



# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

OCTOBER 2020

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4th in the Chapel or in your vehicle during the time of 12:30-2:00PM. This special Sunday holds a special place in my heart. It was on World Communion Sunday—5 years ago—that we began our adventure in ministry together as Pastor and Congregation. This was the first day I entered the awe-inspiring sanctuary and heard the majestic sounds of the pipe organ. The first day I saw your faces in the pews, heard your voices united in song, and stood to preach in the beautifully carved pulpit.

In the midst of the beauty and excitement I remember wondering on that day, *"How in the world am I going to learn everyone's names? What if I fall off this high chancel? Now, where is the choir, I can't find them?"*

I feel so very grateful that God called us together 5 years ago. I have loved getting to learn - not only your names - but who you are, how you sense God's presence, and how you

are bringing in the presence of God in the midst of uncertain times. I have most definitely felt God's Spirit as you have welcomed me into your homes and into your lives.

As we move forward, may we have the assurance that God will lead us where we need to go, and most likely, it may be somewhere we have never been.

Speaking of a new way, we are offering small group Worship on Wednesdays during October. We are asking that you sign up to save a seat for a service. I know it feels awkward to think about signing up to attend a worship service, but right now it's the only way we can make plans to keep us all safe. Look on page 4 in this newsletter for details.

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to us, First Reformed UCC! Thank you for allowing me to take this leap of faith with you.

Gratefully and with joy,  
Elizabeth

## OCTOBER SERMON SERIES: PRESSING ON

Pressing On seems to be our normal mode these days. Many are overwhelmed, overrun, and overtired. As we enter October, the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the pandemic, it seems though every step is an uphill climb. Yet, as Paul says in Philippians, "we press on toward the goal." We have to right? Even in this time of so much unrest... there is so much still to do... schoolwork to be done, children to supervise, bills to pay, deadlines to make, goals to reach.

Is this really what the Apostle Paul means when he says, *"I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize?" Merely a checking off our lists of duties and accomplishments? Exactly what is the prize?"*

What we do as individuals and as a church is important. But it can also be exhausting. Yes, there are tasks to perform; yes, there is things to do, but Pressing On does not mean pushing ourselves over the brink of burnout.

Let's hear more of what Paul has to say in Philippians and Thessalonians as together, we "Press On."

<b>October 4th:</b>	<b>Pressing On (Philippians 3: 4b-14)</b>
<b>October 11th:</b>	<b>Pressing On...with Joy (Philippians 4: 1-9)</b>
<b>October 18th:</b>	<b>Pressing On...with Faith (Thessalonians 1: 1-10)</b>
<b>October 25th:</b>	<b>Pressing On...with Gentleness (Thessalonians 2: 1-8)</b>

## 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.

## SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS AND HONOR GIFTS

### IN MEMORY OF BILL WALSER

Robert & Martha Adams  
Eddie & Jemmietta Allred  
Ralph & Jean Ashley  
J.W. Bates  
John & Brenda Garner  
Paul Green  
Gerri Hill  
Steve & Charm Ketner  
Marguerite Leonard  
Jerry & Patti Lovell

Deanna Michael  
Lisa Nelson  
Jo Peoples & Ken Davis  
Rick & Libby Samuels  
Ron & Pam Sink  
Jerry & Aurelia Smith  
Carroll & Carolyn Spivey  
Sylvia, Joni & Becky Walser  
Gail W. Thacker

### IN MEMORY OF JOEL BYRD

J.W. Bates

### IN HONOR OF LYNN POTTS BROWN'S BIRTHDAY

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

## THANK YOU NOTES

A Special Thank You...

Thank you to Rev. Horton, Ellen Peterson, and Robert Wilson for working so hard to make sure worship services have continued throughout the months of Covid-19. Thank you also to all members who have helped by volunteering to read scripture, pass the Peace of Christ, and share their musical talents.

First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for your continued commitment to support Communities in Schools of Lexington/Davidson County. We appreciate your recent donation of \$790.00 to help with school supplies for our students. I miss picking up the collected items this year, but with the changes of church services, you still made sure we are able to meet these needs. Please share our appreciation to your entire church family, and we wish abundant blessings to all of you as you continue to bless others in our communities.

