



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

NOVEMBER 2020

"Give thanks in all circumstances."

I Thessalonians 5:18

At the beginning of March, Robert Wilson began as our interim organist. Quite frankly, we didn't know how worship would be without Lee Ann Peele at the keys. And then God sent Robert. After only one service in the sanctuary, Covid hit and our services went online. Again, we were left unsure about the future. And yet, Robert has done a tremendous job providing music in worship and also adapting to the ever-changing circumstances; not only by playing the organ, but recording himself doing so, and teaching us about hymns and the church's organ along the way. Robert has been exactly who this church needed during this season of virtual services. And we have been reassured of a simple, yet, sometimes hard to believe tenet of our faith: **God will always provide.** We will need to keep this in mind over the next couple of months, as our season with Robert will end on December 31 of this year. Below are his own words describing his decision not to renew his contract.

"First, for a long time, I have felt the call of God on my heart for pastoral ministry. I am most at peace when I am offering my service to God in pastoral ministry. With that, I feel that I must answer this call, so that I am pursuing what I feel God has laid on my heart. I shared this calling with Elizabeth when I first came, and a few nights ago, I shared this sentiment again.

Second, I want to be very clear that I have enjoyed my time here. This has been a most gracious congregation to serve and work

among. The people are warm, welcoming, and gracious. The organ is fantastic. This church has been as much a blessing to me, as I hope I have been to it. The people here are amazing, and I can certainly see the spirit of God at work in this place.

Third, both Ellen and Elizabeth have been wonderful to work with. Elizabeth has tried to create authentic worship experiences, and Ellen and I have worked closely together to make these visions a reality. In addition, Ellen and I have worked well to maintain music for the digital services and other events that the church has had need of. It has been an honor to serve alongside both of them.

Finally, I thank each and every one of you for the amazing opportunity that I have had to grow and blossom here. God is at work in this place, and just as he sent me to you, he will provide a path forward from here. Transitions are never easy, but when God is present, ministry will take place. God has a purpose in all things, and there is a purpose even in this transitory season. Again, I cannot thank you enough for the amazing opportunity to have been your interim organist."

We give thanks for Robert's ministry among us.

We give thanks that he is following the call of God in his life for pastoral ministry.

We give thanks, in these circumstances, that God will continue to provide for us all.

Elizabeth

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.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH 2020

The children and youth of our church provided a **wonderful virtual worship service** for Children's Sabbath on October 18th. We appreciate all of them sharing their talents and love of God through such a meaningful service! We especially thank Stacy Sosebee-West for her leadership and organization of all the parts that came together so well for the final product. Thank you also, to all parents who helped their children and youth practice and learn their parts and record them for the virtual service.

OCTOBER MEMORIALS AND HONOR GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF BILL WALSER

Lynn Klopp
The Brice Leonard Family
Robert & Ramona Phelps
Jerry & Aurelia Smith

IN MEMORY OF DAVID KOONTZ (JORETTA KOONTZ'S HUSBAND)

Jerry & Patti Lovell

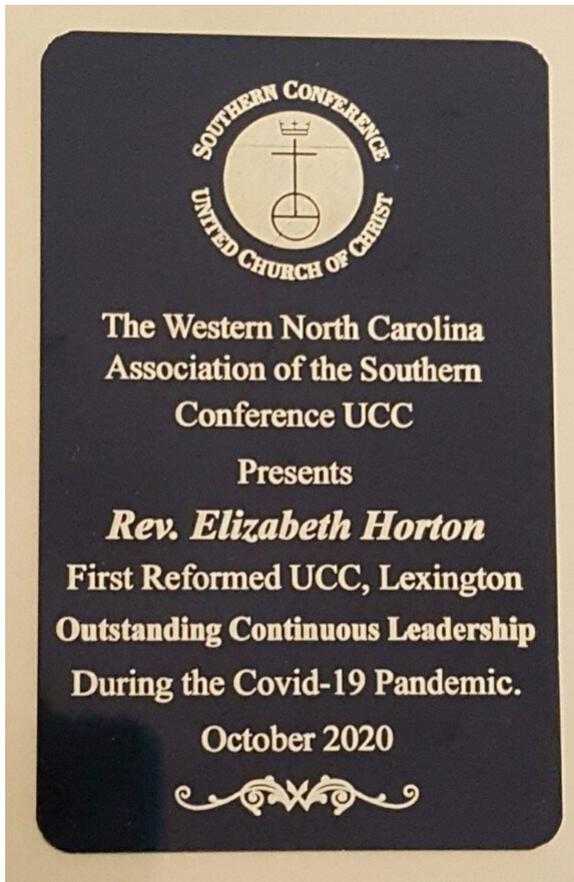
IN MEMORY OF BUDDY HEDRICK (FRANKIE HEDRICK'S HUSBAND)

