



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

FEBRUARY 2020

Serving
Teaching
Working Together
Providing
Growing
Guiding
Increasing
Lifting Up One Another
Preaching Love
Changing

These are the words the Deacons and Elders used Saturday, January 25th at the Consistory Leadership Retreat to answer the question, “*What does a church do when it is at its best and it’s healthiest?*” We discussed ways First Reformed embodied these and also areas where we needed to grow into them.

One of the ministry priorities for this year is to examine our current organizational structure and see how it needs to be adjusted to support the growing ministries of the church. We are asking questions such as:

- Does the current structure of Boards adequately support the mission and vision of the church?
- How do we need to update the Church manual to reflect the mission and vision of the church?
- What are tasks that are carried out by staff that can be done by congregation members?

Another ministry priority is to be more intentional engaging people in the life of the congregation. Finding a space to serve

helps folks feel more connected to one another and to the church. At the February 8th Congregational meeting, we’ll have a “Ministry Showcase” where you can see what’s happening in 2020 and find a ministry that suits your gifts and interests.

Your 2020 Consistory is thoughtful, strong, and ready to discern how the Spirit is guiding us as we grow.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them with a Consistory member or myself.

Faithfully,
Elizabeth

6-Week Series Continues
“New Year, Same Promises”

Our resolutions may fade,
but God’s unbreakable promises
last forever.

FEBRUARY 2

The Promise of Blessing

Psalm 15 and Matthew 5: 1-12

FEBRUARY 9

The Promise of Guidance

Psalm 112: 1-10 and Matthew 5: 13-20

FEBRUARY 16

The Promise of Freedom

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 and
Psalm 119: 1-8

FEBRUARY 23

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24: 12-18 and
Matthew 17: 1-9

WELCOMING STATEMENT

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

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.

NEWEST MEMBER

Welcome to Eugenia Holste, First Reformed UCC's newest member. She joined our congregation on Sunday, January 26, 2020 after visiting with us for several months. She is the mother of Alane Holste and was married to the late Rev. Harold Holste.

JANUARY MEMORIALS

LAUREN THOMPSON GOULD

John & Vicky Gray

Merle & Jerry Hodges

Frank Leonard

Buddy & Rita Lohr

Cliff & Paula Lopp

1st Reformed UCC Morning Glory Circle

John Potts & Janette Neal

Calvin & Susan Odom

Bill & Carolyn Robbins

Eulene Shepherd

Katherine Skipper

Cathy & Steve Waitman

VALERIE PRICE

Mr. & Mrs. William D. Mileham, III

RITA TUSSEY

John & Vicky Gray

Merle & Jerry Hodges

Frank Leonard

Cliff & Paula Lopp

Calvin & Susan Odom

John Potts & Janette Neal

Eulene Shepherd

Katherine Skipper

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW FLOWER CHAIRPERSON

The Board of Worship and Sacrament has a new FLOWER CHAIRPERSON. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for worship service, please contact **Linda Sink** (lindabs48@yahoo.com or 336-250-0495.)

ARE YOU READY FOR THE "SOUPER" BOWL?

"SOUPER" BOWL Sunday is February 2. The Board of Community Outreach and our children and youth, will collect donations at the doors after worship for the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Contributions will go to Crisis Ministry of Davidson County. Don't forget to bring your contributions on February 2!

TRIP TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

On February 8, a trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro is planned. If you would like to join others on this trip, please contact the church office by February 3. We will **meet in the church parking lot at 8:30AM** to carpool.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Several Girl Scouts representing different troops now attend our church and will work together as a team to bring you your favorite cookies. They will be set up outside **the Fellowship Hall during the Congregational Meeting on February 9**. Cookies are \$4 per box.

SIGN UP FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

Yarborough's Restaurant will cater lunch for the February 9th Congregational Meal and Meeting. The menu will include broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, choice of layered or Italian salad, rolls, tea & lemonade. **We are asking church members to bring a dessert to share.** The suggested donation for the meal is **\$8.00 for adults** and **\$3.50 for children (11 and under)**. To help with planning, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN THE BULLETIN AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE if you plan to attend OR contact the church office **by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th** at 336-248-2617. Following lunch, we will hold our Congregational Meeting featuring a "MINISTRY SHOWCASE."

