



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

APRIL 2020

Thank you for your flexibility and willingness to change during the effects of the Coronavirus (CoVid-19) pandemic. As we are trying to "flatten the curve" of the spread, we are not holding services in the sanctuary through May 15. While we miss *going* to church, we are now discovering what ***Being the Church*** means without the beauty and sacred space of the sanctuary.

Churches are not known to take to change quickly. In fact, most mainline churches tend to be so entrenched in tradition it becomes difficult to think how God could be present any other way. I, too, fall victim to this kind of static mindset. However our present situation is pushing me to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance, to think creatively, and to finally embrace technology rather than resist it! Do we have an alternative? If we cannot wor-

ship in our sanctuary, does that mean that God doesn't show up? Of course not! Perhaps there is a new kind of re-formation happening in the Church? I believe we will emerge from this stronger and healthier. I know that we are connecting with people who most likely would not step foot in a church. We are discovering new ministries and new ways to share God's love and grace.

I urge you to think about how God is calling you in the midst of this time. God is most definitely still speaking - even in the most unexpected places.

Attempting to embrace the change with you,
Elizabeth

We are going to have a time of readings **every night of Holy Week at 7:30pm beginning Monday, April 6**. On Maundy Thursday we will share digitally in Holy Communion together. (*We will announce the outlet when determined.*) Please have your own elements to represent the Bread and the Cup. It can be bread of any kind, crackers, or wafers. The same for the Cup...juice or wine of any kind.

| HOLY WEEK APRIL 6-11, 2020 | 1ST READING | PSALM | 2ND READING | GOSPEL |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MONDAY | Isaiah 42: 1-9 | Psalms 36: 5-11 | Hebrews 9: 11-15 | John 12: 1-11 |
| TUESDAY | Isaiah 49: 1-7 | Psalms 71: 1-14 | 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 | John 12: 20-36 |
| WEDNESDAY | Isaiah 50: 4-9a | Psalms 70 | Hebrews 12: 1-3 | John 13: 21-32 |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY | Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14 | Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19 | 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 | John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 |
| GOOD FRIDAY | Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12 | Psalms 22 | Hebrews 10: 16-25 | John 18: 1 - 19: 42 |
| HOLY SATURDAY | Job 14: 1-14 | Psalms 31: 1-4, 15-16 | 1 Peter 4: 1-8 | Matthew 27: 57-66 |

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.

MARCH MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

~MEMORIALS~

LAUREN THOMPSON GOULD

Jerry & Patti Lovell
Libby Merrill
Luanne C. Humphries

HOYLE POTTS

J. W. Bates
Peggy Bates
Lee & Ellen Bouchard
John & Vicky Gray
Jerry & Merle Hodges
Frank Leonard
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Deanna Michael
Calvin & Susan Odom
Tony & Lee Ann Peele
Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Katherine Skipper
Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Smith
Steve & Cathy Waitman
Sylvia Walser

REV. BILL SOSEBEE

Frank Leonard
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Jerry & Patti Lovell
Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Cathy & Steve Waitman
Sylvia Walser

~HONORARIUMS~

VICKY GRAY'S BIRTHDAY

James & Alice Gray

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Consistory members met virtually Wednesday, March 25, 2020 to discuss the continuing effects of the global pandemic outbreak of Covid-19. Gov. Cooper has shut down many businesses and increased the stern request of social distancing, even suggesting self-isolation. Also, all North Carolina schools are now closed through May 15, 2020. A motion was made and unanimously approved for the church to continue practicing social distancing by not gathering as a body for worship services through May 15th. The church will continue to make the services available online. Also, all activities except for Meals on Wheels and Open Hands Monday Night (which will be carry-out only) have been suspended. Consistory will re-evaluate the status as needed to comply with the request of Gov. Cooper.

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 donate during this time. You may mail donations 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](#)."

EASTER HONORARIUMS & 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 lilies. You may contact the church office to add a name to the list, mail your donation to the church office or visit our church website at www.frucc.org and give online. **The deadline for donations is April 6th.**

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.

ELDERS

Raeann Allred, Rita Lohr, Harriette Murphy, Doris Sink, John Smith, Eddie Yates

DEACONS

Alane Holste, Jerry Lovell, Deanna Michael, Kivi Miller, Mike Price, Renee Walsh

PLEASE RETURN DVDs

If you borrow DVDs from the church, 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.

