

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 13

9:45AM – Sunday School

#### Youth

- **Younger Children** {Downstairs}  
Led by Lena Johnson
- **Older Children** {Downstairs}  
Studying Joshua with Cathy Waitman
- **Teens** {Downstairs}  
Led by Rev. Horton

#### Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group**  
Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **New Way Class** Studying Romans  
with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP:

**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM  
INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY**

Following Worship:

Consistory Meeting

### Monday, January 14

11:00AM

Staff Meeting

5:00PM

Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal  
(served by Men's Brotherhood)

6:30PM

Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

### Tuesday, January 15

10:00AM

Willing Weavers {RM 3}

6:30PM

Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {P}

### Wednesday, January 16

6:30PM

Bell Choir {Bell Room}

7:15PM

Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

### Thursday, January 17

5:30PM

Yoga {Parlor}

7:00PM

Square Dancing {FH}

### Sunday, January 20:

9:45AM – Sunday School

#### Youth

- **ALL Children** {Downstairs}  
Youth Service Project with Cathy Waitman
- **Teens** {Downstairs}  
Led by Rev. Horton

#### Adults

- **Family & Faith Discussion Group**  
Led by Jeremy Lovell {RM 103}
- **New Way Class** Studying Romans  
with Dave Fulton {Parlor}

11:00AM – WORSHIP

Following Worship:

Families First Luncheon {FH}

2:00PM – Worship Meeting

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

### BIRTHDAYS

13 <sup>th</sup>	Jitter Yarbrough
15 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Perry
17 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Thompson Gould
18 <sup>th</sup>	Patti Lovell Mike Price Robert Sandifer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Heidi Hutcheson

### ANNIVERSARIES

16 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Ann Hoffman
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## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES FROM THE NARTHEX

### UPDATE ON BRIDGE GROUPS

It is time to start signing up for 2019 Bridge Groups. We will be contacting previous members but would love to have some new faces, also. We all shared new and old friendships in 2018. There was plenty of laughter, fellowship, and good food, too.

You can email Belinda Yates if you would like to join.

[besyates@windstream.net](mailto:besyates@windstream.net)

### FAMILIES FIRST LUNCHEON

There will be a luncheon for all parents of children and youth in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, January 20. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED. The menu will be pizza and salad unless anyone has other suggestions for the meal. **RSVP to Cathy by January 16<sup>th</sup>.** ([cathy@frucc.org](mailto:cathy@frucc.org))



First Reformed UCC members and friends are invited to our first **GAME NIGHT** on **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. This is **NOT JUST FOR KIDS!** We'll have board games and card games for adults, too! We are looking for a variety of games. Contact Kivi Miller or Mike Price to sign up.

([kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com](mailto:kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com))

([canjunmike@gmail.com](mailto:canjunmike@gmail.com))

Check in and sign up for a game between 6:30-7:00pm. Games will start promptly at 7:00pm. Light snacks will be provided, but

### BOOK STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

Walter Hoffman will lead an 8-week discussion group on **"Love Wins,"** a book about "Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." The group will meet in the Parlor at 9:45 during Sunday School.

From Rob Bell:

*"First, I believe that Jesus's story is first and foremost about the love of God for every single one of us. It is a stunning, beautiful, expansive love, and it is for everybody, everywhere."*

*"Second, I have written this book because the kind of faith Jesus invites us into doesn't skirt the big questions about topics like God and Jesus and salvation and judgment and heaven and hell, but takes us deep into the heart of them."*

From Amazon:

*"In 'Love Wins,' bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith –hell and the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever?" "With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial with a hopeful message – eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, 'Love Wins'."*

You can download the book on **Kindle Unlimited** for free. The paperback book is on sale for \$13.09. If you would like to purchase a book, **please email, text, or call Cathy Waitman by February 11.**

([cathy@frucc.org](mailto:cathy@frucc.org) or 336-250-2731)

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Banks Shepherd; given by his family.

*Thank You for Serving Our Church*

**LITURGIST:** Dave Fulton

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Doris Sink

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** James Gray

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**USHERS:** Denise Durham, Ben Hale, Kivi Miller, Susan Miller, Jeremy Peterson

**YOUTH USHER:** Ava Miller

**GREETERS:** Lindsay & Linda Sink

**NURSERY {INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN}:**

Aurelia Smith & Sylvia Walser

- ❖ *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*

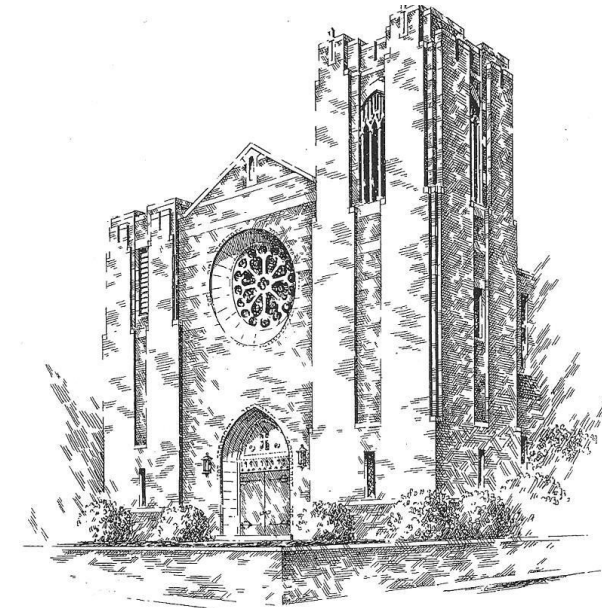
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Ben Hale (benjaminhale08@comcast.net or 704-772-6908) or call the church office (336-248-2617).

