

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 11

10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
In the Pulpit: Rev. J. Randy Hall
11:30AM Consistory Meeting

Monday, August 12

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Wednesday, August 14

7:00PM Adult Education Sub-Committee Meeting {Parlor}

Thursday, August 15

Breakfast for CEES staff
5:00PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Saturday, August 17

5:00PM Grades 6-12 Back to School Party
Rev. Horton's House

Sunday, August 18

10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
Backpack Blessing
12:00PM All Youth:
Pizza & Paint with Rev. Horton

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 19

First day of school for Lexington City Schools

Wednesday, August 21

6:30PM Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}

Friday, August 23

12:00PM September Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, August 25

10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
Holy Communion
Z-Day!

Monday, August 26

First day of school for Davidson County Schools

Wednesday, August 28

12:00PM Friendship Club {Yarborough's}
7:00PM Parent Meeting re: Youth Ministry {Parlor}

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Margot Everhart, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Doug Sink, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walsler, Lisa Price

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

OUR FRIENDS:

*Robert Phelps (Friend of John Potts & Janette Neal), Frances Ashby (Lisa Price's mother), Rev. Bill Sosebee (Stacy Sosebee-West's father), Christine Huckleberry (Friend of Eulene Shepherd), Brinlee Michael (Deanna Michael's granddaughter), Allyson Clark Kennedy (Belinda & Eddie Yates' daughter), Sandra Everhart (Friend of Brian McKerlie), Earl Parker (Elizabeth Horton's father), Grayson Beck (Clifton & Harriette Murphy's grandson), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Pat Roberts (Stacey Potts' mother)

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).

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

August Birthdays

12th

Casey Hartle

13th

Christie Plummer

14th

Lena Johnson

15th

Baron Freeman

Beau Sink

16th

Doris Sink

August Anniversaries

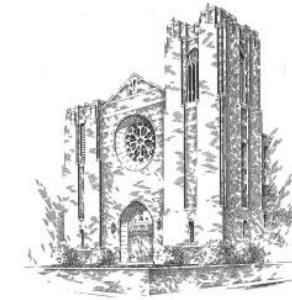
11th

Tim & Tracy Potts

16th

Clifton & Harriette Murphy

First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

August 11, 2019

10:30AM

In the Pulpit: Rev. J. Randy Hall

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 Trinity

*Call to Worship

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

Bonita Hooper

*Hymn #21 (Red Hymnal)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Invocation

Bonita Hooper

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:19-21 and Isaiah 1:12-18

Bonita Hooper

(Pages #288 and #617 in the pew bible)

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Randy Hall

God of all creation, we confess that we have divided your world and used it for our own good rather than for the common good. Forgive us for turning away from you and your creation and for failing to understand one another. Have mercy upon us, and unite us with a vision of wholeness and outpouring of your Spirit that we may live together in unity and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Randy Hall

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

Insert

Young Disciples

Rev. Randy Hall

(All children, Pre K-5th Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Centering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Randy Hall

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

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Proclaiming

Scripture John 14:25, 16:33 (Page #983 in pew bible) Rev. Randy Hall

Sermon "Call Us Mara" Rev. Randy Hall

Responding

*Hymn "And They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" Insert

*Invitation to Receive Offerings Rev. Randy Hall

Offertory *Doxology Old Hundredth

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 Bonita Hooper

Sending

*Call to Dedication Bonita Hooper

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction Rev. Randy Hall

*Choral Benediction "Carry the Light"

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

We welcome Rev. J. Randy Hall to the pulpit this morning! Randy is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Lexington for 25 years. He and Jane have four children and three grandchildren. They are owned by two cats. Randy is the author of "Images of Sorrow, Visions of Hope."

Rev. Horton will be on vacation through August 14. Rev. June Grubb, Minister of Pastoral Care, will be on call in case of emergencies. (336-248-5668) You may also contact the church office. (336-248-2617)

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lori Lopp Floyd's August 17 birthday; given by Cliff & Paula Lopp.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Bonita Hooper **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Eddie Yates **NURSERY:** Heidi Hutcheson
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson **GREETER:** Gennie Lou Byerly
ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson **BIBLE STEWARD:** Ethan Lovell **YOUTH USHER:** Elliott Smith
USHERS: James Gray (Captain), Cheryl Walsler, Denise Durham, John Maze, Jerry Lovell

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOLUNTEER AT CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First Reformed UCC will continue to partner with CEES. You may help out by becoming a volunteer. Let the church office know if you are interested, and we will help you get started. It will require a background check. Even just 30 minutes twice a month can make a big difference.

On **Thursday, August 15**, the Board of Community Outreach will prepare breakfast for the school staff. If you'd like to help, please contact Jerry Lovell at 336-745-6493.

PLEASE HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our "Back to School" campaign ends today. Thank you for all your generous donations for Communities in Schools! All contributions will be sent out Monday morning.

July 14

pencils & notebook paper

July 21

crayons & glue sticks

July 28

composition books & erasers

August 4

colored pencils & markers

August 11

backpacks

ALL YOUTH - BACKPACK BLESSING

Remember to bring your backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 18th** so Rev. Horton may bless them before the new school year begins!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER NEEDED

If you are able to help deliver meals, please contact Alisa Johnson. (336-250-6589)

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY for GRADES 6-12

Where: Rev. Horton's House

When: Saturday, August 17

Time: 5:00-7:00

Z-DAY IS COMING!

August 25, 2019

Board of Community Outreach Opportunity for All!

"Whom shall I send?"

"Here I am! Send me!"

CHILDREN & TEENS MINISTRY

On **Wednesday, August 28 at 7pm** parents of children & youth meet in the parlor to discuss future needs of Children's and Teen ministry. Come share your ideas for the ministry of our youth.

LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY

"A Conversation on Race and Faith"

Collaborative Ministries' Lunch & Learn Bible Study will begin again on **September 10 and continue EACH TUESDAY through October 15** from 12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor. Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you haven't noticed your birthday or anniversary in the bulletin or newsletter, it is not in our records. Please contact the office to help us update records.

RALLY DAY 2019

Come join us **September 8th at 9:45** in the Education Building for activities for all youth. Billy West will lead the adult Sunday school class on a discussion about mental health issues. Plan to stay after worship for the annual baked potato & salad bar luncheon. **TO HELP WITH PLANNING**, please contact the church office by **Wednesday, September 4** if you plan to attend the luncheon OR complete this sign-up slip and place it in the offering plate.

I plan to attend the baked potato and salad lunch on Rally Day, September 8th.

NAME _____ # ADULTS _____ # CHILDREN _____