

# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

## MARCH 2021

### LENT 2021



#### THE WILDERNESS IS A PLACE OF NEW LIFE — RESILIENT LIFE by Sarah Are

I used to think the wilderness would never end.

I called my mom and asked—  
“Does time really heal all wounds?  
Do the pieces ever fall back into place?  
Does the wilderness go on forever?”

So she told me about the horizon.  
She said, “There is an edge,  
Where the earth meets the sky.  
And when you’re there,  
You will see daisies in the sidewalk  
And the sun after the rain.”

I asked her to draw me a map  
And she cried,  
Because she knew this road was mine to walk,  
But she promised to wait for me,  
Day in and day out,  
For as long as the wilderness raged.

So I walked.  
And it felt like forty days and it hurt like forty  
nights.  
And I waved to the people I passed there in the  
wilderness.

We tipped our hats to one another,  
Silently recognizing the weight we each  
carried,

Until one day, I realized—  
The earth always kisses the sky.

And this wilderness has turned into a garden,  
And I have made it out alive.

And my mother hugged me,  
There at the earth's edge.  
And she whispered in my ear,  
That God was that gardener,  
And that I had nothing to fear.

So if you ever ask for a map,  
Know that God and I will be planting seeds,  
Hoping to turn your wilderness into a garden.

For as long as the wilderness rages on,  
I will never stop looking for you  
Where the earth kisses the sky.

Join us as we continue the Lenten Series,  
**“God Meets Us...”**

***In our Anger, John 2:13-22***  
**March 7**

***In our Doubt, John 3:14-21***  
**March 14**

***In our Confusion, John 12:20-33***  
**March 21**

***In the Palms and Passion***  
**March 28**

Beloved Community, Let us plant seeds in  
the wilderness, for there is nothing to fear.

In love and hope,  
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.

## FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

### **IN MEMORY OF FRANCES ASHBY (LISA PRICE'S MOTHER)**

Eulene Shepherd

### **IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER**

J. W. Bates

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

Brenda & John Garner

Arthur & Deborah Gray

John & Vicky Gray

Kyle & Susan Hayes

Gerri Hill

Gretchen Schaeffer Jordan

Deanna Michael

Morning Glory Circle

Lisa Nelson

Calvin & Susan Odom

Lee Ann & Tony Peele

John Potts & Janette Neal

Eulene Shepherd

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Smith

Carolyn & Carroll Spivey

### **IN MEMORY OF DORIS FLYNT**

J. W. Bates

### **IN MEMORY OF MARGOT EVERHART**

Eulene Shepherd

Constance Weaver

### **IN MEMORY OF JACK FRANK**

John & Vicky Gray

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

Carolyn & Carroll Spivey

### **IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE WESTMORELAND (FRANKIE WESTMORELAND'S MOTHER)**

First Reformed UCC Men's Brotherhood

John & Vicky Gray

Frank Leonard

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

A new Sunday Morning Bible Study began on the first Sunday of Lent. The theme is: **"REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE."**

So, why practice the season of Lent? Maybe there is more to Lent than the suffering that we have endured during the past months of physical distancing and pandemic lock-down? Maybe there is more than the reflection and analysis that we are prone to do during the Season of Lent. So, what is the end of this season? Why do we have this period of preparation, of fasting, and self-denial, of repentance and confession, of putting our spiritual house in order?

Lent is about embracing the Resurrected One with a whole and longing heart. Lent doesn't have to be a somber time; but to be effective, it needs to be intense. It needs to be taken seriously and rigorously, so that we can bring our full selves to the table. We are enabled to embrace the fullness of the promise of Resurrection and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. So, despite feeling as though we have been in a year-long season of Lent, we need this season; we need the observance to open us to all that God has in store for us. Rend your hearts, so together we can claim the promise. You may join the meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119)

Second Sunday in Lent – February 28th

**"Walk Before Me" (Smithie Parrish, facilitator)**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Third Sunday in Lent – March 7th

**"All These Words" (Eulene Shepherd, facilitator)**

Exodus 20:1-7

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 14th

**"Look Up and Live" (Eddie Yates, facilitator)**

Numbers 21:4-9

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 21st

**"Written on the Heart" (Mike Hooper, facilitator)**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 28th

**"The One Who Comes" (June Grubb, facilitator)**

Mark 11:1-11...Mark 14:1-15:47...Isaiah 50:4-9

### LENT 2021: 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.

### 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.

### DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time begins again! Remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13. Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday morning, March 14, 2021.

