

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 18

9:15AM...10:30AM...Following Worship
Women's Life Fellowship Bake Sale {FH}

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Advent Wreaths &
Program Practice

Adults –Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards

Following Worship

Congregational Meeting:
Open Nominations

Monday, November 19

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Wednesday, November 20

Bell Choir & Adult Choir **WILL NOT MEET**

Thursday, November 22

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

1:00-3:00PM

Thanksgiving Meal Ministry (FH)

Friday, November 23

DEADLINE FOR...

December Newsletter Submissions

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 25

9:45AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth – Advent Wreaths &
Program Practice

Adults –Romans with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

DEADLINE FOR...

Chili Entry, Chrismon & Poinsettia Orders

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27

5-7:00 Community Meal {FH}

6:00 Decorate for Advent {Sanctuary}

November 28

12:00 Friendship Club {FH}

December 2

Chili Cook-Off

12:00 following the worship service {FH}

Following Lunch...Consistory Meeting

December 9

DEADLINE FOR...Christmas Cards for our
members at home

"The Christmas Story"

Children's Christmas Program at 11:00AM

Catered Luncheon at 12:00PM

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

Christian Version and Secular Versions
Santa's Visit

December 14

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

December 15

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Lanier's

10:00 Adult Choir Cantata Practice

December 16

11:00 Worship: Choir Cantata

December 22

DEADLINE FOR...Pork Loin Tickets

December 24

HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00PM

Candlelight Service and Communion

December 25

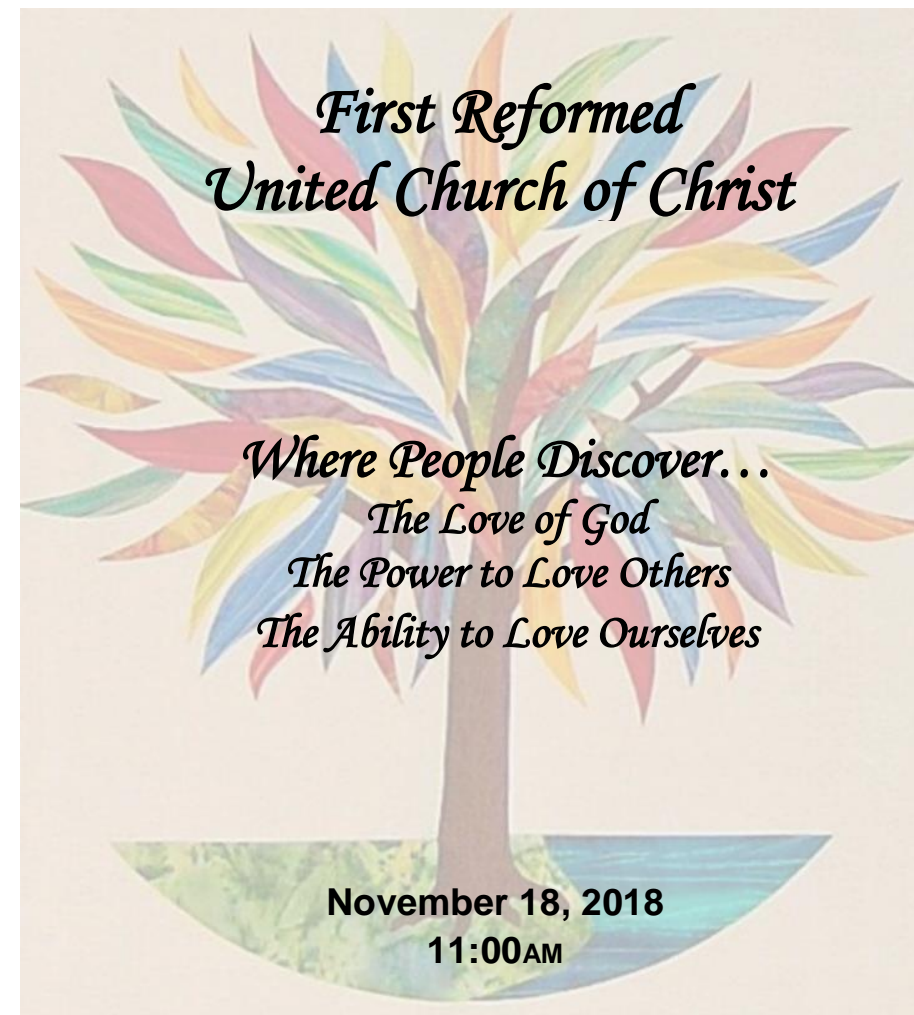
HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 30

11:00 Worship Only...No Sunday School
Infant Baptism

December 31

DEADLINE FOR...scholarship applications



*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 Thanksgiving Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

*Chimes

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

"Come My People"

*Opening Litany Based on Psalm 100

Jonathan Kepley

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Remember that our God is the only God—

**People: The One who made us,
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.**

Leader: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving; and come into God's presence with praise.