Cliff & Paula Lopp
Jerry & Patti Lovell
Katherine Skipper
Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Billy & Stacy Sosebee West

IN HONOR OF JAMES GRAY'S NOVEMBER 27TH BIRTHDAY

John & Vicky Gray

CONGRATULATIONS, REV. HORTON!



Rev. Elizabeth Horton was presented this plaque at the beginning of the virtual Western North Carolina Association meeting that was held the weekend of October 16-17.

Dr. Davis wanted someone in each Association to be recognized for continuous leadership, even in the midst of the pandemic. He charged each Associate Conference Minister with choosing someone in their perspective association who had demonstrated leadership during the pandemic. Elizabeth was chosen for her outstanding continuous leadership during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The plaques were obtained by the Conference but Dr. Davis wanted them presented in each Association meeting, since that person represented their work within.

Congratulations, Rev. Horton, for your continued efforts to allow us worship together while apart. We appreciate your faithfulness to our congregation!

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Rev. Susan Morris has served faithfully since the beginning of 2020. She has especially brought unison to our church's youth and children's groups, even during the time of Covid-19 when these groups were only able to meet virtually.

While she is not saying good-bye as a member of our church, October 30, 2020 is her last day as our Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. We wish you the best, Rev. Susan!

Dear Church Family:

You all are amazing and wonderful. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity of serving alongside you as the Associate Pastor of Faith Formation over this past year. And what a year it has been with all the challenges of COVID 19. Thank you for all the support you have given me. I have enjoyed being part of this incredible ministry.

**Peace,
Susan**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st!



DON'T FORGET
to turn your clocks
BACK ONE HOUR
before you go to bed on
Saturday, October 31st!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

If you would like to **participate in 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.**

2021 TIME & TALENT SHEETS AND PLEDGE CARDS

Both the 2021 Time and Talent Sheet and 2021 Pledge Cards were mailed out October 22. Please complete both and return them to the church office as soon as possible. 2021 committees are formed by your responses to the categories on the Time & Talent Sheet. This information is helpful for Consistory Chairpersons to have by their first meeting in January 2021.

You will find a copy of these forms in the back of this newsletter. Please complete the Time & Talent Sheet and drop it off by the office, mail it into the office or call the office and the staff can mark your preferences over the phone. We also ask that you consider faithfully and prayerfully how you can contribute to the church's financial responsibilities for 2021 as you complete your Pledge Card. Neither of these represents a permanent commitment. Choices may be revised by contacting the church office.



Invite family and friends to join us virtually on Facebook or YouTube to hear members of our church share their favorite memories and special stories. There will also be a short hymn sing. We will memorialize all members who are no longer with us during worship. Some special music will definitely be included in our celebration.

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 on the table in the back of the room. **PLEASE ASSIGN SOMEONE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING TABLES AND CHAIRS.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of First Reformed UCC,

It has been hard to say good-bye, but it is now time for me to go to a like-new apartment at Abernethy Laurels. I have felt your love and concern as I struggled through my grief. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you. I will be back to visit as long as I can (or should) drive. My prayer shawl will be with me in my new home. Thank you so much. You are always welcome to visit me. Take good care of yourselves! We will get through this pandemic. Treasure your pastors and staff!

With love,
Gennie Lou Byerly
500 Shuford Circle Drive, Newton, NC
(cell phone: 336-225-2870)

Dear 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
and Charles England Family

Dear First Reformed UCC,

We just wanted to say thank you so much for your continued support of our backpack program. We understand that this is an unprecedented time, but you all continue to bless the community and we do not take it for granted. May God continue to bless you all who continue to bless others.

Mrs. Waller
and the Charles England Family

First Reformed UCC Consistory,

I am so incredibly grateful for your generosity. In these unprecedented times, I am honored that I have been able to assist in sharing our messages with our members and the community. Thank you for your gift. I am truly blessed!

