

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

JANUARY 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON

Dear First Reformed family,

I begin 2022 with tremendous gratitude for this congregation! Thank you so much for your incredibly generous Christmas gift that was presented on December 19th! I have been deeply touched by the many ways you have shown grace and kindness to me, my family, and to each other this past year.

Amidst the many challenges of 2021, you continued in faithfulness and generosity. This congregation is a remarkable witness of Christ's love to the community.

I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful staff: Carolyn, Paula, Ellen, Chris, Evan, and June. Each of them is tremendously gifted with unique talents. All of them have served selflessly this year, willing to try new ideas, and with such a cooperative spirit. I am grateful for them individually and for the ways they work together as a whole.

As the new year starts, we realize we are still discovering what pandemic church life looks like. Although our doors are open and we are back to some of the traditional ways, we are still facing challenges, some yet to be identified.

In this time of uncertainty and flux, it is tempting to allow our anxiety to get the best of us. However, now is the time for us to try out new ideas and new ways to minister. Great examples are the Christmas Day Lunch Ministry and the Youth and Children's Christmas play. Both were newly formed this year in response to the needs around us. Both were incredibly impactful.

Now is the time to do ministry, even if we don't have all the answers. What ministries are you called to try through First Reformed? Needs are all around us. Pay attention. Be observant. Listen to the Spirt.

May we be willing to take a risk.

As we look back on 2021, let us give thanks for God's unwavering love and grace.

As we look ahead to 2022, let us give ourselves the grace to try something new.

Grateful for you, Elizabeth

CHRISTMAS COLLISION

On Sunday evening. December 19, our church was treated to a very special program. This original play, properly titled "Christmas Collision," was written by Rev. Evan Sieges, our Director of Children and Youth Ministry, and performed by some very talented youngsters and parents of our church! In addition to author, Rev. Evan also directed the play and starred in a leading role as the jolly elf himself...Santa Claus.

Santa, on a quest to find the real meaning of Christmas, is visited by characters from popular Christmas movies, including A Christmas Story, It's a Wonderful Life, Elf, A Christmas Carol, and Die Hard! (Yes, that really is a Christmas movie!)

Thank you, Rev. Evan, for bringing some laughter to our Christmas celebrations, allowing us to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to think about the real meaning of Christmas, and giving our youth, children, and a few of the parents a chance to show off!

(Check out pages 8 & 9 for a cast of characters and some pictures from the play.)

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.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER

Robert & Martha Adams
Eddie & Belinda Yates

IN MEMORY OF JANELLE BUNN

Eddie & Belinda Yates

IN MEMORY OF RUTH HUNEYCUTT

(BETTY BARR'S MOTHER)

Ellen Briggs & Betty Briggs Burns
Eulene Shepherd
Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Eddie & Belinda Yates

IN MEMORY OF BOB SHAAK

Robert & Martha Adams Eddie & Belinda Yates

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SKIPPER

Eddie & Belinda Yates

IN MEMORY OF LINDSAY WILSON

Rita Leonard & Lin Hulvey

IN MEMORY OF RONALD YATES

(EDDIE YATES' FATHER)

Cliff & Paula Lopp Bill & Carolyn Robbins

IN HONOR OF MARGUERITE LEONARD

Barry & Renee Sink

IN HONOR OF REV. EVAN SIEGES

Billy & Stacy Sosebee West

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Eddie Yates and family upon the death of his father, Ronald Yates, who passed away December 16th.

OUR MEMBERS

Jeremy Lovell (recovering from surgery), Alisa Johnson (recovering from surgery)

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME & IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS:

*Nicole Holste (Alane Holste's sister-in-love), *Family of Will Swaim (friend of Alane Holste), Ed Leonard (Sylvia Walser's brother), Miller Abernathy (Sylvia Walser's son-in-law), The Family of Evelyn York (friend of Alane Holste), The Family of Ruth "P-nut" Kennedy (friend of Alane Holste), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye), Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

THANK YOU GRACE EPISCOPAL FOOD MINISTRY

John Maze

With the continuous threats of sickness from COVID-19, Grace Episcopal has had trouble getting folks to step in to help serve on Sundays. First Reformed United Church of Christ is one of the trusted churches to show up for the month of November, our month to help serve. The team at Grace appreciates knowing they can rely on us

in November!

Thanks to all who stepped up to make sure our month of November goes well year after year! Thanks to John and Susie Smith for going the extra mile to help prepare meals this year also. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

SATURDAY LUNCH!

