

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gladys Hampton Snider; given by her family.

*Thank You for Serving Our Church*

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

**YOUTH USHER:** Elliott Smith

**ACOLYTE:** Lucas Peterson

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson

**GREETER:** Gennie Lou Byerly

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:** Patti Lovell & Rita Lohr

- ❖ 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).



We extend sympathy to the family of Gladys Snider. Please be in prayer for the family for the loss of their loved one.

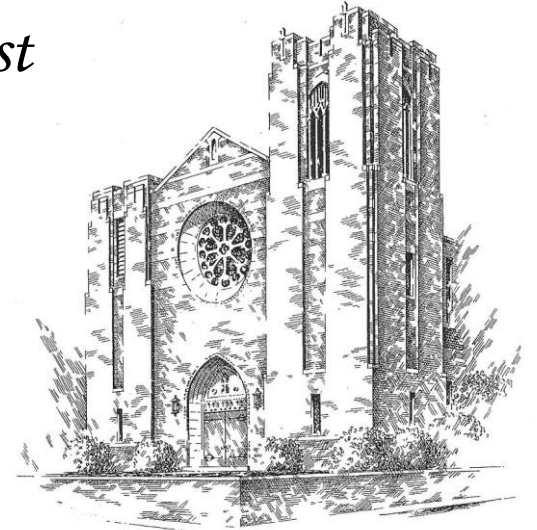
**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Melody Evans, Brian McKerlie, Lee Bouchard, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Lauren Thompson Gould, Ruth Fritts, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

**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), 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.*



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
God is still speaking,

August 19, 2018  
11:00am

**Guest Minister: Rev. Phil Hardy**  
*Executive Director for John's River Valley Camp*

*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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Griff Smith

## Gathering

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Introduction of Rev. Phil Hardy

Lindsay Sink

\*Call to Worship

Griff Smith

Leader: The world says there is not enough; the world says there is too much need.

**People: Christ calls us into the ways of faith.**

Leader: The world has too many problems; there is too much to be done.

**People: Christ calls us into the ways of hope.**

Leader: The world is too divided; there are too many wars and too much violence.

**People: Christ calls us into the ways of peace.**

Leader: There is just too much to think about; it would be easier to think about ourselves.

**People: Christ calls us into the ways of love.**

**All: Christ calls us to come and follow. Let us worship Christ together on this journey of faith.**

\*Hymn: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Insert

\*Invocation

Rev. Phil Hardy

## Centering

Young Disciples

Cathy Waitman

*All youth, pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join Cathy Waitman and Alice Gray for Kids' Club.*

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 58: 6-12  
(Page #674 of Pew Bible)

Griff Smith

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Phil Hardy

**Creator of Life, we confess that our lives are often not focused on You. We are focused on earthly successes, on moving up, on gaining what's next. We neglect those around us and have forgotten the need in our world. At times we make mistakes, and instead of owning up, we cover them up to make ourselves look good**

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**instead of doing the right thing. Forgive us, O God, for our foolish and selfish ways. Call us back to love our neighbor, to share what we have, and to show Your love and light in the world. We ask in Christ's name, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness Rev. Phil Hardy  
Connecting in Ministry Choir Invitation Ellen Peterson  
"BRIDGE" Groups Susie Smith

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Phil Hardy

Anthem: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Tomlin & Giglio  
*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
Now I see, now I see.*  
*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*  
*My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*  
*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*  
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And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.*  
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### *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading John 6: 1-15 Rev. Phil Hardy  
(Page #971 of Pew Bible)

Sermon: "A Table Big Enough" Rev. Phil Hardy

### *Responding*

\*Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Insert  
Invitation to Give Tithes and Offerings Griff Smith  
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 Griff Smith

### *Sending*

\*Responsive Call to Dedication Griff Smith

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 Rev. Phil Hardy

\*Postlude

**\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

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

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# Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

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

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.

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:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.  
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

By this shall all men know...if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

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*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all  
 walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll  
 work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's  
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all praise to the

*Refrain*

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians  
 dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride: Spir - it, who makes us one:

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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**WE WELCOME REV. PHIL HARDY TODAY!** After 25 years of Parrish ministry in the Southern Conference, Phil accepted a call to be Executive Director of Johns River Valley Camp and began there in September 2017. He is the husband of Stephanie and the father of Spencer, Mitchell, Katie and Natalie. Most recently he became a proud grandfather to Myles.

**REV. HORTON WILL BE ON VACATION** today through August 25. 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.

### **BACKPACK BLESSING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

All youth should bring their backpacks to church NEXT SUNDAY and place them around the Baptismal Font so that they can be blessed prior to the beginning of the new school year.

### **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.



**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 MONDAY, AUGUST 20th.** 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. Later they will study Clarence Jordan. The Youth will also be learning about Bonhoeffer in preparation for Rally Day activities.

### **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.

**TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP!**

If interested, you may e-mail or text your name to Tammy Rhodes at [tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com](mailto:tammyrhodes2215@gmail.com) or (336) 250-3121.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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, Cathy Waitman & Lena Johnson

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary*

Monday, August 20 6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, August 21 6:30PM.....Women's Life Fellowship {Linda Sink's home}

Wednesday, August 22 12:00PM ....Friendship Club {Yarborough's Restaurant}

Thursday, August 23 5:30PM..... YOGA Class {P}

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

**Sunday, August 26 ....Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:45AM..... Sunday School**

Youth: Rally Day practice with Cathy Waitman

Adults study Dietrich Bonhoeffer with Elizabeth Horton {FH}

**11:00AM .... WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY & HOLY BAPTISM**

**BACKPACK BLESSING...YOUTH: bring backpacks to church**

*Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary*

**Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {August 19-25}**

- BIRTHDAYS.....** August 19 ..... J.W. Bates  
 August 20 ..... Myra Thompson  
 August 21 ..... Ramona Yarbrough  
 August 22 ..... Edgar Miller  
 August 23 ..... Vogen Everhart  
 August 24 ..... John Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES** August 22 ..... Calvin & Susan Odom