Chili Cook-Off Sunday, March 15th after Church

Come out and help support our youth by participating in this Johns River Valley Camp Fundraiser. Voting for the BEST CHILI will be measured in monetary donations. The pot that receives the most money wins a prize and title for "FIRST REFORMED UCC'S CHILI CHAMPION!" Please help in as many ways as possible by completing the list below, and returning it to the office by Sunday, March 8.

NAME		
	# ATTENDING MEAL	
(Please	check all that apply.) I can help by	. •
·	attending the fundraiser	
	making a pot of Chili for the contest (Please bring in a Slow-cooker to keep warm)	
·	helping with set up	
·	helping with clean up	
	bringing a dessert	
	bringing Cornbread or Crackers	
	bringing Cheese	
	bringing Sour Cream	
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The Worship of God

February 23, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday Honoring Lee Ann Peele

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 "Trumpet Tune" German *Chiming of the Hour Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Opening Chorus

"Open My Eyes, Lord"

*Call to Worship

It is good to be here in this sacred space,

in the shelter of God's love and hope.

It is good to be here with folks we know well, as well as with new friends,

joining with all of God's beloved, sisters and brothers of Jesus.

It is good to be here, where we can hear God's voice, calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Invocation

Young Disciples

(All children, Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join Keri Hartle, Keri Lovell and Susan Morris for Children's Church.)

Centering

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24 12-18 (Page #69 in Pew Bible)

Prayer of Confession

God we confess the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us.

Though we want to walk with Moses and see your holy radiance,

we neglect to listen to your voice when you guide us

and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree,

O Holy Light of the world, forgive us.

Open our eyes to your endless possibilities.

Give us courage to listen for your call to us.

Make our hearts new again with your holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

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*Hymn Medley

(1st and last verses of each) "Praise Him! Praise Him" "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scripture

Proclaiming Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

"Living in the Light"

(Page #894 in Pew Bible)

Responding

*Hymn

"Count Your Blessings"

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*Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Soon and Very Soon"

Crouch

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia. Praise God with all the hosts above. Praise God in wonder, joy and love. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

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."

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Standina on the Promises"

*Postlude

USHERS:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

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 First Reformed UCC to the Glory of God and in loving honor and aratitude of Lee Ann Peele's 28½ years of dedicated service as our church organist.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDESTAL are given by Eugenia Holste and Alane Holste to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Harold Holste.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Clifford Lopp

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens James Gray (Captain), Henry Crouse, John Smith, Raeann Allred, Michell Winters, Jonathan Kepley (Youth Usher)

Keith & Alisa Johnson

~FEBRUARY~

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Susie Smith

28th Jerry & Aurelia Smith

24th

Megan Horton 26th

Clifford Lopp

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Words of Farewell and Blessing to Lee Ann Peele

Introduction

Lee Ann, we give thanks to God that you have shared your talents and aifts with us and inspired us in worship.

Your music has been a vessel for the Holy Spirit and has given us a glimpse of the beauty and glory of God.

Do you, congregation members and friends, release Lee Ann Peele from the duties of Organist and Pianist of First Reformed UCC?

We do, with the help of God.

Will you offer your encouragement and blessing for Lee Ann as she discovers the next step of her journey?

We will, with the help of God.

Lee Ann, as you journey onward, may you always remember that our love and appreciation for you are etched on our hearts.

Thanks be to God

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Lee Ann Peele & Mike Price

Ellen Peterson

Presentation of Gift

Words of Gratitude

Anthem "I'll Fly Away" arr. Joel Raney

Some alad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; I'll fly away on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. O, I'll fly away, O glory! I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, in the sweet by and by, I'll fly away.

Some alad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

> 'Cause I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun. I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun. I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.

O do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me. Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me. Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me, way beyond the blue.

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, O they tell me of a home far away; O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise, O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless day, O the land of an unclouded day; O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise, O they tell me of an unclouded day.

When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

And there are just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. O, I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, by and by, to glory, When I die, hallelujah, by and by, by and by O glory, I'll fly away!