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE AND FAITH CONTINUES

Beginning **February 11**, Collaborative Ministries will begin another six-week discussion group on Race and Faith. You may bring your own lunch for the meetings that begin at 12:00 each Wednesday **through March 17**. The group will meet in the church parlor.

HONORING LEE ANN PEELE

After twenty-eight years of serving the congregation of First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lee Ann Peele is retiring, effective February 23, 2020.

Even though we regret losing her as our organist, we want to join together in wishing her the very best during her retirement.

To celebrate her service and ministry among us, you are cordially invited to attend a reception in honor of Lee Ann to be held Sunday, February 23, 2020 in the church Fellowship Hall from 2-4:00pm with remarks at 3:00.

2020 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

President: Eddie Yates

Vice President: Raeann Allred

Secretary: Doris Sink

Treasurer: Walter Hoffman

TRUSTEES **2021** Walter Hoffman **2022** Doug Sink **2023** Buddy Lohr **2024** Clifford Lopp & Jerry Smith

ELDERS

<u>2018-19-20</u>	Doris Sink	Eddie Yates
<u>2019-20-21</u>	Raeann Allred	Harriette Murphy
<u>2020-21-22</u>	Rita Lohr	John Smith

DEACONS

<u>2018-19-20</u>	Jerry Lovell	Deanna Michael
<u>2019-20-21</u>	Kivi Miller	Mike Price
<u>2020-21-22</u>	Alane Holste	Renee Walsh

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: TBD

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Walter Hoffman, Buddy Lohr, Eddie Yates

BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Kivi Miller and Mike Price (Co-chairpersons)

Parlor Committee: Mike Price (Chairperson) Bonita Hooper, Lena Johnson, Rita Lohr, Mark Smith, Eddie Yates

Church Events Photography: TBD

Historical Committee: Cliff Lopp, Rita Lohr

Homecoming Committee: Rita Lohr (Chairperson), Patti Lovell, Susie Smith

Bereavement Teams:

Team #1: Lynn Brown & Janette Neal (Captains): Raeann Allred, Anne Bevan, Kathleen Danze, Pattie B. Everhart, Vicky Gray, Amy Hedrick, Ann Hoffman, Heidi Hutcheson, Deanna Michael, Susan Miller, Susan Odom, Susie Smith, Myra Thompson

Team #2: Belinda Yates & Paula Lopp (Captains): Alice Gray, June Grubb, Gerri Hill, Mary Jo Jessup, Rita Lohr, Patti Lovell, Lisa Nelson, Lee Ann Peele, Carolyn Robbins, Linda Sink, Aurelia Smith, Nina Smith, Renee Walsh

Team #3: Harriette Murphy & Carolyn Spivey (Captains): Glenyce Fulton, Amy Golden, Bonita Hooper, Alisa Johnson, Lena Johnson, Lynn McCarn, Eulene Shepherd, Barbara Sink, Charlotte Smith, Nicole Smith, Cathy Waitman, Cheryl Walser, Sylvia Walser

Congregational Meal Teams:

February (Meal & Annual Meeting): Buddy & Rita Lohr (Captains), Dave & Glenyce Fulton, Edgar & Kivi Miller, Smithie Parrish, Denise Durham

September (Rally Day): Jeremy & Ellen Peterson (Captains), June Grubb, Bill & Carolyn Robbins, Raeann Allred, members of Board of faith Formation Ministry Teams

October (Meal & Budget Meeting): John & Susie Smith (Captains), Jeff Hutchens & Tammy Rhodes, Mike & Bonita Hooper, Rich Johnson, Lisa Nelson, Gennie Lou Byerly, Sherry Bonner, Camille Morgan