Ellen Peterson

BOARD OF WORSHIP & SACRAMENT

Raeann Allred and Deanna Michael

We had 34 people come to Walk-Thru Worldwide Communion on Sunday, October 5th in the Chapel. Reverend Horton and Reverend Grubb administered a very personalized communion to each person/family. Thank you to Raeann Allred, Lynn Brown, Vickie Gray, Lena Johnson and Clifton Murphy along with Reverends Horton and Grubb for providing a safe, masked and social distanced way to receive communion.

Reverend Horton will continue Wednesday Worship services at 7:00PM through Novem-

ber. Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Raeann Allred at 336-309-2292 or raeannb89@gmail.com or Carolyn Robbins in the church office at 336-248-2617 or carolyn@frucc.org. You may sign up for this worship service online [HERE](#) or by contacting the church office.

Thank you to Chris and Raeann Allred, Buddy Lohr, Cliff and Paula Lopp, Smithie Parrish and John Smith for serving as ushers during Wednesday Worship services in October.

REFLECTIONS FOR HOMECOMING 2020

Peggy Bailey Bates

Hello, I am Peggy Bailey Bates. Rita Lohr, from the Homecoming Committee, asked me to share a few memories about our church.

I was born on June 22, 1932. My parents were members of our church, and I was baptized on October 30, 1932 by Dr. J.C. Leonard. I grew up in our church, being in Sunday school and church. As a teen some of our youth went to the Methodist Church for their youth meeting. I joined that church and married Ed Bates at the Methodist Church.

Ed did not want to come to the Methodist Church. He had gotten out of the Navy and had not attended church. He said he would go to the First Reformed Church because all his family and my family were members there. We talked to Rev. Peeler and he accepted us one day in the sanctuary. I told people Ed and I came in the door running, as we got involved in Sunday School, choir, circle, men's meet-

ings and ball games. I taught Sunday school in Kindergarten with my late dear friend Pat Potts.

Marguerite Leonard was secretary for the Church and a wonderful organist. She wanted to quit being the secretary. Rev. Schaffer was the minister, and he asked me if I wanted the job. I accepted and was there when we moved in our Educational Facility. I quit and Paula Lopp took my place.

Marguerite was also the president of the Morning Glory Circle, which she also passed on to me. Barbara Schaffer, wife of Rev. Schaffer, suggested that the Morning Glory circle have a dinner and bazaar to raise money for the new Education Building we were building. I was the President. This was a big event. We had people all lined up East Center Street, and we ran out of food.

I miss our church. My life has changed. Thanks for the DVD services. May God bless each of you.

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.

LINKS & ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

WORSHIP ONLINE AT 10:45 on our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL HERE](#) or our [FACEBOOK PAGE HERE!](#)

JOIN THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY via Zoom [HERE!](#)
(Meeting ID: 899 1141 8582 Passcode: 793724)

SIGN UP FOR 7:00PM WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ONLINE [HERE.](#)

ADULT BOOK STUDY on "Evangelicals" via Zoom [HERE.](#)

(Meeting ID: 836 9173 5429
Passcode: 262712 Dial in by your
location: +1 929 205 6099)

2CFAR MEETINGS via Zoom [HERE!](#)

(Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Passcode: 222495)

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In the middle of October, Charles England Elementary School had depleted their supply of nonperishable items in their pantry. CEES students would not receive anything from the Food Backpack Program. The school reached out to us, asking for assistance. First Reformed responded by donating a check for \$300 from our Designated Offerings and budgeted funds.

Please continue to support our Partnership. Mark your donations to "CEES". When there is a need, the donations will go straight to the school so the staff can make purchases to replenish the Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



In December, First Reformed will again be ringing bells for the annual Salvation Army's Red Kettle Project. The dates for our congregation's participation will be Saturday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 8 at Lanier's Hardware from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Time slots of one or two hours will be available for those who'd like to volunteer. Please contact Jerry Lovell at either 336-746-6493 (H) or 336-590-5074 (C) if you'd like to volunteer

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEALS

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:

November 1

Mike and Bonita Hooper
Sylvia Walser
Camille Morgan

November 8

Buddy and Rita Lohr
Jerry and Patti Lovell

November 15

Mark and Nicole Smith
Elliott and Emory Smith

November 22

John and Susie Smith
Jonathan Kepley

November 29

Walter and Ann Hoffman
Doris Sink

DONATIONS TO HELP PASTOR'S PANTRY

Pastor's Pantry has asked First Reformed for financial assistance with their annual Christmas Meal for their clients. If you'd like to help by donating, please mark "Pastor's Pantry" on your check or envelope.

