

First Reformed United Church of Christ

Where People Discover...
The Love of God...
The Power to Love Others...
The Ability to Love Ourselves.

June 20, 2021
The Worship of God
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

(*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music Christopher Kiser

***Ringing of the Chimes**

Prelude "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome to Worship Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Opening Prayer John Maze

Special Music "Orphan Child" Lee Jessup

Prayer Rev. Horton

Scripture Mark 4: 35-41 Rev. Horton

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon "Identify Yourself: Faith and Fear"

Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" Ellen Peterson

***Benediction**

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Gordon Young Christopher Kiser

***Please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit.**

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. 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.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS:
21st...John Gray
22nd...Peggy Bates
25th...Scott Gray...Alisa Johnson

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with the family of Katherine Skipper, long-time member of First Reformed UCC, who passed away on Wednesday, June 16th. A private graveside service was held on Saturday, June 19th at Forest Hill Memorial Park.

OUR MEMBERS: *Jasmine Cruz (recovering from surgery), *Peggy Bates, Alisa Johnson (recently diagnosed with dermatomyositis), Mike Brown (recovering at home), Bill Robbins (recovering at home), Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES: Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall, Vogen Everhart (Brookdale)

OUR FRIENDS: *Cora Mae Atkinson (Beverly Lovell's grandmother), *Nancy Burton (Mother of a friend of Patti and Jerry Lovell), Beverly & Dave Ward (Ron Link's sister and brother-in-law), The family of Dean Thornsburg (friend of Alane Holste, Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), Immanuel Carothers (friend of Nina Smith)

*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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 20: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15AM Pentecost Season Bible Study via ZOOM: **"When the Spirit Moves"**
Today's discussion: "Enduring the Storms" (Smithie Parrish, Facilitator)
Mark 4: 35-41 & 2 Corinthians 6:1-3

10:30AM In-Person Worship Service **LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE**. Service will be uploaded onto our Facebook Page at a later time.

TUESDAY, June 22

11:00PM Graveside Memorial Service at Lexington City Cemetery for Geraldine Westmoreland, mother of Frankie Westmoreland.

12:00PM 2CFAR Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race via ZOOM

7:00PM Adult Faith Formation Meeting via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, June 23

4:00PM National Alliance of Mental Illness/North Carolina (**NAMI**) meeting via Zoom.
Anyone interested in joining the meeting should contact Cathy Browder at cmbrowder@gmail.com:

THURSDAY, June 24:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

FRIDAY, June 25: 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SATURDAY, June 26:

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry **AVAILABLE AT OPEN HANDS MINISTRY TODAY**

1:00pm **Memorial service for Janelle Smith Bunn** (Sanctuary) followed by reception in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, June 27: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15AM Today's Bible Study discussion: **"Giving What You Have"**
Mark 5:21-43, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Eulene Shepherd, Facilitator)

10:30AM In-Person Worship Service **LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE**. Service will be uploaded onto our Facebook Page at a later time.

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WEEKLY EMAIL from FIRST REFORMED UCC June 18, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINNING AT 10:30AM

LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR [YOUTUBE PAGE USING THIS LINK.](#)

You may also view past services using the same link.

Service will be uploaded to view later onto our Facebook page [HERE.](#)

Click [here for the worship bulletin.](#)

Click [here for to give securely](#) on our website.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20: Identify Yourself

Scripture: [Mark 4: 35-41](#)

UPDATE FOR COVID PRECAUTIONS

In light of the new CDC recommendations, the Consistory approved these guidelines for us to gather:

- If you have been completely vaccinated, you may remove your mask while you are seated if you wish.
- If you have NOT been completely vaccinated, please leave your mask on at all times as usual.

We are trusting in the honor system when it comes to these decisions.

We ALL will continue to:

- Wear masks upon arriving to church
- Receive temperature checks
- Take attendance
- Socially distance

LOOKING TOWARD SUNDAY: A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON



The Tempest, by Kathleen Peterson

Dear Beloved Community,

Sunday we will hear the story of Jesus sailing on the sea with the disciples. He falls asleep while a storm begins. Even though many of the disciples are skilled fishermen, they seem to panic. Read Mark 4:35-41. Pay close attention to the words Jesus says to the disciples.

Sometimes in church, we are given the message we must choose faith over fear; that if we have faith, then we should have no fear; or inversely, if we have fear, then we must not have faith.

What do you think?

If we have enough faith will all of our fear go away?

