

# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

FEBRUARY 2021

As you reflect upon the church and all its changes in 2020,

1. **What are the positive surprises you've seen?**
2. **What new areas of ministry do you see emerging?**
3. **As we move forward, what concerns you the most?**

These are some of the questions the Consistory and I tackled together on January 24th during our virtual retreat: **Connect and Engage.**

Most leadership retreats consist of casting a vision and planning accordingly. Well, you can imagine that was pretty difficult for us to do, since we were not exactly sure what to plan for or when to plan it!

This led us to a different kind of conversation we needed in order to move forward: **Church life and ministry will never be the same as it was pre-pandemic.**

Some trends we are most likely to see in 2021 and beyond are\*:

1. Most Attendees May No Longer Be **IN** the Room.
2. Community and Connection Will Be More Important than Attendance.
3. Generational Differences Will Become Clearer than Ever.
4. Spiritual Entrepreneurs Will Thrive
5. Growing Churches Will:
  - A. Shift from Gathering to Connecting

- B. See the Internet and their Building Differently
- C. Fulfill their Mission Rather than Seek to Fill their Sanctuaries.

***"The biggest mistake churches will make is the emotional rush to get back into the sanctuary, to see everyone again, to assemble their teams and get back to 'normal.' They'll re-embrace a model of ministry designed to reach a world that no longer exists."***

As difficult as it is, we must face this reality and allow God to lead...helping us adapt and grow into this new frontier of ministry.

I am confident that the 2021 Consistory, made up of Deacons and Elders from different generations and life perspectives, is fully equipped to grapple faithfully with our present and our future.

Although the worship and ministry life of First Reformed looks totally different than it did one year ago, there are still signs that God is at work.

Remember, the Church began by the sea of Galilee, when two fishermen stopped what they were doing, set down their nets and answered when Jesus said, "Follow me."

Seeking to serve faithfully with you,  
Elizabeth

\*Find the article by Carey Nieuwhoff here:

**[8-Disruptive-Church-Trends Article](#)**

## 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Worship Series and Adult Sunday School continues to coordinate, using the same scripture for the series, **Follow Me**. This series helps us renew our commitment on the path of discipleship in this new year. We will challenge ourselves to grow deeper in faith and open up to new possibilities in this new year. Let us embrace the call to follow.

You may join the meeting [HERE](#).  
(Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119)

**February 7th: Fifth Sunday**  
**after the Epiphany**

**Mark 1:29-39**

"She Began to Serve"  
Rev. June Grubb, Facilitator

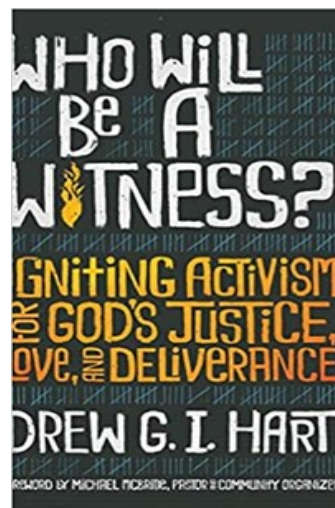
**February 14th: Transformation Sunday**

**Mark 9:2-29**

"But Only Jesus"  
Rev. Mike Hooper, Facilitator

The Adult Book Study group is reading "**Who Will Be A Witness? Integrating Activism for God's Justice**" by Drew G. I. Hart. The goal of the book is to help identify how Christendom, white supremacy and religious nationalism has affected the witness of the church.

The study began January 12<sup>th</sup>, but all are still welcome to join on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. Join via Zoom [HERE](#).  
Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570)



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lexington area clergy are partnering together to offer **The Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 17th**. Clergy will be in various places in the uptown area throughout the day. We will also collect prayer requests and donations to assist the Davidson County Crisis Fund. Proper COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

**Wednesday, February 17th**  
**at the following times:**  
 9 - 11:00 AM  
 12 - 2:00 PM  
 5 - 7:00 PM

## LENT 2021: REPAIR, RESTORE AND RENEW

What shall we give up this Lent? Lots of people abstain from particular habits during the 40 days of Lent. Denying ourselves is supposed to be a way for us to replicate the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus as we follow him to the cross of Holy Week.