November (Homecoming): Eddie & Belinda Yates (Captains), Travis White & Renee Walsh, Walter & Ann Hoffman, Dan & Elizabeth Horton, Cheryl Walser, Marge Doty, Jerry Lovell

December (Christmas Meal & Celebration): Sylvia Walser (Captain), John & Vicky Gray, James & Alice Gray, Nicole Smith, Lynn Brown

First Sunday Social Teams:

January: Cheryl & Bill Walser, Janette Neal & John Potts

July: Bill & Carolyn Robbins

February: Susie & John Smith, Jonathan Kepley

August: Bonita & Mike Hooper

March: Lisa Nelson & Michell Winters, June Grubb

September: Paula & Cliff Lopp, Keri & Casey Hartle

April: Glenyce & Dave Fulton

October: Mike Price & Brian McKertie

May: John & Vicky Gray

November: No Social

June: John Maze & Ben Hale

December: Kivi & Edgar Miller

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT: Raeann Allred and Deanna Michael (Co-chairpersons)

Holy Communion: Lynn Brown (Chairperson) Raeann Allred, Betty Barr, Vicky Gray, June Grubb, Lena Johnson, Janette Neal

Holy Communion Servers Chairperson: John Potts

Altar Preparation Chairpersons: Buddy Lohr and Jeff Hutchens

Music Ministry: Harriette Murphy (Chairperson), Denise Durham, Glenyce Fulton, June Grubb, Susan Odom, Carolyn Robbins, Elizabeth Sink, Cathy Waitman (*Ex-officio: Lee Ann Peele, Ellen Peterson*)

Sanctuary Needs: Kalyssa Hutchens, Jonathan Kepley

Usher Chairperson: Jeff Hutchens

Bible Steward and Acolyte Chairperson: Raeann Allred

Greeters and Liturgists Chairperson: Rita Lohr

Flowers Chairperson: Linda Sink

Flower Delivery to Homebound: June Grubb

Decorating Committee: Jeff Hutchens and Keri Hartle (Co-Chairpersons), Glenyce Fulton, Bryson Gentry, Isabella Gentry, John & Vicky Gray, June Grubb, Mary Jo Jessup, Lena & Rich Johnson, Buddy & Rita Lohr, Clifford & Paula Lopp, Jianna Miller, Clifton & Harriette Murphy, Lisa Nelson, Jeremy & Ellen Peterson, Michell Winters

Sound System Committee: James Gray and John Gray (Co-Chairpersons), Dave Fulton, Jeremy Peterson

BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION: Chairperson: TBD

Children's Ministry Team: Keri Hartle, Keri Lovell, Alice Gray, Amy Golden

Youth Ministry Team: Jeremy Lovell, Christie Plummer, Brian McKerlie, Ava Miller, Bella Gentry, Stacey Potts

Adult Ministry Team: Walter Hoffman, Bonita Hooper, Edgar Miller, Lisa Nelson, Stacey Sosebee-West,

BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Jerry Lovell (Chairperson)

Anne Bevan, Marge Doty, Ben Hale, June Grubb, Alisa Johnson, Jonathan Kepley, John Maze, Camille Morgan, Aurelia Smith, Mark Smith, Susie Smith, Sylvia Walser

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Dave Fulton and Renee Walsh (Co-Chairpersons)

Charyl Clark, Ben Hale, Bonita Hooper, Patti Lovell, Camille Morgan, Susan Morris, Travis White, Michell Winters (*Ex-officio: Rev. Elizabeth Horton*)

Prayer Chain Chairperson: TBD

Prayer Shawl Ministry: TBD

BOARD OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP:

Finance & Budget: Harriette Murphy (Chairperson) TBD (*Ex-officio: Walter Hoffman and Paula Lopp*)

Property Committee: John Smith and John Maze (Co-chairpersons)

J.W. Bates, Mike Brown, James Gray, Jeff Hutchens, Rich Johnson, Buddy Lohr, Brian McKerlie, Edgar Miller, Clifton Murphy, Lisa Nelson, John Potts, Lindsay Sink, Mark Smith

Security Committee: TBD

Insurance: Property Committee Chairpersons

Endowments: Trustees

Memorial Garden Chairperson: TBD

Special Gifts Chairperson: TBD

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: TBD

JANUARY'S CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Community Outreach: Jerry Lovell reported...