And as always, thank you for your generosity as First Reformed works to "Be the Church".

OCTOBER'S CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Because of Coronavirus precautions, some Consistory members met in the Fellowship Hall following walk-in Communion while others joined in virtually via Zoom for the October 4th meeting.

Board Reports

- **Board of Congregational Life:** Jerry Lovell has workers scheduled for each Sunday in November for Grace Episcopal lunches and reminded Consistory he will need volunteers for the Salvation Army kettle bell ministry.
- **Board of Congregational Life:** Kivi Miller worked with the office staff on a revised Time and Talent Sheet for 2021
- **Board of Evangelism:** Renee Walsh reported they worked with Davidson Speed Printing on two yard signs advertising our online worship services.
- **Board of Faith Formation:** Alane Holste confirmed information as submitted by Rev. Susan Morris:
 - * October 18, 2020 is Children's Sabbath
 - * Rev. Susan's last day is October 30, 2020
 - * Rev. Horton shared both the Middle and High School youth met outdoors on September 30th for games everyone enjoyed.
- **Board of Worship and Sacrament:**
 - * Harriette Murphy, chairperson of the Music Committee, recommended renewal of our organist's contract to remain interim.
 - * Raeann Allred shared that 34 people came to walk-through communion and everything went smoothly.
 - * Wednesday Worship is held at noon and 7:00pm in October.
- **Board of Property Management:** John Smith reported.
 - * The board recommended a change of \$50 increase in the cost of plaques for niches in the Memorial Garden due to a price increase.
 - * Hand sanitizer stations for the Education Building were installed. Thank you Cliff Lopp and Buddy Lohr for your help setting them up. Two hand sanitizers have also been set up in the Sanctuary.
 - * Central Services serviced the AC units inside on September 25th and will return to do the outside units.
 - * Grady Hedrick will remove the bush near the Fellowship Hall entrance.

- **Financial Report:** Harriette Murphy reported
 - * September Average weekly offering was \$6,453
 - * General fund balance \$28,048
 - * Music fund Balance \$7,620

Old Business

- Southern Conference and Western NC Annual Gathering both met virtually October 16-17. Delegates were:
 - * WNCA virtual meeting: Marge Doty and Brian McKerlie
 - * SOC virtual meeting: Eddie Yates
 - * Clergy: Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. June Grubb
 - * Clifton Murphy will also attend for the SOC Board
- Return to Sanctuary
 - * Clarified church group use for Fellowship Hall (10) and Sanctuary (25).
 - * We will take small steps to come together. The Wednesday Worship is a good beginning.
- **Future Event Planning:**
 - * **Homecoming:** Rita Lohr, Chairperson, shared Homecoming Committee plans for members to share reflections. Special music will be included.
 - * **Review 2021 Time & Talent Sheets** go out with pledge cards on October 14. The office staff will resume the responsibility of compiling and managing information.

Advent and Christmas Eve

- * Planning is in progress for the Advent and Christmas season for ways we can celebrate.

New Business

Annual Budget Meeting

- * The process for the annual budget meeting was finalized.

Nominating Committee

- * Presented nominees for 2021 Consistory. All were approved.
- * Names will be announced during worship service on November 8.
- * During this time, Eddie Yates will explain the process for nominations from the congregation.

Next Consistory Meeting:

- * November 8, 2020 at 12:30 via Zoom

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VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING
October 11, 2020 12:30PM

Because of Coronavirus precautions, the Congregational Budget Meeting was a virtual meeting via zoom held, October 11, 2020 at 12:30PM. Eddie Yates and Paula Lopp were available to answer questions.

A copy of the budget had been emailed/mailed to all church members for review prior to this meeting.

Consistory President Eddie Yates called the meeting to order. He noted that only one question had been addressed asking why utilities weren't less this year? He explained that the church is still open for staff,

and we have equipment that must be maintained at a specific temperature, so utility payments have continued to be made.

A motion was made to approve the 2021 budget as written. It was seconded. All present approved. In addition, members who had received the budget by email or letter had called in or emailed the office to vote on the budget.

All votes, either emailed, phoned in, or made at the virtual meeting approved the budget with no votes against.

