

Thank You for Serving Our Church

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Casey Hartle, who is celebrating his birthday today, and in loving memory of Lori Lopp Floyd in remembrance of her August 17th birthdate; given by Cliff & Paula Lopp.

USHERS: Jeff Hutchens, Cheryl Walser, James Gray, Jerry Lovell

YOUTH USHER: Elliott Smith

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: Calvin & Susan Odom

BIBLE STEWARD: Patrick Horton

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at the 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 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 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

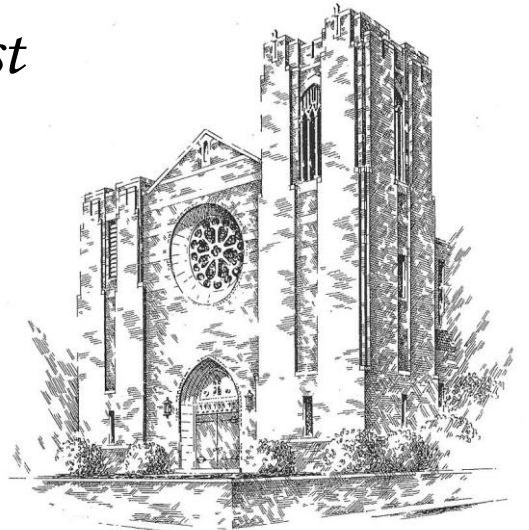
CHURCH MEMBERS: Gladys Snider, Lee, Bouchard, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Clifford Beane (Neighbor of Lee & Ellen Bouchard), Brian Arensman (Keith Johnson's friend and co-worker), John Hayden (Friend of Kivi Miller), 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); Dr. Sidney Hood...Family of Cindy S. Bowers...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)

First Reformed United Church of Christ

*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.



August 12, 2018

11:00am

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Bonita Hooper

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Bonita Hooper

Leader: You are the One for Whom we search, O God.

People: We worship You because You have found us.

Leader: You are the Hope for which we yearn, O Christ,

People: So we follow You to serve at Your side.

Leader: You are the Peace which can calm us, Holy Spirit,

People: So we open our brokenness so You might fill us.

*Hymn:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Insert

*Invocation

Bonita Hooper

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

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

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4:25-5:2
(Page #1066 of Pew Bible)

Bonita Hooper

Prayer of Confession

We break Your heart, God of all the world, as we overlook You in the company of the poor, the oppressed, and those without a voice. We choose to spread gossip about our friends and neighbors, when we could speak gently to them. Forgive us, O God, for the pain we cause You and other people. Help us to make a clean break from those habits which keep us from wholeness. Feed us with the Bread of Life, so we might have the love and passion to feed the world. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elizabeth Horton

Connecting in Ministry
Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton
Elizabeth Horton

Special Music: "Where He Leads Me"

Ellen Peterson

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading John 6: 35, 41-51
(from "Cotton Patch Gospels" by Clarence Jordan)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon: "How to Handle Picky Eaters"

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

*Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Insert

Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Bonita Hooper

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Bonita Hooper

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

You are invited to join in the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary.

Be Thou My Vision

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

Unison

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach
else to - me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-
day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

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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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT for OPEN HANDS MINISTRY

Open Hands Ministry is in need of size #10 cans of fruits and vegetables. You may drop any donations by the church office. Thank you for helping with this important ministry.



Send a Kid to School

Our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools ends TODAY.

You can still help by bringing items to the **Communities in Schools Box** located outside the office **by August 17th**. Kids Club will help organize all donations when they meet August 19th. **Our congregation is always so generous when bringing contributions for the Communities in Schools Campaign. Thank you for your donations to this wonderful ministry!**

- July 15 – pencils & notebook paper
- July 22 – crayons & glue sticks
- July 29 - composition books & erasers
- August 5 – colored pencils & markers
- August 12 - backpacks**

Back to School Bingo and Movie in the church Fellowship Hall – Tuesday, August 14th from 1:30 – 4pm; prizes, popcorn, snacks and drinks will be provided. Please let Cathy know **TODAY** if you are interested.



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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



Preparation for Rev. Staggs' visit continues during the Sunday school hour. Rev. Horton and Dave Fulton are leading a class on the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



Mark your calendars now!

Rally Day 2018 is on September 9th! This Rally Day will be a continuation of our study about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Clarence Jordan. There will be a program in the Chapel for Adults and Youth during Sunday School. We will receive Confirmands during the 11:00 worship service. A delicious baked potato and salad bar luncheon is also planned for the congregational meal.



(Building Relationships In Dinner Groups Eating)

A new Dinner Ministry begins! Join a Bridge Dinner Group!

The mission is not to play cards, but to build bridges. We want to get to know congregation members better by sharing a meal together in a small group setting once in September and again in October.

Who's invited to participate? Anyone who wishes...from long-time members to those who are recently visiting.

Tammy Rhodes and Susie Smith will coordinate those who are interested into groups of 6-8 people. Next, an "engineer" will be selected from each group to contact the group members to decide when and where and how the small group will meet for a meal.

Meals could be a covered dish at someone's home, a local park picnic, a table at local restaurant...each small group will decide for itself the meal details.

To participate, e-mail or text your name to Tammy Rhodes **by NEXT SUNDAY, August 19th** at tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com or **(336) 250-3121**.

REV. HORTON WILL BE ON VACATION September 19-25. Our guest minister on September 19th will be Rev. Phil Hardy, Executive Director for John's River Valley Camp. Rev. June Grubb will be on call in case of emergencies (336-248-5668 or 336-240-2503) or you may call the church office.



The East Lexington Collaborative Ministries Group (First Reformed UCC, Second Reformed UCC, Shady Side Presbyterian Church, and St. Stephen UMC) will be holding a 6-week **Collaborative Bible Study**. The study will be on the book of Psalms and will begin on September 4, 2018 from 12-1:00pm in the Parlor of First Reformed UCC. The study will be led by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Arnetta Beverly. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to reserve your study book, "Invitation to Psalms" by Michael Jinkins. The cost of each book is \$6.00. **The deadline to order is FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th.**

Please bring your lunch and join us as we study and interact with members of our sister churches.

The American Red Cross will be holding a BLOOD DRIVE at First Reformed UCC on **September 5th from 2:30-7:00pm**. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to help save a life! You may contact Betty Barr to schedule an appointment (336-239-5001) or sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Rev. Horton {FH}

11:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

12:00AM Usher Luncheon {FH}

Following Usher Luncheon...Consistory Meeting {New Way Class}

Monday, August 13 11:00AM... Staff Meeting {P}

6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, August 14 10:00AM... Collaborative Ministry Meeting {P}

1:30-4:00PMBack to School Movie and Bingo {FH}

Thursday, August 16 5:30PM..... YOGA Class {P}

7:00PM..... Square Dance {FH}

Thursday, August 16 Women's Life Fellowship feeds

NDHS Football Team {FH}

Sunday, August 19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45AM..... Sunday School

Youth study Clarence Jordan with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Dave Fulton {FH}

11:00AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

In the pulpit: Rev. Phil Hardy. Executive Director of JRVC

Kids Club with Alice Gray & Lena Johnson

Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {August 12-18}

BIRTHDAYS..... August 12 Casey Hartle

August 14 Lena Johnson

August 15 Baron Freeman

..... Beau Sink

August 16 Doris Sink

August 18 Amanda Fulton

ANNIVERSARIES August 16 Clifton & Harriette Murphy