However, this Lent, I have a different idea. Over the past 12 months many have already suffered and sacrificed; many have already given up too much: lives, families, jobs, hopes, dreams, and even faith.

What do you think, if instead of giving up a piece of chocolate or a glass of wine, what if we decide this year **to just give up Lent?**

What if we allowed these 40 days before Easter to help us remember that no matter where we have been or where we may end up in the future, God is always present... seeking to restore, repair, renew.

This Lent, we will grow into more faithful disciples, even as we may be:  
 broken and bitter,

shattered and separated,  
 parched and pulled apart.

Let us bring our whole selves to God, trusting that God will meet us - seeking to restore, repair, and renew.

**Lent 1: Wilderness** [Mark 1:9-15](#)

**Lent 2: Loss** [Mark 8:31-38](#)

**Lent 3: Anger** [John 2:13-22](#)

**Lent 4: Doubt** [John 3:14-21](#)

**Lent 5: Confusion** [John 12:20-33](#)

## LENT 2021: OUR WILDERNESS STORIES

The season of Lent begins with Jesus in the Wilderness, where he faced tremendous struggle.

We all have found ourselves in the wilderness at various points in our lives.

Have you gone through a season when you felt parched or broken, hopeless or lost?

A time of wilderness or weary wandering? What gave you a sense of hope or renewal?

Who helped lift you up?

How did you move out of the struggle?

**Would you be willing to share your own experience of the wilderness in our online worship service during Lent?**

If so, please let me know at [elizabeth@frucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@frucc.org). Sharing our stories is a powerful ministry and lets others know they are not alone when walking through tough times.

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...JANUARY 2021

To comply with Governor Roy Cooper's requests to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, Consistory members met virtually via Zoom

## 2021 Consistory Officers

Eddie Yates, past President of the Consistory opened the meeting to present the new slate of officers for 2021, who were approved:

**President:**  
**Raeann Allred**

**Vice President:**  
**John Gray**

**Secretary:**  
**Rita Lohr**

**Treasurer:**  
**Walter Hoffman**

## Board Reports

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

John Smith reported Nathan at Central Services repaired the boiler in the Education Building. Also, stopped by January 4, 2021 to fix the kitchen lights that stopped working.

### **Board of Business Management & Stewardship:**

Harriette Murphy reported the Average Weekly offering for December was \$5956. (The amount needed weekly is \$5904.) General Fund was \$19, 258 and Music Fund, \$9248.

Rev. Horton explained the Pastor's Discretionary Fund as money set aside for community needs or our congregation, should someone need assistance.

### **Pastor's Report for December 2020:**

Rev. Horton read the installation questions to members and shared the plan for ordination when in-person services are possible. She asked for all members to embrace this year of change and allow reformation. Our guiding light should be connecting and engaging people. We need to determine how we are relevant as a church. For 2021: What does our ministry need now? We should engage as much as we can. Rev. Horton shared her schedule for the office and other ministerial activities. We have had 327 Facebook likes and have

381 followers. For YouTube there are 70 subscribers. This may reflect how we can connect digitally.

## Old Business

Raeann thanked members for agreeing to serve as chairpersons of boards and asked them to work on committees so they could be shared in the February Newsletter.