President Yates adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION

Rev. Susan Morris

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS:

The Children's Ministry Team meeting will be held on Monday November 2, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom. You may join the meeting using the link below.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895465762?pwd=UDJhRU9PUiBdOFcNjlvL3hhZW9vUT09>

(Meeting ID: 818 9546 5762 Passcode: 840364 Dial in: 1 929 205 6099)

The Youth Ministry Team meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Jeremy Lovell will lead this meeting. You may join the meeting using the link below.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84141989464?pwd=WlUxU1JVN0svUUV0cDVzOGc2SUtjZz09>

(Meeting ID: 841 4198 9464 Passcode: 836872 Dial in: 1 929 205 6099)

CHILDREN'S NEWS:

Kid's Adventure Time **WILL NOT** be held in November.

YOUTH NEWS

In-person meetings for the middle and high school youth are scheduled for November. This plan is always tentative, depending on any new guidelines due to the Corona-19 virus.

The high-school youth group meets on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:30PM** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask. Jeremy Lovell and Stacy Sosebee-West will lead this group.

The middle-school youth group meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:30PM** in the church Fellowship Hall. Please wear a mask. Rev. Horton will lead this group with assistance from Christie Plummer.



For Everything There is a Season

EARTH DAY 2019 REVISITED!

As part of an Earth Day activity, on Sunday, April 21, 2019 Cathy Waitman helped the children make seed bombs to plant outside in the Memorial Garden. The marigolds bloomed beautifully that summer. They have also shown up again this year, and they are even prettier than last year's blossoms. You'll be able to see them a little while longer if you visit the Memorial Garden at First Reformed UCC.



SUPPORT FIRST REFORMED UCC'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2160



FALL NUT, CANDY & MAGAZINE SALE DEADLINE TO ORDER: NOVEMBER 9TH

Our Girl Scout Troop 2160 is hosting the fall Nut, Candy, and Magazine Sale this month. If you would like to support Jianna Miller and the rest of the troop, please visit www.gsnutsandmags.com/nut or www.gsnutsandmags.com/mag and enter the code: **27UUVTNK**.

You can choose from a wide variety of delicious snack items or magazines to suit many interests. You can choose to have items shipped directly to you now, or Jianna can meet you at church to deliver your items in person in mid-November. Thanks for supporting our Girl Scouts!

INFANT BAPTISM

On Sunday, October 25, 2020 our congregation was able to virtually join the baptism of Everly Gray Robertson, Bradley and Molly's younger daughter. Her sister, Lily, had a small part in the service, as well as Lucas Peterson, her cousin. It was a joyous occasion, especially knowing the rest of the congregation was celebrating with them. Evie, as she is affectionately called, is also the granddaughter of Bill and Carolyn Robbins and the niece of Jeremy and Ellen Peterson.



OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

*Frankie Hedrick, on the loss of her husband, Harold "Buddy" Foil Hedrick, Jr., *Smithie Parrish, on the loss of her mother, Emma Bass, Patti Lovell, Susan Odom, Ellen Bouchard, Kelly Greathouse, John Potts, Charm Ketner, Margot Everhart, Lisa Price, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, 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:

*Martha Winters and Ken Jacobs (friends of Charm Ketner), *The family of Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), 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).*



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

A				

Answer: _____

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

- Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
- Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
- Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
- Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
- Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
- Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
- Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt

What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

Each Sunday in November, volunteers from our church will help with the meal at Grace Episcopal Church. Names of volunteers will be listed in the weekly emails and bulletins.

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT			
1 HOMECOMING 9:30 Adult Bible Study: Exodus 10:45 Worship online & Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom 2:00 Service of Remembrance	2 6:30 Children's Ministry Team Meeting via ZOOM	3 ELECTION DAY 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom	4 5:30 High School Youth {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 Worship	5	6	7			
8 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 Adult Bible Study: Exodus 10:45 Worship online and Congregational Meeting 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom 12:30 Consistory via Zoom 2-3:00 Receive Time & Talent sheets and Blessings	9 6:00 Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal 6:30 Youth Ministry Team Meeting via ZOOM	10 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 6:00 Men's Brotherhood (FH) 7:00 Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	11 5:30 Middle School Youth {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 Worship				12	13	14
15 9:30 Adult Bible Study: Exodus 10:45 Worship online & Congregational Meeting 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	16	17 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	18 5:30 High School Youth {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 Worship	19	20	21			
22 9:30 Adult Bible Study: Exodus 10:45 Worship online & Congregational Meeting 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	23 Articles for newsletter due by Noon	24 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Adult Education: "Evangelicals" via Zoom	25 5:30 Middle School Youth {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 Worship	26 THANKSGIVING	27 HOLIDAY OFFICE IS CLOSED	28			
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 Adult Bible Study: Exodus 10:45 Worship online Holy Baptism 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	30	Please remember to turn in your Time & Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards if you have not already done so. Both of these are important to the business of the church . Copies of each can be found on the next few pages.							

