

# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

**AUGUST 2021**

***So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!***

*2 Corinthians 5: 17*

Dear Church Family,

It has been wonderful to worship in the sanctuary this summer! Our in-person worship attendance is about 50% of what it was Pre-Pandemic.

I have asked myself, "When will attendance pick up?"

- When school starts?
- When everyone is vaccinated?

When we will get back to normal and "business as usual?"

If we are asking these questions, then we are missing what God is doing right now.

The facts are:

- We will never return to church life as it was pre-pandemic.
- We will not get back to normal.
- We will not return to the usual.
- We will never go back to the way things used to be.

We are not called to go backward -- we are called to go forward. Over and over in Scripture we see God continuously creating something new out of chaos. God continuously calls people to look toward the future and not get stuck wishing for what used to be.

Let us ask the deeper question:

Is our mission to fill the sanctuary or to fill hearts?

Look around at the new ministries taking place.

God is at work in the life of this congregation. Let us not get stuck in trying to re-create the past. Let us live into how God is calling us into the future.

What are the new ways God is calling to you to explore in ministry?

Let's re-create together.

Elizabeth

## BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 24



On June 2, we held our first Zoom meeting about bringing to Lexington the support and resources of NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness).

It has become increasingly clear to me that mental illness of varying degrees affects more families than I ever imagined right here in Davidson County.

**On Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00PM,** we will discuss, Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family, and Church, by Sarah Griffith Lund.

From the description: When do you learn that "normal" doesn't include lots of yelling, lots of sleeping, lots of beating? In this book, Sarah Griffith Lund looks back at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, and the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother and cousin endure mental illness, as well. She seeks answers in her faith communities, from feeling pain in God's presence, through seeing the Holy Spirit on Death Row as she witnesses her cousin's execution.

Sarah is a UCC minister serving as Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice on the UCC national staff and as senior pastor of First Congregational UCC of Indianapolis, IN.



## 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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGUERITE!

Marguerite Leonard celebrated her 100th birthday on July 3, 2021. To help her celebrate this milestone year, she was the guest of honor at a special private organ concert on July 2 in our church sanctuary, organized by Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. June Grubb. The concert was performed by our own Christopher Kiser, organist and pianist. After the performance, Marguerite also enjoyed cake. She said this was the 4th cake she'd had for birthday! If it's your 100th birthday, four cakes aren't too many!



## CONGRATULATIONS REV. DR. CAMERON BARR!



Congratulations to Cameron, who was elected as the new Chairperson of the UCC Board at the General Synod! He has just completed his term as Vice Chairperson of the UCC Board, and he will serve a two-year term as Chairperson.

"Along the way, we have our day-to-day responsibilities to honor and live into, following the example of Christ. I look forward to prayerfully and joyfully working with UCCB, our officers and national setting staff, and the UCC throughout our various settings to do so," Barr said.

Cameron is the son of FRUCC members Betty and Darren Barr.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

As August rolls in, we want to focus on reviving ministry with Children, Youth and families.

Please mark your calendars...

### SUNDAY AUGUST 1st: ACOLYTE TRAINING

Rev. Horton will meet with anyone interested to instruct how to serve as an acolyte. Training will be held at 9:45AM in the sanctuary. This is open for any student from 4th - 8th grade.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th: KIDS' WORSHIP CONNECTION

Beginning this Sunday and continuing each Sunday, Pre-K through 3rd graders will be invited to leave the sanctuary to go to the playground with two adult leaders to hear a Bible story and enjoy some play time with one another. Jeremy Lovell and Smithie Parrish will lead the August 8th session. Please contact Rev. Horton if you are interested in volunteering.



**WHEN:** Saturday, August 28th at 5:00PM  
**WHERE:** Stacy & Billy West's Home  
**WHAT:** Delicious Fun...Ice Cream Sundae Bar  
**WHO:** Families with children of ANY AGE  
(Even if your youth has moved to college)  
(more details will come later)

Thank you and God bless. Pray for the search process for a Director of Children and Youth

## GETTING BACK TO CHOIR

Ellen Peterson



Hi church family!

If you've ever considered joining the choir, this is your chance! We haven't had regular choir practice in quite a while, and it's time we get back to it. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. Don't worry...it will feel like we are **ALL** just getting started.