LEFTOVER FOOD DOs AND DON'Ts

Often a lot of food is left in the church refrigerator or on counters in the kitchen. It is usually forgotten and dates for safe use expire. Food left on counters attract bugs! The office staff usually ends up throwing out this food.

Please use the following rules:

- **DO** take leftover food and condiments home **UNLESS** your particular group will use it again in the near future.
- **DO label any leftovers** with your or your group's name.
- If you plan to donate leftovers to Open Hands Ministry, **DO** contact them, so they will know to pick it up. 336-242-6142 (It is not the office's responsibility to contact them for you.)
- **DON'T** expect leftovers to be there for use at a later date if it is not labeled. Food items are sorted occasionally and thrown out if beyond expiration dates.
- **DON'T** leave open containers or carelessly wrapped food items.
- **DON'T** use the right side of the refrigerator as this is reserved for Meals-on-Wheels. If there is a meal or reception that requires use of the whole refrigerator, **DO** contact the office so we can let Jamie know we need to use that space. **DON'T** move Meals-on-Wheels food items yourself.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CONGREGATION

To My Dear Church Family and Friends,

First, I thank God, his son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for blessing the lives of me and my late daughter, Lauren Thompson Gould. I also wish to thank Pastor Elizabeth Parker Horton, the Rev. Mike Hooper, the Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup and talented church musicians Lee Ann Peele and Mike Price for the Home-going Service that truly evoked the goodness and uniqueness that was Lauren.

Throughout the visitation, the service and the delicious meal afterwards, you and the congregation comforted me and my family in so many ways. The beautiful flower arrangements sent to honor the memory of Lauren, the heartfelt sympathy cards, the meaningful calls and visits and the gifts of hearty food baskets and trays were so needed and appreciated.

To my many friends in the congregation, thank you for surrounding me with love and support that only you can do. Those days, hours and minutes were the most excruciating of my life. I see them now in a series of blurry images. But clearly, I recall how your bright smiles broke through the confusion. I felt your strong hugs and remember how they held me together.

You whispered powerful words of love and encouragement in my ear that made it possible for me to blink and remember the more positive images of Lauren growing up in the church:

- As a toddler, she played with friends in the church nursery as I practiced with the church choir on Wednesday evenings;
- How she loved to make the

loudest sounds possible with her white patent-leather church shoes by "clip-clopping" as she walked on the sanctuary's shiny marble floors;

- Getting to wear the little angel costume with halo attached and sing songs carefully practiced with her Sunday School song-leader, Mickey Smith;
- Her growing confidence during elementary school years as she sang and spoke her lines into the microphone during children's plays, Easter and Christmas programs staged in the Fellowship Hall;
- Becoming a tall, middle schooler proudly posing on the church steps with the Rev. Mike Hooper, holding high her Confirmation Certificate that he helped her earn;
- Her graciousness as she learned she was awarded a church scholarship to help pay her tuition at Appalachian State University.

These positive images of Lauren growing up at First Reformed United Church of Christ are ones that I will always hold in my heart, thanks to you, our church home, family and friends.

I love each of you,
Myra Lanning Thompson

MARCH'S CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Community Outreach: (Jerry Lovell)

- Continue to provide food for the Charles England Elementary School Backpack Program.
- The Charles England Book Fair will be in April. Several church groups have donated funds to help with purchasing books for those who can't afford them.
- Several FRUCC volunteers read Dr. Seuss books to the students at Charles England Elementary School.

Board of Evangelism: (Renee Walsh and Dave Fulton)

- Attendance Average for February: 111 (average does not include 95 in attendance for the Ash Wednesday service on February 26)
- The Evangelism Board has secured baritone Leonard Rowe as the guest performer here at First Reformed UCC for a Sunday afternoon concert in May.

Board of Worship and Sacrament: (Raeann Allred and Deanna Michael)

- Thank you to the Music Committee under the leadership of Harriette Murphy for all of their hard work in finding us our new interim organist, Robert Wilson.
- Thank you to all those who served in the capacity of liturgist, usher, greeter, acolyte, Bible steward, Communion preparer and server in the month of February.