John Maze & Ben Hale

As we close the year, we personally would like to thank each and every person who has helped the Saturday Lunch program to launch so successfully. From the materials from Mark Smith for safety, to Kivi's Grow & Go girls, to the cooks like Glenyce Fulton, and to the servers (far too many of our congregation to list)...THANK YOU!

Thanks to Jerry and Patti Lovell for coordinating the clothes closet with the lunch program. We have had people volunteer on a weekly basis, monthly basis, and once a year. Every act of kindness is greatly needed and appreciated to ensure the lunch program functions and serves our community in need.

When we started serving, our numbers were in the twenties, and now we feel like it is a slow week if we serve 60. We are averaging 80 per week as the numbers increase toward the end of the month. Our highest service has been 106. Imagine that many people coming to the door in an hour and fifteen minutes! It is fast-paced and a lot of fun!

As we move into 2022, we are closing in quickly on our first full year of our lunch program, which began February 20, 2021. We continue to ask that anyone who wants to get involved in any way, shape or form, to come on in Saturday, or give John a call or email. (704-524-6462 mazejmazel@aol.com) We can certainly use monetary donations as well! Our meat supply has been a struggle all year. We have been able to secure resources for vegetables, starches, and fruits. If anyone would like to contribute to our program, please mark your check for "Saturday Lunch"! We make sure every cent is spent wisely. As this is written, we have no idea how the Christmas Lunch will go, but knowing the level of support from our church body gives us total faith it will work out very well. The generosity and love from our congregation continuously warms our hearts. Thank you all for caring and helping our community!

> Peace of Christ, John and Ben

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!





Troop #2160 will pick up their cookies on January 15

Watch your weekly emails for times for the **Drive-Thru Cookie Booth** at the church. You will also be able to place orders directly with Jianna or Kivi Miller.

GIFTS FOR OUR TREE OF ANGELS

In Honor of Eddie & Jemmietta Allred Peggy Bates Gerri Hill Camille Morgan	Buddy & Rita Lohr Eddie & Belinda Yates
Christopher Kiser, John Maze, Ellen Peterson, Rev. Evan Sieges, Susie Smith	Raeann Allred
Rev. Elizabeth Horton, Paula Lopp, Ellen Peterson, Carolyn Robbins	Rev. June Grubb
June Grubb, The Horton Family,	Harriette & Clifton Murphy
Rev. June Grubb, Rev. Elizabeth Horton,	Jeremy, Ellen & Lucas Peterson

In Memory of Edgar Bates	Given byPeggy Bates
Dedra Clark	
Lori Lopp Floyd	Lee Ann & Tony Peele
John & Dorothy Gray	John & Vicky Gray
George Horner	John & Vicky Gray
Chad Kirkman	Lee Ann & Tony Peele
Barbara Miller	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Robert Sandifer	Beverly Sandifer & family
My Parents	Beverly Sandifer & family
Rachael & H.C. Koonts	Chris & Raeann Allred & Holt Biesecker
Bob & Dawn Shaak	Chris & Raeann Allred & Holt Biesecker
Eleanor & R. Bruce Smith	Jerry & Aurelia Smith
Rev. William R. Yocum	Carolyn Yocum

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING JANUARY 9, 2022

Rev. June Grubb

"Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ"

Ordinary time is the season that follows Epiphany, although most of the time we call it the "Season of Epiphany." The Epistle readings in Year C of the Lectionary Cycle are the letters to the Corinthians. The best known passages are from I Corinthians 13 known as the "Love Chapter."

This Bible Study is based on the Epistles readings as a way of seeing the Light of Christ through the lens of love. "Love Never Ends" is both a description and a promise. You are invited to journey with others, guided by the Corinthian Epistles to let the light shine around you, in you, and then from you as we seek to continue to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We who have seen the Light of Christ now desire to reflect it in our community and in our world by letting others see Christ through our loving presence.

Our Sunday morning Bible study begins at 9:30AM in the educational building or via ZOOM. The themes and scripture readings for the month of January are as follows:

Sunday, January 9th "Well Pleased" The Baptism of Jesus Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16th "Varieties of Gifts" I Corinthians 12:1-11

Sunday, January 23rd "You Are the Body" I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Sunday, January 30th The Greatest of These" I Corinthians 13:1-13

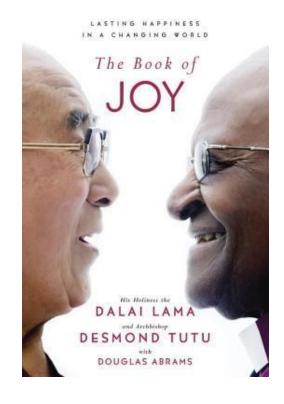
NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINNING THIS MONTH

Rev. June Grubb

"The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" is the new book study which begins on Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00PM via ZOOM. (The link will be shared in the weekly emails.)

