

First Reformed United Church of Christ

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

**July 11, 2021
The Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*(*Please stand as you are able.*

Gathering Music

Prelude

"When in Our Music, God Is Glorified" arr. Mark Hayes

Christopher Kiser

*Ringing of the Chimes

Lucas Peterson

Welcome to Worship

Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" Vs. 1&2

John Gray
Ellen Peterson

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 123)

Opening Prayer

Marge Doty

Special Music

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Emma West

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

Mark 6: 7-13 (KJV)

Rev. Les Smith

And Jesus called unto him the twelve and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: but be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And he said unto them, in what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them..

Sermon

"The Spread of the Gospel: Contagious Faith"

Hymn

"Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)"

Ellen Peterson

*Benediction

Postlude

"Joy, Love and Peace" arr. Marianne Kim

Rev. Smith
Christopher Kiser

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

WE WELCOME REV. LES SMITH TO THE PULPIT TODAY. Rev. Smith is currently an Associate Minister at Union Baptist Church in Lexington. Rev. Smith served in the Air Force for 28 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. He is a former Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at the Department of Veterans' Affairs. He is a graduate of Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC. Rev. Smith has been active in Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race (2CFAR) for 2 years and is an advocate for justice in the city of Lexington.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE:

LITURGIST: Marge Doty

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH: Jeremy Peterson

SOUND TECH: James Gray

USHERS: Clifton Murphy, Jerry Lovell

URGENT REQUEST: Ushers are needed for the remainder of July and for August. If you are able to serve, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44ABAE28A7FE3-usher> or contact Eddie Yates (bbqman46@gmail.com).

JULY CELEBRATIONS:

BIRTHDAYS:

11th...Jonathan Odom

12th...Elizabeth Sink

13th...Lynn McCarn...Calvin Odom...Tracy Potts...Lindsay Sink

14th...Tavis White

16th...Craig Coe...Johnny McCarn

ANNIVERSARIES:

12th ...Rich & Lena Johnson

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS: Peggy Bates, Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

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

OUR FRIENDS: Charm Ketner, 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), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye)

*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, July 11: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)

MONDAY, July 12:

6:00PM NAMI meeting via Zoom

JULY 13-17:

General Synod Meeting

Tuesday, JULY 13:

7:00PM Book Study meeting via Zoom to discuss plans for next study

THURSDAY, July 15:

4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Workday

5:00PM Trustees Meeting (Parlor)

6:30PM PFLAG Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, July 17

12:30PM Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, July 18: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM In- Person Bible Study (Parlor)

10:30AM Worship Service In-Person and Livestreamed Online (YOUTUBE)

For details on all our ministries, contact Carolyn in the church office to subscribe to our weekly email.

Ministers: The Congregation of

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC 27292

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Minister of Pastoral Care: Rev. June Grubb (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com #336-248-5668)

Choir Director: Ellen Peterson (ellenrpeterson@gmail.com)

Organist/Pianist: Christopher Kiser (cdkiser94@gmail.com)

Administrative Asst.: Carolyn Robbins (carolyn@frucc.org)

Financial Administrator: Paula Lopp (paula@frucc.org)

WEEKLY EMAIL from FIRST REFORMED UCC

July 9, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINNING AT 10:30AM

LIVESTREAMED ONLY ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE

You may also view past services on this same page

Service will be uploaded to view later on our Facebook page.

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021: "The Spread of the Gospel: Contagious Faith"

Scripture: Mark 6: 7-13

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.

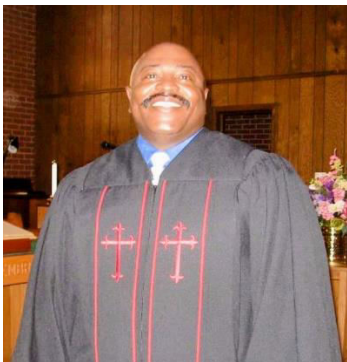
We ALL will continue to:

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

REV. HORTON ON VACATION

Rev Horton will be on vacation through July 12th. Rev. June Grubb will be available at 336-248-5668, or you may contact the church office at 336-248-1617.

IN THE PULPIT SUNDAY, JULY 11



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BOOK STUDY MEETING

Tuesday's Book Study Group will meet via Zoom at 7:00PM on Tuesday, July 13 to discuss plans for the next book study that will begin on July 20. You may join the Book Study meeting via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691635471?pwd=d1JLRtV2K1dhZW85K1JwcUJXL2ZDZz09#success>.

(Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570 Dial in: +1 301 715 8592)

MONTHLY PFLAG MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday, PFLAG meetings will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 15th at 6:30PM**. For more info, you may contact confidentially: 646-221-2442 or pflaglexingtonnc@gmail.com

GENERAL SYNOD 33 BEGINS JULY 16, 2021

Rev. Horton will serve as a Southern Conference delegate for this General Synod. Below is the link for you to explore the workshops, worship services, and other offerings. Also included is the link to the resolutions to be presented.

<https://www.generalsynod.org/>

<https://www.generalsynod.org/proposed-resolutions/>

NEXT NAMI MEETING

Another ZOOM meeting regarding NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness/North Carolina) is scheduled for Monday, **July 12, 2021 at 6:00PM**. This is a follow-up meeting on creating a NAMI Chapter in Davidson County. Anyone interested may join the meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84806606681?pwd=SXNSeVhEVW11V1dDVnNwMEpnKzRVdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 0660 6681 Passcode: Health One tap mobile: +19292056099 or 84806606681#

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NEW IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JULY 18

On Sunday, July 18th an adult Bible study will be offered **"in person" in the church Parlor at 9:30 a.m.** For those who wish to continue with ZOOM, the link is listed below for those to follow us from home. **Join the study [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 890 2652 8333 Passcode: 634119 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)**

We are continuing with the Lectionary series provided through the United Methodist Church. The **seven-week series, entitled "Geared Up for Life,"** takes a walk through the Epistle to the Ephesians. This epistle divides neatly into two halves - the first half, Chapters 1-3, provides a theological foundation for the faith in some of the most beautiful language in the Epistles. The second half, Chapters 4-6, focuses on the ethical dimensions of the faith: How do we live it out? This second half reminds us that faith isn't simply about believing, but about living. The series themes follow:

Sunday, July 18th we combine Sessions 1 & 2 (Facilitator: June Grubb)

"Setting Our Hope" Ephesians 1:3-14

"He Is Our Peace" Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday, July 25th

"Rooted and Grounded in Love" Ephesians 3:14-21

Sunday, August 1st

"A Life Worthy" Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday August 8th

"Speaking Truth" Ephesians 4:25-5:2

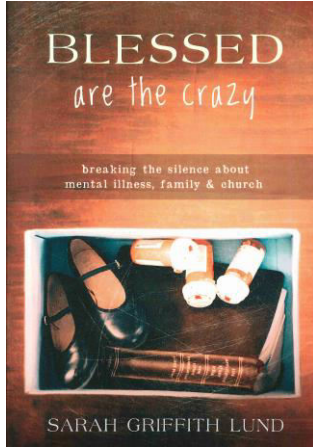
Sunday, August 15th

"Giving Thanks" Ephesians 5:15-20

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

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION PLANNED



Take July and August 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 (**please remember to return borrowed copies so that others may borrow**), or you may purchase your own copy at your location of preference. More information will be shared closer to the meeting date.

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.