## New Business

- Organist Search Committee is being organized so a search for a new organist can begin.
- The Faith Formation position has not yet been posted. A search committee is required, but first the church needs to decide exactly what we need Faith Formation to accomplish.
- January 2021 Retreat was scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30. The meeting will be virtual.
- John Smith met with Mike Price and Vicky Gray about planting shrubs and a tree in front of the Education Building at the breezeway. Six people from the Property Committee voted to approve their plan. Mike Price will also move the plastic urn from the Columbarium. Vicky will continue to plant flowers around the church sign and Mike will plant flowers in the urns at the Sanctuary entrance.
- Rev. Horton asked if worship services should be in person or remain virtual. Raeann shared that Consistory had previously voted to continue virtual services through January 17<sup>th</sup>. All members agreed virtual services should continue through the end of February.
- Regarding meetings at the church, it was decided that with the high number of cases of Covid in NC, meetings in the church should continue with no more than 10 people in attendance.
- **Next Consistory Meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup>.**



## 2021 CONSISTORY AND TRUSTEES

### ELDERS

Raeann Allred  
John Gray  
Rita Lohr



Harriette Murphy  
Lisa Nelson  
John Smith



### DEACONS

Robert Danze  
Alane Holste  
Kivi Miller

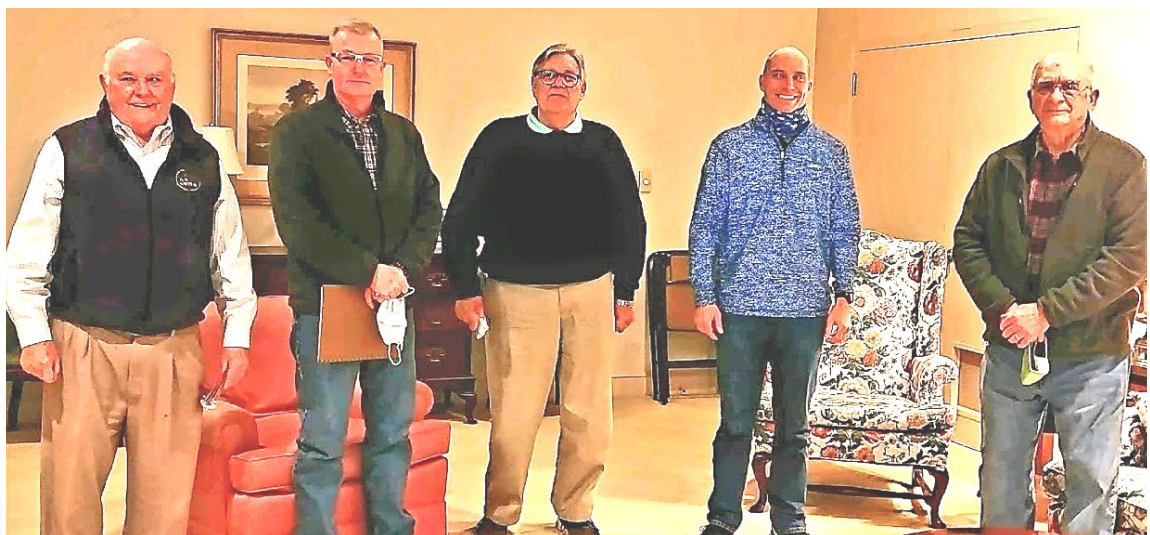


Smithie Parrish  
Mike Price  
Renee Walsh



### TRUSTEES

Jerry Smith  
Cliff Lopp  
Buddy Lohr  
Mark Smith  
Doug Sink



# 2021 CONSISTORY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

*(Committees are still being formed. A more complete list will be provided in the MARCH 2021 Newsletter.)*

## FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**President:** Raeann Allred

**Vice President:** John Gray

**Secretary:** Rita Lohr

**Treasurer:** Walter Hoffman

### TRUSTEES

**2021** Doug Sink    **2022** Buddy Lohr    **2023** Clifford Lopp    **2024** Jerry Smith    **2025** Mark Smith

### ELDERS

**2019-20-21**

**2020-21-22**

**2021-22-23**

Raeann Allred

Rita Lohr

John Gray

Harriette Murphy

John Smith

Lisa Nelson

### DEACONS

**2019-20-21**

**2020-21-22**

**2021-22-23**

Kivi Miller

Alane Holste

Robert Danze

Mike Price

Renee Walsh

Smithie Parrish

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Walter Hoffman, Buddy Lohr, Eddie Yates

**BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** Mike Price (Chairperson)

**Historical Committee:** Cliff Lopp, Rita Lohr

**BOARD OF WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT:** Kivi Miller & Lisa Nelson (Co-chairpersons)

**Holy Communion:** Lynn Brown (Chairperson), Raeann Allred, Vicky Gray, June Grubb, Smithie Parrish

**Holy Communion Servers and Ushers Chairpersons:** Eddie Yates & Jeff Hutchens (Co-chairpersons)

**Altar Preparation and AltarScapes Chairpersons and Committee:** Buddy Lohr (Chairperson), Lynn Brown, June Grubb, Alisa Johnson, Mike Price, Michell Winters

**Music Ministry:** Glenyce Fulton (Chairperson), Denise Durham, Kelly Greathouse, Frankie Hedrick, Walter Hoffman, Mike Price (Ex-officio: Ellen Peterson)

**Sanctuary Needs:** Jonathan Kepley

**Bible Steward and Acolyte Chairperson:** Cathy Waitman

**Greeters and Liturgists Chairperson:** Rita Lohr

**Flowers Chairperson:** Alisa Johnson

**Flower Delivery to Homebound:** June Grubb

**Decorating Committee:** Jeff Hutchens and Keri Hartle (Co-Chairpersons), Isabella Gentry, Bryson Gentry, John & Vicky Gray, June Grubb, Buddy & Rita Lohr, Clifford & Paula Lopp, Clifton & Harriette Murphy, Lisa Nelson, Smithie Parrish, Mike Price, Sam West, Michell Winters

**Digital Worship Committee:** Kivi Miller (Chairperson), Dave Fulton, Elizabeth Horton, Clifton Murphy, Calvin Odom, Ellen Peterson, Jeremy Peterson

**BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION:** Alane Holste & Smithie Parrish (Co-Chairpersons)

*(WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REFORMING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT MINISTRY TEAMS.)*

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Robert Danze (Chairperson)

**BOARD OF EVANGELISM:** Renee Walsh (Consistory Chairperson) & Dave Fulton (Co-Chairperson), Ben Hale, Bonita Hooper, Patti Lovell, Camille Morgan, Sarah Potts, Michelle Winters (Ex-officio: Rev. Elizabeth Horton)

**Prayer Chain Chairperson:** Pattie Lovell

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Harriette Murphy

**BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** John Smith (Consistory Chairperson) & John Maze (Co-Chairperson), James Gray, Rich Johnson, Buddy Lohr, Edgar Miller, Clifton Murphy, Lisa Nelson, John Potts, Mark Smith, Eddie Yates

**BOARD OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP:**

**Finance & Budget:** Harriette Murphy (Chairperson), Raeann Allred, John Gray, Eddie Yates, (Ex-officio: Walter Hoffman and Paula Lopp)

**Insurance:** Property Committee Chairpersons

**Endowments:** Trustees

**Special Gifts Chairperson:** Property Committee Chairpersons

# JANUARY MEMORIALS AND HONOR GIFTS

## **IN MEMORY OF EDGAR BATES**

Peggy Bates

## **IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER**

Larry & Donna Berrier

Mike & Lynn Brown

Betty Everhart

First Reformed UCC Choir

Merle & Jerry Hodges

Rich & Lena Johnson

Frank Leonard

Cliff & Paula Lopp

Bill & Carolyn Robbins

Elizabeth Sink

Ron & Pam Sink

Katherine Skipper

John & Susie Smith

Cathy & Steve Waitman

## **IN MEMORY OF BILL BROWDER**

(JOE BROWDER'S FATHER)

Stacy & Billy West

## **IN MEMORY OF MARGOT EVERHART**

Tommie Buchanan & Family

Frankie Hedrick

Gerri Hill

Frank Leonard

Buddy & Rita Lohr

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

Carroll & Carolyn Spivey

Janis Thomas & Family

Cathy & Steve Waitman

## **IN MEMORY OF JACK FRANK**

Frankie Hedrick

Frank Leonard

John & Susie Smith

## **IN MEMORY OF DORIS FLYNT**

Graham & Lana Bunce

Frank Leonard

Richardson Properties

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

Carroll & Carolyn Spivey

## **IN MEMORY OF LAUREN THOMPSON GOULD**

Graham & Lana Bunce

## **IN MEMORY OF STEVE MYERS**

(JAN SMITH'S HUSBAND)

