

Blood Drive First Reformed United Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or call Betty Barr at 336-239-5001, or go online at www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: First Reformed.

RALLY DAY 2019

Come kick off a new year of spiritual growth and renewal on **September 8th at 9:45** in the Education Building for activities for all ages. The children & youth will have fun activities on God's Creations. Billy West, Executive Director of Daymark Recovery Services, will lead the adults in 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 _____

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

September 1, 2019
10:30AM

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

"Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real."

~Thomas Merton, 20th century

Prelude

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship for Labor Day

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.
Let us worship God this day!

Gennie Lou Byerly

*Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

Welcome & Announcements

Centering

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13
(page #1098 in pew bible)

Gennie Lou Byerly

Prayer of Confession

I have failed. I have gloated. I have hated.

I have ignored. I have raged. I have hoarded.

I have judged. I have turned away.

I am sorry. I am exhausted. I am done.

Forgive me, heal me, break-and-remake-me, help me. In Jesus' name. Amen

Elizabeth Horton

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

p. 4

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Arr. Schrader

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on his face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace, his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part, never to part.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace, his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence, surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, is in this place.

Proclaiming

Luke 14: 1, 7-14
(page #951 in pew bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Scripture

Sermon

“Have Faith: When Waiting Is Hard”

Responding

“Together We Serve”

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Elizabeth Horton

*Hymn

Invitation to Receive Offerings

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

Gennie Lou Byerly

Sending

*Call to Dedication

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.”

Gennie Lou Byerly

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

“Carry the Light”

*Postlude

Extra ZOOM bags are in Narthex if you wish to pick one up after worship.

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST:	Gennie Lou Byerly	PLATE ATTENDANT:	Raeann Allred	NURSERY:	Nicole Smith & Nina Smith
USHER CHAIRPERSON:	Jeff Hutchens	SOUND TECHNICIAN:	John Gray	GREETERS:	Buddy & Rita Lohr
ACOLYTE:	Ethan Lovell	BIBLE STEWARD:	Jacob Hartle	YOUTH USHER:	Jonathan Kepley
USHERS:	John Smith (Captain), Dave Fulton, Alane Holste, Calvin Odom				

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

Bringing in the Sheaves

Knowles Shaw, 1874

George A. Minor, 1880

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1. Sow-ing in the morn-ing, sow-ing seeds of kind-ness, Sow - ing in the noon - tide
 2. Sow-ing in the sun - shine, sow-ing in the sha - dows, Fear - ing nei - ther clouds nor
 3. Go - ing forth with weep-ing, sow-ing for the Mas - ter, Though the loss sus - tained our

and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest, and the time of reap - ing,
 win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest, and the la - bor end - ed,
 spir - it of - ten grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver, He will bid us wel - come,

Refrain

We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.
 We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves. Bring - ing in the sheaves,
 We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

bring-ing in the sheaves, We shall come re-joic - ing, bring-ing in the sheaves, ing,

bring-ing in the sheaves,

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Together We Serve

1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -
 2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a
 3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the
 4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -

vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We
 lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We
 bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We
 mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -

work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -
 learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -
 of - fer a home to those who will come, our
 geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -

tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
 til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Celebration of the Arts Display in the Parlor

Sunday, September 1

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:15AM Church-Wide Social {FH}

10:30AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Church Office Closed

NO Open Hands Ministry Meal This Evening

Tuesday, September 3

6:30PM Bd. of Evangelism {Parlor}

Bd. of Spiritual Growth & Renewal {Office}

Wednesday, September 4

2:30-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}

6:00-7:30PM Middle/High School Youth Ministry

7:15PM Choir Practice Resumes {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, September 5

5:00PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

Saturday, September 7

10:00AM Set up & prep for Rally Day {FH}

Sunday, September 8 *NOTICE TIME CHANGES*

9:45AM Rally Day Activities {Downstairs}

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Following Worship:

Baked Potato & Salad Luncheon {FH}

Cathy Waitman's last day as Director of Board of Spiritual Growth & Renewal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 9

