



# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

## FEBRUARY 2022

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON



In just a few weeks, families living with mental illness in Davidson County can access local support in NAMI services!

**Beginning in April, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00PM**, Cathy Browder will co-facilitate a **Family Support Group via Zoom**. This is a meeting where people can talk to each other about experiences with a loved one afflicted by a mental health condition.

When COVID restrictions are lifted, meetings will be held in person at First Reformed United Church of Christ (FRUCC) at 104 E Center Street, Lexington.

Thanks to the efforts of Cathy and Joe Browder, Davidson County is now partnering with the larger N.W. NAMI which already serves Forsyth, Davie, and Stokes Counties. With this partnership, now, instead of having to go to Winston-Salem or Greensboro for mental health support services, many will now have the ability to remain in their home county.

Cathy represents Davidson County on the N.W. NAMI board, and now Davidson County has been given full access to their services.

**“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.”**

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](mailto:cmbrowder@gmail.com).

*-Elizabeth*

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCRIPTURES:**

**Love Is: The Body of Christ**

**February 6:**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**February 13:**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**February 20:**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

**February 27:**

2 Corinthians 3:12-4

### WEEKLY PLANS CONTINUE FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Rev. Evan Sieges

<b><u>EACH SUNDAY:</u></b>	<b>10:45AM</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b> Rev. Evan delivers a message during worship then children (Pre-K through 6th Grade) meet with him and a volunteer for additional activities in the Theater Room of the Education Building. Parents pick up children in the Education Building following worship.
	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>YOUTH MEETING:</b> Rev. Evan meets with youth (Middle & High School age) in the Youth Room downstairs in the Education Building for fun activities.
<b><u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u></b>	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S FUN &amp; ACTIVITIES:</b> Offered to all K-5th grade children, this group meets in the Fellowship Hall for a time to play, have fun and spend time together. The group is led by two adult volunteers and once a month by Rev. Evan.
	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b>	<b>YOUTH STUDY:</b> Offered to all Middle & High School youth, this group meets in the Youth Room downstairs in the Education Building. Weekly discussion are centered around asking, "What does the Bible say about ....?" Led by Rev. Evan each week except for one week per month when adult volunteers lead.)

## 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.

## JANUARY MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER

Steve Berrier  
Wayne Berrier

### IN MEMORY OF BRENDA POETZINGER

(SUSIE SMITH'S STEPMOTHER)

Cliff & Paula Lopp  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

### IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SKIPPER

Thomas Skipper

### IN MEMORY OF RONALD YATES

(EDDIE YATES' FATHER)

First Reformed UCC Choir  
Jonathan Kepley  
Eulene Shepherd  
John & Susie Smith  
Cathy & Steve Waitman

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Alane Holste, Kathleen Danze (in Lexington Hospital), Cheryl Walser (recovering at home), Susie Smith & family, Alisa Johnson

### MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

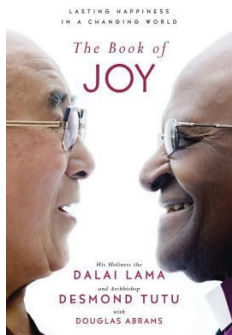
Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Jeff Hutchens, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, John Potts & Janette Neal, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

### OUR FRIENDS:

Steve Ketner (Charm Ketner's husband), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Earl Parker (Rev. Elizabeth Horton's father), Jimmy Grubb (Rev. June Grubb's brother), Roger and Debbie Byerly (friends of Alane Holste and Robin Champion), Family of Tommy Nelson (friend of Robin Champion), Jody Jacobs (cousin to Robin Champion), Cynthia Adams (friend to Robin Champion), John Ray Ward (Patti Lovell's brother-in-law), The Family of Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell, Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye, Ashley Thomason (Ron & Heidi Hutcheson's daughter-in-law)

# SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

## BOOK STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH FEBRUARY



“The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World” study which began in January will continue this month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM via ZOOM. You may join the study [HERE](#).  
**(Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471  
Passcode: Faith)**

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.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD PROVIDES SHELTER MEAL

The Men's Brotherhood fed 55 clients at Crisis Ministry's shelter on Monday, January 10. Clifford Lopp and Eddie Yates organized a meal of BBQ and fixings from Lexington Barbecue along with chips, dessert and ice tea. Thank you to the Men's Brotherhood for your generosity for this worthwhile ministry!