- Clothing Closet provided over 2000 items since November.
- Continued supplying food items to CEES.
- Upcoming "Souper" Bowl Event on February 2 to collect money for Crisis Ministries.
- Touching Davidson County with Love scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020.

Board of Congregational Life: Kivi Miller and Mike Price reported...

- Kivi: Nametag project hopefully completed soon. She discussed using lanyards as an alternative attachment.
- Mike: Parlor committee is going in a new direction with the project.

Board of Evangelism: Renee Walsh and Dave Fulton reported...

- Average attendance...
November: 104 December: 115
- Gratitude and thanks to Harriette and Clifton Murphy for their 10 years of service on this board.
- Welcomed Charyl Clark as a new member.
- Gave the \$663 Love Offering from the Rowan Big Band concert to the band for their Scholarship with Communities in Schools of Rowan County.
- We have a new, more colorful "Be The Church" banner Thank you to Davidson Speed Printing for donating the banner. We are investigating bumper stickers similar to the banner to use as a fundraiser for the General Fund.
- Michelle Winters will keep the big bulletin board in dance studio hallway updated with church events in an effort to invite dance students and their families to attend church services.

Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal:

- The Board of Spiritual Growth and Renewal had a busy and productive year.
- Thank you to those who served on the board this past year, the search committee for a new director, our past director, and those who organized, helped, and participated in the Christmas Program on December 8
- Currently there is not a chairperson for this board. Susan Morris has been hired as the Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Her direction will be children's ministry combined with youth ministry teams and a separate adult team. Meetings will be scheduled to reorganize.

Board of Worship and Sacrament: Raeann Allred reported...

- Thanks to all who helped with decorating and removing decorations for Christmas.

- Thank you to Betty Link for her years of service as the flower chairperson.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship

Financial Report: Harriette Murphy reported...

- The average weekly offering for December was \$5,865; month-end available funds \$7,654.

Property Committee: John Smith reported...

- Still reviewing options for SDA Dance Studio door
- There was discussion on the nursery location and usage. Rev. Horton suggested the need for input from parents.

Old Business:

- Church Organist/Pianist Search: Harriette Murphy shared that candidates for the position have been interviewed and the search continues. Lee Ann has agreed to remain through the end of February. Lee Ann's last Sunday of service is February 23rd, which will give the Music Committee time to invite family and friends for a celebration honoring Lee Ann.
- Handicap Accessibility: Research continues.
- Fellowship Hall Use by Open Hands Ministry: We are still discussing possible ways of helping Open Hands Ministry on nights the temperature falls below 20 degrees.
- Kitchen Committee: Remaining Styrofoam inventory will be used for Sunday socials.

New Business:

- Vice President: Raeann Allred has agreed to be the 2020 Consistory Vice President.
- Nominating Committee: Members - Eddie Yates, Buddy Lohr and Walter Hoffman
- February's Congregation Meeting: Format of the annual February meeting of the congregation will focus on getting people involved as we look forward.
- First Sunday Socials/Coffee Cart: First Sunday Socials are scheduled for 2020. Mike Price and Brian McKerlie will provide the coffee cart on the other Sundays.
- Girl Scout Cookies: Five Girl Scout troops working together as a team to sale cookies at the church. They will sale again on February 9th.
- The Consistory Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, January 25, 2020.**

The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is **February 2nd.**

CHURCH GROUPS

KID'S CLUB

~submitted by Alice Gray

Kids Club met on January 12. We read two books about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. He not only stressed peace, love, and equality for all, but also the importance of service to others. With that in mind, we took a tour of the church to point out and discuss all the acts of service to others our church members provide.