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm. 3}

6:00PM Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, September 10

10:00AM Collaborative Ministries {Parlor}

12:00PM Conversation on Race & Faith {Parlor}

6:00PM Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life Fellowship {FH}

Wednesday, September 11

11:00AM Morning Glory Circle {P}

7:15PM Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, September 12

5:00PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, September 15 *NOTICE TIME CHANGES*

9:45AM Coffee {FH}

10:00AM Faith Formation (Education Building)

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Joe Kiser, Vogen Everhart, Katherine Skipper, Marguerite Leonard, Lindsay Sink, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

*Sam Manes (Marge Doty's grandson), *Jerry Byrd (Friend of John & Susie Smith), Pat Celender (Jill Cole's mother), Bobbye & Jake Bradley (Friends of Patti Lovell), Bert & Virginia Davison (Friends of Frank Leonard, Randy Swicegood (Friend of Bill & Cheryl Walser), Cindy Coble (Friend of Alane Holste), Family of Lydia Rose (Friends of Alane Holste), Robert Phelps (Friend of John Potts & Janette Neal), Frances Ashby (Lisa Price's mother), Rev. Bill Sosebee (Stacy Sosebee-West's father), Brinlee Michael (Deanna Michael's granddaughter)

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.*

September Birthdays

September Anniversaries

2nd

Dave Fulton

Joe Kiser

5th

Dave & Glenyce Fulton

4th

Henry Crouse

5th

Kyndell 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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Irvin L. Sink, Boyce Sink, Hoyt & Jackie Sink and "Ernie" Bonner by their families.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Regular choir practice resumes this month. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. You don't need to know how to read music. All you need is a passion for sharing Christ's love through music. **Come join us on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:15 in the Chapel Annex.**

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 4th and 18th, 6-7:30 Snack Supper and Youth Group (The goal is to have youth group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Susan Morris will lead.)

Monday, September 9 Serve at Crisis Ministry; Meet at church at 5:45pm.

Sunday, September 29th "Parenting and Faith" will meet during Sunday School.

"A CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH" Part II

Collaborative Ministries' series on Race & Faith will begin on **September 10 and continue EACH TUESDAY through October 15 from 12:00-1:00pm** in our church Parlor. You may bring your own bag lunch. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

FILMS FOR CONVERATIONS ON RACE & FAITH

On **Tuesday, September 17** the monthly film series will continue at Second UCC with a viewing of "**The Green Pastures**", a 1936 film depicting stories from the Bible as visualized by black characters. Despite some criticisms about racial stereotyping, the film was enormously popular. On its opening day at Radio City Music Hall, tickets sold at a rate of 6,000 per hour. The film was held over for an entire year's run at some theaters. Please join us at 6:00PM in Second UCC's Fellowship Hall.

FALL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Remember to visit the display of art in the church parlor through September. This event was planned by the Board of Evangelism. If you have any questions, please contact Bonita Hooper. (336-243-2440 or bonitahooper@gmail.com)

ATTENTION CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Consistory members should have board reports turned in to the office by the **Monday prior to the Sunday Consistory meeting.** Items requiring a vote will be emailed for an e-vote. This procedure will leave more time for business/discussion at the regular meeting. The goal is for the formal meeting to be limited to 1½ hours.

NEW BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN

During Sunday School time on **September 15**, the adults will begin a 6-week book study on "**A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community**" by John Pavlovitz. Bonita Hooper and Lisa Nelson will lead discussions.

The office has a few copies to borrow, or you may purchase one for \$10.00 each on a first-come basis. You may also order on your own. The first session will discuss the Introduction through the second chapter.

FALL & WINTER CLOTHES CLOSET

We are still in need of fall and winter clothing of all sizes for our closet. Donations may be brought to the table across from the office. For larger deliveries, please contact Jerry Lovell at 336-746-6493 or Patti Lovell at 336-309-6493.

REMINDER

The bulletin is typically prepared for print on Thursday each week. If you have items you'd like to include, please notify the office by noon on Wednesdays.