We will have a period of "getting used to singing together again." This will begin in the sanctuary following worship on **Sunday, August 22nd, 11:30-12:30**. This will be our first opportunity to practice with Christopher Kiser, our new organist/pianist.

We will also meet following worship on **August 29th, September 5th & 12th**. Regular choir practice will begin on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 in the Chapel Annex**. Our

Wednesday practices usually last about an hour.

You don't need to know how to read music. All you need is **a passion for sharing Christ's love through music**. A sense of humor is great, too, because we certainly like to have a few laughs each week. Just one important thing to note: you will feel more prepared for worship services if you can regularly attend rehearsals. I know how busy life can be, but those weekly rehearsals are pretty important! We will start preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata in September, also.

I hope you will consider joining us (or at least giving us a try). You don't need to contact me before coming (but you certainly can!) Just stay **after worship on August 22**. If you'd rather wait until regular practice resumes, come on **September 22 at 7:00**, and we will give you some music and a place to sit!

## PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE AS AN USHER!

Ushers are needed for the remainder of 2021. If you can serve a month or several Sundays, please sign up using the Sign-up Genius on our weekly emails or you may contact Eddie Yates at [bbqman46@gmail.com](mailto:bbqman46@gmail.com).

# JUNE & JULY MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

## IN MEMORY OF BUTCH & RUBY BOUCHARD

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

## IN MEMORY OF JANELLE BUNN

J.W. Bates  
Pattie Everhart  
Kevin Heaney  
Rich & Lena Johnson  
Valerie Lowder  
Edith Jones  
Mr. & Mrs. David Martin  
Hold & Tom McLean  
Mary & William Moss  
Calvin & Susan Odom  
Elizabeth Sink  
Jerry & Aurelia Smith  
Joseph Lynn Smith  
Southern Conference UCC  
Carroll & Carolyn Spivey

## IN MEMORY OF MARLENE MURPHY CRAVER

(STEVE KETNER'S GRANDMOTHER)

Steve & Charm Ketner

## IN MEMORY MARZELL CROTTS

Pete & Martha Moore  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

## IN MEMORY OF TONY HEDRICK

(AMY HEDRICK'S HUSBAND)

John & Vicky Gray

## IN MEMORY OF BARBARA KOONTZ MILLER

(EDDIE YATES' MOTHER)

Frank Leonard

## IN MEMORY OF TOM MYERS

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

## IN MEMORY OF REV. MARLIN SCHAEFFER

Frank Leonard

## IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SKIPPER

John & Vicky Gray  
Barbara Hill  
Gerri Hill  
Grubb Holdings  
Merle Hodges  
Keith & Alisa Johnson  
Buddy & Rita Lohr  
Clifford & Paula Lopp  
Calvin & Susan Odom  
John Potts & Janette Neal  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins  
Jerry & Aurelia Smith  
John & Susie Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Smith  
Cathy & Steve Waitman  
Joni & Sylvia Walser and Andy Church

## IN MEMORY OF DON STRICKLAND

John & Vicky Gray

## IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE WESTMORELAND

(FRANKIE WESTMORELAND'S MOTHER)

John & Vicky Gray

## IN HONOR OF JOHN GRAY

(BIRTHDAY)

James & Alice Gray

## IN HONOR OF SCOTT GRAY

(BIRTHDAY)

Martha Ellen Smith

## IN HONOR OF AMY HEDRICK

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

## IN HONOR OF JERRY LOVELL

(BIRTHDAY)

John Ray & Dorcas Ward

## IN HONOR OF SYLVIA WALSER

Larry Sink



# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE UCC RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR JANELLE SMITH BUNN

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Edward Smith Davis, Southern Conference Minister, for your kind donation of \$300 to First Reformed United Church of Christ in memory of Janell Smith Bunn.



