

Weekend Backpack Program



Charles England Elementary School & First Reformed UCC Partnership

Our church received a request from CEES for nonperishable food items for their Backpack Program. These food items allow fifty students to have something to eat over the weekend when they are not in school. This is an ongoing need throughout the school year, so it will also be an ongoing project for First Reformed UCC. These items should be placed in the Narthex to be picked up for delivery to CEES.

Items that are needed:

Juice Boxes

Applesauce Cups

Breakfast Bars

Ramen Noodles

Cheese Crackers

Canned Vegetables

Spaghettios

Chicken Noodle Soup



CHANGE OF PLANS!

WE NEED ASSISTANTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

During October, Sunday School for our children and youth will focus on **preparation for Children's Sabbath** on October 20th. Stacy Sosebee-West will direct, but we still need volunteers for October 6th, 13th and 20th.

Volunteers will need a background check, which is a quick and easy process and the cost is covered by the church. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help! (336-248-2617)

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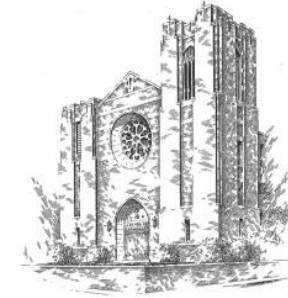
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

September 22, 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

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Elizabeth Horton

Gathering Words

We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

Jianna Miller

God's love fills our hearts to overflowing.

We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

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*Invocation

Jianna Miller

Centering

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1
(Page #696 in Pew Bible)

Jianna Miller

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who share their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassionate Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing the Peace

"Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

*Hymn

"I Surrender All"

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Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

(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 "Take My Life" Craig Courtney

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. (repeats)
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King. (repeats)
Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days. Let them flow in ceaseless praise. (repeats)
Take my will and make it Thine. It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal Throne. (repeats)

Scripture **Proclaiming** Luke 16: 1-13 Elizabeth Horton
(Page #953 in Pew Bible)

Sermon "What Disciples Do: Resist Greed"

Responding

*Hymn "We Are Called" p. 5

Invitation to Receive Offerings Elizabeth Horton

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 Jianna Miller

Sending

*Call to Dedication Jianna Miller

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 Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction "Pass the Love"

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Dave & Glenyce Fulton to the Glory of God and in celebration of their September birthdays and anniversary.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Jianna Miller **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Raeann Allred **NURSERY:** Keri Hartle & Ashlee Snider
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson **GREETER:** Rev. June Grubb
ACOLYTE: Ethan Lovell **BIBLE STEWARD:** Jacob Hartle **YOUTH USHER:** Jonathan Kepley
USHERS: John Smith (Captain), Dave Fulton, Alane Holste, Calvin Odum

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Ps. 87:3; Isa. 33:20-21; 60:18; 26:4; Exod. 13:22

John Newton, 1779; alt.

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
3 'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4 Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y we through grace a part may claim,

One whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for a blessed a - bode.
Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that their God is near!
Let the world de - ride or pit - y, we will glo - ry in your name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage:
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Fad - ing is all world - ly plea - sure, all earth's boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
Grace which, like our God, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age?
Safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures, none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Filled with Old Testament scriptural allusions, this was one of few hymns of praise included among the many subjective, sometimes brooding, hymns in Newton and Cowper's Olney Hymns. It has enjoyed great popularity in many English-speaking countries.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
Alternate tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

I Surrender All

"We have left all we had to follow you!" — Luke 18:28 NIV

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
 Let me feel Thy Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
 Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855-1939
 MUSIC: Winfield S. Weeden, 1847-1908

SURRENDER
 8.7.8.7. with Refrain

We Are Called

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll

light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the
 hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -

Refrain
 cit - y of God! We are called to act with
 be no more! in love!

jus - tice, we are called to love ten - der - ly,

we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to

walk hum - bly with God!

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
 MUSIC: David Haas
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WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular with Refrain

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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.