**The next shelter meal will be provided March 14th by Women's Life Fellowship.**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Following worship on February 13, our congregation will meet with our 2022 Consistory to hear about the ministries fulfilled in 2021. There will also be focus on current ministries and how we can connect in 2022. Mark your calendars now.

## LENT BEGINS

As we reflect on the most recent cold, snowy weather, it's hard to imagine that Spring will be here in less than two months. Spring brings with it thoughts of Easter. That will be here before we know it, too. Easter 2021 marked our first in-person worship service in over a year because of the Covid virus.

This year, the Easter season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. At this point, the worship team does not have definite plans for all that will be included throughout the season of Lent and Holy Week. Plans will be shared through weekly emails and in the March 2022 Newsletter as they develop.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF  
LIFE!**



**American  
Red Cross**

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will hold it's first blood drive for 2022 in our church Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 16th from 2:00–7:00PM. No appointment is necessary**, but if you would like to sign up for a specific time slot, please contact Alice Gray at **336-249-3971** or [jgray1@triad.rr.com](mailto:jgray1@triad.rr.com).

**COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THIS BLOOD DRIVE.**

## 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. **Applications are due to the church office by March 31.** (See page 8 of this newsletter for a list of criteria and a copy of the application.)

# CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH MINISTRY

John Maze & Ben Hale

## A Big Christmas Thank You!

When the newsletter went out for January, we weren't sure how the Christmas lunch would go. The weather was in the 70's. We were able to have tables set up for outdoor dining. Ben set up Christmas music outside for enjoyment while eating. Patti and Jerry Lovell set up clothes, purses, blankets, and mini bags with socks, toboggans, and chap stick for our homeless and less fortunate.

We were set to go with 14 volunteers to work inside and outside making sure everyone got the holiday meal! Thank you to Patti, Jerry, Alice and her son and daughter, Cindy, Cathy and Joe, Camille, Marge, Dave and Glenyce, and Benjamin. It was fun to work with folks we haven't been able to enjoy in the past, as well as our regularly committed volunteers.

Thanks to the congregation for bringing in so many potatoes, mac and cheese, green bean casseroles, deviled eggs, Jell-o salads, pies, cakes and cookies! One thing I knew for sure, was our congregation would come through with enormous amounts of food because our congregation cares! A special thanks goes to Jerry Lovell for bringing the meat slicer to cut up the dozen hams. We had a perfect count for what we needed to serve! We were able to offer heaping amounts of food to those who came to eat. Many of our friends had seconds and thirds! The Christmas meal ended up serving 93 people! 93 people got to eat on Christmas Day instead of going hungry. Think about that! It filled my heart to see everyone give up their time on Christmas and work on putting together a great meal!

We are changing the expectations in the city of Lexington for ensuring our homeless and less fortunate are being fed all days of the week. Their thanks and continuous comments on such great homemade food made it so well worth it! Many of our homeless friends stayed and helped break down the tables showing their appreciation! Thank you so much First Reformed!



A large variety of main and side dishes, along with delicious desserts, were provided by members of our congregation.



Gloves, socks, lip balm and toboggan caps were all parts of the Treat Bags handed out to all who came.





(left) Alice Gray and her son, Scott.



(right) Smithie Parrish and Jerry & Patti Lovell

(left) Glenyce Fulton serves up desserts.



(right) The weather allowed outside dining for those who wanted to eat on-site.



(front from left:)  
Corinne Gray, Joe Browder, John Maze, Smithie Parrish

(back from left:) Cindi Easter, Camille Morgan, Marge Doty, Cathy Browder, Glenyce & Dave Fulton

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY!

On **February 20th**, the SATURDAY TAKE-OUT LUNCH MINISTRY celebrates its First Anniversary. Very quickly, this ministry proved to be a successful outreach program!

John Maze shares how this ministry began...