## Resolution of Respect For Janelle Smith Bunn "An Angel Like No Other"

We are today comforted by the words of Our Lord in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 which says:  
**"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."**

Whereas, Janelle Smith Bunn of First Reformed United Church of Christ passed from this life on May 21, 2021, and

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself our sister Janelle Smith Bunn, too soon by our measure but in the providence of the All-knowing Divine, and

Whereas, in God's holy wisdom, He has called home Janelle Smith Bunn to dwell with Him in the glories of Paradise, the Southern Conference United Church of Christ offer sincere condolence to the family. Your sorrow is our sorrow; your loss is magnified by the loss of a dear soul from our denomination, and

Whereas, Janelle Smith Bunn served the earthly Kingdom with devout ministrations to the Church, as a leader in the denomination of the United Church of Christ and at First Reformed United Church of Christ for many years, and

Whereas, our cherished Janelle Smith Bunn shared the fruits of her labor as a principled and successful leader and contributed generously to Church missions and people, and

Whereas, Janelle Smith Bunn performed her work on earth and offered her service to the Church for the greater honor and glory of God, unreservedly and in a spirit of humility,

Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace the bereaved family, in our common bond of grief and remembrance of a beloved soul.

Be it further resolved that we bow in acceptance of the perfection of God's plan to gather each of us into her merciful arms when we have fulfilled our task on earth.

Be it finally resolved, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy reserved for the archives.

Respectfully submitted on the **26th day of June 2021** on behalf of the Southern Conference United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Edward Smith Davis  
Southern Conference Minister

## IN THE NEWS

**Buddy Lohr** has been interviewed for a segment of Roy's Folks, to be aired on Monday, **August 2nd at 8:55AM and 5:20PM** on **WGHP Fox 8 News**. It will also be online afterwards. He will share his hobby of building birdhouses. Be sure to tune in!

## PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE



Are you interested in piano lessons? Christopher Kiser, our church organist/pianist, will be giving lessons in the Chapel Annex. Enrollment is still open for individual lessons that will begin in September.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning to play the piano, please contact Chris by email or phone.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

**cdkiser94@gmail.com (336) 469-4716**

## CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP WITH CHARLES ENGLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Robert Danze, Board of Community Outreach Chairperson**  
**Kathleen Danze, CEES Committee Chairperson**

As part of our church's Community Outreach Program, we continue our partnership with Charles England Elementary School to help it meet the needs of their students for the 2021-22 School Year.

As they school plans to return to a regular schedule, they will continue to need food for their **"BACKPACK PROGRAM."** Food goes home weekly with students who can benefit from this program during the weekends when they do not have the prepared meals they receive from the school's cafeteria. The cafeteria continues to be the most consistent place students in need receive food. The school's food pantry at Charles England Elementary constantly needs donations to help keep the shelves stocked, so food is there when it is needed. Therefore, the Backpack Program that our church helps support is an **on-going** one.

A list of requested items is show below. You may drop off items in the Narthex of the sanctuary or outside the church office. We will notify the school when we have food to pick up. However, if you are unable to shop for items needed, money donations are always welcomed! Any donations for this program may be made by check to **First Reformed UCC with CEES Backpack Program in the memo line** or you may contribute online at the church's website.

