



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

MAY 2020

Dear Friends,

As we all feel fragmented by isolation and distance from the Coronavirus Pandemic, I have been reminded that the love and grace of God shows up in the most unexpected places. One of them has been online. I mentioned to someone earlier that I went into the live streaming wilderness with lots of "weeping and gnashing of teeth," which Matthew's Gospel in King James Version uses when someone is thrown into the "outer darkness."

Many people have pitched in to help us find our way out of the virtual darkness. I want to lift up at this time **Cliff Lopp** who helped us take the first step by duct taping my smart phone to a mic stand -- (which was ingenious really). His help along with Paula's encouragement, made the situation a bit more bearable.

As we evolved, **Ellen Peterson** has done a *phenomenal* job of editing and producing the Worship Videos, in addition to providing her beautiful voice in song. I am grateful she has not shared any of the bloopers that did not make the cut! **Robert Wilson** has kept us connected with the sounds of First

Reformed's majestic pipe organ and piano. What a wonderful job he has done and what a way to start a new organist job!

At this time, we do not know when in-person worship services will begin. I want to assure you that the Consistory and staff will work together to make the safest decisions possible for everyone. I don't believe there will be a moment when the whistle blows and we all take off running back into the church. Most likely, stages will occur.

For certain, connecting virtually cannot take the place of connecting in real life, but it's what we have to work with at this time. Jesus met the people where they were, on the street -- in the marketplace, on the road. We will take our queue from this -- we must meet each other in the ways that we can.

If you have suggestions moving forward, please share them with me. Since we've not walked this path before, we're taking it one step at a time.

Praying for guidance,

--*Elizabeth*

THE LEAST WE CAN DO

Rev. James W. (Jay) Whitley

Being a firm believer in the old adage, "You never feel the hurt until it hits home," just the other evening I had to face the stark reality of it all. I received an email from my best friend asking for my prayers as his son, Aaron Trammell, a Pulmonologist, was readying to begin his first two-week stint in the Covid Unit of Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Aaron is the son of Terry and Teresa Trammell, our best friends for over thirty years. I was their pastor during my tenure as minister at The Grace Lower Stone United Church of Christ in Rockwell. Finer, more dedicated Christian people you will never find. Our children grew up with theirs. We have remained close even into our retirement.

Knowing that Aaron is going to the front lines of this war against the Covid-19 virus has, to say the least, got us all very concerned. However, being the caring and responsible physician that I know he has become, Aaron will take on this task, as he does all others, with faith in the goodness of God's grace.

I don't know of anyone who does not know on a personal level a nurse, doctor, technician, therapist, first responder, first aid worker, etc. These are the people who put their lives squarely on the line every day so that we and our loved ones can receive the dignity and treatment we deserve. These are the people who allow the rest of us to step out of harm's way, maybe in isolation, but honestly, would you rather trade places with them?

For me, as a person of faith, it is a small sacrifice and yes, a sacred privilege to pray for folks like Aaron Trammell who are ministering in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the sick and suffering. It is the least that I can do.

Please join me in prayer!

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.

APRIL MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

~IN MEMORY OF~

HOYLE POTTS

John & Kathy Rollin
Eulene Shepherd

REV. BILL SOSEBEE

Gennie Lou Byerly
Deanna Michael-Beck
Tony & Lee Ann Peele
Eulene Shepherd
Jerry & Aurelia Smith

~IN HONOR OF~

SYLVIA WALSER'S BIRTHDAY

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

JEFF HUTCHENS

John & Susie Smith

FROM THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jerry Lovell asks that you please remember to continue your support of the programs that our church, through the Board of Community Outreach, helps. These include the Charles England Elementary School Backpack Program, the YMCA Lunch Program, Meals on Wheels and Open Hands Ministry. While all of these programs have made recent adjustments in the way they provide for those in our community who need help, their needs for funds for their supplies continue. You may make donations to our church with a note about where you'd like to help, and your support will be directed to the appropriate cause. We appreciate all the support you have provided in the past.