An inter-spiritual discussion with His Holiness Dalai Lama XIV, Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams (Translator) is an intimate glimpse into the minds of two of the world's spiritual guides and their foundation for an attainable and practical approach to experiencing a more enriching and sustainable life of abundant joy, as they share their own stories and teachings about joy and compassion.

For more information about the book you may watch several videos online at www.https//bing.com/video/book of joy. Several copies of the book are available in the church office for purchase.



UPDATE ON MENTAL ILLNESS CLOSE TO HOME

Cathy Browder



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Through the efforts of a group of First Reformers and others in the community, we have partnered with NW Piedmont NAMI. Residents of Davidson County now have access to NAMI services. The mission of NAMI as stated on their website (https://naminc.org/about-us/mission/) is:

"The mission of NAMI North Carolina is to provide support, education, advocacy, and public awareness so that all affected by mental illness can build better lives."

We are excited to have access to these services and very grateful for all those who have worked to make this possible.

When COVID restrictions are lifted, meetings will be held at FRUCC. In the meantime all meetings are offered on Zoom. If you or someone you know is living with or supporting an individual with a mental health challenge, please contact Cathy Browder at cmbrowder@gmail.com.

There are support and educational programs for adults who have experienced symptoms of a mental health condition and programs for family members, caregivers, friends, and loved ones of individuals living with mental illness.

We are in need of additional facilitators for these programs, so if you are willing to become trained for this please visit https://naminc.org/become-a-program-leader/

Cathy Browder is scheduled for training in February and will be glad to speak to anyone about the process.

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

Jerry Lovell

As I write this article, the end of December is approaching. The Youth play "Christmas Collision" has brought joy and laughter to the church that we've been missing for a long time.

The anticipated "Christmas Day Take-out Lunch" has brought an excitement to the congregation and the community. This event has inspired our members to do everything possible to make this occasion a great experience for the less fortunate in our neighborhood.

The Food Ministry, Clothing Ministry and the Board of Evangelism worked together with volunteers to provide gift bags filled with items such as socks, gloves, toboggans and toiletries to pick up along with an unbelievable take-out meal. Our children and youth even helped out by filling the gift bags to get them ready for Christmas Day. Plans were also made for anyone who wanted to have a "sit-down meal" on Christmas Day by setting up tables and chairs in our church parking lot.

This effort of unity between our church and community surely shows the Joy of Christmas and the purpose of our ministries.

Let us keep this Spirit through the New Year!

THANK YOU NOTES

FRUCC Members and Friends,

I am continually hearing, "everything is so different now." That's true in many situations but not all. The church has always operated on donations of time and talents. And again, this year the generosity of the folks at First Reformed United Church of Christ has been evident. Because of you, the church will be able to close the year with invoices current and ALL benevolences paid! May we continue to share God's light and love into the New Year. Thank you, and Praise God!

Paula Lopp, Financial Secretary

Dear Church Family,

"Thank you" is just a small I expression of my appreciation for the many cards, donations to our local benevolences in my honor and especially for the generous monetary gift. First Reformed UCC and it's staff and members are very close to my heart. I wish us all a healthy and safe new year in 2022.

June Grubb

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to express my great appreciation for the cards and calls and, most of all, your prayers during my recent surgery. I am doing well and am so thankful for the support of my church family.

I miss you all and think of your often. I was truly blessed to be in your presence for almost 29 years. I can still feel your love and support, and I am so thankful for that!

With love and appreciation, Lee Ann Peele

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the fruit basket and Christmas cards. I appreciate all you do for me!

Peggy Bates

First Reformed UCC Church Family,

Thank you! I am delighted with this year's Christmas gift to the staff. It's always great to know that you are being recognized and appreciated. Although we haven't been able to share hugs, your acknowledgement is evident.

Thank you again, Paula Lopp

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. I am very appreciative of the gift shared with me through your contributions for Christmas. I wish each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely, Carolyn Robbins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF APPRECIATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING BENEVOLENCES:

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS
OF LEXINGTON/DAVIDSON COUNTY

LEXINGTON MEDICAL MINISTRIES CLINIC

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HOSPICE OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

FAMILY SERVICES OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

THE PASTOR'S PANTRY

DAIVDSON COUNTY FIRST HOPE MINISTRIES

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Many thanks go to all the volunteers who helped out with the Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringers:

Betty Barr, Cathy Browder, Frank Callicutt, Bella & Bryson Gentry, James & Alice Gray, John & Vicky Gray, Walter & Ann Hoffman, Buddy Lohr, Johnny & Lynn McCarn. Calvin & Susan Odom, and Steve Smith.