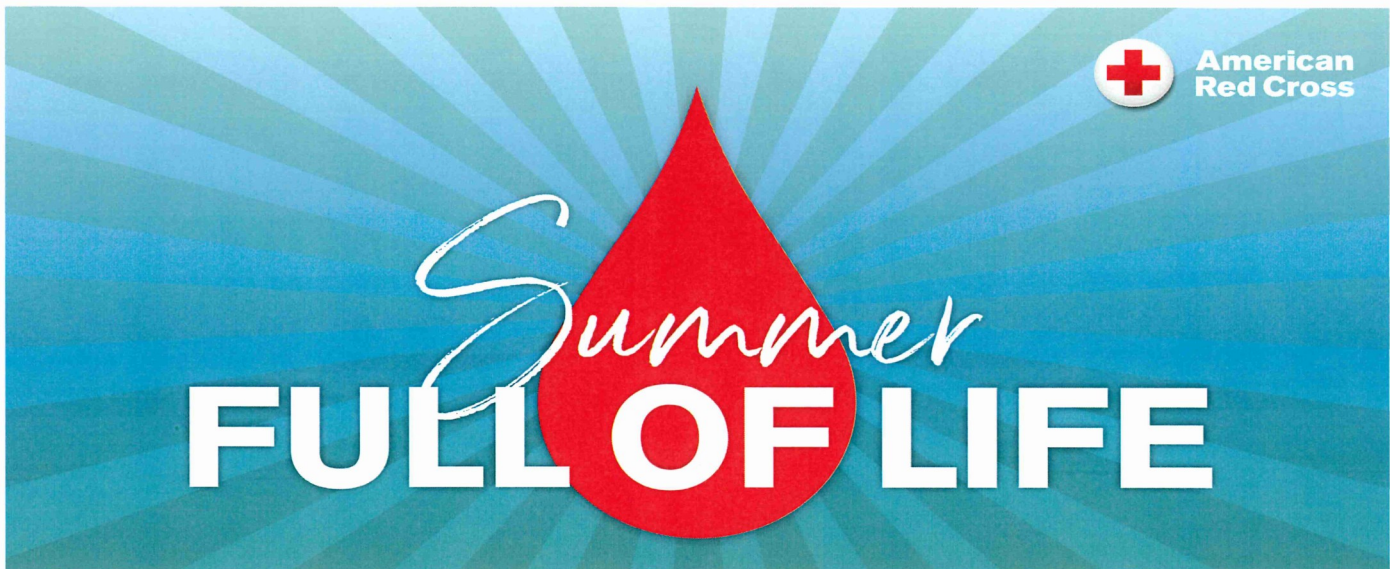
<b>ITEMS NEEDED:</b>	<b>Juice boxes</b>	<b>Applesauce cups</b>	<b>Breakfast bars</b>
	<b>Ramen noodles</b>	<b>Cheese crackers</b>	<b>Canned vegetables</b>
	<b>Spaghetti-Os</b>	<b>Chicken Noodle Soup</b>	

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP AT CHARLES ENGLAND SCHOOL

- Please pray for the students, faculty and staff.
- Volunteer with a student at the school Let the church office know, and we will help you get started. This will require a background check. Even just 30 minutes twice a month can make a big difference.
- Help with a back to school breakfast for teacher or treats during Teacher Appreciation Week.

## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 1 beginning at 2:30PM** in our church fellowship hall. If you would like to make an appointment, you may contact James or Alice Gray at [jgray1@triad.rr.com](mailto:jgray1@triad.rr.com) or 336-249-3971. **COME OUT TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**



### **Blood Drive** **First Reformed United Church** **of Christ**

Fellowship Hall  
104 East Center Street  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**  
**2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use  
Sponsor Code: First Reformed

Questions? Please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or 1-800-Red-Cross  
for assistance. All donors need a photo ID.



**Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.**

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# FIRST REFORMED UCC CLOTHES CLOSET

Jerry Lovell, Chairperson

## A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CLOTHES CLOSET

July 17, 2021

Our Clothing Ministry continues to expand due to the generosity of members of First Reformed and the community. The growing inventory has made it possible to assist in almost every situation that occurs. Over the past week we have been able to fill specific needs of people in the community.

After my morning walks, I check by Open Hands Ministry. There is almost always a new, urgent request. This week:

- A young woman needed a towel and washcloth so she could take a sponge bath at a public restroom, with permission. We helped.
- An older man needed shoes. (The ones he had on looked like the ones Tom Hanks wore in the movie, "Castaway".) He'd cut them out to fit. His feet were swollen and blistered. There was a pair that fit him. We helped.
- A young man needed a sleeping bag, but we didn't have any. He was given a blanket, and he was happy to get that. We helped. (If you have any extra or unused sleeping bags, we need them.)
- Another man had gotten sick and soiled his clothes beyond any immediate washing. He was given a fresh pair of pants and shirt to get him through the rest of the day. We helped.
- A lady served by Meals on Wheels needed shoes and plus-size clothes that were easy for her to get on and off without assistance. We helped.
- Before our scheduled workday on Thursday, a young man was waiting for us to arrive. He'd just secured a job at a local fast food restaurant and needed dark pants and a pair of shoes to follow the dress code. He was able to get what he needed in order to report for work. We helped.
- The Mission Church in Concord is in contact weekly to get clothes for the men and women they serve in their ministry assisting folks to get back on their feet.
- We have been in contact with the new leaders of The Salvation Army in town. Their caseworker will be reaching out as needs arise.
- We have started to incorporate children from The Kidz Dreamz Klub downtown into the Clothes Ministry. An adult from there brings them from 1:30 to 2:30 on Thursdays. They work with direction from FRUCC Volunteers in helping to unpack and hang clothing.