EASTER HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In Honor of...

Given by...

Emma Bass	Smithie Parrish
Clothes Closet Team	Jerry & Patti Lovell
Our Dedicated Church Staff	Walter & Ann Hoffman
Keri, Casey, Jacob & Emma Hartle.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Gerri Hill.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Elizabeth Horton & Family	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Ellen Peterson.....	First Reformed UCC Choir
Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson.....	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Brad, Molly, Lily & Everly Robertson	
Ashlee Lopp Snider.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Robert Wilson	First Reformed UCC Choir

In Memory of...

Given by...

Walton Bass.....	Smithie Parrish
Butch & Ruby Bouchard	Amy & Tony Hedrick
	Philip & Alma Bouchard
	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Mr. & Mrs. Grady Brown	Mike & Lynn Brown
Dedra Jo Clark.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Lori Lopp Floyd.....	Cliff & Paula Lopp
Ruth & Everette Fritts.....	Walter & Ann Hoffman
John, Mabel & Jack Hancock.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Our Parents	James & Alice Gray
Mr. & Mrs. Hoyle Potts.....	Mike & Lynn Brown
Calvin & Sue Robbins	Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Carlton "Tommy" & Laura Williams	

PLEASE LOOK UP



Our church recently received some security updates. This includes a new camera at the main entrance to the Education Building at the Fellowship Hall. Before, the camera was aimed at your face and the office could easily recognize the person at the door. Now the camera is in a much higher position in the upper left-hand corner of the awning over the door. We mostly see the tops of visitors' heads now! (If you're wearing a hat, we just see the hat!)

If you ring the doorbell during office hours, it would help us identify who you are if you **LOOK UP TO THE LEFT**. We'll be glad to let you in, and we won't be embarrassed by asking, "Can I help you?" when we should know who you are!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Any events listed below are subject to change.)



**American
Red Cross**

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will hold a blood drive in our church fellowship hall on Wednesday, **May 27 from 2:30-7:00PM**. If you would like to sign up for a time to give, please contact Betty Barr at 336-239-5001 or barrpilotcar@gmail.com or stop by at your convenience. This date may be subject to change. We will update you if there is a change in this event.

Annual Picnic



SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL WORSHIP AND PICNIC
at WILDCAT MOUNTAIN FARM
Sunday, June 28th at 11:00am**

REGULAR GIVING...

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING...

STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCH OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing, originally scheduled for March 22nd, has been postponed for a date not yet determined. Donations already made will be held until the date is decided.

Strengthening the Church offering is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. A decision will be made if giving for this will be changed until a later date.

Please continue to give 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."**



BOARD OF EVANGELISM FUNDRAISER

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.

WE'VE BEEN STAYING CONNECTED!

The global pandemic that we continued to experience throughout April brought uncertainty, fear, loneliness, and despair to so many. All our daily routines were altered to deal with social distancing in an effort to help prevent the spread of CoVid-19. Throughout this period of separation, Rev. Horton, with help from others in our congregation, made sure we had ways to stay connected and be one in the Word of God...in worship, in fellowship, in prayer, in giving, in music, in connecting with our youth, in helping others and in celebration of the season of Easter. The response from those in our congregation, as well as others near and far, was wonderful.

Thank you, Rev. Horton, for helping us remain one with our church through this separation. Many of our congregation contributed to Rev. Horton's efforts to be *"One in the Spirit."*