We started in the Fellowship Hall with Open Hands; walked through the kitchen where the food is prepared and cleaned up for Open Hands and Meals on Wheels; toured the storage area in the Fellowship Hall where the supplies are kept; on to the table outside the office to show the bags of food for the backpack program at Charles England Elementary School; down the hall to the closet that stores the prayer shawls and blankets; a little farther down the hall to the room where the grocery bag mats are woven; down to the basement and the Clothing Closet; back to the Fellowship Hall to create a Peace Dove using their hand as a pattern for the dove. While coloring the dove, we talked about all the Service Projects Ms. Cathy organized for them which provided services to others. Here are just a few of those: working in the garden, stuffing Zoom bags, packing goodie bags for various people or groups, and the list goes on.

We are blessed to have so many people in our church willing to provide services for others!

Special thank-you to Vicky Gray for assisting.

Morning Glory Circle

~submitted by Rita Lohr

The Morning Glory Circle met on January 8th in the church parlor. The report on the Rada Cutlery 2019 Fundraiser was given by Rita Lohr. The program was presented on "New Year, New You." The next meeting will be on February 5th in the church parlor.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD &

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

~submitted by Carolyn Robbins

Women's Life Fellowship along with spouses/guests met with Men's Brotherhood in the Fellowship Hall for our holiday meal, catered by On Time Catering. We enjoyed a delicious menu of salad, asparagus, potatoes au gratin, chicken and beef tenderloin, along with desserts. Approximately 35 attended and enjoyed good company and delicious food! We did not meet following the meal, but will have our next meeting on Tuesday, February 11 after sharing supper with Men's Brotherhood.

United Friendship Club

~submitted by Paula Lopp

The United Friendship Club met on Wednesday, January 22nd and enjoyed a delicious covered dish meal. Camille Morgan provided devotions on faith.

Members decided we will attend the Community Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church for the March 25th meeting.

Glenyce Fulton shared ideas for Friendship Club group outings to either The Barn Dinner Theater, High Point Theater or Meroney Theater. The group decision was for Glenyce to see about getting tickets to the April 5th Sunday matinee of "A Funny thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at the Meroney theater in Salisbury. Also, she will check on tickets to a Tuesday matinee in August of "Cotton Patch Gospel" at the Barn Dinner Theater.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting **Wednesday, February 26th** at noon in the fellowship hall. The meat is provided; please bring side dishes to share. Everyone is invited!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,
The fruit basket and visit from the Sinks were most delightful. The cards from members of the congregation were very touching and appreciated. It is and has been a privilege to belong to such a loving group.

Love,
Carolyn Spivey

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,
Jimbo and I did so appreciate the fruit basket and many lovely Christmas cards! Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and kind generosity.

Sincerely,
Lib Hinkle

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING BENEVOLENCES:

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**Blowing Rock Conference Center**

**Communities in Schools**

**Elon Homes**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Hospice of Davidson County**

**Nazareth Child & Family Connection**

**United Church Home & Services  
Foundation**

**Western North Carolina Association**

## SHARING THEIR TALENTS



Lynn Brown and Rev. June Grubb continue to amaze us with their beautiful altarscapes designed to complement Sunday worship services. This one, on display January 26 for Rev. Horton's sermon titled "*The Promise of Ministry*," accented the scripture from Matthew 4:12-23, when Jesus asked Peter, Andrew, James and John to cast their nets and "fish" for people.

Thank you, Lynn and June for sharing your talents with us!



## BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Touching Davidson County with Love is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020 and there is much planning to be done. A variety of projects will be scheduled that will suit different skill sets and ability levels.

- Delivering prepared food and groceries
- Visiting/singing at rest homes
- Making quilts
- Building ramps
- Making home repairs
- Doing yardwork

The final projects have not yet been decided. If you know of a project that you would like to be considered, please let me know as soon as possible. Please note that projects connected to rentals will not be considered.

The Clothing Closet is still open on Monday evenings at 5:30-6:30, just prior to the Open Hands meal. Donations have been greatly appreciated, and we will be glad to receive more for distribution. Currently, there is a great need is for men's winter clothing,

particularly larger sizes. Sweatpants and sweatshirts would help so much.