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Have you thought about what to buy for family and friends? Why not give to a local charity in their honor? You may donate to any of the following church benevolences and send a card to the person to whom you would like to honor with your gift. Complete the form below to return to the church along with your donation. Cards are available in the church office for you to complete and drop in the mail. This is such a meaningful way to honor someone on your gift list, benefit those in need and help our church meet it's benevolences for the year.

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Alternative Gift Giving

Name: _____ Phone # _____

IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DONATION TO ASSIST WITH BENEVOLENCES BUT HAVE NO PREFERENCE WHICH ORGANIZATION IT BENEFITS, PLEASE PUT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT UNDER UNDESIGNATED BENEVOLENT DONATION.

	Donation	# Cards
Undesignated Benevolent Donation		
Southern Conference		
Blowing Rock Conference Center		
Elon Homes for Children		
Johns River Valley Camp		
Lancaster Seminary (WNCA Scholarship Fund)		
Nazareth Children's Home		
Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)		
UCC Retirement Home (Trust Fund - Piedmont Crossing)		
Local		
Communities in Schools		
Community Garden		
Community Outreach (Charles England, Etc.)		
Crisis Ministries		
Davidson Medical Ministries		
Davidson Prison Ministry		
Family Services of Davidson County		
Girl Scout Troup #2160		
GLAMA - Crisis Fund		
Habitat for Humanity		
Hospice of Davidson County		
Lexington Housing CDC		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		
Pastor's Pantry		
Pathway of Hope		
Salvation Army		
***TOTAL DUE		

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR 2021 PLEDGE CARD...



You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way.
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11

Even amidst the many months of Covid-19, our Sunday worship services, under the leadership of Rev. Elizabeth Horton, have continued. Many volunteers from our congregation have helped with these, and music provided by Ellen, Robert and members of our choir have helped make these services feel complete. Thanks to Ellen's skills, the parts of each service have been organized into seamless videos that help us imagine we are worshipping in our sanctuary. Thanks to the generous contributions from our congregation, our giving has also remained constant.

2021 Pledge Cards were sent out at the end of October along with the Time & Talent Sheets. **Please give both your prayerful consideration as you complete them.** You may mail them to the office, drop them off if you are uptown or scan and email them. You will also have an opportunity on Sunday, November 8th to bring these to church. More details will be provided later about this opportunity.

A copy of the pledge card is shown below for your use. Also, a copy of the Time & Talent Sheet can be found on the following two pages.

FIRST REFORMED UCC 2021 PLEDGE CARD

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

I plan to give \$_____ each week month
for an annual total of \$_____.

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

Signed _____

Date _____

...AND YOUR 2021 TIME AND TALENT SHEET



First Reformed United Church of Christ 2021 Time & Talents

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please let us know ways you would like to serve in the mission and ministry of First Reformed UCC in 2021. Every Sunday, volunteers fill more than two dozen roles, serving the church and each other in many different ways. Community service, social justice, and other mission work are essential parts of First Reformed UCC's ministry.

Our church Consistory is organized into **SIX BOARDS**, each with responsibilities related to the overall ministry of the church and its activities. When you check with interest to serve on one of the boards, a lay leader will contact you to discuss how you would like to serve. They will also use this list as the "first people to call" as new opportunities and needs arise throughout the year.