Property Committee: (John Smith and John Maze)

- Buddy Lohr installed a new key lock for the breezeway door
- Met with Danny Young of Young Electric, Johnson Electric and Moore Electric about installing four new dusk-to-dawn lights and a new kitchen outlet. We are still waiting on a couple of estimates.
- Update on Open Hands Ministries use of facility is on hold for the time being due to suggested upgrades, including motion lighting, by the Fire Marshal. Upgrades involve additional expenses.
- David Driver, Triad Security Systems
 - Installed another camera for the sanctuary to cover the blind spot at the corner of the Nazareth building.
 - Replaced the burned out camera in the choir loft.
 - Installed cameras on the outside of the education building.
- He still needs the magnet to release the door for the dance studio entrance. Plans are to complete projects in March.

Financial Report: (Eddie Yates reported for Harriette Murphy)

- Average weekly offering in February was \$4,636
- Music fund Balance \$7,545
- End of Month Available General funds \$4,526

Old Business:

- **Update of Consistory Manual:**
 - Jerry Lovell submitted proposed revisions for the Board of Community Outreach
 - Eddie Yates submitted 2 pages of updated fees for Wedding Policy and Facility Rentals
- **Church Parlor Updates:** Estimates have been received for painting, flooring and window covering. Plans are on hold due to the need for testing of the ceiling for asbestos.

New Business:

- **Move Property Committee from Board of Business Management & Stewardship:** The proposal to change the title for the Property Committee to **Board of Property Management** was discussed and approved.
- **Summer Worship Times:** Rev. Horton lead a discussion on advantages and disadvantages of changing summer worship times. Discussion was tabled to the April meeting.
- **Board of Faith Formation Chairperson:** Alane Holste volunteered to chair the Board of Faith Formation.
- **Next Step in Visioning ("Dream Team"):** President, Eddie Yates stated the long range planning goal is to have a team of four to five people to look ahead to keep the church going and growing. Guidelines suggested:
 - Discern direction of ministry and infrastructure to make it happen
 - Need action plan
 - Use core group of volunteers regarding renovation to start a Dream Team.
 - Kivi will email those who have volunteered (John Maze, John and Susie Smith, Jerry Lovell, Glenyce Fulton, Belinda Yates and Mike Price)
- **Shelter at City Bus Stop:** A question was raised concerning the bus stop at the corner of First and Salisbury Streets behind the education building. Should the church provide a trash can? If so, who will empty it? Should there be a shelter? No conclusions were reached.

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP

2020 Summer Camp Schedule

Johns River Valley Camp seeks to provide, in an outdoor setting, opportunities for persons to experience the presence of God, to discover personal wholeness, and to participate amidst Christian community.

Registration for 2020 has already begun!

Visit <https://www.jrvc.org/shop> to learn more or visit the links below for specific camps...

BEGINNER

Classic Camp

July 12-15

Beginners

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

JUNIOR

Classic Camp

July 12-18

Junior Age Classic

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Round Table Rendezvous

June 28-July 4

Junior High

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

MIDDLE/SENIOR

Classic Camp

June 21-27

Middle/Sr. High Adventure

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Round Table Rendezvous

June 28-July 4

Middle High (7th-8th)

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June 28-July 4

Senior High (9th-12th)

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

MIDDLE/SENIOR

Youth Mission Camps

June 14-20

Youth Mission Camp I

July 19-25

Youth Mission Camp II

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Connect Camp

May 15-17

Connect Program - **NEW CAMP!**

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Drama Camp

July 5-11

Creative Drama - **NEW CAMP!**

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

FAMILY

Family Camp

July 30 - August 1

Family Camp - **NEW CAMP!**

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Visit Johns River Valley Camp on
Facebook at

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CATAWBA COLLEGE DISCOVER PROGRAM



2020 Program:



BE A PART OF DISCOVER 2020 DATES

High School: July 5-10

Middle School: July 12-17

[Apply to attend Discover in 2020](#)

Discover is sponsored by a grant from the Lilly Endowment and so is **FREE for attendees**. However, there is a \$25 registration fee to hold your spot. Please use our alternative registration form if the fee would be a hardship for your family.

There is **no cost** for the student to attend **Discover**. Participants are simply responsible for transportation to and from Black Lake Retreat Center.

Discover is a program that challenges formative middle and high school youth with careful theological and moral reflection prior to college life. In the midst of theological reflection and activity, students will have the opportunity to:

- **discover** God in new ways, especially as incarnational and interactive;
- **discover** who they are as children of God;
- **discover** how to live out their faith;
- and **discover** what they are called to do vocationally.