I have never found such responses helpful. Instead, quite the opposite, as this kind of theology reinforces people's inadequacies and flaws. *"I must not be doing something right in my faith because I still have fear."* I don't think Jesus was using the tactic of shaming someone into a stronger faith.

As we continue in our series **Identify Yourself**, we will take a look at who we are in our sermon, **Faith and Fear**.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday,
Elizabeth
Thank you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Dear FRUCC Friends,

Pastors Michael and Diane Simon of Victory in Jesus Christ Ministries would like to thank you for the donations and support of our ministry. These donations are greatly appreciated and are put to good use. We look forward to working with FRUCC Clothes Closet to combat homelessness and bringing about change for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Your Friends in Faith,
Pastors Michael and Diane Simon

FARMSHARE BOXES GOAL MET

THANK YOU! We have met our goal to sponsor **12 FarmShare boxes** of fresh produce from Seven Sisters Farms! Thanks to your donations, Edgar Miller's vision that all may have access to locally grown food, and Jamie Hollman's creative cooking abilities, fresh produce will be included **each week** in the 80 meals prepared and delivered to elderly or disabled recipients of Meals on Wheels of Lexington.

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM CELEBRATION

Come join us on **Saturday, June 19th at 6:00pm** for a history tour walk. We will gather at the steps of St. Stephen UMC for this event.

VISITS TO OUR MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES

As restrictions are being lifted, would you like to make occasional visits to our homebound members and those in care facilities. Please let me know at elizabeth@frucc.org

MONTHLY PFLAG MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday, PFLAG meetings will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. For more info, you may contact confidentially: 646-221-2442 or pflaglexingtonnc@gmail.com

USHERS NEEDED

As we work to return to worship, we are all aware that things are still not back to "the way they were before," but we are working in that direction. One of the changes currently is with the ushers and usher duties. As we work through this, would you please assist in this planning by signing up to usher in the weeks ahead.

Here is the link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44ABAE28A7FE3-usher>

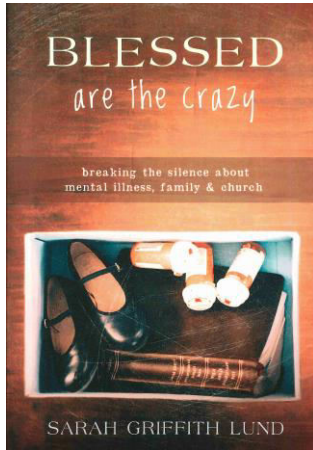
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Another ZOOM meeting regarding beginning a Davidson County affiliate for the National Alliance of Mental Illness/North Carolina (NAMI) is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 23rd at 4:00**. Anyone interested in joining the meeting should register in advance using the following link or contact Cathy Browder at cmbrowder@gmail.com:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kde-rrz8sHNO_0MNhM-Hi6D4RQxmTi8ve

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION PLANNED



Take June and July to read ***Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family & Church*** for a planned discussion on August 24th. All are welcome to take part in this **"IN PERSON"** discussion about author Sarah Griffith Lund's "raw, honest look at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother struggles with his own mental illness, and serving as spiritual advisor for her cousin, a mentally ill man executed for murder."

Several copies are available in the office for sharing, or you may purchase your own copy at your location of preference. More information will be shared closer to the meeting date.

PENTECOST SEASON BIBLE STUDY

The **Pentecost Season's Bible Study** is entitled **"When the Spirit Moves"**. We will continue to gather by ZOOM at 9:15AM. Join study [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 20 "Enduring the Storms"

Mark 4:35-41, 2 Corinthians 6:1-3 (Smithie Parrish, Facilitator)

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 27 "Giving What You Have"

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MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alisa Johnson needs volunteers to help for cover routes for meal delivery. If you are willing to help one morning of the week or more, please contact Alisa at **336-250-6589** or alisajohnson912@gmail.com.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in piano lessons? Christopher Kiser, our church organist/pianist, is opening up his piano studio for enrollment! Lessons are given individually and will begin in August/September.

If you or someone you know may be interested in taking piano lessons, please contact Chris by email or phone. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Email: cdkiser94@gmail.com

Phone: (336) 469-4716

PLUS-SIZE CLOTHING NEEDED FOR OUR CLOTHES CLOSET

Our Clothes Closet partners with Meals on Wheels recipients who are mostly homebound. Several have need for 2X, 3X, and 4X clothes, men's or women's. Items such as T-Shirts, elastic shorts, legging type pants are particularly useful. If you have gently used clothing or can find a bargain at a discount store in plus sizes, please consider donating to this ministry. Our Church Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12:00.