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Mary Berrier, Denise Durham, Tammy Rhodes, Bill Walser, Janelle Bunn, Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crofts, Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Ruth Fritts, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Cody Yancey (Family of Paula Lopp), Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell), Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), The Family of Ron Koprowski (Friends of Frankie and Buddy Hedrick), Linda Burgess (Friend of Susan Odom), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Cheri Yates (Eddie Yates' step-mother), Eric Cole (Son of visitor, Jill Cole, in training for Border Patrol in New Mexico), 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 Surret (Friends of Mike & Lynn Brown), Brian Arensman (Friend and Co-worker of Keith Johnson), John Haydon (Friend of Kivi Miller), Eddie Wray (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Lynn Younts (Friend of Susie Smith)

*First Reformed  
United Church of Christ*

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



*January 13, 2019*

*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. If you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else, Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews, as well.  
Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available.  
Please let an usher know if you need assistance.*

\* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

*The Worship of God*  
*Baptism of Christ Sunday*

*Gathering*

Prelude

\*Chiming of the Hour

\*Greeting Elizabeth Horton

\*Congregational Call to Worship *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

\*Responsive Call to Worship Dave Fulton

One: Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**All: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**All: “There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine Love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn *\*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing\** Insert

\*Opening Prayer Dave Fulton

*Centering*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 1-5 Dave Fulton  
(Page #658 of Pew Bible)

Unison Prayer of Confession Elizabeth Horton

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the**

**sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief. Amen**

Assurance of Grace

\*Hymn *“It Is Well with My Soul”* Insert

Young Disciples  
*(All youth, Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)*

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Elizabeth Horton

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”* arr. Don Hart

*Sweet little Jesus Boy, they made You be born in a manger.  
Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who You were.  
Didn't know You'd come to save us, Lord; to take our sins away.  
Our eyes were blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who You were.*

*Long time ago You were born, born in a manger low, Sweet little Jesus Boy.  
The world treats You mean, Lord, treats me mean too,  
But that's how things are down here, we don't know who You are.*

*You have shown us how, we are trying, trying, Master,  
You have shown us how even when you were dying,  
Just seems like we can't do right, look how we treated You.  
But please, Sir, forgive us, Lord, we didn't know You.*

*Sweet little Jesus Boy born long time ago.  
Sweet little Holy Child, we didn't know who You were.  
We didn't know who You were. Sweet little Jesus Boy.*

\*Epiphany Doxology Old Hundredth

***Praise God the source of life and breath;  
Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;  
Praise Holy Spirit's mystery;  
One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen***

\*Prayer of Dedication Dave Fulton

## Proclaiming

Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22  
(page #935 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

*“Living in the Light: Saved to Serve”*

## Responding

Remembering Our Baptism

Gift in Song

*“Down to the River to Pray”*

Keri Hartle

Prayer of Recommitment

Elizabeth Horton

**All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, grant us**

**Love for others,  
Joy in serving You,  
Peace in disagreement,  
Patience in suffering,  
Kindness toward all people,  
Goodness in evil times,  
Faithfulness in temptation,  
Gentleness in the face of opposition,  
Self-control in all things.**

**Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.**

Affirmation of Ministry

Presentation of 2019 Consistory {*\*Ordination*}

### Deacons:

*Denise Durham, Dave Fulton, Jerry Lovell, Deanna Michael, \*Kivi Miller, \*Mike Price*

### Elders:

*Lena Johnson, Lindsay Sink, Doris Sink, Eddie Yates, Raeann Allred, Harriette Murphy*

### Trustees:

*Merle Hodges, Carolyn Spivey, Walter Hoffman, Doug Sink, Buddy Lohr*

### Elder Emerita

*Carolyn Spivey*

Covenant

Leader: ...let us now rise and affirm our covenant with them.

**\*People: We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

Declaration

## Sending

\*Call to Discipleship

Dave Fulton

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send to shine the Light into the world?”

**People: Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”**

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Congregational Response

*“I Am the Light of the World”*

***“I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!”  
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.***

\*Postlude

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

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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 - journ-ing, 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 popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

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

# It Is Well with My Soul

I pray that ... your soul is ... well — 3 John 2 NIV

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at-tend - eth my way, When sor -  
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this  
 3. My sin — oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't: My sin  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds

rows like sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my  
 not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I  
 be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall re-sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so," it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
 MUSIC: Phillip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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