Thank you for your continued support of the First UCC partnership with Charles England Elementary School!

- Their Food Backpack Program is an ongoing need so that students might receive nonperishable items to know they have something to eat over the week-ends.
- The Spring Book Fair will be coming soon. Last year, many students were able to make book purchases for the first time ever.
- Teacher Appreciation will be in May 2020. Principal Beth Jessup will be contacting this committee with suggestions and requests to recognize the educators and staff for the all the work and energy they give to students and their families.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### RUBIES & PEARLS AT CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



We are looking for ladies to serve as mentors for a small group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls once a month for 30 minutes at a time. The purpose of this program is to help them grow in social and communication skills by learning from a woman in the community. Lesson plans will be provided. Please contact Rev. Horton if you are interested or have questions.

## A NEW YEAR...A NEW LOOK



By now you have noticed the format of this newsletter is a little different from ones in the past. We are trying to simplify the layout, cut down on the number of

pages, and make it easier to read. We'd like to know what you think. What do you like or don't like about the changes? Please email any comments to [carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org) or call the office at 336-248-2617.

## FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN FEBRUARY

|                                 |                                                             |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist:</b>               | Camille Morgan                                              |
| <b>Youth Liturgist (Feb. 2)</b> | Sam West                                                    |
| <b>Usher Chairperson:</b>       | Jeff Hutchens                                               |
| <b>Usher Captain:</b>           | James Gray                                                  |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                  | Henry Crouse, John Smith,<br>Raeann Allred, Michell Winters |
| <b>Youth Usher:</b>             | Jonathan Kepley                                             |
| <b>Plate Attendant:</b>         | Clifford Lopp                                               |
| <b>Sound Tech:</b>              | Jeremy Peterson                                             |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>                 | Lucas Peterson                                              |
| <b>Bible Steward:</b>           | Ethan Lovell                                                |

### FIRST SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE SOCIAL:

John & Susie Smith and Jonathan Kepley

### FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

#### Greeters:

|       |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 2nd:  | Stacey & Billy West                |
| 9th:  | Renee Walsh, Travis White & Family |
| 16th: | James & Alice Gray                 |
| 23rd: | Keith & Alisa Johnson              |

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEAL TEAM: February 9

Captains: Buddy & Rita Lohr  
John Maze & Ben Hale  
Dave & Glenyce Fulton  
Smithie Parrish  
Denise Durham

### OUR MEMBERS:

\*Myra Thompson and the Family of Lauren Thompson Gould, Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

\*Judy Stanley (Robin Champion's mother), Family and Friends of Carol Swoope (friend of Ben Hale and John Maze), Jerry Byrd (friend of John & Susie Smith), The Family of Shelia Hanes (friend of Alane Holste), The Family of Myra Hepler (friend of Alane Holste), Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raeann Allred's step-daughter), Beverly Ward (Ron Link's Sister-in-law)

*\*Indicates newly added. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the*

## SAVE THE DATE



**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will hold a blood drive in our church fellowship hall on Wednesday, February 12 from 2:00–7:00PM. If you would like to sign up for a time to give, please contact Betty Barr at 336-239-5001 or barrpilotcar@gmail.com

# FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, February 2**

9:45 Sunday School  
10:30 First Sunday Social  
11:00 Worship: Holy Communion  
"Souper" Bowl Sunday  
Following Worship: Consistory

## **MONDAY, February 3**

5:30 Clothes Closet  
6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal

## **TUESDAY, February 4**

10:45 Willing Weavers  
5:00 Trustee Meeting  
6:30 Board of Evangelism Meeting  
Children's Ministry Team Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY, February 5**

11:00 Morning Glory Circle  
6:00 Youth Ministry  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:00 Choir

## **THURSDAY, February 6**

5:15 Yoga

## **SATURDAY, February 8**

8:30 Civil Rights Museum Trip

## **SUNDAY, February 9**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship: Kids Club  
Following Worship: Congregational Meal &  
Meeting