- **Sunday worship services** shared live [via Facebook](#) beginning March 15th, with Ellen Peterson, Emma West and Robert Wilson's contributions of music, scripture and song.
- Rev. Horton's **Tuesday and Thursday story time** [via Facebook Live](#) for the children of our congregation.
- A Wednesday evening **HYMN SING** via Facebook Live from the home of our organist, Robert Wilson.
- **Fellowship and Prayers for Others** through Zoom Chat following Sunday worship.
- **CoVid-19 Care and Call Ministry** asked for anyone willing to make calls on a regular basis to touch base with those in need. please fill out this form and we will be in touch soon. [CLICK HERE for Care and Call.](#)
- **CoVid-19 Contemplations** gave an opportunity for anyone to share original thoughts, reflections, stories, God-moments, prayers, poems, fears, etc. experienced during this time? [CLICK HERE for Contemplations.](#)
- **Holy Week Vesper services** with Rev. Horton on [YouTube](#) with help from the following church members:
 - **Monday, April 6:** scripture contributions by Keri Hartle, Brian McKerlie & Keri Lovell and music contributions by Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson
 - **Tuesday, April 7:** scripture contributions by Buddy Lohr, Lisa Nelson & Jeremy Peterson and music contributions by Mike Price, Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson
 - **Wednesday, April 8:** scripture contributions by Edgar Miller, Jeremy Lovell & Lee Jessup and music contributions by John Maze, Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson
 - **Maundy Thursday, April 9:** scripture contribution by Kelly Greathouse, Holy Communion service with Rev. Horton and music contributions by Walter Hoffman, Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson
 - **Good Friday Tenebrae Service: April 10:** scripture contributions by Elizabeth Horton and music contributions by Mike Price, Robert Wilson and Ellen Peterson
 - **Holy Saturday, April 11:** scripture contributions by Dave Fulton, Raeann Allred, Michell Winters & Robert Danze and music contributions by Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson
 - **Easter Sunday, April 12:** **"He is Risen" video clips** by Gerri Hill, Caroline White, Doris & Irvin Sink, Ethan & Kyndell Lovell, Merle Hodges, Kiaya Plummer John Potts & Janette Neal and Parker Horton...**Picture contributions:** congregation members...**Music contributions** by Robert Wilson & Ellen Peterson...**Altarscapes:** June Grubb & Lynn Brown

We look forward to the time we can worship together again in our sanctuary, but in the meantime, we will continue to **stay connected** through the creativity of Rev. Horton, the wonders of technology and the technology skills of Ellen Peterson for creating the videos for YouTube.com.

UPDATED 2020 OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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	2018-19-20	Doris Sink	Eddie Yates	DEACONS	2018-19-20	Jerry Lovell	Deanna Michael
	2019-20-21	Raeann Allred	Harriette Murphy		2019-20-21	Kivi Miller	Mike Price
	2020-21-22	Rita Lohr	John Smith		2020-21-22	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 McCam, 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

February: Susie & John Smith, Jonathan Kepley

March: Lisa Nelson & Michell Winters, June Grubb

April: Glenyce & Dave Fulton

May: John & Vicky Gray

June: John Maze & Ben Hale

July: Bill & Carolyn Robbins

August: Bonita & Mike Hooper

September: Paula & Cliff Lopp, Keri & Casey Hartle

October: Mike Price & Brian McKerlie

November: No Social

December: Kivi & Edgar Mill

BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION: Chairperson: Alane Holste

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 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: 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

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 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) Raeann Allred, John Gray, Eddie Yates (*Ex-officio: Walter Hoffman and Paula Lopp*)

Security Committee: TBD

Insurance: Property Committee Chairpersons

Endowments: Trustees

Memorial Garden Chairperson: TBD

Special Gifts Chairperson: TBD

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: TBD

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

THE RESURRECTION CROSS

Despite the fact that our church wasn't able to join together in worship on Easter Sunday, many contributed flowers for the Resurrection Cross on the front lawn of the sanctuary so it was beautifully decorated this morning.