Vera McRae  
Executive Director

Dear Friends at First Reformed UCC,

Thank you for the many cards and notes you have sent expressing your love and concern for me. They have given me many happy thoughts. I think of you often and remember you always in my prayers.

Marguerite Leonard

First Reformed UCC,

Thanks for supporting our school and our students. Your donation is greatly appreciated, "It takes a village to raise a child." (African Proverb) Thank you for being part of our village.

Love,  
Beth Callicutt, Principal  
& Charles England Family

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous donation to our Backpack Program this year. You are ensuring that our kids are not going without, and we appreciate your continued support.

Love,  
Ms. Waller & Charles England Family

Dear Church Family,

A special thank you for the prayer shawls given during our loss of Bill. Dottie Kate and Jones especially loved their shawls and they were the perfect size and colors. We could feel the love and prayers for our family when we wrapped our shoulders with them.

Cheryl Walser and Family

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



If you missed any of our worship services since we began sharing these, it's still not too late to watch them. All services are available on our [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) pages. Visit either one to find the Sunday you missed.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPECIAL PLANS FOR OCTOBER 4TH WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION

On Sunday, October 4th, from 12:30-2:00 in the afternoon, Rev. Horton will share the elements through a WALK-IN COMMUNION SERVICE. Anyone interested in participating in this opportunity to commune with others in our church, together but still separate, should wear a mask and remember to social distance. You will enter through the Memorial Garden entrance, one family unit at a time. Enter the Chapel and walk up the aisle. You will receive a pre-packaged juice and wafer and partake of Communion at the front of the chapel. Then you will exit through the choir room door and leave the building through the door at the nursery. (In case of rain, we will enter through the Fellowship Hall entrance.) There will also be an IN-CAR option for those who wish to receive communion in this way. A separate Communion Service will air online for those at home.

## BE ON THE LOOK OUT

Copies of the proposed 2021 Budget will be emailed to church members on Wednesday, September 30. (Members without emails will receive a hard copy of this information through the mail.) Directions for voting will be included with the email/letter. Please review this copy prior to the October 11th Virtual Congregational Budget Meeting. After this meeting another mailing will go out with copies of the 2021 Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets to be completed and returned to the office. More information will come later.

## PRAYER WORSHIP GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning Wednesdays in October, at 12:00PM and 7:00PM, a 30-minute **Time of Prayer** will be held in the Sanctuary. Each will be limited to 10 people. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. **You may reserve your space [HERE](#) or contact the church office if you are interested in attending.**

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

If you would like to **participate in the online worship** by videoing yourself reading scripture or passing the peace of Christ, please let us know. Rev. Horton would love to have as many faces as possible present for our services. If you're interested, please contact Rev. Horton or the church office. **Please click [HERE for a Sign-Up Sheet](#)**

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY** **SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3rd** **FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Please contact Edgar Miller at 336-688-2651, if you're interested in volunteering to help harvest fall crops and prepare the garden for the winter. You will be rewarded with wonderful fall produce!

## **NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 4, 2020** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. NIN contributions can be made on-line at any time **HERE**.

## **RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers in our community. There are many opportunities for people with various backgrounds, talents and skill levels. Red Cross opportunities include:

Blood Donor Ambassador  
Communications/Public Affairs  
Disaster Action Team  
Internships  
Home Fire Campaign  
Military/Veteran Assistance  
Office Support  
Preparedness Educator  
School Clubs  
Special Events/Fundraising  
Transportation Specialist  
Volunteer Management

Visit **[www.redcross.org/volunteer](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer)** or contact Sabrina Beasley-Cline, Recruitment Specialist at 704-301-3932.

## **MEETINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING**

Meetings in the church Fellowship Hall may be held, but the following guidelines **MUST** be followed:

- **The church office must be notified several days prior to using the building to avoid conflicts and to make sure air/heat are left on for you.**
- Meetings must be **limited to 10 or fewer people.**
- You should use the tables set up as they are at the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- **Face masks** must be worn by all participants.
- Participants must **practice social distancing.**
- Tables must be wiped down with a Clorox solution and chairs must be sprayed with the solution and left to dry. All supplies will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Please return supplies to their original location in the Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE ASSIGN SOMEONE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING TABLES.**

## **PLEASE RETURN DVDS TO OFFICE**

If you receive mail copies of DVDs from the church or borrow any to view for Sundays you are absent, please remember to return them to the office. These can be used to record more services and help control costs for this ministry.

