

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 11
9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Youth – Advent Wreaths & Program Practice with Cathy Waitman
 Adults – Veterans’ Day Presentation: Donna Hurt {Fellowship Hall}

11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards
Congregational Meeting: 2019 Consistory Nominees

Following Worship
Consistory Meeting

Monday, Nov. 12
 11:00AM..... Staff Meeting
 5:00PM..... Crisis Ministry Adult Shelter Meal
 6:30PM..... Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, Nov. 13
 10:00AM..... Collaborative Ministries Meeting {Parlor}
 6:00PM..... Men’s Brotherhood & Women’s Life Fellowship {FH}
 6:30PM..... Board of Evangelism {Parlor}

Wednesday, Nov. 14
 6:30PM..... Bell Choir {Bell Room}
 7:15PM..... Adult Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, Nov. 15
 5:30PM..... YOGA Class {Parlor}
 7:00PM..... Square Dance {FH}

Saturday, Nov. 17
 10-12:30 Nutcracker Practice for Sheets Dance Academy
 2:00PM..... Nutcracker Performance: Sheets Dance Academy {FH}

Sunday, Nov. 18
9:15AM Before & After Worship Women’s Life Fellowship Bake Sale {FH}
9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 Youth – Advent Wreaths and Program Practice
 Adults – Studying Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards
Congregational Meeting: Consistory Nominations
from the Congregation

Following Worship

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Nov. 11-17}

BIRTHDAYS.....November 12.....Mike Hooper
 November 13.....William Owen Hooper
 November 14Holt Biesecker
 November 17Anne Bevan

*First Reformed
 United Church of Christ*

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

November 11, 2018
11:00AM

*We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.
 No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.*

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.

Give THANKS

On this leaf, write one reason you are thankful for this church. Please place your leaf in the offering plate as it is passed.

The Worship of God Veterans' Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

*The Chimes

The 11 chimes today mark the 100th anniversary when the fighting in World War I came to an end. The armistice between the Allies and Germany took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Millions of soldiers from many nations across the world sacrificed their lives, and more were wounded. These chimes help us remember the soldiers and civilians killed in warfare in every country and call us to work and pray for peace.

*Hymn

"O God of Every Nation"

Insert

*Litany of Welcome

Keri Hartle

Leader: We gather to praise our God.

People: The One who created everything; the One who keeps faith with us.

Leader: We gather to follow Jesus.

People: Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair; Who comes to set us free from our fears.

Leader: We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.

People: Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable; Who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.

Choral Call to Worship

"Come My People"

Opening Prayer

Keri Hartle

Centering

A Litany in Honor of Veterans' Day

Elizabeth Horton

Leader: We pause to remember those who have served and currently serve in our armed forces.

People: Many have answered the call to serve.

Leader: Many have walked the somber path of war, entering into pain and grief, going to the places where most of us would rather not be.

People: May we honor those who sacrifice their safety and their time away from home and loved ones.

Leader: Remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran all know the cost of war.

People: Help us to comfort and bind up the wounds of the veterans among us.

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Leader: May we advocate for and give care to the veterans who are homeless, who suffer from the traumas of war, and who return and cannot find employment.

People: Challenge us to work for peace and justice.

Leader: We pray for a time when swords will become plowshares once more, and that war be known only in history books.

People: Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace.

Leader: We give thanks for the veterans who protect us from such failures.

People: In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Anthem "Song for the Unsung Hero" Martin & Martin

*Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who lay their dreams aside.
Choosing honor more than glory. Pledging faith with quiet pride
Those whose uniform is courage, yet are unashamed of tears.
Finding in their love of freedom power stronger than their fears.*

*Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea.
As the faithful sang before you, sing the song of liberty.*

*Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who answer freedom's call.
Those united by one purpose, all for one and one for all.
We will sing and not be silenced, we will keep our voices strong,
For as long as we keep singing, freedom's cry will still live on!*

*Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea.
As the faithful sang before you, sing the song of liberty. Sing the song of liberty.*

*My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring.
Let us sing the song of freedom, sing the song of liberty.*

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

Connecting in Ministry Elizabeth Horton

Stewardship Story Mark Smith, Community Outreach

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Horton

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Mark 12: 38-44 Elizabeth Horton
(page #923 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "When Less Is More"

Responding

*Hymn "Take My Life" Insert

Invitation to Give of Ourselves Now and for the Coming Year
(Pledge cards, Time & Talent Sheets and Offerings)

Offertory

*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 Keri Hartle

Sending

*Call to Discipleship Keri Hartle
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 Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Response "Give Thanks"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks.**

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

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O God of Every Nation

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3. Give strength to those who la - bour that all may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand,
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - bre, from dread of wars in - crease,
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion, give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard:
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when peace on earth shall reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

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Women's Life Fellowship will hold a **HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th** beginning at 9:15am. If you need help with your baking for the Thanksgiving holiday, we'll have pound cakes, pies, cookies, and mixes.