Board of Evangelism	I will help	Board of Congregational Life	I will help
Promotes the church in the community, brings new members into the church & involves members in caring for one another.		Promotes and coordinates church meals, Sunday socials, bereaved family meals, kitchen management & other fellowship activities.	
Pray / Contact / Visit for sick & homebound members		Meal set up / Meal clean up	
Call / Write members who have missed church		Cook / prepare food for church functions	
Volunteer to drive others		Prepare food for bereaved families	
Participate with Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry		Photograph church events	
Work with or assist LGBTQ+ people		Sunday School Coffee Cart set up /clean up	
Work on racial justice issues		Host First Sunday Social	
Work / Assist with homeless and/or low-income people		Serve on History Committee	
		Help plan Homecoming Sunday	

Board of Community Outreach	I will help	Board of Worship & Sacrament / Music	I will help
Coordinates to meet various needs in the community with service events, partnerships & volunteers		Helps plan and implement worship services, including communion, music, altar preparations and decorations.	
Help plan / participate in community activities		Serve as worship hour greeter	
Prepare / Serve meals for homeless shelter		Serve as liturgist/lay reader	
Deliver Meals on Wheels		Serve as usher	
Volunteer - Touching Davidson County with Love		Serve as sound system and/or help with digital ministry	
Volunteer - Grace Episcopal Church Lunch (Nov.)		Help with decorating / altar preparation	
Volunteer - Community Garden		Assist with communion preparation / clean up	
Volunteer - Open Hands Ministry Meals		Candle preparation	
Volunteer - Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringer		Sing in Adult Choir	
		Participate in Bell Choir	
		Play a musical instrument _____	

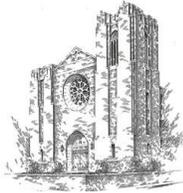
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Board of Faith Formation Manages the faith formation of children, youth and adults, including Sunday school	I will help	Board of Property Management Maintains and repairs church's facilities, equipment and property.	I will help
*Serve as Sunday school teacher for...	Adults	Volunteer to open / close buildings for events	
	High School youth	Special skills that would be helpful to board...	
	Middle School youth		
	Children (K-5 th)		
*Serve as Substitute Sunday school teacher			
*Assist with Vacation Bible School			
*Serve as caregiver for nursery (18 & older)			
*Serve as Children or Youth Leader			
*must have background checks			

Opportunities for Christian Growth	I will help	Opportunities for our Youth	I will help
Attend Morning Glory Circle		Serve as Bible Steward / Acolyte	
Attend Women's Life Fellowship		Serve as Youth Usher	
Attend United Friendship Club		Serve as Youth Liturgist	
Attend Men's Brotherhood		Serve as a Community Garden Volunteer	
Participate in Adult Sunday school		Participate in Children's Youth Activities	
Participate in Bible / Book study		Participate in Middle School Youth Activities	
Study Suggestions...		Participate in High School Youth Activities	
		Participate in special Sunday school / church programs	
		Attend Vacation Bible School	

Tell Us about Other Special Talents You Would Like to Share	Tell Us about Other Ways You Would Like to Serve

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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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VIA FACEBOOK LIVE and
YOU TUBE

Temporary Church Office Hours:
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
9:00am to 12:00pm



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**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Seth Klopp
- 2 Samuel Gray
- 5 Linda Sink
- 6 Eli Gregg
- 9 Robert Danze
Harrison Danze
Coreen Freeman
Everly Robertson
- 12 Mike Hooper
- 13 Will Hooper
- 14 Holt Biesecker
- 17 Anne Bevan
- 18 Dottie Walser
- 19 Maria Cruz
Gary Hahn
- 20 Emory Smith
- 21 Vance Walser
- 22 Jo Hudson
- 23 Frank Leonard
- 24 John Maze
- 25 Webb Fulton
- 27 James Gray
Ava Miller
Cathy Waitman
- 30 Irvin Sink

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16th
Pat & Amy Golden
- 23rd
Stacey & Sarah Potts



**LOOKING AHEAD
TO DECEMBER**

(Activities subject to change.)

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 2CFAR Zoom meeting • 7:00 Adult Book Study
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 High School Youth Group
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Adult Bible Study • 10:45 Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion • 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 Children's Ministry Team Meeting
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 2CFAR Zoom meeting • 7:00 Adult Book Study
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 Middle School Youth Group
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Adult Bible Study • 10:45 Worship Service 3rd Sunday of Advent • 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers • 12:30 Consistory Meeting
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 Youth Ministry Team Meeting
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 2CFAR Zoom meeting • 7:00 Adult Book Study
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 High School Youth Group
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Adult Bible Study • 10:45 Worship Service 4th Sunday of Advent • 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 2CFAR Zoom meeting • 7:00 Adult Book Study
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 Middle School Youth Group
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Eve Worship
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:45 Worship Service 1st Sunday after Christmas
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year's Eve