**FALL SERMON SERIES
What Disciples Do: Luke 14-20**

- Take Faith Seriously
- Search for the Outcasts
- Resist Greed
- Practice Generosity
- Believe in the Impossible
- Say Thank You
- Never Give Up
- Don't Judge
- Befriend the Friendless
- Ask Hard Questions
- Dream of What Can Be

"PARENTING & FAITH"

Sunday, September 29th Jeremy Lovell will lead a discussion group for parents during Sunday School. No preparation is needed. Anyone is invited to attend.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Monday, October 2nd
6:00- 7:30**

This ministry will continue to meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of each month. Susan Morris will lead.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL
SUNDAY LUNCH MINISTRY**

The Sunday Lunch Ministry will begin again in October. **Our church needs volunteers to serve November 10, 17 and 24.** Please contact Jeremy Lovell if you are willing to serve on any of these Sundays. (336-746-6493)

WNCA 52nd ANNUAL MEETING

The Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ 52nd Annual Gathering is **Saturday, October 5 from 9:00-3:00 at Abernathy Laurels Retirement Community in Newton, NC.** The topic of this year's gathering is "Politics & the Pulpit." The day will offer a blend of speakers, workshops, "working lunch" breakouts, worship, and the business session and elections. Registration and the agenda may be found online at wnca-soc.org. Early registration, which includes morning refreshments and lunch, is \$25/person through September 22, \$30 until September 30, and \$35 thereafter. Our church can send two delegates. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6th is World Communion Sunday. **If you have an item from another country, please bring it to the sanctuary for display.**

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

This is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. We will receive this offering **October 6**. Envelopes will be distributed the Sunday before for your convenience.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Celebration of the Arts Display in the Parlor

Sunday, September 22

- 9:45AM** Coffee {FH}
- 10:00AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Bonita Hooper
Teens: "What Good Are They" (Parents) led by Stacy Sosebee-West
Children: "David Takes a Dare" led by Keri Hartle
Roving Helper: Rita Lohr
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
"What Disciples Do: Resist Greed"

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

- 10:45AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}
- 12:00PM** Conversations on Race & Faith {Fellowship Hall}

Wednesday, September 25

- 12:00PM** Friendship Club {Yarborough's}
October Newsletter Articles due
- 7:15PM** Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, September 26

- 5:15PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}
- 6:30PM** Adult Spiritual Growth
Subcommittee Meeting {Parlor}
- 7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, September 29

- 9:45AM** Coffee {FH}
- 10:00AM** Faith Formation (Education Building)
Open to All: "Parenting and Faith" led by Jeremy Lovell
Adults: "A Bigger Table" book study led by Lisa Nelson
Teens: "Wise Guy, Eh?" (Wisdom) led by Kivi Miller
Children: "Don't Judge by Appearances" led by Vicky Gray
Roving Helper: Carolyn Robbins
- 11:00AM** **Worship in the Sanctuary**
"What Disciples Do: Practice Generosity"
Children's Church
led by Keri Hartle & Keri Lovell

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 6

- 11:00AM** **World-Wide Communion**
Neighbors in Need Offering
Kids Club

Following Worship: **Consistory**

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Lib Sink, Peggy Bates, 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:

*Carolyn Ward (John and James Gray's aunt), Bruce Wehrle (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn, Robert Phelps (friend of Janette Neal & John Potts), Sam Maness (Marge Doty's grandson), Jerry Byrd (Friend of John & Susie Smith), Pat Celender (Jill Cole's mother), Bobbye & Jake Bradley (Friends of Patti Lovell)

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

17th
Lynn Brown
Stephen Wall

19th
James Atkinson

20th
Glenyce Fulton
Matthew Johnson

24th
Alice Gray
Jordan McCarn

26th
Mark Smith

27th
Rita Lohr

28th
Elliott Smith

**CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND
BUDGET MEETING**

On **Sunday, October 13** we will hold our annual Congregational Meal and Budget Meeting in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The meal will be prepared by Mike Price and friends. **We are asking those who plan to attend to bring a dessert to share.** (The menu will be announced later.) **So that we can plan accurately, please sign up** by using this and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. (336-248-2617)

NAME _____

ATTENDING _____

_____ **YES, I will bring a dessert.**

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