Frank Leonard

## **IN HONOR OF JOHN & VICKY GRAY**

FOR THEIR CHURCH WORK AND COMMITMENT

Joni Walser

## **IN HONOR OF KELLY NEWSOME**

John & Susie Smith

## **IN HONOR OF SYLVIA WALSER**

Joni Walser



## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for thinking of our family with your cards and memorials after Mom's passing. We truly appreciate your warm words of comfort and your generous donations to our church in her memory. You have helped us get through a difficult time, and we are grateful to have you in our lives.

With love,  
Heidi & Ron Hutcheson

Dear FRUCC,

Charyl and I would like to thank you for your generous Christmas gift! Your thoughtfulness and kindness touched our hearts. We are glad to be a part of this church.

Sincerely,  
Susan Morris & Charyl Clark

To The Board of Trustees,

I would like to express my extreme gratitude for your tremendous gift. It is hard to express how grateful I am to have such a loving, welcoming, and supportive church family. The decision to go back to school and take on all of the additional work, especially during such a stressful time, was not an easy one. Luckily, I have such a wonderful support system, including my family and friends, and my wonderful church family. I know that this last year has been extremely difficult for us all, but I have faith that we will all be back worshipping together soon. Thank you all for your support and love, I feel it, and I am truly humbled.

Your friend in Christ,  
Keri L Hartle

Dear Kivi Miller,

RE: Adopt a Child Christmas Initiative

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of

Directors of Positive Wellness Alliance, we want to share our sincere gratitude for your generous donation towards our Adopt-a-Child Christmas Initiative. This year has brought to us unprecedented requests for financial assistance for our Internal Partners (clients) who have been negatively affected by economic hardships caused by the pandemic. Your support helps extend our limited funding and resources to ensure our clients fully live their lives beyond the hardships encountered.

We appreciate your unrelenting support and belief in our work as we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of our internal partners.

Again, thank you for your generosity—your gifts makes a difference.

Wellness and grace,  
Jennifer Macansela, Program Manager

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your very generous Christmas gift. I also truly appreciate the donations made to the Angel Tree and church benevolence in my name as well. Jeremy, Lucas, and I are very grateful to be a part of this congregation. We miss seeing you in person but look forward to the day we can safely gather in worship and fellowship again.

With love and gratitude,  
Ellen Peterson

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

Pastor's Pantry  
United Church Homes and Services Foundation  
Elon Homes



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DRIVE THROUGH FOR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

Our Girl Scouts will hold another Drive-Through Cookie Booth at the church on **Saturday, February 6, from 11:00AM-2:00PM IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.** If you want to pre-order and pay in advance to make your pickup smooth and fast, you can pre-order here: <http://bit.ly/lexingtoncookiebooth>.

The troop is saving for its trip to Belize in June 2022.

### 2CFAR CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND RACE

You are invited at **noon each Tuesday through February** as we listen to the **Voices of the 2CFar People of Color.** During the Zoom call, folks who are part of our Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race will share their experiences and stories around race. The mission of these listening sessions is to learn about the past and the present so that we may work toward a future of reconciliation in Lexington and Davidson County. You may join the meetings **HERE.** (Meeting ID: 873 4191 8684 Passcode: 222495)

### VERNON GASTON (V.G.) PRICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Vernon Price was a man with accomplishments in many fields of endeavor, yet the things most dear to him were very simple – his family, his faith, his students and his town. For this reason, his family requested that a scholarship be established in his name and that the recipients of the award encompass the ideals held most dear by V.G. **(See page 11 for a list of criteria and a copy of the application.) Applications are due to the church office by March 31.**

### INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to take part in our worship service by reading Scripture or saying a prayer. We will provide the Scripture text and easy instructions for recording yourself with your device at home. If you would like to read in worship service, please click on this Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for a Sunday: [Worship Reader.](#)

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

If you happen to miss a week of our worship services and other events that are shared on our Facebook and YouTube pages, they will remain on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)'s history, so you may go back to watch any time.