Through a week-long session at Black Lake Retreat Center in Asheboro, participants will:

- **explore** some of life's most important questions
- **grow** in faith and sense of calling as we explore each person's sacred worth as a child of God.
- **learn and engage** theological concepts alongside excellent college and graduate level faculty
- **participate** in exciting field trips to explore creation, serve others, and grow in knowledge and faith
- **challenge** themselves in activities such as water sports and zip lining
- **get to know college-aged** Teaching Fellows who will lead them through the week's programming
- **grow** in community with other participants

Catawba College is closely monitoring the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and will provide on-going updates at Catawba.edu/coronavirus.

CHURCH GROUPS

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE

~Rita Lohr

The **Morning Glory Circle** met on March at the home of Peggy Bates. An inspirational program was given by Deanna Michael. The circle members shared Communion with Peggy and Deanna Michael served as liturgist. Everyone enjoyed fellowship and a snack lunch. The next meeting will be April 1st in the church parlor.

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP

~Carolyn Robbins

Women's Life Fellowship served the shelter meal on Monday, March 9th, so we did not have a regular meeting this month. Approximately 50 people were served a meal of ham, hash brown casserole, green beans, rolls and oatmeal cookies. Some of the women decided to join Men's Brotherhood on Tuesday for oyster stew and cornbread. A few who are not fans of the stew ate BBQ that was also provided. Some of the women who joined in provided desserts. Our next meeting will be determined later.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

~Clifford Lopp

The **Men's Brotherhood** met Tuesday, February 11th for dinner and a meeting. Thanks to the kitchen crew for the delicious oyster stew and cornbread. A few ladies from Women's Life Fellowship joined us for the meal and brought desserts.

After the meal, Eddie Yates shared devotions. He read a thank you note from Charles England Elementary School for the donation made for their pantry that provides food for the backpack program. Susan Morris thanked the group for the snack supper provided for the Youth Ministry when it met earlier in the month. No new business was discussed.

The next meeting will be determined later.

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:

*Suzanne Fritts Stevens (Lisa Nelson's cousin), *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 Poetzing (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).**

BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

~Jerry Lovell

During this time of uncertainty, our board has needed to make adjustments.

- Charles England Elementary School contacted us when the schools first closed due to the Coronavirus. Their food pantry had been depleted since extra food was sent home with students in an attempt to cover an extended period. We responded with a \$300 check so staff could shop for nonperishable items that would cover 2-3 weeks.

With the Governor announcing that schools will be closed until May 15th at the least, their need will only increase. Your monetary donations are put to good use, as well as the requested food items you donate at church that get delivered to CEES.

- The Clothes Closet is closed due to the need for social distancing.
- Touching Davidson County With Love has been cancelled for April 4, 2020. At this time, the possibility of rescheduling is not known.
- Open Hands is currently serving only take-out meals on Monday nights.
- Meals-on-Wheels is continuing to prepare meals in our kitchen, which are being

delivered to their clients. Precautions are in place to help those volunteers carrying meals to homes so they can be as safe as possible.

- Please do your best to **Be The Church** during this extraordinary time in which we find ourselves.
- Call members of our Church Family to check-in with them and chat a bit.
- Check out First Reformed's Facebook Page and website to get updates or look at pictures
 - <https://www.facebook.com/firstreformeducc>
 - <https://frucc.org/>
- Give as you can by mailing your check or give [online here](#) so the church can continue to operate and keep programs active.
- Pray for the well-being of our Church Family and their families, the community, the state, the nation, and the world.

Please take the critical/common sense advice seriously from those who are working to protect us all and stop the spread of COVID-19

STAY DILIGENT. STAY SAFE. STAY HOME.
God bless us all!

BOARD OF EVANGELISM FUNDRAISER

~Renee Walsh & Dave Fulton

The Board of Evangelism is selling "**BE THE CHURCH**" Window Clings. These are similar to bumper stickers, but they cling on glass instead and can easily be moved from place to place. Proceeds will go to the church's general fund. The cost is \$5 each. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the church office.

We appreciate Ron and Heidi Hutcheson's help at Davidson Speed Printing.