## **DONATIONS TO MEALS ON WHEELS**

If you're interested in giving to Meals on Wheels, you may send contributions to:

**Meals on Wheels of Lexington**  
**PO Box 1697**  
**Lexington, NC 27293**

# SEPTEMBER'S CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Because of the Coronavirus outbreak of 2020 and Governor Roy Cooper's continued request to social distance, Consistory members held a virtual zoom meeting Sunday, September 13, 2020.

## **Board Reports**

### **Board of Community Outreach**

- Collected \$100 designated to Charles England School during the "Communities in Schools" campaign.
- Grace Episcopal Church continues to serve Sunday lunch (carry-out only) to the marginalized of the community. First Reformed UCC is in charge of providing volunteers to help with cooking, handing out carry-out plates and cleaning during the month of November.

### **Board of Congregational Life**

- Kivi Miller continues to review lists to place the order for nametags for all members. She plans to have these ready when members return to worship together again.

### **Board of Faith Formation**

Alane Holste reported

- Communities in Schools campaign collected \$790 for local schools.
- Middle and High school youth resume group meetings at 5:30pm on alternating Wednesdays in September.
- Kid's Adventure Time for Children resumes on the 2nd Saturday at 10am.
- Adult Sunday school began a study on Exodus September 20<sup>th</sup>. This continues through October.
- Youth Fifth Wednesday Game night meeting for both youth groups was planned for Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Children's Sabbath is October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board of Worship and Sacrament**

- Co-chair, Raeann Allred worked with Rev. Horton, Rev. Grubb, Lynn Brown and the Communion Committee to plan for Worldwide Communion on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board of Property Management:**

John Smith reported.

- Grady Hedrick's crew removed the tree in front of the breezeway. The bush at the entrance to the education building kitchen was trimmed but due to size and safety concerns, the Property Board has requested it be removed.

### **Financial Report:**

- Average weekly offering in August was \$4,759
- Available General funds \$23,636
- Music fund Balance \$7,620

### **Old Business:**

- Southern Conference and Western NC Association Annual Gathering Virtual meetings will be held October 16-17. Eddie Yates will attend as the First Reformed UCC delegate to the Southern Conference meeting. Brian McKelrie and Marge Doty responded to a congregational email and will attend as delegates for FRUCC.
- Return to Sanctuary for Worship—Consistory continues to be proactive in an attempt to keep members as safe as possible and will continue with Governor Cooper's Phase II guidelines allowing 10 or less in the building at one time. They will keep options open and review reopening at monthly meetings.
- Homecoming Chairperson, Rita , is working with the Homecoming Committee on ideas for this event.
- Rev. Horton is discussing plans with Board of Worship and Sacrament Chairperson, Raeann Allred and the Communion Committee for Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Live-streaming worship services will continue. Future thoughts and ideas will be discussed at the October consistory meeting.

### **New Business:**

- 2021 Budget Proposal: Thanks to the Finance Committee for the work done on the proposed budget for 2021. A letter from Consistory President, Eddie Yates, a copy of the 2021 proposed budget, and a voting link will be emailed to each First Reformed UCC family on September 30<sup>th</sup>. *(Those without email will receive a hard copy).*
- A Zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to present the budget. There will be a time for questions and answers and a voting link will be included. Votes can be submitted online, by emailing [paula@fruucc.org](mailto:paula@fruucc.org) or by calling the church office at 336-248-2617. Deadline for voting is Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Members were asked to review the Time and Talent sheets to let Kivi Miller know of any additions or changes that need to be made prior to publishing
- The Nominating Committee will present nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustee at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Consistory meeting.