## “SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>



Typically, on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth would be standing at the sanctuary exits with big SOUP pots collecting change or bills as part of **“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY.** Unfortunately, we won't have the opportunity to hear our contri-

butions make satisfying clinks and clanks (or swooshes) as they land in the bottoms of the big metal soup pots. So, as we have adapted in so many other ways over the past 10+ months, we have again found another need to adapt to a “new normal.”

If you would still like to make a contribution to the “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING,” you may mail a contribution to the church office, drop your change in the pot that will be in the office beginning Monday, February 1st, or contribute online [HERE.](#)

As in the past, our contributions will benefit Crisis Ministry.

# SATURDAY LUNCH OUTREACH PROGRAM

John Maze

Our church is happy to announce a free Saturday lunch will be available to the public starting February 13<sup>th</sup>! Open Hands and First Reformed have joined to start this new lunch program because of a need in the community. All days of the week are covered for a meal with the exception of Saturday. We will serve a pick-up lunch at 12:30 on Saturdays out of the Fellowship Hall kitchen at First Reformed UCC.

There will be five or six cooks, each with a team of 4 to help plate, package, and hand off to our friends waiting outside. The program will follow strict social distancing requirements, as well as hand washing, masks, and glove usage. The food will be brought into the kitchen at the Fellowship Hall. The cook and one other team member will plate the food. A person at the entrance will be given the plate of food to package with utensils and dessert. Then that person

will hand off to another team member at the exit of the building to hand out to the person waiting for the meal outside. We are copying many of the same guidelines used at Grace Episcopal Food Ministries, which has been very successful.

If you want to help serve, please contact John Maze at 704-524-6462. John needs a team and would enjoy having some First Reformed team members! With six cooks, the Saturday meal won't put all of the pressure on one team. We will alternate to ensure we get our Saturday home time as well. The plan now is to serve on John's team every 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday, depending on the number of cooks that have committed to this new food ministry.

Please contact John if you have any questions, concerns, or want to get involved!

# BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jerry Lovell & Robert Danze

Welcome to Robert Danze as Chairperson of the Board of Community Outreach. This is Robert's first term on our Consistory. He is committed to continuing the ministries First Reformed has been involved with, as well as new ones that have been added to serve others in the community.

The first committee workday for 2021 was on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Camille Morgan, Marge Doty, Mike Price, Robert Danze, and Jerry Lovell worked (adhering to Health Department protocols) to organize and expand The Clothes Closet so that Covid-19 guidelines can be more easily followed once this ministry is safely able to restart. Options are being explored that would make distribution safer. This group of volunteers enjoyed good conversation and fellowship while they worked to get this operation ready to reopen.

There are now rooms for men's, women's, and children's clothing, as well as a space desig-

nated for household items and gently used toys.

Community Outreach wants to extend a special note of appreciation to Steve, Mark, and Jerry Smith at G.W. Smith Lumber Company for providing lumber used to construct clothes racks.

We were happy to have Mark and Karla Hearn Loper come by to see The Clothes Closet and to deliver donations. They made plans to help with organizing and sorting downstairs during the few weeks they are going to be in Lexington. (Karla was especially excited to remember Sunday school at First and to be a part of this community project!)

Hopefully, with vaccinations beginning to be administered, we might be seeing an end of this pandemic. It is a start, at least. In the meantime, let's each do our part and practice the 3W's!

# *Vernon Gaston "V.G." Price Memorial Scholarship*

First Reformed UCC, 104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC 27292

Vernon Price was a man with accomplishments in many fields of endeavor yet the things most dear to him were very simple – his family, his faith, his students and his town. For this reason his family has requested that a scholarship be established in his name and that the recipients of the award encompass the ideals held most dear by V.G.