We appreciate your time for this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS COLLISION CAST & CANDIDS

MOVIES CASTS:

FROM "A CHRISTMAS STORY"
RALPHIE—PATRICK HORTON
RANDY—PARKER HORTON

FROM "HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"
THE GRINCH —BRYSON GENTRY*

FROM "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"
GEORGE BAILEY—**SAM WEST**

FROM "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

EBENEZER SCROOGE —BELLA GENTRY*

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST —KAI PLUMMER

FROM "ELF"
BUDDY—ETHAN LOVELL

FROM "DIE HARD"

JOHN MCCLANE—**JEREMY LOVELL**

OTHER CAST MEMBERS;

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—GIA MILLER PASTOR ELIZABETH—AS HERSELF DEBORAH THE ELF—AVA MILLER SANTA CLAUS—EVAN SIEGES

NATIVITY CAST:

JOSEPH—LUCAS PETERSON MARY—KYLA SIEGES ANGEL—KYNDELL LOVELL BABY JESUS—ELSIE SIEGES

COSTUMES: STACY SOSEBEE-WEST

*BRYSON AND BELLA GENTRY WERE UNABLE TO BE HERE THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. HOWEVER, THEY PUT IN MANY HOURS OF PRACTICE AND DESERVE RECOGNITION!









CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...DECEMBER 2021

Consistory met on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:45AM both in-person and via Zoom

BOARD REPORTS:

- Board of Evangelism
 Average Weekly Attendance for November:
 60
- Financial Report
 Average weekly offering deposited in November 2021 (5 weeks Oct. 31, Nov. 7,14,21,28): \$3,182
 (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget \$5,889)

All bills are current....General fund: \$1,159.00... Music fund: \$9,373.00...Vanco fee: \$80.88

OLD BUSINESS:

 All members were asked to turn in Consistory notebooks by December 19 to be updated for 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2022 Deacons and Elders joined the meeting Elders: Betty Barr and Clifton Murphy Deacons: Dave Fulton (completing Renee White's term), John Maze and Stacy Sosebee -West
 - Trustee: Walter Hoffman
- Election of Consistory officers for 2022 was completed. (Please see page 11)
- Areas of Service for Advent
 - Ohristmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross) offering December 19
 - Saturday Lunch Meal favorite dessert/dish contributions for December 25
 - Treat Bag collections (money and items) for Saturday Lunch clients
 - ♦ Alternative Gifts...Angel Tree
 - Salvation Army Bell Ringers (open time slots have been filled)
 - Christmas Cards for members at home (volunteers needed to deliver these along with fruit baskets)
- Leftover food from the December 25th takeout lunch will go to Grace Episcopal for their Sunday lunch the following day.
- A section on the right side of the church parking lot will be used to set up tables (weather permitting) for December 25th take-out lunch.
- Through a Second Harvest Food Bank connection, 48 boxes of Amazon overstock items

- have been received. After sorting, donations will be made to Positive Wellness Alliance, American Kids Act or families in need. We will also share with Macedonia Methodist Church. We are trying to network with other churches.
- A Pledge update was given. This information was shared with the congregation in the weekly emails with encouragement to send in pledges.

• Covid Protocol Discussion

- There is a need to update current Covid protocols and evaluate for changes. Bob Harmon from Open Hands has been advised that Monday Night Open Hands Meal would still be carry-out only if starting this again is considered.
- A question about youth/children's activities including refreshments arose. A decision was made that small groups can have food/refreshments if social distancing is possible when masks are removed to eat. Large church-wide events would not serve food, including refreshments at the Christmas program in the Fellowship Hall and worship service gathering on December 26th. The church will also continue wearing masks in the sanctuary and social distancing by blocking some pews.
- Congregational singing with masks will begin with the December 12 worship service. The choir will continue to wear masks when singing.
- The Christmas Eve service will not include communion. Instead it will be served at one of the Advent Prayer Walk stations December 15-19th. All agreed the Christmas Eve service will be held.
- Men's Brotherhood is considering meeting in January. Since this is a small group, a meal can be prepared and served. All agreed. It was also decided that other small groups may use the Fellowship Hall to meet.
- Pastor's Relations Committee: work on this committee is in progress and should be completed by January.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:

January 9th to be held in the Fellowship Hall & via Zoom.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Thank you to the following Consistory Members for your service the past three years:

Elders: Raeann Allred, Harriette Murphy
Deacons: Kivi Miller, Mike Price
Trustee: Doug Sink