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION

Rev. Susan Morris

YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY:

The youth are having group meetings via ZOOM CHAT. It has been good to stay connected over the past month. **We will continue to zoom youth group meetings in May. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 6 pm.** I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Both Ministry Teams will meet via Zoom in May. The Children's Ministry Team on May 5th at 7:00pm and the Youth Ministry Team on May 12th at 7:00pm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

The children have had two zoom meetings in April. Easter Saturday the children heard the story of Easter using the Resurrection Eggs and had a color-by-number cross with a jelly bean poem. We also had a Zoom time on April 18th and made bird feeders for our Earth Day project. (pictures on page 9)

We will continue to have Zoom meetings in May. Please be on the lookout for dates.

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2020 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 RENDEVOUZ

Junior High June 28-July 4

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

MIDDLE/SENIOR

CLASSIC CAMP June 21-27

Middle/Sr. High Adventure

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

ROUND TABLE RENDEVOUZ

Middle High (7th-8th)

June 28-July 4

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Senior High (9th-12th)

June 28-July 4

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

MIDDLE/SENIOR

YOUTH MISSION CAMPS

Youth Mission Camp I June 14-20

Youth Mission Camp II July 19-25

[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

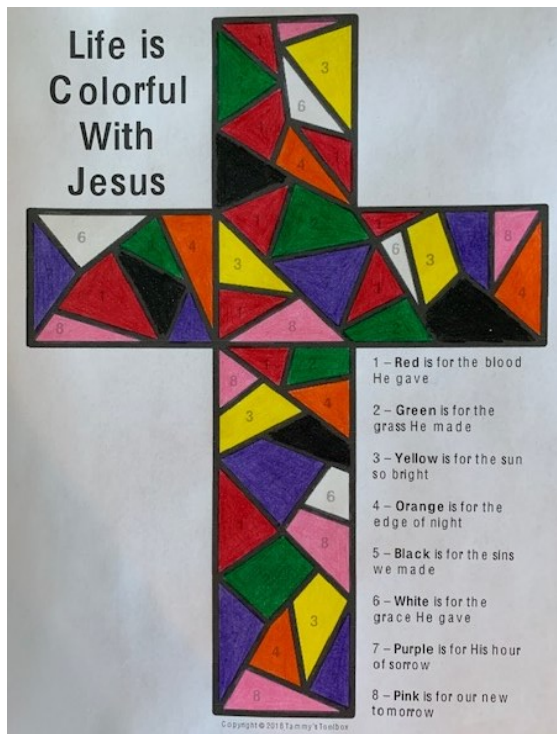
FAMILY CAMP July 30 - August 1

Family Camp - **NEW CAMP!**

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!](#)

Visit Johns River Valley Camp on
Facebook at

[https://www.facebook.com/
johnsrivervalleycamp/](https://www.facebook.com/johnsrivervalleycamp/)



Parker Horton constructs his bird feeder for Earth Day while following directions at the Children's Ministry ZOOM Chat Meeting.



CATAWBA COLLEGE DISCOVER PROGRAM



Register Now for Discover 2020!

BE A PART OF DISCOVER 2020 DATES

High School: July 5-10

Middle School: July 12-17

Apply HERE 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.

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

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

MAY STEWARDSHIP

DATES OF SERVICES SHOWN FOR MAY
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN MAY

Liturgist:	
May 24th & 31st:	Marge Doty
Usher Chairperson:	Jeff Hutchens
Usher Captain:	Mike Brown
Ushers:	Keith Johnson, Amy Golden, Ramona Yarbrough, Jeremy Peterson
Youth Usher:	Sam West
Plate Attendant:	Doug Sink
Sound Tech:	Dave Fulton
Acolyte:	Elliott Smith
Bible Steward:	Emory Smith
Greeters:	
May 24th:	Buddy & Rita Lohr
May 31st:	Sarah Potts & Family

OUR MEMBERS:

*Pattie Everhart, *Aurelia Smith, *Jeff Hutchens,
Kelly Greathouse, 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:

