRUNCH {Fellowship Hall}

Hosted by the Welcoming Task Force

Monday, July 23

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {Fellowship Hall}

Thursday, July 26

5:30PM YOGA Class {Parlor}

7:00PM Square Dance {Fellowship Hall}

Sunday, July 29.....Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM..... Worship Service in Chapel

Intercessory Prayer Circle at front of Chapel

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {July 22-28}

BIRTHDAYS July 23 Annabell Callicutt

July 24 Mary Lloyd Callicutt

July 25 Melody Evans

July 27 Betty Link

July 28 Jeff Hutchens

ANNIVERSARIES July 27 Mark & Nicole Smith

FREE Summer Activities for the Young and Young at Heart...

- **Church-wide Bowling Night, Lexington YMCA** – Friday, August 3rd from 5:30 – 7:30pm First Reformed family and friends will enjoy pizza, drinks and bowling. If you haven’t contacted Cathy Waitman yet, **JULY 29th IS THE DEADLINE to sign up!**
- **Back to School Bingo and Movie in church fellowship hall** – Tuesday, August 14th from 1:30 – 4pm; prizes, popcorn, snacks, drinks will be provided. Please let Cathy know **by August 5th** if you are interested.

“Back to School” campaign for Communities in Schools continues through August 12. Please help by bringing the items to the Communities in Schools box located outside the office during the month of July or to the Narthex during August. **WE APPRECIATE ALL DONATIONS!**

July 15 – notebook paper & pencils

July 22 - crayons (24) & glue sticks

July 29 - composition books & erasers

August 5 - colored pencils & markers

August 12 - backpacks