

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES SUSPENDED

On March 25 our Consistory voted unanimously for all services and activities to be suspended following the school calendar, which is through May 15 as of right now. The Consistory will continue to stay up to date on the situation and meet as needed to discuss any necessary changes in the future of our church's activities.

STAYING CONNECTED

Over the next few days, our Deacons and Elders will be calling church members to check in. Please let them know of needs or concerns you may have during this time. Also, let them know if you have ideas for how we might better stay connected.

EASTER HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Because of plans for our church services being provided online through the month of April, Easter Lilies will not be ordered this year. Instead, if you'd like to make a donation to the church's general fund for Easter in memory or in honor of a loved one, these names will be listed in the bulletin as we would lily orders. You may contact the church office to add a name to the list, mail your donation to the church office, visit our church website at www.fruc.org and give online. **The deadline for donations is April 6th.**

For those who have already purchased a lily, you may change this order to an honor or memorial gift to the church's general fund or contact Paula Lopp, our church's financial secretary, for other options.

V.G. PRICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
DUE BY MARCH 31, 2020

The scholarship is open to any member of First Reformed United Church of Christ, or student from the Lexington City or Davidson County School Systems. **The application and attachments are due MARCH 31st.** The recipient will be chosen by May 1st of his/her senior year in high school. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA throughout his/her junior and senior years in high school, demonstrate good citizenship, and be an active member of a church. Scholarship applications are available in the church office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing, originally scheduled for March 22nd, has been postponed. We will determine when this offering will be collected, and let you know.

Please continue to give regularly during this time we are worshipping via Facebook. You may mail this to the church at 104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27272, or online 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."

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN DVDS

If you borrow DVDs from the church for Sundays you are unable to attend, please remember to return them to the church office. These are DVD + RW, which means we can use them to record more than once. This helps keep costs down for this ministry. Thank you for your help.

CHANGE IN PLANS FOR TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

TDCWL will not occur on April 4 this year. It is too soon to predict whether this is a postponement or cancellation, but everything possible to come up with a plan that allows TDCWL to help residents of Davidson County will be done. TDCWL wants to fulfill their goal to honor God by helping our neighbors.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

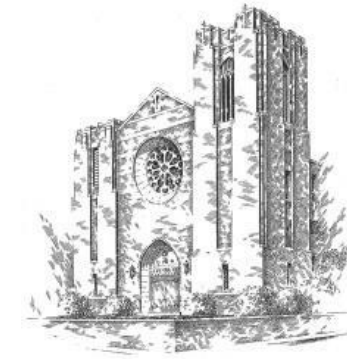
Our Clothes Closet **is closed temporarily.** We will announce when it reopens. Contact Jerry Lovell with any questions. (336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:

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| Juice Boxes | Spaghetti-Os | Breakfast Bars |
| Ramen Noodles | Applesauce Cups | Canned Soup |
| Cheese Crackers | Beanie Weenies | Canned Tuna |
| Canned Vegetables | Vienna Sausages | Gallon Ziploc Bags |

**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**



The Worship of God
5th Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020
11:00AM

Where People Discover...The Love of God...The Power to Love Others...The Ability to Love Ourselves

Gathering

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Please let us know if you are watching live by commenting on Facebook.

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Call to Worship

"Let Your Spirit Come"
Let your Spirit come, fall upon me now.
Let your Spirit come, fall upon us now.
Let your rain fall down, pour upon our souls.
Come and wash us now, come and make us whole.
Let your Spirit come, fall upon me now.
Let your Spirit come, fall upon us now.

Ellen Peterson

Opening Prayer

Centering

Scripture

Psalm 30

Rev. Horton

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Prayers of the People 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.

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Sermon

"Training for the Body: Push Through"

Responding

Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit "

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

*We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.*

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Sending

Benediction

Join Zoom Chat on Sundays after worship from 12 - 12:30 pm. Catch up with your church friends!

Follow this Link: [After Worship Zoom Chat](#)

(If you are using a smart phone, please download the **Zoom app** prior.)

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, March 29

11:00AM **Worship online via Facebook**
5th Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 30

6:30PM **Open Hands Ministry Meal**
{take out only}

Wednesday, April 1

6:00PM **ZOOM Meeting** with Rev. Susan Morris
and Youth Group
7:00PM **VIRTUAL Hymn Sing** via Facebook
with organist, Robert Wilson

Sunday, April 5

11:00AM **Worship online via Facebook**
Palm Sunday

~MARCH & APRIL~

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

29th

Doris Flynt

31st

Kivi Miller

APRIL

4th

Larry Link
Ashlee Snider

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Sherry Bonner, The Family of Hoyle Potts, Susan Miller, 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

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

*Frances Garner (Kathleen Danze's neighbor), *Renee Sink (sister-in law of Lindsay Sink and Sherry Bonner), *Farel Hunt (Carolyn Yocum's brother), The Family of Rev. Bill Sosebee, Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates' brother-in law), Debra Peterson (mother of Renee Walsh), Amy Burkhart-Smith Dave & Glenyce Fulton's neighbor), Becky Poetzinger (Susie Smith's mother), Ken Halik (friend of Michell Winters)

**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).*