These are the things that take place in an average week with the Clothing Ministry at FRUCC. Everyone is invited to drop by to see what the downstairs looks like now with this ever-growing service. Everyone is also invited to join us on the weekly workdays.

We thank you for allowing us to carry on this work at First Church. We appreciate your unceasing support.

Jerry Lovell  
Chairperson

First Reformed UCC Clothes Closet  
**336-746-6493 or 336-590-5074**  
**plovell53@yahoo.com**



# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...JUNE 2021

Consistory members met Sunday, June 27, 2021 in the church Fellowship Hall.

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

### **Community Outreach.....Robert Danze**

- The Saturday take-out lunch program is going well.
- The Clothes Closet continues to fill orders but needs larger sized clothing.
- We reach our goal collecting money for 12 boxes of food for the Meals on Wheels Farm Share program by collecting \$730 for fresh foods for MOW clients.

### **Congregational Life.....Mike Price & Susie Smith**

- Many thanks go to:
  - ◊ Susie Smith for her hard work with planning and organizing our picnic this year.
  - ◊ The owners of Wildcat Farm for allowing us to use their beautiful property.
  - ◊ Jeremy and Ethan Lovell, Renee and Travis White, Caroline White and friend, Geo, Jeff Hutchens, John and Vicky Gray, Clifton and Harriette Murphy, Ava and Gia Miller, Marge Doty, Jonathan Kepley, Non Smith, Ellen Peterson, Elizabeth Horton and the Grow & Go Girls for your parts in making the picnic a success.
  - ◊ Approximately 80 people attended the picnic, including several guests.

### **Evangelism.....Renee White and Dave Fulton**

- Weekly Attendance Average for May 2021: 52

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

- Additional technology improvements were made in the balcony of the sanctuary to help streamline and separate all the equipment used with the digital worship services.

### **Property Management**

- .....John Smith & John Maze
- Thanks go to Vicky Gray and Mike Price for planting flowers and plants around the front sign at the Education Building and in the big flowerpot in front of the breezeway.
- A couple of outlets need to be added to the sound board area in the balcony. John Maze contacted an electrician for an estimate.

### **Business Management & Stewardship**

.....Harriette Murphy  
Finance & Budget Report for May 2021

- All bills are current. We have noticed a decrease in giving during the summer months.
- Average Weekly offering for April 2021: **\$4,650** (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget \$5,889)
- General Fund: **\$10,428**
- Music Fund: **\$9,323**
- May fee for Vanco was \$65.81.

### **CONCERNS OF THE PAST:**

#### **Faith Formation Search**

- The search continues for a Director of Faith Formation

#### **Community Outreach**

- Community Garden: Rev. Horton shared a written report from Edgar Miller. We have a garden coordinator and garden helper. 20 pounds of vegetables were given to Pastors Pantry.
- Kitchen use for Saturday Carry-out Lunch Program is allowed for 2 Saturdays/month. They will coordinate with Bereavement meals as needed.
- New Blood Drive Coordinators: Thank you James and Alice Gray

#### **Congregational Life**

- Adult Sunday School will resume meeting in person following Covid guidelines.
- Small groups can meet in the parlor or fellowship hall. The number of people attending will determine meeting place.

### **CONCERNS OF THE FUTURE**

#### **Property Management**

- All four air units in the sanctuary will be replaced for efficiency purposes and in an effort to reduce monthly utility bills. The current air units were put in place in 1996
- The Board is considering ways to conserve energy because of the heat that comes through the glass in the breezeway.

#### **NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:**

The next meeting will be on August 8, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall.

## THANK YOU NOTES

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

Dear Frist Church Family,

The Pentecost gift bag was such a pleasant surprise. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness you have all given me. Your prayers are much welcomed.

Love,  
Carolyn Spivey

Dear First Reformed UCC,

As Executive Director of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Davidson County, I want to say thank you for your financial support to our program and to the futures of so many young lives. Our clubs seek to enrich the lives of youth whom other agencies and programs have had difficulty reaching. With the

Current Covid 10 situation posing new safety and learning challenges for family and youth, we are dedicated and determined more than ever to work hard and meet the needs of the kids who need us most.

