

**OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME:** Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:**

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts  
Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price  
Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey  
Westchester Manor: James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:** Leonard Prevette (Bill Walser's cousin), Janice Tritt (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), George Urwick (Eulene Shepherd's neighbor), Sarah Stapler (Friend of Janette Neal), Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son)

Names with an \* indicate newly added. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.**

<i>Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</i>	
May 5-11	
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sherry Bonner Ben Hale Nathan Jessup	6 <sup>th</sup> Vance & Joy Walser
9 <sup>th</sup> Ellen Peterson	9 <sup>th</sup> Carroll & Carolyn Spivey

**Lexington Choral Society**  
presents

*Longing for Light*

*~ A Spring Sing ~*

Ellen R. Peterson, Director  
Phyllis Jones, Accompanist

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00pm**  
First United Methodist Church  
310 South Main Street, Lexington, NC

*Many of First Reformed UCC's choir members are members of the Lexington Choral Society.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 5**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME**

*{Downstairs}* Younger Children  
 Older Children  
 Teens  
*{Parlor}* Adults: "Love Wins" book study

**10:30** First Sunday Social *{FH}*  
 John & Vicky Gray

**11:00AM WORSHIP**  
 Kids Club: Treat Bags for Teachers

**Following Worship:** Ticket Sales for Dessert of the Month for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp

**3:00PM** Lexington Choral Society Concert: "Longing for Light" at First United Methodist Church

**Monday, May 6**

Breakfast for Teachers at Charles England Elementary School

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

**Tuesday, May 7**

**10:00AM** Willing Weavers *{Rm 3}*  
**6:30PM** Bd. of Evangelism *{Parlor}*  
 Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal *{Office}*

**Wednesday, May 8**

**7:00PM** Choir *{Chapel Annex}*

**Thursday, May 9**

**5:30PM** Finance Committee Meeting *{P}*  
 Yoga *{Dance Studio}*  
**7:00PM** Square Dancing *{FH}*

**Saturday, May 11**

**3:00PM** Memorial Service for Cynthia Crouse Martin *{Chapel}*

**Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*{Downstairs}* Younger Children  
 Older Children  
 Teens  
*{Parlor}* Adults: "Love Wins" book study

**11:00AM WORSHIP**  
 Carnations for Ladies (Bd. of Evangelism)  
 Prayer Shawls Blessing

**Following Worship:** Ticket Sales for Dessert of the Month for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
 There will be a Prayer Shawl Blessing during worship on May 12. **Please contact Harriette by May 8** if you will have shawls to be blessed. ([harmurphy69@gmail.com](mailto:harmurphy69@gmail.com) or 336-731-4256)

**First Reformed  
 United Church of Christ**



**The Worship of God**

Third Sunday of Easter  
 May 5, 2019  
 11:00AM

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

**Gathering**

(\*Please stand as you are able  
**"BOLD"** indicates congregational response

Prelude  
 \*Chiming of the Hour  
 Choral Opening "Come to the Waters" Rich Johnson  
 Call to Worship Rich Johnson

Now is the time to sing!  
 To sing the good news of God:  
**Who awakens us with dawn's embrace;**  
**Who surrounds us with joy and life.**  
 Now is the time to offer praise to God,  
 in every place, with every voice:  
**To rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment**  
**with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**  
 Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,  
 from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:  
**We will sing the good news of Easter!**  
**We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

\*Hymn "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" p. 4  
 \*Invocation Elizabeth Horton  
 Welcome

**Centering**

Scripture Reading Acts 9: 1-6 Rich Johnson  
 (page #1000 in pew bible)

Prayer of Confession Elizabeth Horton  
 God of Forgiveness,  
 hear now the confession of our sins.

**Our greed and our lust for power**  
**create enemies where we should find friends.**

We fail to offer comfort and aid  
 to those who are afraid and beat down  
 by the burdens of life.

**We are as blind and willful as Saul**  
**to the pain and the destruction**  
**of our wrongdoings**  
**and our well-meaning crusades.**

Forgive us, merciful One.  
Give us sight to see with your eyes,  
that we may bring hope and peace to our world.

**Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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Young Disciples

(All youth are invited to join Alice Gray and Cathy Waitman for Kids Club.)