- The next regularly scheduled Consistory meeting is **October 4, 2020. The meeting will be held in the church Fellowship Hall at 2:00PM.**

# BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION

Rev. Susan Morris

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue with our study of Exodus. Below is the new Zoom link to join in. **Sunday School starts at 9:30AM.** Everyone is welcome to join the Zoom Meeting [HERE](#).  
(Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)  
This is a recurring meeting.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Youth groups will continue to meet on Wednesdays through October via Zoom [HERE](#). If you have any friends you would like to invite, please share the link with them.  
(Meeting ID: 826 0087 0645)

The High School Youth Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Middle School Youth Group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

## KIDS' ADVENTURE TIME

All children are invited to join Kids' Adventure Time via Zoom on October 10, 2020 at 10:00AM. You can join the meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 841 6958 6956) I hope to see you all there!

## MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

The Children's Ministry Team Meeting will be on **Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30PM in the church Fellowship Hall.**

The Youth Ministry Team Meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 at church in the church Fellowship Hall.**

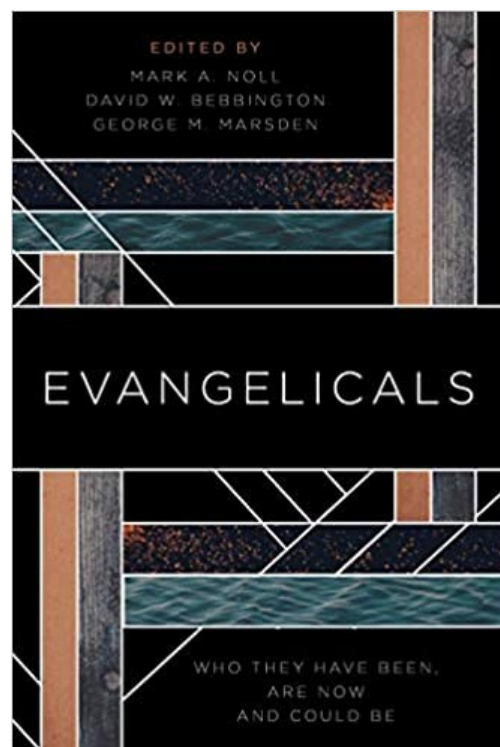
Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

## ADULT BOOK STUDY

Bonita Hooper

The Adult Education Committee has chosen **EVANGELICALS: WHO THEY HAVE BEEN, ARE NOW AND COULD BE** for our next book study. We invite you to join us for **ZOOM meetings each Tuesday night 7-8:00PM for the months of October and November.**

The authors, Mark Noll, David Beddington and George Marsden, have been studying and writing about Evangelicals for four decades. We hope you will consider joining our book study group for stimulating conversation every week. This book is available On line. Please let the office know if you need assistance. (



# SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE & WNCA MEETINGS

First Reformed UCC's delegate for this year's Southern Conference meeting will be Eddie Yates. Our delegates for the WNCA meeting are Brian McKelie and Marge Doty. Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. June Grubb will attend as clergy.

You are invited to attend and participate in the Southern Conference's 55th Annual Gathering, October 16-17, 2020. We will be doing a "new thing," in a new way of being together. Our Annual Gathering will be a Virtual Gathering where we will rely on technology completely. This is a result of a new reality we have had to live into over these past six months because of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus Epidemic.

Registration is open for the virtual unified Southern Conference Gathering and Association Meetings to ALL. For registration questions contact the conference office at 336-222-8771.

We need you to register prior to September 25th so we will know who you are. Please go **HERE**.

All will need to be registered by the October 12, 2020 deadline to attend the meeting. You will not be able to register on the day of the meeting.

You will also find below

- the preliminary agenda for the Conference
- the preliminary agenda for the Association.
- WNCA letter and Meeting materials.
- Additional details on workshops and speakers will be coming soon!

**Southern Conference preliminary agenda**

**Western North Carolina Association**

**Western North Carolina preliminary agenda**

## TRANSITIONS AMONG US

**Elizabeth Horton**

Since January 2020, Rev. Susan Morris has served as our Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. As the seasons in her life continue to grow fuller, she has discerned that her role as our Associate Pastor needs to come to a close. Susan's last day on staff will be Friday, October 30, 2020.