OUR 2022 CONSISTORY

PRESIDENT: John Gray
SECRETARY: Rita Lohr
VICE PRESIDENT: Clifton Murphy
TREASURER: Walter Hoffman

TRUSTEES

2022-Buddy Lohr 2023-Clifford Lopp 2024-Jerry Smith 2025-Mark Smith 2026-Walter Hoffman

	<u>ELDERS</u>	
2020-21-22	Rita Lohr	John Smith
<u>2021-22-23</u>	John Gray	Lisa Nelson
<u>2022-23-24</u>	Betty Barr	Clifton Murphy
	DEACONS	
<u>2020-21-22</u>	Dave Fulton	Alane Holste
2021-22-23	Robert Danze	Smithie Parrish
2022-23-25	John Maze	Stacy Sosebee-West

HELP US UPDATE OUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS



Have you noticed that your name has not been showing up on our birthday or anniversary calendars in the newsletter, bulletins or weekly emails? If so, it's because we don't have it in our church records. Help us start the New Year off right by updating our records. If you would like your name included in these calendars, please contact the office by email (carolyn@frucc.org) or phone (336-248-2617), and we'll be sure to add this information to our records.



Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

1. Jesus healed Peter's wife	TRUE E	FALSE
(<i>Matthew 8:14</i>). 2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two	R	Α
loaves and five fish (14:17). 3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter	M	S
saw Jonah and Elijah (17:3). 4. The rich, young ruler decided	T	С
not to follow Jesus (19:22). 5. Jesus said the temple had	I	G
become a "den of robbers" (21:13). 6. Famines and earthquakes are	V	D
signs of the end of the age (24:7). 7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise	F	Α
and six foolish maidens (25:1-13). 8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret	Р	L
handshake (26:48). 9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated logue (37.11.14)	W	0
interrogated Jesus (27:11-14).		N
3 2 8 6 7 4 5	9	1

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer. Use the Scripture hints if needed.

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A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

Matthew 27:19)

(Matthew 27:19	with juice squeezed into a cup.
G. Pilate's wife	7. This person saw a vine produce grapes,
(Genesis 37:9, 1	to flee to Egypt.
F. OT Joseph	6. A dream warned this person (plus family)
(Matthew 2:13)	were smashed by a stone.
E. NT Joseph	5. This person saw a statue whose feet
(Genesis 40:9-1	warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
D. Pharaoh's cupbe	4. After an unpleasant dream, this person
(Genesis 28:12)	cows eating fat cows.
C. Jacob	3. This person dreamed about skinny
(Matthew 2:12)	in this person's dreams.
B. The Magi	2. Angels went up and down a ladder
(Genesis 41:17-	to hear of certain dreams.
A. Pharaoh	1. This person's brothers were irritated

Genesis 40:9-11

JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
2 Epiphany & Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship: In the Pulpit Rev. Evan Sieges 11:45 Prayer Circle	3	4 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom)	5 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	6 4-6:00 Clothes Closet Work Day	7	8 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship (Installation of Consistory) 10:45 Children's Church 11:45 Prayer Circle 11:45 Consistory 6:00 Youth Group	10	11 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study via Zoom	12 5:30 Confirmation 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	4-6:00 Clothes Closet Work Day	14	15 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gerri Hill
- 3 Carroll Spivey
- 5 Jianna Miller Smithie Parrish
- 6 Gennie Lou Byerly
- 10 Deanna Michael Harriette Murphy
- 11 Camille Morgan
- 13 Jitter Yarbrough
- 15 Laura Perry
- 18 Patti Lovell Mike Price
- 19 Heidi Hutcheson
- 21 Carolyn Robbins
- 22 Lisa Nelson
- 24 Alyson Bustamante-Cruz Denise Durham
- 25 Eddie Yates
- 30 Lauren Gregg

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16 Walter & Ann Hoffman

20 Chris & Raeann Allred

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN JANUARY

LITURGISTS:

January 2

Dave Fulton

January 9

Bonita Hooper

January 16

Jerry Lovell

January 23

Cathy Whitley

January 30

Patti Lovell

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

James Gray

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:

January 2

Kivi & Jia Miller

January 9, 16, 23, 30

Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE:

Emma Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD:

Jacob Hartle

USHERS:

January 2

John Gray, John Smith, Eddie Yates

Communion Servers:

John Gray, John Smith, Lisa Nelson, Michell Winters

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...
PLEASE SIGN UP USING
THIS LINK OR CONTACT
EDDIE YATES.

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10:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP Livestreamed VIA YOU TUBE

NEW OFFICE HOURS Monday - Wednesday - Friday 800am to 12:00pm



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