Crown Him with Many Crowns

His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12 1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; who tri-umphed o'er the grave, 2. Crown him the Lord of life, 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate an - them drowns all mu - sic but its hark! how the heaven-ly and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied; cre - a - tor of the roll-ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. him who died for a - wake, my soul, and who died and rose high, onsing glo - ries now we bear that sight, ful - ly can an - gels in the sky for. thou hast died me; for hail, Re-deem-er, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may but down-ward bend their burn-ing eyes at mys-ter-ies so thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851; and Godfrey Thring, st. 2, 1874 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868 DIADEMATA S.M.D.

Praise Him! Praise Him!



WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869 MUSIC: Chester G. Allen, 1869

JOYFUL SONG 12.10.12.10.11.10.11.10.



What a Friend We Have in Jesus



WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, c. 1855 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868 CONVERSE 8.7.8.7.D.

Count Your Blessings



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

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, February 23

9:45AM Sunday School

Adults:

Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen"

Leaders: Bonita Hooper & Stacy Sosebee-West

Youth & Children: Social Justice

Youth: Jeremy Lovell

Children: Renee Walsh & Travis White

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Children's Church: Keri Hartle, Keri Lovell

& Susan Morris

Honoring Lee Ann Peele

2-4:00PM Reception for Lee Ann Peelè

With remarks at 3:00 (FH)

Monday, February 24

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}

Open Hands Ministry Meal (FH) 6:30PM

Tuesday, February 25

10:45AM Willing Weavers

Conversations on Race and Faith (FH) 12:00PM

12:00PM March Newsletter Articles due in office

Wednesday, February 26

Friendship Club (UMC Lenten Service) 12:00PM

Lenten Services at First UMC 12:00PM

6:30PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly from St. Stephen

UMC will deliver the message

Thursday, February 27

5:15PM Yoga Class (Dance Studio)

7:00PM Square Dancing (FH)

Sunday, March 1

Adults:

11:00AM

9:45AM Sunday School

Book Study: Sessions begin on Part 1 of

"Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the

Countercultural Mister Rogers" Leaders: Gennie Lou Byerly, Mike Hooper &

Smithie Parrish

Worship in the Sanctuary

Youth & Children: Social Justice & Peace

Youth: TBD

Children: Amy Golden & Keri Hartle

10:15AM Elders & Deacons meet in Sanctuary

First Sunday Social 10:30AM

1st Sunday of Lent and Holy Communion

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

We extend Sympathy to and share in Christian Hope with...

Joe Kiser and family on the death of his mother, Sarah Baker, this past week.

Jill Cole and family on the death of her mother, Patricia Celender, on January 30.

Sauni Johnson and family on the death of her Father, Don Fern, on January 30, 2020.

OUR MEMBERS:

Myra Thompson, 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:

Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Gina Decelle (friend of Renee Walsh), Jack Frank (friend of John Potts & Janette Neal), Bobby Conrad (friend of John & Susie Smith), Bonnie & Jerry Broh-Khan (Marge Doty's sister and brother-in-law), Judy Stanley (Robin Champion's mother)

*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).

HONORING LEE ANN PEELE

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall this afternoon to honor Lee Ann for almost 29 years of dedicated service as our church organist. The reception is from 2-4:00 with remarks at 3:00.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

An Ash Wednesday service will be held in our church sanctuary on February 26 at 6:30PM. We will be joined by the congregations of St. Stephen United Methodist and Shady Side Presbyterian churches. Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will deliver the message.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

WHEN:

12:00PM on Wednesdays February 26 - April 1 Services led by different denominations each week WHERE:

First United Methodist Church A' soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage lunch will be served. Donations are appreciated.

NEW ADULT BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN MARCH 1ST

The Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study next Sunday on, "Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers." Part one, "War and Peace in the Neighborhood" will be covered during March, with Gennie Lou Byerly, Mike Hooper and Smithie Parrish facilitating discussions. Part two, "Peace as More than the Absence of War" will continue in May after intergenerational activities for Easter and Earth Day during April. Youth and Children's Sunday School will follow the same themes from March through May.