Come Hungry! Mary Jo will be making sausage biscuits again this year and we will have coffee. Enjoy breakfast while you shop.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

The First Reformed UCC Board of Community Outreach is offering an "Alternative Gift Fair." There will be a booth setup at the Women's Life Fellowship Bake Sale...

Beginning at 9:15 a.m. (before Sunday school)

Between Sunday School and Worship & After Worship

Make a donation to one of our benevolences in honor of teachers, family members, friends, co-workers, etc. We will provide an acknowledgement card and envelope for you to mail. Some suggestions are:

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| Crisis Ministries | Davidson Medical Ministries | GLAMA—Crisis Fund |
| Salvation Army | Pastor's Pantry | Family Services of DC |
| Communities in School | Habitat for Humanity | Lexington Housing CDC |
| Hospice of DC | Nazareth Children's | Our Church's Wider Mission |
| Elon Homes | Johns River Camp | Pastor's Discretionary Fund |
| Pathway of Hope | UCC Retirement | Lexington Prison Chaplaincy |
| | Community Garden | |

What: Chili Cook-Off
When: Sunday, December 2
Time: 12:00 following the worship service
Where: Fellowship Hall



Fifteen to twenty chili cooks are needed to enter the cook-off and provide the main part of the meal. A small salad, cornbread, drinks and desserts will be on the menu. Bring plenty of dollar bills to vote for your favorite. Winner will be announced at 1:00! **Please contact Cathy by Sunday, November 25 if you wish to enter a pot of chili.**



The Christmas Story
 Children's Christmas Program
 December 9, 2018 at 11:00AM

Catered Luncheon at 12:00

The Twelve Days of Christmas
 Christian Version and Secular Versions
 Santa's Visit

The **Tree of "Angels"** will be placed in the breezeway of the Education Building again this year. Make a donation (your discretion) to place an angel on the tree in honor or memory of someone. Donations will assist with year-end benevolences. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office.

In Memory of: _____
By: _____
In Memory of: _____
By: _____
In Honor of: _____
By: _____
In Honor of: _____
By: _____

ATTENTION CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS...

It is time to apply for the Hinkle, Sink, Swing Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed by contacting paula@frucc.org. Applications should be completed and back in the office by **DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CPR CLASS?

The East Lexington Collaborative Ministry Group will host a CPR & Basic First Aid class in early 2019. Cost will be determined by class size. An opportunity for certification will be available for an additional charge. If you are interested, please contact the church office by Sunday, November 11, 2018. (336-248-2617)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can help ring the bell for the Salvation Army on **December 15th**, stationed in front of Lanier's Ace Hardware, please sign up on the clipboard located in the Narthex or contact **Mark Smith at 336-337-9666 or msmith@gwsmithlbr.com**. Times begin at 10:00 and end with the 5-6:00 slot.

CHRISMONS!

You may purchase a Chrismon in honor or memory of someone. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate **by November 25th** along with \$20 for each one ordered.

of Chrismons _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIAS NOW!

Reserve a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is **\$13.00** per plant. These will be placed in the sanctuary the first Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. Poinsettias can be picked up immediately following worship that day to enjoy at home during the Advent Season. Please fill out the information form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. **Order deadline is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.**

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dawn Shaak; given by Bob Shaak, Raeann & Chris Allred, Rob Shaak, Holt Biesecker, and Noah, Chloe & Mary Taylor Shaak.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

LITURGIST: Keri Hartle

PLATE ATTENDANT: Buddy Lohr

USHER CAPTAIN:

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Dave Fulton

USHERS: Mike Brown, Heidi Hutcheson, Mark Smith, Ramona Yarbrough

YOUTH USHER: Haylee Hutcheson

ACOLYTE: Elliott Smith

GREETERS: John & Vicky Gray

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}: Nicole Smith & Nina Smith

❖ 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



We express sympathy to Renee Walsh and Travis White and family on the loss of Renee's grandfather. Please be in prayer for their family during this difficult time.

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 Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

CHURCH MEMBERS: Bill, Walser, Janelle Bunn, Kelly Greathouse, Ruth Fritts, Vogen Everhart, Deanna Michael, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart

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

OUR FRIENDS: Boyd & Bonnie Perry (Friends of Frankie Hedrick), Kathe Everhart (Frankie Hedrick's sister-in-law), Jeanette Ingle (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Chris Greene (Michell Winter's step-brother), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Laura Williams (Carolyn Robbins' mother), David Combs (Friend of Open Hands), Noriko Shaw and the Family of Heather & Joe Surrent (Friends of Mike & Lynn Brown), 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), Judy Stanley (Friend of Alane Holste), Jonelle Parker (Friend of Frank Leonard); 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)