**People: For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.**

*Hymn

"We Praise You, O God"

Insert

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Centering

Prayer of Confession

O God, we know that we forget about you. We forget to love you. We forget to help our neighbors. We forget to thank you. Please forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and eager hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Young Disciples

{All youth, pre-K - 5th grade, are invited to join in Kids Club with Alice Gray.}

*Hymn

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"

Insert

Connecting in Ministry

Elizabeth Horton

Stewardship Story

John Smith, Property Committee

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Horton

Special Music

Mike Price

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Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Mark 13: 1-8
(page #925 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"The Struggle to Be Born"

Responding

Invitation to Give of Ourselves Now and for the Coming Year

(Pledge cards, Time & Talent Sheets and Offerings)

Offertory

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Quartet: Walter Hoffman, Clifton Murphy, Ellen Peterson, Carolyn Robbins

*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

Jonathan Kepley

Sending

*Call to Discipleship

Jonathan Kepley

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

*Congregational 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.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR
OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 CONSISTORY**

*Postlude

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

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We Praise You, O God

Julia C. Cory, 1902; alt.

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,
Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Julia Bulkley Cady Cory wrote this hymn for Thanksgiving in 1902 at the invitation of the organist of New York's Brick Presbyterian Church who felt that the familiar words to Kremser contained too much militaristic imagery.

Tune: KREMSEMER 12.11.12.11.
Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {Nov. 18-24}

BIRTHDAYS	November 18.....	Dottie Walser
	November 19.....	Gary Hahn
	November 20	Emory Smith
	November 21	Scott Frye
	 Vance Walser
	November 22	Jo Hudson
	November 23.....	Frank Leonard
	November 24	John Maze

ANNIVERSARIES NONE THIS MONTH

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1 Come, you thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!
 2 All the world is God's own field, har-vests for God's praise to yield,
 3 For our God, one day, shall come, and shall take this har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, God, quick-ly come to your fi-nal har-vest-home!

Dm Gm C F G C Dm C G C

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, safe be-fore the storms be-gin;
 wheat and weeds to- geth-er sown, here for joy or sor-row grown;
 from the field shall in that day, all of-fen-ces purge a-way,
 Ga-ther all your peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

C C7 F C7 F F7 Bb F7 Bb

God, our mak-er, does pro-vide for our needs to be sup-plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear;
 giv-ing an-gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
 there for ev-er pu-ri-fied, in your pres-ence to a-bide:

D Gm C F Bb F Dm F C7 F

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!
 Har-vest-giv-er, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in the gar-ner ev-er-more.
 come, with all your an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.

Words: Henry Alford 1844, alt.
 Music: George Job Elvey 1858

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DON'T FORGET...

Women's Life Fellowship Bake Sale will continue after worship in the Fellowship Hall!



SIGN UP TO MAKE A POT OF CHILI!
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 also be on the menu.

Bring plenty of dollar bills to vote for your favorites. The winner will be announced at 1:00! **Please contact Cathy by NEXT SUNDAY, November 25 if you wish to enter a pot of chili or can help by bringing other items for the meal.**

PORK LOIN FUNDRAISER!

Men's Brotherhood will be smoking **PORK LOINS** on December 22nd. Each will sell for \$40.00 You can choose from two pick up times: 11-12:00 or 4- 5:00. Price includes the pork loin and a quart of BBQ sauce. Tickets will be sold during the Women Life Fellowship Bake Sale this morning or you may contact the church office for tickets. (carolyn@frucc.org or 336-248-2617) There are a limited number of tickets available, so act quickly! **The deadline to purchase tickets is December 22nd.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark Smith has secured another day for bell ringing for the Salvation Army. If you can help ring the bell for the on **Friday, December 14th**, 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.

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

A Thanksgiving meal, generously prepared by Margaret Martin and organized by Tina Royal, will be served in our church Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving afternoon. If you are able to help with this community outreach, please plan to be at church from 1-3:00.

COMMUNITY MEAL ON NOVEMBER 27

The last Community Meal of 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th from 5-7:00 in our church Fellowship Hall. The menu includes pinto beans, cabbage, cornbread and stewed apples. **DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND WILL BENEFIT SAVING GRACE K-9s.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MEMBERS AT HOME

Again this year, we collect Christmas cards to deliver to our members at home. Simply sign cards, place them in envelopes and put them in the bags that will be on the front pew of the sanctuary on **November 25, December 2 or December 9**. These bags will be delivered along with the holiday fruit baskets. A special thank you goes to Lena Johnson for making the cute holiday bags for the cards!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

The First Reformed UCC Board of Community Outreach is again 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 | |

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: _____

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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.**

CHRISMONS!

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

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.**

of Poinsettias _____ purchased by _____ Total Amount _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Jo Hudson; given by Jo Dee Hudson and Jan Raper.

Thank You for Serving Our Church

YOUTH LITURGIST: Jonathan Kepley

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

GREETER: Sherry Bonner

BIBLE STEWARD: Emory Smith

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 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

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

OUR FRIENDS: Charm Ketner, Harold Holste (Alane Holste's father), 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 Surrett (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), 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)