### 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.



# FRUCC CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT



**MARCH 19, 2021  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

*Please call the church  
office to RSVP by  
March 17th.*

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...FEBRUARY 2021

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

## **Board Reports**

### **Community Outreach: Robert Danze**

After several workdays, the Clothes Closet has been reorganized and spread out into several rooms in the basement space to prepare for the next time it will be open to the public.

### **Worship and Sacrament: Lisa Nelson & Kivi Miller**

Lisa reported committee members are in place for this board. The Music Committee met on February 10 to discuss the search for a new organist.

Kivi Miller reported the Digital Worship Committee met to collect information on worship services during the pandemic and equipment, both existing and new, that may be needed to switch to live streaming of worship services.

### **Property Management: John Smith**

The plastic planter has been moved to the area outside the Center Street door of the breezeway for future flower planting. Contacts have been made for estimates on a water leak in the Education Building. A vent has been replaced in the sanctuary boiler.

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

The Average Weekly offering for January was: \$3449. (The amount needed weekly is \$5904.) We have \$17,390 in the General Fund and \$9323 in the Music Fund.

## **Old Business**

- The Saturday Lunch Program will move to St. Stephens any time there is a conflict with a church function.
  - John Smith reported the cabinets in

the downstairs kitchen (at the old Men's Bible Class) are coming away from the wall. Plans are in progress to repair this.

- Smithie Parrish announced a planned Zoom meeting for parents on February 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss children and youth ministries

## **New Business**

- **Pastoral Relations Board:** It is time to form/appoint members for this board. It should be a group of 5 that rotates every 2 years. The Pastor and Consistory will recommend names and the Consistory will choose 5 of those to serve.
- **Travis White & Renee Walsh Wedding** (April 24, 2021): This wedding approved to proceed with all Covid protocols in place.
- **Basement Clean Up:** The basement in the Education building needs to be cleaned out. The History Committee will go through to see if there is anything that needs to go into the History Room. Once this is completed, a group will begin to clean out the rest.
- **Virtual Services:** The consistory approved to continue virtual services through the end of March.
- **Next Consistory Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2021.

John Smith, Co-chairperson of the Board of Property Management, sends a **BIG** thank you to John Maze, Mike Price and John & Vicky Gray for planting the Magnolia tree and shrubs in the area in front of the Education Building Breezeway on Saturday, February 20th. Everything looks beautiful!

If you haven't had a chance to see the recent improvements, drive by the church on East Center Street and take a look.



## IMMEDIATE PRAYER PARTNERS

Board of Evangelism Prayer Chain Chairperson, Patti Lovell

One responsibility of the Board of Evangelism is to involve church members in the well-being of one another. One way this is done is through intercessory prayer. Praying for another person is a powerful ministry that connects us more deeply to others and amplifies the needs before God.

Sometimes prayers are needed/wanted due to emergencies or other unexpected circumstances beyond the concerns in our weekly bulletins. Formerly called the Prayer Chain, our newly named prayer ministry is **Immediate Prayer Partners**, coordinated by Patti Lovell.

The **Immediate Prayer Partner** Ministry begins by calling Rev. Horton, the church office, or Patti Lovell with your prayer request. It will then be shared with volunteers who have **made a commitment to offer intercessory prayer immediately when they receive the message**. Depending on the volunteer's preference, communication will be via texts, emails, or phone calls.

If you would like to volunteer to be an **Immediate Prayer Partner**, please contact Patti Lovell at 336-309-9302.

## BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Robert Danze

The **CLOTHES CLOSET** is operating using "order forms." These are being distributed throughout the community at local churches. Jerry Lovell operated the clothes closet in this fashion for the first time on February 20th. He reported that about 100 pieces of clothing were given away that day. We will continue to operate this way for the foreseeable future.

Kathleen Danze has graciously agreed to serve as the liaison between the Board of Community Outreach and **Charles England Elementary School**. Donations continue to be collected to help them maintain their food pantry.

## SATURDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

John Maze

Thank you to all of those who are volunteering for Saturday Lunch. Bad weather stopped us from launching on February 13th, but we were able to kick off the program February 20th. Nineteen people were served. Jerry Lovell was also able to get clothes for people in need by printing request forms to be completed based on needs. Orders will be filled and ready for pick up on February 27th. It is exciting to see that number of people in the beginning of a new program!

A team from Macedonia UMC is serving the meal the first Saturday of the month, an Open Hands team the third Saturday of the month, and three teams from First Reformed serve the second and fourth Saturdays. We have plenty

of volunteers for Team 2 to rotate months instead of serving every month. We need two more people for Team 4 to be able to rotate months, as well. Call John Maze's cell at 704-524-6462, or call the church, office if serving is of interest to you. It is a wonderful new ministry that ensures meals are available to our community seven days a week! We are providing meals in the safest possible manner for all involved.

A special thank you to the Consistory for their support. The outpouring of donations in food and generous financial gifts to this new program has been overwhelming and sincerely appreciated by all of us involved.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONSISTORY PRESIDENT:

Raeann Allred

## PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Consistory needs your help to form a **Pastoral Relations Committee** in accordance with our by-laws. The committee is made up of 5 people who normally will serve two-years on a rotating basis. However, since this committee hasn't been active recently, two people will serve two years and three people will serve three years so everyone doesn't rotate off at the same time. Committee members are appointed by the Consistory from a list of 12 names provided by the pastor and the congregation. Below is a description of the committee's responsibilities as written in the by-laws.

**To add a name, whether yours or a church family member's to the list for possible appointment, please contact Raeann Allred via email [raeannb89@gmail.com](mailto:raeannb89@gmail.com) or phone 336-309-2292 by March 10th. Thank you!**

## ARTICLE VIII

### CHURCH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

#### **Section 2. Committees:**

*Pastoral Relations Committee: The Pastoral Relations Committee will monitor the relationship between the pastor and the people of First Reformed UCC. A pool of names (up to 12 people) will be presented by the pastor and members of the congregation to the Consistory. The Consistory, in consultation with the pastor, will appoint the members to serve on the Committee. The Committee will consist of five (5) people who will serve two-year terms on a rotating basis.*

#### **The Pastoral Relations Committee will:**

- *Provide support for the pastor through mutual trust and confidentiality;*
- *Clarify the pastor's position description and mutual expectations about what the pastor is to do and what has priority. This most likely will involve periodically clarifying and renegotiating expectations.*
- *Provide an opportunity for the pastor to reflect in confidence about personal concerns, hopes, ambitions and frustrations;*
- *Openly and honestly communicate feelings and reactions of church members to the pastor;*
- *Monitor the ministry evaluation process (once every four years, or as needed) based upon strategic planning process by pastor and congregation. This evaluation looks at the mutual ministry of pastor and congregation;*
- *Demonstrate concern and support for the pastor's family;*
- *Encourage "self-care" of the pastor by encouraging and supporting time for recreation, exercise, relaxation, family and solitude (daily, weekly, yearly);*
- *Advocate and support plans for the pastor's sabbatical leave, the length of the leave being directly proportional to the time served as the congregation's pastor, beginning at the four year mark;*
- *Plan celebrations of personal and professional milestones, including a yearly "Pastor Appreciation Day".*

#### **The Pastoral Relations Committee is not:**

- *A salary review committee;*
- *A channel for complaints;*
- *An evaluation committee;*
- *Have decision-making power, just advisory. Can only make recommendations to the Consistory.*

# 2021 CONSISTORY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**President:** Raeann Allred  
**Secretary:** Rita Lohr

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

**Clothes Closet:** Jerry Lovell (Chairperson), Marge Doty, Camille Morgan, Mike Price

**Charles England Elementary School:** Kathleen Danze (Church Liaison)

**Grace Episcopal Meals:** John Maze (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:** Patti 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

**Insurance:** Property Committee Chairpersons

**Special Gifts Chairperson:** Property Committee Chairpersons

**BOARD OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP:**

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

**Trustees:** Endowments



## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Trustees,

Thank you so very much for your generosity in awarding me a Hinkle, Swing, Sink Scholarship! I am honored to receive this and it will definitely help offset some college expenses here at App State! Your support as well as all of my church family's support is greatly appreciated. Stay safe and thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Holt Biesecker

Dear FRUCC,

This congregation continues to be generous to one another, especially to its staff. Thank you so much for your generous Christmas bonus. It is a pleasure to be a part of this congregation's ministry.

