

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 4

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 Church-Wide First Sunday Social {FH}
Mike & Bonita Hooper

10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb

Monday, August 5

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, August 6

6:30PM Board of Evangelism {Parlor}
Board of Spiritual Growth & Renewal
{Office}

Thursday, August 8

5:00PM Yoga {Dance Studio}
7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, August 11

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

11:30AM Consistory Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 17

5:00PM 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

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!

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Katherine Skipper, *Marguerite Leonard, Doug Sink, Sherry Bonner, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser, Lisa Price

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

*Margie & Vogen Everhart, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, 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:

*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), Boyd Clodfelter (Deanna Michael's brother-in-law)

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

4th

Lynn Klopp

6th

Lucas Peterson

10th

Nina Smith

August Anniversaries

7th

John & Vicky Gray

We welcome Rev. June Grubb to the pulpit this morning! 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)

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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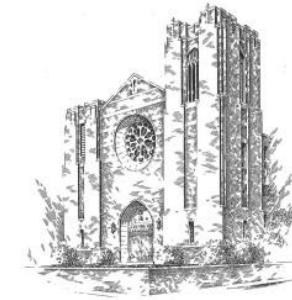
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

August 4, 2019

10:30AM

In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb

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

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

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

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

P: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

L: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

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

*Hymn

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

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*Invocation

Brian McKerlie

Scripture Reading

Psalms 49: 1-12, 16-20

(Page #508 in the pew bible)

Brian McKerlie

Prayer of Confession

June Grubb

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

June Grubb

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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Young Disciples

Cathy Waitman

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

Centering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

June Grubb

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

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
Now I see, now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

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And like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace;
Unending love, amazing grace.

Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 12: 13-21
(Page #949 in pew bible)

June Grubb

Sermon

"Bigger Makes Better?"

Responding

*Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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*Invitation to Receive Offerings

June Grubb

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.**

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Brian McKerlie

Sending

*Call to Dedication

Brian McKerlie

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

June Grubb

*Choral Benediction

"Carry the Light"

*Postlude

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are to the Glory of God and in honor of Jonathan Kepley; given by John & Susie Smith.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Brian McKerlie	PLATE ATTENDANT: Eddie Yates	NURSERY: Tammy Rhodes & Susie Smith
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson	GREETER: Denise Durham
ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson	BIBLE STEWARD: Ethan Lovell	YOUTH USHER: Elliott Smith
USHERS: James Gray (Captain), Chery Walser, Denise Durham, John Maze, Jerry Lovell		

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; And for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a competition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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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

School begins August 19th for Charles England Elementary students. We are excited that Beth Callicutt is the new principal. First Reformed UCC will continue to partner with them.

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.

PLEASE HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our "Back to School" campaign for Communities in Schools continues through August 11. Please help by bringing the items listed to the boxes outside the office or in the Narthex.

- July 14**
pencils & notebook paper
- July 21**
crayons & glue sticks
- July 28**
composition books & erasers
- August 4**
colored pencils & markers
- August 11**
backpacks

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.

COAT AND CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

Winter clothing items are still being collected. Bring them to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-746-6493) or Patti Lovell (336-309-9302) for larger deliveries.

FALL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

If you have any art work to display during September for the Board of Evangelism's Celebration of the Arts, please contact Bonita Hooper. (336-243-2440 or bonitahooper@gmail.com)

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 _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____