None of this work would be possible without caring community supporters like you. You are a big reason why approximately 50 kids a day get to continue having a safe place to learn, grow, and explore, and maximize their futures as America's next leader.

So thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous donation and commitment in helping us continue to ensure that "Great Futures Start Here!"

**The Boys & Girls Club is Helping Me  
to Become a** Better Person



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY BERRIER

On Saturday, August 14th at 11:00AM, a Memorial Service for Mary Berrier will be held in our church sanctuary.

### BUILDING USE

If you would like to schedule a meeting or use church space for an activity, please contact Carolyn, our Administrative Assistant, to confirm the date and location are available.

### FARM SHARE PROGRAM

Thanks to your generosity, we met our goal of collecting enough money to provide 12 boxes of fresh produce for our Meals on Wheels program!

### COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

- 46 pounds of produce were donated to The Pastor's Pantry.
- We appreciate all who help with harvesting produce from our Community Garden. **Did you know there is a harvest journal for the garden?** Anyone who helps to harvest items should make sure to record collections in this journal that can be found in the tool shed in the middle of the garden. Inside the door on the upper right is a notebook and pens for your convenience. After writing down what you harvested, please leave the notebook and pen in the shed.
- Many thanks go to the Girl Scouts from our church and helpers from Kidz Dreamz Klub for their continued work with harvesting and keeping the garden weeded.

## NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Rev. June Grubb

"See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love" by Valarie Kaur will be the focus of our next Adult Book Study scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

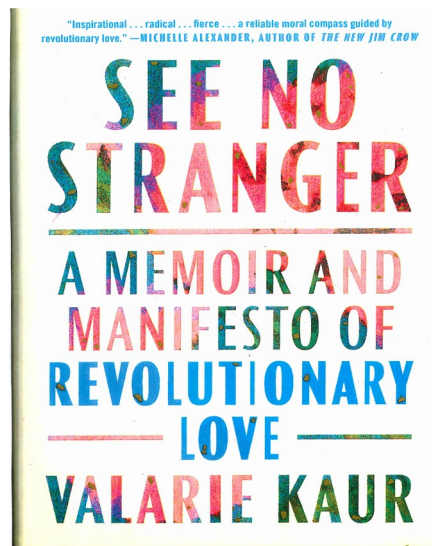
Valarie Kaur, renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer, declares revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It invites us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say, "You are part of me I do not yet know."

Kaur takes us on her journey as a brown girl growing up in California farmland finding her place in the world:

- as a young adult galvanized by the murders of Sikhs after 9/11
- as a law student fighting injustices in American prisons
- and as a woman trying to heal from her own experiences with sexual assault and police violence.

"See No Stranger" helps us imagine new ways of being with each other, and with ourselves, so that together we can begin to build the world we want to see.

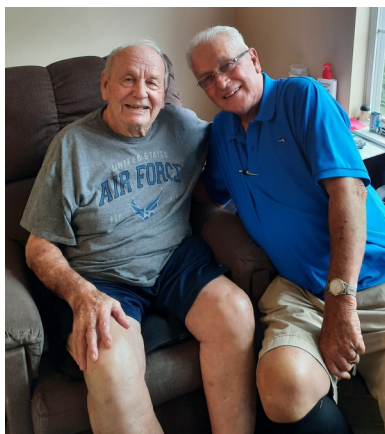
You may order your copy of the book from your preferred bookstore and join us as we begin this new study on September 7th. The Zoom link will be shared at a later date.



## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR MEMBERS AT BROOKDALE

Eddie Yates, Clifton Murphy and John Gray arranged a visit to Brookdale to spend some time with Vogen Everhart on July 8. While there they visited with one of our church's newer residents, Sherry Bonner. Both visits were enjoyed by everyone.