She writes, "It has been my pleasure to serve First Reformed UCC as the Associate Pastor of Faith Formation for this last year. It is with great sadness that I have to offer my resignation. My responsibilities with my full-time job have changed and increased, and I do not feel I can provide all that is needed to fulfill my responsibilities as FRUCC Associate Pastor. Thank you for all the support you and the church have given to me this past year."

Over the past nine months, I am grateful that Susan has:

- created a safe yet fun space for both our high school and middle school youth to delve into questions about their own faith.

- set in motion both a Youth Ministry Team and a Children's Ministry Team to help plan for our young people.
- guided the adults in faith formation by both teaching and helping support lay teachers.

Her gentle nature and thought-provoking questions have helped us all grow deeper in faith. I believe God led her here specifically to help this church make a transition. Susan's experience has helped us look at what we will need for our Youth Ministry to move into the future. She has assured us that she and Charyl will remain members of this church and will continue to serve in the ways that God calls.

Please join me in sharing with her words of gratitude and blessing! We will celebrate her ministry in the weeks to come.

May we continue to follow Christ together through the many transitions of life!

# FIRST REFORMED UCC COMMUNITY GARDEN WINDING DOWN FOR THE SEASON

Edgar Miller

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR A VOLUNTEER DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 FROM 10-12:00!**

Despite losing 90% of our potato crop this summer, the First Reformed UCC Community Garden has had a relatively productive growing season, producing nearly 200 pounds of fresh fruit (the blueberries did great this summer) and vegetables for Pastor's Pantry so far this year. That total will be increased significantly by another bumper crop of okra, butternut squash and sweet potatoes. Any Church member craving some fried or roasted okra is welcomed to go pick your own in the Garden as we have an ample supply.

We are getting ready to harvest our fall crops, including digging our sweet potatoes, **and could use some assistance at our volunteer workday next Saturday, October 3rd from 10 AM – 12 PM.** In addition to digging up the sweet potatoes, we'll be picking fall greens and veggies, cleaning up beds and planting rye and clover cover crops to get ready for winter and improve our soil for next year. Please contact Edgar Miller at 336-688-2651, if you're interested in volunteering. Your reward will be wonderful fall produce.

As always, we are grateful to the Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County workers, who take care of the garden on a regular basis, and to the church members and others who financially support the garden and this important mission of First Reformed UCC.



## BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jerry Lovell

Even though our church is not meeting in person, needs in the community continue.

In September First Reformed donated \$300 to Charles England Elementary School to help with their Food Backpack Program, which is an on-going project. Due to Covid-19 concerns, it is safer to make monetary donations directly to Principal Beth Callicutt rather than purchasing items that need to be delivered to the school. Please continue to support our partnership with CEES. Mark your donations for **CEES** and they will go straight to the school to replenish their food pantry.

Grace Episcopal Church has resumed their Sunday lunch program with precautions in place. Meals are carry-out only at this time. First Reformed serves the month of November. Thanks to the following volunteers:

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| November 1:  | Mike & Bonita Hooper<br>Sylvia Walser<br>Camille Morgan |
| November 8:  | Buddy and Rita Lohr<br>Jerry and Patti Lovell           |
| November 15: | Mark and Nicole Smith,<br>Elliot and Emory              |
| November 22: | John and Susie Smith<br>Jonathan Kepley                 |
| November 29: | Walter and Ann Hoffman<br>Doris Sink                    |

In December, we historically help the Salvation Army by ringing bells at their Red Kettle sites around town. When the information is received regarding days and times that are available, that will be shared with our church family.

## HOMECOMING 2020



Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 2020. While this year's Homecoming may be quite different than in the past, our Homecoming Committee is working on ideas to make it as special as others have been. This year we will celebrate virtually. We will include time to honor members who are no longer with us with a memorial service during worship.

Present plans include recording some of our older church members speaking about past or favorite memories they have of the church. Also, some special music will definitely be incorporated into our celebration. Do you have some favorite hymns...OLDIES but GOODIES...you'd like to hear? Perhaps you have some ideas on how to make this year's Homecoming special as we again celebrate together but apart. Please feel free to contact Rita Lohr, Chairperson of the Homecoming Committee to share. (rlahr@triad.rr.com or 336-249-9783) She will welcome any ideas you may have to help us celebrate. In the meantime, Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 1, 2020!