## **MONDAY, February 10**

5:30 Clothes Closet  
6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal

## **TUESDAY, February 11**

10:00 Collaborative Ministries Meeting  
10:45 Willing Weavers  
12:00 Conversations on Race & Faith  
6:00 Men's Brotherhood &  
Women's Life Fellowship  
7:00 Youth Ministry Team Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY, February 12**

8:30 Staff Meeting  
10:30 GLAMA {Parlor}  
2-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:00 Choir

## **THURSDAY, February 13**

5:15 Yoga  
7:00 Square Dancing

## **SUNDAY, February 16**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship

## **MONDAY, February 17**

5:30 Clothes Closet  
6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal

## **TUESDAY, February 18**

10:45 Willing Weavers  
12:00 Conversations on Race & Faith

## **WEDNESDAY, February 19**

6:00 Youth Ministry  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:00 Choir

## **THURSDAY, February 20**

5:15 Yoga  
7:00 Square Dancing

## **SUNDAY, February 23**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
2:00-4:00 Reception to honor Lee Ann Peele

## **MONDAY, February 24**

5:30 Clothes Closet  
6:30 Open Hands Ministry Meal

## **TUESDAY, February 25**

10:45 Willing Weavers  
12:00 Conversations on Race & Faith  
12:30 March Newsletter Articles Due

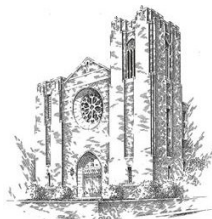
## **WEDNESDAY, February 26**

12:00 United Friendship Club  
TBD Ash Wednesday Service  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:00 Choir

## **THURSDAY, February 27**

5:15 Yoga  
7:00 Square Dancing

**First Reformed  
United Church of  
Christ**



**All Are Welcome  
Here!**

**Where People Discover...**

*The Love of God  
The Power to Love Others  
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 WORSHIP

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday—Friday  
8:30am to 12:30pm



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**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bonita Hooper  
Cameron Sink
- 7 Haylee Hutcheson
- 9 Ethan Lovell
- 12 Ann Hoffman
- 15 Abbie Callicutt
- 17 Lee Bouchard  
Amy Hedrick
- 18 Kalyssa Hutchens
- 19 Susan Morris
- 20 Frank Callicutt  
Janette Neal
- 23 Susie Smith
- 24 Megan Horton
- 26 Clifford Lopp

**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Ted & Nina Smith
- 9 Mike & Lynn Brown
- 10 Mike & Bonita Hooper
- 20 Larry & Betty Link
- 28 Jerry & Aurelia Smith



**LOOKING AHEAD  
TO MARCH**

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| 1  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church-wide First Sunday Social</li> <li>• Worship: First Sunday in Lent &amp; Holy Communion</li> </ul>                                    |
| 3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations on Race &amp; Faith</li> <li>• Bd. of Evangelism</li> </ul>                                                                   |
| 4  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Glory Circle</li> <li>• Youth Ministry</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| 8  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daylight Savings Time begins</li> <li>• Worship: Second Sunday in Lent<br/>Girl Scout Sunday</li> <li>• Consistory</li> </ul>               |
| 9  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter Meal: Women's Life Fellowship</li> </ul>                                                                                            |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Ministries</li> <li>• Conversations on Race &amp; Faith</li> <li>• Men's Brotherhood &amp; Women's Life Fellowship</li> </ul> |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |
| 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship: Third Sunday in Lent</li> </ul>                                                                                                    |
| 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations on Race &amp; Faith</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Ministry</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |
| 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship: Fourth Sunday in Lent<br/>One Great Hour of Sharing</li> </ul>                                                                     |
| 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April Newsletter Articles due</li> <li>• United Friendship Club: Community Lenten Service</li> </ul>                                        |
| 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship: Fifth Sunday in Lent<br/>Unity Sunday</li> </ul>                                                                                   |