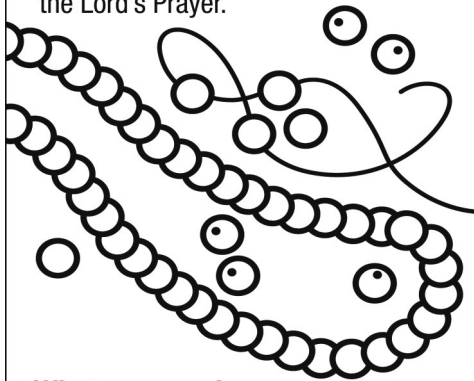
You may visit with or send cards to Vogen and Sherry at Brookdale, 161 Young Drive, Lexington NC 27292. Vogen is in Room 102. Sherry is in Room 208. Sherry also has a phone in her room and welcomes calls. (336-237-9897) You may want to call ahead to check their schedules at Brookdale's main number (336-23801700) before visiting.





# Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



## What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

## What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver



# Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps - p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

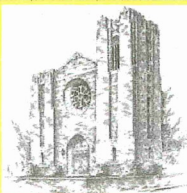
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



# AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Holy Communion <b>9:30</b> Adult Sunday School (Parlor) <b>9:45</b> Acolyte Training (Sanctuary) <b>10:30</b> Worship	<b>2</b> <b>6:00</b> NAMI Meeting via Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>1:30-2:30</b> Clothes Closet Work Day with Kidz Dreamz Klub	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>12:30</b> Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>8</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Sunday School (Parlor) <b>10:30</b> Worship Kids Worship Connection <b>12:00</b> Consistory Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1:30-2:30</b> Clothes Closet Work Day with Kidz Dreamz Klub <b>6:30</b> Board of Evangelism Meeting (Parlor)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>11:00</b> <b>Memorial</b> <b>Service for</b> <b>Mary Berrier</b> <b>12:30</b> Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>15</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Sunday School (Parlor) <b>10:30</b> Worship Kids Worship Connection	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>4-6:00</b> Clothes Closet Work Day <b>6:30</b> <b>PFLAG</b> Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>12:30</b> Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>22</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Sunday School (Parlor) <b>10:30</b> Worship Kids Worship Connection <b>11:30</b> Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00PM</b> Book Discussion <b>"Blessed Are the</b> <b>Crazy "</b>	<b>25</b> <div> <b>DEADLINE FOR</b>  <b>ARTICLES</b>  <b>FOR THE</b>  <b>SEPTEMBER</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER</b> </div>	<b>26</b> <b>4-6:00PM</b> Clothes Closet Work Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>12:30</b> Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry <b>5:00</b> Back to School Kick Off at the West's
<b>29</b> <b>9:30</b> Adult Sunday School (Parlor) <b>10:30</b> Worship Kids Worship Connection <b>11:30</b> Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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### LITURGISTS:

1st: Cathy Browder  
8th: Cathy Whitley  
15th: Marge Doty  
22nd: Camille Morgan  
29th: Cathy Browder

### SOUND TECHNICIAN:

John Gray

### ACOLYTE:

Ethan Lovell

### BIBLE STEWARD:

Lucas Peterson

### USHERS:

1st: Vicky Gray,  
Lisa Nelson,  
Michell Winters

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1	Pattie Everhart
	Claire Smith
2	Eugenia Holste
	Karla Loper
	Jerry Lovell
4	Lynn Klopp
6	Lucas Peterson
10	Nina Smith
12	Casey Hartle
13	Christie Plummer
14	Lena Johnson
15	Baron Freeman
	Beau Sink
14	Travis White
16	Doris Sink
18	Amanda Fulton
19	J. W. Bates
20	Myra Thompson
21	Ramona Yarborough
22	Edgar Miller
23	Vogen Everhart
24	John Smith
26	Albert Evans
	Jeremy Lovell
30	Jude Sink
31	Kathleen Danze

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3rd  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

7th  
John & Vicky Gray

11th  
Tim & Tracy Potts

16th  
Clifton & Harriette Murphy

22nd  
Calvin & Susan Odom

27th  
Buddy & Rita Lohr

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### OUR MEMBERS

Lee Bouchard, Jeff Hutchens, Deanna Michael

### AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES

Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Lib &  
Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib  
Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

### BROOKDALE (161 Young Drive, Lexington, NC 27292)

Sherry Bonner (Rm 208), Vogen Everhart (Rm 102)

### OUR FRIENDS

\*Steve Ketner (recovering from surgery), Gloria  
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