(Rev. June Grubb has just a few copies of the book that should be available today on a first-come basis for \$10 each. If anyone else is interested in ordering a copy, please let the church office know.)

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE AND FAITH CONTINUE

Collaborative Ministries has begun their six-week discussion on Race and Faith. You are welcome to join at any time. 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 Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

The Youth (grades 6-12) meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month from 6-7:15PM. The group is led by Rev. Susan Morris. A snack supper is provided at each meeting. All youth in this age group are welcome to attend.

REMINDER: YOU CAN GIVE ON-LINE

On-line giving is available through our church website. Visit https://frucc.org/and click on the link at the top of the page titled, "ON-LINE GIVING."

ACCOMODATING MEALS ON WHEELS WITH PARKING

Please be reminded that friends who help deliver meals each weekday are here from approximately 10-11:00AM. It is helpful if the parking spaces closest to the building are left vacant for these folks. If you are at the church during that time, please try to leave these spaces open for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1: First Sunday in Lent

March 8: Girl Scout Sunday

March 15: Chili Cook-off (see back page for details)

March 22: One Great Hour of Sharing

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Touching Davidson County with Love is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020. A variety of projects will be scheduled that will suit different skill sets and ability levels. Final projects have not been decided yet. If you have a project you'd like to be considered or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Lovell as soon as possible.

(336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

ATTENTION ALL LADIES...RUBIES AND PEARLS **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEES**

Rubies and Pearls is a program developed to help young girls grow in social skills. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors for a small group of 5th grade girls once a month for a 30-minute period of time. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Horton.

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). If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.

• FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:

Please continue to bring requested food items for Charles England Elementary School to the large box in the Narthex or the table outside the church office.

Juice Boxes Ramen Noodles Cheese Crackers

Spaghetti-Os Applesauce Cups **Beanie Weenies** Canned Vegetables Vienna Sausages

Breakfast Bars Canned Soup Canned Tuna

Gallon Ziploc Bags

REGISTER NOW: WNCA EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, March 7 at Abernathy Laurels, Newton NC Registration & morning refreshments starting at 8:30 AM Program starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM

Becoming WISE: Understanding & Supporting Mental Health

Join colleagues and friends from across the WNCA for our annual Spring Education Day. This year's education day is focused on the UCC's WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged congregations for Mental Health) initiative. What would it mean for the WNCA to become a WISE Association?

Keynote Speaker & Preacher:

Rev. Amy Petré Hill is the Minister of Mental Health and Inclusion at Mountain View United Church in Aurora, Colorado, and the first UCC minister ordained to mental health and inclusion ministry in a congregation. She previously worked as a disability rights attorney, spiritual advisor to the Voices for Veterans Mental Health Council of Eastern Colorado, and a chaplain intern at a Colorado state psychiatric hospital. She is a certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor, NAMI Group Facilitator, Soul Shop for Congregations trainer, and currently serves on the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network Board.

This rich day of training will include —

- a keynote address from The Rev. Amy Petré Hill of the UCC Mental Health
- workshop opportunities focusing on a broad range of mental health topics including "Healing Communities", "Mental Health 101", "Mental Health & the Aging Process", and "Mental Health & The Black Church"
- worship that celebrates our common desire to be God's hands and heart in a hurting world
- and, as always, morning refreshments and lunch

Registration:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$15

Register by February 23 for just \$15 per person

— or \$10 per person when registering three or more from the same church

REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$20

Register by March 1 for \$20 per person

— or \$15 per person when registering three or more from the same church

LATE REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 1: \$25 but lunch cannot be augranteed While registrations will be accepted after March 1 for \$25 per person. lunch cannot be assured

TO REGISTER ONLINE, GO TO https://wnca-soc.org/

AND CLICK ON THE EDUCATION DAY LINK