Sincerely,  
June Grubb

Dear Church Family,

There are no words to express my love and gratitude for all the cards, text messages, concern and support that you have given me over the past three months. Your prayers have lifted me up and God has carried me through, I am blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family. I miss seeing your faces and look forward to the day we can all be together in the same place again. Although we have been apart physically, I have never felt closer

Love,  
Susan Odom

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

United Church Homes and Services Foundation  
Lancaster Theological Seminary

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



This year's theme for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is **"Let Love Flow."** March 14, 2021 is the date our congregation will receive this offering. The gifts given to OGHS are used with others across the United Church of Christ to bring a greater impact to the work being done locally and globally to assist those most in need and vulnerable among us.

The COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and world-

wide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. Some of these disasters have occurred in our hometown or in nearby communities or to friends and neighbors in places miles away.

When you share your gifts, you "Let Love Flow" and your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of God's love continues to change lives here and around the world, as together we build a just world for all.

Contributions to OGHS may be made directly to the church office or through online giving **HERE** or the OGHS website at **<http://www.ucc.org/oghs>**.

# ***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.**

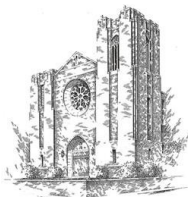
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

# MARCH 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 5:30 High School Youth Meeting {via Zoom}	4	5	6 12:30 Open Hands Saturday Lunch Outreach
7 <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School: Claiming the Promise 10:45 Worship online <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom 1:00 Consistory Meeting via Zoom	8 6:00 Shelter Meal provided by Women's Life Fellowship	9 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	10	11	12	13 12:30 Open Hands Saturday Lunch Outreach
14 <b>OGHS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School: Claiming the Promise 10:45 Worship online <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom	15	16 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 6:30 Board of Evangelism Zoom Meeting 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom	17 5:30 High School Youth Meeting {via Zoom}	18	19 6:00 Children's Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)	20 12:30 Open Hands Saturday Lunch Outreach
21 9:45 Adult Sunday School: Claiming the Promise 10:45 Worship online <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> 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	25 <div>DEADLINE for Articles for the MARCH 2021 Newsletter</div>	26	27 12:30 Open Hands Saturday Lunch Outreach
28 9:45 Adult Sunday School: Claiming the Promise 10:45 Worship online <b>Palm Sunday</b> 12:00 Fellowship & Prayers via Zoom <b>HOLY WEEK</b> —————>	29 —————>	30 12:00 2CFAR meeting via Zoom 7:00 Book Study "Who Will Be a Witness" via Zoom —————>	31 —————>	—————>	—————>	—————>

**First Reformed  
United Church of  
Christ**



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

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**10:45 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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**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Ann Kirkman
- 2 Vicky Gray
- 3 Corinne Gray
- 4 Emma West
- 5 Charyl Clark  
Tony Peele
- 6 Rylee Grzech
- 12 Adam McKerlie
- 16 Alane Holste  
Ron Sink
- 17 Dan Horton
- 20 Ted Smith
- 23 Mike Perry  
Kiaya Plummer  
Josh Sink  
Billy West
- 27 Jonathan Kepley
- 28 Elizabeth Horton
- 31 Kivi Miller

**MARCH  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**11th**  
**Ron & Heidi Hutcheson**

**17th**  
**Keith & Alisa Johnson**

**27th**  
**Mark & Karla Loper**  
**Cliff & Paula Lopp**  
**Steve & Cathy Waitman**

**OUR CHURCH AT  
PRAYER**

**OUR MEMBERS:**

\*Heidi Hutcheson  
(recovering from surgery at  
WFUBMC)  
Merle & Jerry Hodges  
Susan Odom (at home)  
Lisa Price  
Deanna Michael

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

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

**Brookdale**  
Vogen Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:**

Bob Sheehan  
(Eddie Yates' brother-in-law)

Wendi Greene  
(Bill Robbins' sister)

Ashley Thomason Hutcheson  
(Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's  
daughter-in-law)

Barbara Miller  
(Eddie Yates' mother)

*\*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).*