APRIL 2020

We will continue to worship online Sundays at
<https://www.facebook.com/firstreformeducc/>

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| ACTIVITIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 11:00 Worship online PALM SUNDAY | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY | 10 GOOD FRIDAY | 11 |
| 12 11:00 Worship online EASTER SUNDAY | 13 EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 11:00 Worship online | 20 | 21 | 22 EARTH DAY | 23 | 24 May articles due for Newsletter | 25 |
| 26 11:00 Worship online Earth Sunday | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Congregation,

The Girl Scouts collected \$293.85 March 8th for the diaper drive! Our church members' generosity when contributing to the community is always awesome. Thank you!

Girls Scouts of our Church

Dear Church Family,

The family of Hoyle Potts wishes to express our sincere appreciation to each of you for your love and support to our family. The many prayers and gifts of kindness to daddy has been greatly appreciated.

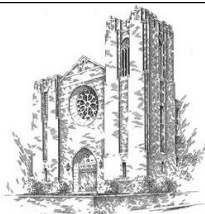
Much love,
Lynn Brown & family

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE
FOLLOWING BENEVOLENCES:**

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**Crisis Ministry of Davidson County**

**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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**WORSHIP HOURS**

**9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**11:00 WORSHIP**

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday—Friday**  
**8:30am to 12:30pm**



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Ellen Peterson

**Organist**

Robert Wilson

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**

**4 Larry Link**  
**Ashlee Snider**  
**5 Caroline Hooper**  
**6 Mary Berrier**  
**7 Mike Brown**  
**8 John Potts**  
**9 Eulene Shepherd**  
**11 Clifton Murphy**  
**12 Kyle Winters**  
**15 Chris Fulton**  
**18 Amy Smith Golden**  
**20 Cynthia Little**  
**22 Nadia Freeman**  
**24 Becca McKerlie**  
**26 Hense Walser**  
**Sylvia Walser**  
**28 Emma Hartle**  
**Pam Sink**  
**29 Kay Crouse**  
**Katherine Skipper**

**APRIL  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**1**  
**Bill & Cheryl Walser**  
**10**  
**Jeremy & Ellen Peterson**  
**13**  
**Lee & Ellen Bouchard**  
**14**  
**Brian McKerlie & Mike Price**  
**17**  
**Mike & Laura Perry**  
**21**  
**Casey & Keri Hartle**  
**22**  
**Edgar & Kivi Miller**



**LOOKING AHEAD  
TO MAY**

**CURRENTLY ALL SERVICES  
IN THE SANCTUARY AND  
ALL OTHER CHURCH  
ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH MAY 15TH  
ARE CANCELLED.  
WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
KEEP YOU UPDATED ON  
ANY CHANGES TO  
WORSHIP PLANS AND  
CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

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| <b>17</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Worship: Holy Communion</li> <li>• Consistory</li> </ul>                                                        |
| <b>19</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations on Race &amp; Faith</li> </ul>                                                                                             |
| <b>14</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Ministries</li> <li>• Men's Brotherhood &amp; Women's Life Fellowship</li> <li>• Youth Ministry Team Meeting</li> </ul>    |
| <b>15</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Ministry</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
| <b>19</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergenerational Sunday School: Earth Day and the Environment with Edgar Miller</li> <li>• Consistory</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>20</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Ministry</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |
| <b>24</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Worship</li> <li>• 2:00 Memorial Day Service</li> <li>• Performance by baritone, Leonard Rowe 2-3:00</li> </ul> |
| <b>25</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HOLIDAY: Memorial Day</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                  |
| <b>26</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations on Race &amp; Faith</li> </ul>                                                                                             |
| <b>27</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Friendship Club</li> <li>• <b>Blood Drive 2:30-7:00</b></li> </ul>                                                                |
| <b>31</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Worship: Pentecost</li> <li>• Strengthen the Church Offering</li> </ul>                                         |

## PHOTOS OF THE MONTH!

### VOLUNTEER READER!

In partnership with Charles England Elementary School, some of our church members volunteered to read to students for Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd.

Pictured are Principal Beth Callicutt with Buddy Lohr, who read Dr. Seuss' ***Green Eggs and Ham***.



### PEACE FROM THE PAST

Lynn Brown found this picture recently tucked away in a drawer. It is from a Sunday School lesson she taught on the subject of PEACE. Patrick and Parker Horton and Lucas Peterson had fun creating body letters to go along with the lesson. Lynn shared because she thought this was a sweet message to help with all the stress and worry we are all going through now. Thank you, Lynn! (Look how young these boys are in this picture!)