

### REV. HORTON ON VACATION

Rev. Horton will be on vacation through Sunday, January 5, 2020. In the pulpit on that Sunday will be Rev. June Grubb. Should you need assistance between December 29 and January 5, please contact June at 336-248-5668.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Beginning January 12, the adults will read Dr. Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail." You may obtain a copy from the church office for preparation. Then on January 19, a 6-week book study on "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew G. I. Hart. This study will build upon the former "Race and Faith" discussions that were offered by the Collaborative Ministry team in the fall. Stacy Sosebee-West and Bonita Hooper will facilitate. Please contact the church office if you need help obtaining a book.

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

There will be another NEW MEMBER SUNDAY on January 26th. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please let the church office know. (336-248-2617)

### ATTENTION CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS!

It is time to apply for the Hinkle, Sink, Swing Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed by contacting paula@frucc.org. Applications should be completed and back in the office by **DECEMBER 31, 2019**.

### NAME TAGS FOR ALL!

The Board of Congregational Life will be ordering name tags for our congregation, age kindergarten and above, in an effort to help long-time members learn the names of newer members and vice-versa. It will also help our growing list of children learn the names of their adult church family. Many of our church members already have name tags because they serve as ushers. These will be ordered in mid-January. **If you want your name different from what is printed in the membership directory, please let Kivi Miller (kivi@nonprofitmarketingguide.com or 336-870-0251) or the office know your preference no later than Sunday, January 19.**

### ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

- **CLOTHES CLOSET**  
Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). **Quilts and blankets are also needed for the inventory.** If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.
- **CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:**  
Requested food items for student backpacks for Charles England Elementary School are listed. Please place items in the large box in the Narthex

Juice Boxes	Spaghetti-Os	Breakfast Bars
Ramen Noodles	Applesauce Cups	Cheese Crackers
Canned Vegetables	Chicken Noodle Soup	

## First Reformed United Church of Christ

## The Worship of God

December 29, 2019

1st Sunday after Christmas

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		
*Hymn	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Hymnal p. 112
Welcome and Announcements		Elizabeth Horton
Responsive Reading	Psalm 148	Rev. June Grubb
	Let All Above the Earth and On the Earth Praise God!	
	Praise the Lord!	
	Praise the Lord! Across the heavens, from the heights, all you angels, heavenly beings, sing praise, sing praise!	
	<b>Sun and moon, glittering stars, sing praise, sing praise.</b>	
	<b>Highest heavens, rain clouds, sing praise, sing praise.</b>	
	<b>Praise God's name, whose word called you forth and fixed you in place forever by eternal decree.</b>	
	Let there be praise: From the depths of the earth; From creatures of the deep; Fire and hail, snow and mist, storms, winds; Mountains, hills, fruit trees and cedars;	
	<b>Wild beasts and tame, snakes and birds; princes, judges, rulers, subjects, men, women, old and young; Praise, praise the holy name; This name beyond all names.</b>	
	<b>God's splendor above the earth, above the heavens, Gives strength to the nation, glory to the faithful, a people close to God. Praise the Lord!</b>	
	<i>Translation from The Psalter © 1994 International Committee on English in the Liturgy</i>	
*Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Hymnal p. 105
*Invocation		Rev. June Grubb

### Centering

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 63: 7-9 (Page #679 in Pew Bible)	Rev. June Grubb
Prayer of Confession		Elizabeth Horton
	We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation:	
	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	
	We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel:	
	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	
	We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:	
	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	
Assurance of Pardon		

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### FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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\*Passing the Peace  
 \*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" Insert  
 Young Disciples (All children, Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join in this worship at the front)

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**

\*Hymn "How Great Our Joy" Insert

**Proclaiming**  
 Scripture Matthew 2: 13-23 Elizabeth Horton  
 (Page #878 in Pew Bible)

Sermon "When Christmas Isn't Merry: The Holy Family's Escape to Egypt"

**Responding**  
 Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings Elizabeth Horton  
 Christmas Fund Offering collected today.

Offertory Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal p. 102  
 \*Doxology for Christmastide To the tune of "The First Noel"

\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. June Grubb

**Sending**  
 \*Call to Dedication Rev. June Grubb  
 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  
 \*Postlude  
 You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

**Please remember to pick up your 2020 offering envelopes from the Narthex.**

**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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 29**  
 10:00AM Sweet and Salty Gathering  
 Bring leftover Christmas sweets and snacks for a time of fellowship {FH}  
 11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
**Monday, December 30**  
 5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}  
 6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}  
**Tuesday, December 31**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Wednesday, January 1**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR (and NEW DECADE)! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Thursday, January 2**  
 5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}  
**Sunday, January 5 Epiphany**  
 10:30AM **Church-wide First Sunday Social** {FH}  
 Hosts: Chery & Bill Walser  
 Janette Neal & John Potts  
 10:00AM Intergenerational Sunday School:  
 Wise Men models and Kings Cake {Ed. Building}  
 11:00AM **Worship in the Sanctuary Holy Communion**  
 In the Pulpit: Rev. June Grubb

**OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**OUR MEMBERS:**  
 \*Rita Tussey, Tony Peele, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser  
**AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:**  
 Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall  
 Brookdale: Hoyle Potts  
 Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt  
**OUR FRIENDS:**  
 \*Robert Yates (Eddie Yates' uncle), Alan Bagby (friend of Johnny & Lynn McCarn)  
 \*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. 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).

**~DECEMBER~      ~JANUARY~**

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Keith Johnson Belinda Yates	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Geraldine Hill
31 <sup>st</sup> Camill Freeman Myrtle Latimer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Spivey

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

**LITURGIST:** June Grubb      **PLATE ATTENDANT:** John Potts      **NURSERY:** John Smith & Dave Fulton  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens      **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Jeremy Peterson      **GREETER:** Buddy & Rita Lohr  
**USHERS:** Rich Johnson (Captain), Doris Sink, Ron Hutcheson, Ann Hoffman