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS:

John Potts, Charm Ketner, Kelly Greathouse, Jasmin Cruz, Margot Everhart, Lisa Price, Patti Lovell, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Pattie 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:

M.C. Hinkle (Ben Hale's uncle), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), Vernon Powell (Eulene Shepherd's nephew-in-law), Elania & Nora Koontz and Hutson & Grayson East (cousins and friends of Harriette & Clifton Murphy), Buddy Hedrick (Frankie Hedrick's husband), Ben & Anna Lovell and their parents (Jerry and Patti's nephew, his wife), Angie Bouchard (Lee and Ellen Bouchard's youngest daughter)

***\*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please call the church office (336-248-2617).***

We send our prayers with Gennie Lou Byerly  
as she moves to the UCC Retirement Home in Abernethy Laurels.  
Her address and phone number:  
500 Shuford Circle Drive  
Newton, NC 28658  
336-225-2870  
(She's not using voicemail yet, so call back if she doesn't answer.)

## Job Assistance Services

**Need help navigating your next move in the job market?  
Career Connections can help you ...**

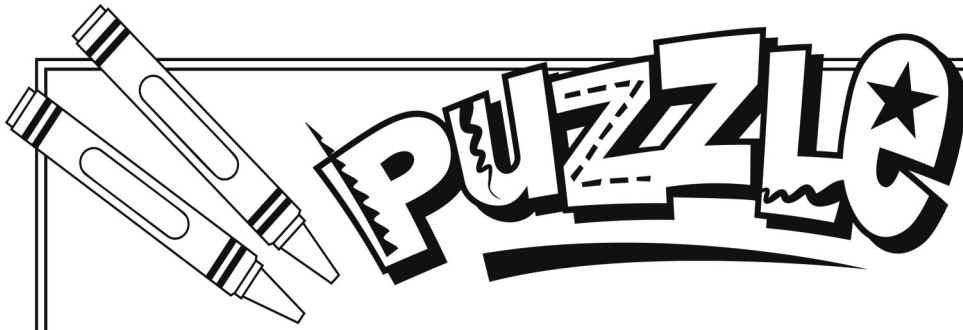
- Assess your career interests
- Resume writing assistance
- Computer access
- Job placement assistance
- Application assistance
- Prepare for interviews

Make an appointment today! Walk-ins accepted. Call (336) 236-8021.

**This is a free service. Hours 8-4:00 Monday—Friday.**

**Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC**  
719 West Center Street | Lexington NC  
(336) 236-8021 | [CareersByGoodwill.org](http://CareersByGoodwill.org)





# A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water .....
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant .....
3. To plant .....
4. Sharp part of a plant .....
5. What is harvested. ....
6. To dry up and shrivel .....
7. Person who plants .....
8. The earth a plant grows in. ....

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

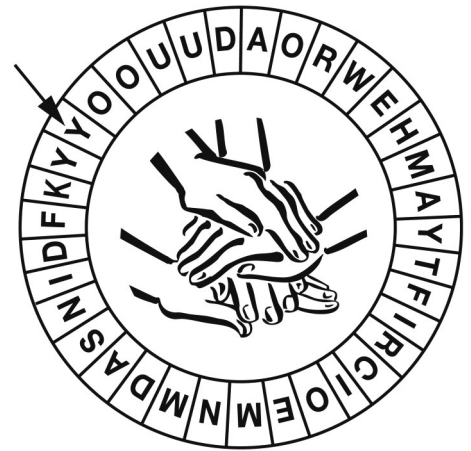
MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow



# Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



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JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command" John 15:14, NIV

# OCTOBER 2020

We will continue to worship online at 10:45AM on both our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL HERE](#) and [FACEBOOKPAGE HERE](#) through the end of the year, unless there is a change.

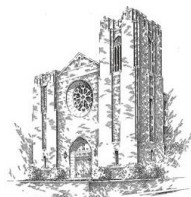
Adult Bible Study [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)

Zoom information for the Adult Book Study on "Evangelicals" will be shared prior to the first meeting.