*Max Smith (Lynn Klopp's father), *Jessica Mims
Bentley (Lee Ann & Tony Peele's daughter),
*Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), *Aaron
Trammell (the son of Jay Whitley's best friend)
and all those everywhere who are on the front
lines dealing with COVID-19, Betty Kepley
(Jonathan Kepley's great-grandmother), April,
Joey & Noland Ray Hamilton (friends of Jay &
Cathy Whitley), Julie Hackworth (John Maze's
niece), 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), Bob Sheehan (Eddie Yates'
brother-in law)

****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).***

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you a million times over to Elizabeth,
Ellen, Robert, Paula and Cliff for adapting so
well to social distancing and bringing us
together as a family even though we can't
physically be together. Thank you to all the
church family who have helped with readings,
hymns, characterizations, etc. for an amazing
Holy Week series.

Raeann Allred and Deanna Michael
Board of Worship & Sacrament

I would like to thank everyone who sent in Earth
Day photos. You all are wonderful and so much
good is being done in our community!

Rev. Susan Morris
Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes
since my stay in the hospital began. All of them
are appreciated!

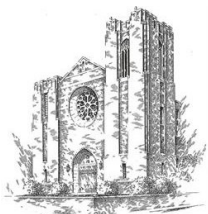
Jeff Hutchens

MAY 2020

Through May 10th we will continue to worship online on both our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL HERE](#) and [FACEBOOK PAGE HERE](#).
Activities beyond this point are to be determined.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ALL EVENTS SHOWN FOR MAY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.					1	2
3 11:00 Worship online via You Tube and Facebook	4	5 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 7:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom Chat 7:00 <i>Peaceful Neighbor</i> Discussion Group via Zoom Chat	6 6:00 Youth Ministry via ZOOM Chat	7 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook	8	9
10 11:00 Worship online via You Tube and Facebook	11 6:00 SHELTER MEAL Adult Sunday School Class & Morning Glory Circle	12 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 7:00 Youth Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom Chat 7:00 <i>Peaceful Neighbor</i> Discussion Group via Zoom Chat	13	14 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook	15	16
17 11:00 Worship TBD Holy Communion 12:15 Consistory TBD	18 5:30 TBD Clothes Closet 6:30 TBD Open Hands Meal	19 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 7:00 <i>Peaceful Neighbor</i> Discussion Group via Zoom Chat	20 6:00 Youth Ministry via ZOOM Chat 6:30 Bells TBD 7:15 Choir TBD	21 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 5:15 Yoga TBD 7:00 TBD Square Dancing	22 <div>June articles due for Newsletter</div>	23
24 11:00 Worship TBD 2-3:00 TBD Performance: Leonard Rowe (Baritone)	25 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 TBD Clothes Closet 6:30 TBD Open Hands Meal	26 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 7:00 <i>Peaceful Neighbor</i> Discussion Group via Zoom Chat	27 12:00 TBD Friendship Club 2:30-7:00 TBD American Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 Bells TBD 7:15 Choir TBD	28 1:00 Story time with Rev. Horton via Facebook 5:15 Yoga TBD 7:00 TBD Square Dancing	29	30
31 11:00 Worship TBD Pentecost Sunday						

**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*

104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 2729
(336) 248-2617
email: church@frucc.org
website: www.frucc.org

WORSHIP HOURS

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

Church Office Hours:

**Monday—Friday
8:30am to 12:30pm**



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**LOOKING AHEAD
TO JUNE**

**June activities and dates
are subject to change.**

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet • Open Hands Meal
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Ministry Team Meeting
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Glory Circle • Youth Ministry • Bells & Choir
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga & Square Dancing
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • First Sunday Social • Worship: Graduation Sunday
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet • Open Hands Meal
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Ministry • Youth Ministry Team Meeting
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bells & Choir
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga & Square Dancing
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Worship • Consistory
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet • Open Hands Meal
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Ministry • Bells & Choir
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga & Square Dancing
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father's Day • Sunday School • Worship
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet • Open Hands Meal
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Club • Bells & Choir
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter Articles due • Yoga & Square Dancing
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Worship & Church Picnic
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet • Open Hands Meal