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**

Anthem

"Be Still"

arr. David Lantz III

*In the stillness of the morning,  
just before the breaking sun,  
If you listen, and be still, God will be there.*

*In the quiet of the evening,  
just before the setting sun,  
If you listen and be still, God will be there, God will be there.*

*Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am.  
Be still and know, be still.*

*In the quiet of a whisper,  
God will come and say your name.  
If you listen and be still, He will be there. He will be there.*

*Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am.  
Be still and know, be still, be still.*

*Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am.  
Be still and know, Be still. Be still. Be still.*

## Proclaiming

Scripture

Acts 9: 7-20  
(page #1000 in pew bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"Surprise: Unexpected Company"

## Responding

\*Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"

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Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here be - low.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God with all the hosts a - bove.



Praise God in won - der, joy and love. Praise the Spi - rit, ho - ly



Spi - rit. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rich Johnson

## Sending

\*Call to Discipleship

Rich Johnson

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us to share God's love in the unexpected places?"

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

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Choral Benediction

"Peace I Leave with You"

\*Postlude

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

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# Stand Up and Bless the Lord

CARLISLE SM

Charles Lockhart, 1769

James Montgomery, 1824; alt.

Desc. Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

*Descant*

5. Stand up and bless the Lord; The

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, Ye  
 2. Though high above all praise, A -  
 3. O for the liv - ing flame From  
 4. God is our strength and song, Now

Lord your God a - dore; Stand up and bless God's  
 peo - ple of God's choice; Stand up and bless the  
 bove all bless - ing high, Who would not fear God's  
 God's own al - tar brought, To touch our lips, our  
 is sal - va - tion ours; Then be God's love in

glo - rious name, Hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.  
 ho - ly name, And laud and mag - ni - fy?  
 minds in - spire, And wing to heaven our thought!  
 Christ pro - claimed With all our ran - somed powers.

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden 1879, alt.  
 Music: Henry Percy Smith 1874

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# Will You Come and Follow Me

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me , turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Words: The Iona Community 1987

Music: Scottish traditional, arr. The Iona Community 1987

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KELVINGROVE

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Alt. setting: 96

## WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

### THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

**TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred and Fannie Green; given by Beverly, Bob, Jennifer, Caroline, Mike, Jillian, Jarrod, Alice, Mikellah and Cora.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME

Today is the last day to sign up for the **Winston Salem Dash Game, Friday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board in the Education Building or Narthex. You may also contact Cathy at cathy@frucc.org. Tickets are \$13.00 each.

### DESSERT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Narthex following worship May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Money collected from the sale will benefit the Send-a-Kid-to-Camp fund. Four winning tickets will be drawn at the luncheon on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**1 ticket for \$2.00 or  
3 tickets for \$5.00**

### FROM SEEDS TO FLOWERS

The Youth of our church made and planted seed bombs on Earth Sunday. Keep an eye on the planter in the Memorial Garden to watch as they grow from seeds into flowers.

### LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY

#### "A Conversation on Race and Faith"

Collaborative Ministries **Lunch & Learn Bible Study** continues **EACH TUESDAY IN MAY** from 12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Jim Luck. This bible study is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

### SEND-A-KID-TO-CAMP

If you would like to contribute to the **Send-a-Kid-to-Camp** fund for our youth who have signed up for Johns River Valley Camp, please put a check in the offering plate and mark on the memo line "JRVC."

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 29  
2:30-7:00  
in the Fellowship Hall

### SALAD BAR & SANDWICH LUNCHEON MAY 19 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

#### Menu:

Salad bar and Sandwiches  
(pimento cheese, chicken salad or PB&J)  
Dessert & Drink



**DONATIONS WILL ASSIST YOUTH GOING TO JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP  
SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

*Please help us with planning by placing this slip in the offering plate when passed or calling the church office by May 15 to add your name to the list. (336-248-2617)*

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**LITURGIST:** Rich Johnson

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Doug Sink

**GREETERS:** Lee & Ellen Bouchard

**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Dave Fulton

**NURSERY:** Heidi Hutcheson & Kivi Miller

**USHERS:** Mike Brown (Captain), Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson

*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*