You may join the 2CFAR meetings [HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Password: 222495)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 10-12:00 Garden Work Day
<b>4</b> <b>NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Bible Study: Exodus <b>10:45</b> Worship online <b>12:00</b> Fellowship & Prayers <b>12:30-2:00</b> Walk-in Communion Service in Chapel <b>12:00</b> Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom <b>2:00</b> Consistory Meeting (FH)	<b>5</b> <b>6:30</b> Children's Ministry Team (Fellowship Hall)	<b>6</b> <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR meeting via Zoom <b>6:30</b> Youth Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom (Fellowship Hall) <b>7:00</b> Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	<b>7</b> <b>12:00</b> Prayer Worship <b>5:30</b> High School Youth Meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Prayer Worship	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>10:00</b> Kids' Adventure Time via Zoom
<b>11</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Bible Study: Exodus <b>10:45</b> Worship online <b>12:00</b> Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom <b>12:30</b> Virtual Congregational Budget Meeting via Zoom	<b>12</b> <b>Deadline for 2021  Budget Votes</b>	<b>13</b> <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	<b>14</b> <b>Time &amp; Talent  Sheets and Pledge  Cards sent out</b> <b>12:00</b> Prayer Worship <b>5:30</b> Middle School Youth Meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Prayer Worship	15	<b>16</b> Southern Conference & WNCA Annual Gathering	
<b>18</b> <b>Children's Sabbath</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Bible Study: Exodus <b>10:45</b> Worship online <b>12:00</b> Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	<b>19</b> Articles for newsletter due	<b>20</b> <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	<b>21</b> <b>12:00</b> Prayer Worship <b>5:30</b> High School Youth Meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Prayer Worship	<b>22</b> <b>6:30</b> PFLAG Meeting (FH)	23	24
<b>25</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Bible Study: Exodus <b>10:45</b> Worship online Holy Baptism <b>12:00</b> Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	26	<b>27</b> <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	<b>28</b> <b>12:00</b> Prayer Worship <b>5:30</b> Middle School Youth Meeting via Zoom <b>7:00</b> Prayer Worship	29	30	<b>31</b> Halloween

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**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Stacey Potts
- 2 Adena Wall  
Eugenia Holste
- 6 Joy Walser
- 7 Kelsey Johnson
- 9 Griff Smith
- 12 Bill Robbins
- 20 Lee Ann Peele
- 21 Mark Loper
- 22 Molly Robertson
- 25 Jamie Link
- 28 Nicole Smith

**OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1st  
John & Susie Smith
- 7th  
Robert & Beverly Sandifer
- 23rd  
Jeremy & Keri Lovell
- 25th  
Henry & Kay Crouse
- 30th  
Albert & Melody Evans



**LOOKING AHEAD  
TO NOVEMBER**

(Activities subject to change.)

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Homecoming Sunday</b></li> <li>• Holy Communion &amp;</li> <li>• Memorial Sunday</li> <li>• <b>10:45</b> Worship Service</li> <li>• Grace Episcopal Meal</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ELECTION DAY</b></li> <li>• <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR Zoom meeting</li> <li>• <b>7:00</b> Adult Book Study: <b><i>Evangelicals</i></b></li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10:45</b> Worship Service</li> <li>• Congregational Meeting re: Consistory nominees</li> <li>• Consistory Meeting</li> <li>• Grace Episcopal Meal</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6:00</b> Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal: Bonita Hooper &amp; Team</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR Zoom meeting</li> <li>• 7:00 Adult Book Study</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Veteran's Day</b></li> </ul>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10:45</b> Worship Service</li> <li>• Congregational Meeting re: congregation nominees for Consistory</li> <li>• Grace Episcopal Meal</li> </ul>
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR Zoom meeting</li> <li>• <b>7:00</b> Adult Book Study</li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10:45</b> Worship Service</li> <li>• Congregational Meeting re: vote on Consistory nominees</li> <li>• Grace Episcopal Meal</li> </ul>
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>12:00</b> 2CFAR meeting via Zoom</li> <li>• <b>7:00</b> Adult Book Study</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b></li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church Office Closed</b></li> </ul>
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10:45</b> Worship Service</li> <li>• <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b></li> <li>• Grace Episcopal Meal</li> </ul>