## **Criteria:**

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

The selection committee will consist of three members of the Price/Bowie family, the minister and a member of the Board of Trustees from First Reformed United Church of Christ.

## **Basic Information**

Name (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name and address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Education Information**

(    ) I have applied                      (    ) I have been accepted to

the following college or university \_\_\_\_\_

I am planning to pursue a course of study in \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attachments**

1. **Three recommendations, one must be from a teacher and one from a member of your church.**
2. **A typed essay on how you represent the ideals of family, scholarship, citizenship, and faith.**
3. **A listing of your various activities in church, school and community during high school career.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



## BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.*



VDEO

— — — — (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

— — — — (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

— — — — (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

— — — — (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

— — — — — — — —

“Are not five — — — — — sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many — — — — —.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

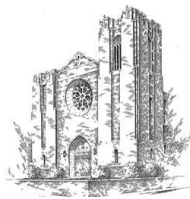


# FEBRUARY

# 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	3 7:00 Music Committee Meeting 5:30 High School Youth Meeting {via Zoom}	4	5	6 11-2:00 Girl Scout Drive-Thru Cookie pick up
7 HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 Adult Sunday School: "Follow Me" 10:45 Worship online 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom 1:00 Consistory Meeting via Zoom	8	9 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	10	11	12	13 11:30-2:00 Open Hands Saturday Lunch
14 9:45 Adult Sunday School: "Follow Me" 10:45 Worship online 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	15	16 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 High School Youth Meeting {via Zoom}	18	19	20 11:30-2:00 Open Hands Saturday Lunch
21 1st SUNDAY of LENT 9:45 Adult Sunday School: "Follow Me" 10:45 Worship online 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	22	23 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	24 DEADLINE for Articles for the MARCH 2021 Newsletter	25	26	27 11:30-2:00 Open Hands Saturday Lunch
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**First Reformed  
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Christ**



**All Are Welcome Here!**  
**Where People Discover...**  
*The Love of God*  
*The Power to Love Others*  
*The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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**11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP ON LINE**  
**VIA FACEBOOK LIVE and**  
**YOU TUBE**

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



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**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bonita Hooper
- Cameron Sink
- 7 Haylee Hutcheson
- 9 Ethan Lovell
- 12 Ann Hoffman
- 15 Abbie Callicutt
- 17 Lee Bouchard
- Amy Hedrick
- 18 Kalyssa Hutchens
- 19 Susan Morris
- 20 Frank Callicutt
- Janette Neal
- 23 Susie Smith
- 24 Megan Horton
- 26 Clifford Lopp

**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**1st**  
**Ted & Nina Smith**

**9th**  
**Mike & Lynn Brown**

**10th**  
**Mike & Bonita Hooper**

**20th**  
**Larry & Betty Link**

**28th**  
**HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**  
**Jerry & Merle Hodges**

**OUR CHURCH AT  
PRAYER**

**OUR MEMBERS:**

\*Tony Peele  
\*Alisa Johnson  
Merle and Jerry Hodges  
Susan Odom  
Ellen Bouchard  
Kelly Greathouse  
Lisa Price  
Deanna Michael

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

Peggy Bates  
Janelle Bunn  
Marzell Crotts  
Ruth Essick  
Pattie Everhart  
Vogen Everhart (Brookdale)  
Lib & Jimbo Hinkle  
Marguerite Leonard  
Bob Shaak  
Lib Sink  
Katherine Skipper  
Carolyn Spivey  
Adena Wall

**OUR FRIENDS:**

Patricia Roberts  
(Stacey Potts' mother)  
Bob Sheehan  
(Eddie Yates' brother-in-law)  
Clarke Ward  
(father of Jay & Cathy Whitley's  
son-in-law)  
Miriam Logan  
(Sarah Potts' grandmother)  
Wendi Greene  
(Bill Robbins' sister)  
Ashley Thomason Hutcheson  
(Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's  
daughter-in-law)  
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).*