*"In the beginning, a former board member of Open Hands and volunteer, Kathy Frangos, brainstormed with me on what was needed in the community. She brought forth the suggestion of a Saturday meal, as that was the one day of the week a hot meal was not available for those who needed one. From there, she and Helen Cheramie (both of Macedonia Methodist) helped put this program together, as it was new territory for me. Without them, I am afraid I would not have launched this program very well. They are creative and very resourceful, which helped me enormously. They have branched out and created a breakfast program three days a week at Macedonia, as well as two nightly meals, which have taken off much like our lunch program.*

*"They have helped me find resources and people to get the food we need without spending excessive amounts of money. Most importantly, they have taught me indirectly, that we all need to work together to make sure the homeless and less fortunate are fed. Saturday Lunch works indirectly with four different food ministries, and we all try to share resources and labor as much as possible.*

*"Kathy, Helen and I worked together to make it happen. They deserve a ton of credit along with all who help make it happen each week."*

During worship service on February 20th, we will celebrate this ministry's successful first year. Thank you, John Maze, for your part in getting this outreach program started and following through weekly with your work to get volunteers and food so this ministry continued each week to its first anniversary. Thank you to all the volunteers who selflessly give their time to volunteer to help serve and provide food for all who come.

## A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Jerry & Patti Lovell

I do realize that Christmas is in the rearview mirror for many of us. Wrapping paper and bows have either been trashed or salvaged for another year. Presents have been put away or on display or returned. Having family together is always a precious time. Being able to experience the Candlelight Service together is such an inspiring time. Memories continue to warm our hearts and make us smile.

However, something equally precious and priceless took place on Christmas Day at First Reformed!

A festive meal was organized by John Maze and supplemented with special dishes and desserts from our Church Family and the community. There were lots of volunteers on hand to not only distribute meals but to actually serve our guests their meals at tables set up in the parking lot. All these folks, guests and volunteers alike, had the opportunity to sit and visit. God provided an unseasonably warm and sunny December day, though windy, that was perfect for outdoor fellowship.

A lady pulled into the parking lot, opened her vehicle, and began unpacking quilts, comforters

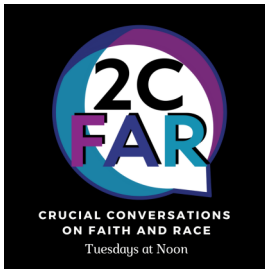
and toys that she wanted to donate. Grandparents were especially excited to have the chance to get presents for their grandbabies.

Our guests were surprised to receive a gift bag containing two pairs of socks, a toboggan, gloves, hand lotion, and lip balm. These bags were assembled by volunteers, our children, and our youth...truly an intergenerational project. June Grubb's plan to have donation boxes at the back of the sanctuary prior to Christmas was awesome. Once again, through the generosity of our Church Family, there were approximately 175 packages put together...almost double the number we'd planned.

Over Thanksgiving, our oldest granddaughter said something that has been resounding in my head and heart. In her infinite ten-year-old wisdom, while talking about holidays in general, she said that most holidays are just days; but that Christmas is a season of love that should be shared throughout the year.

So, Christmas Day 2021 has passed. Let's keep the season of love alive in 2022. **We are the Church!**

# CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND RACE (2CFAR)



2CFAR, during Covid-19, is a virtual community designed for intentional and honest conversations to help foster racial justice and reconciliation in our Community. We meet Tuesdays at noon via

Zoom. We may have a local person share their own experiences with race and faith, or we may have open discussion amongst ourselves.

The group's foundation was formed through First Reformed's Board of Evangelism, under the leadership of Dave Fulton. In 2017, a small group from 2 black and 2 white churches (First Reformed, Second Reformed, St. Stephen UMC and Shadyside Presbyterian) sought out ways to do ministry together in what was then the East Lexington Collaborative Ministries.

It has been amazing to see how the Spirit has moved beyond the confines of 4 churches, involving folks from many cross sections of this community. Please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

One of the most segregated hours in Lexington (and most anywhere in the USA) is the Sunday morning service hour. 2CFAR is interested in exploring this segregation by making an effort

to attend, watch and/or participate in a morning worship experience, on each of the **5th Sundays** in the calendar year.

The challenge: Get outside of your comfort zone in religion on Sunday morning....actually, you can watch a recorded service to meet this challenge.

Pick one. We think we'll find out we're not that different and that God is the God for all human beings.

Here's a list of some churches available online:

- **Facebook**
- **Faith Forward**  
<https://www.facebook.com/SundayWorshipSuber/>
- **Files Chapel:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/FilesCBCLexingtonNC/>
- **St. Stephens United Methodist Church**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Stephens-United-Methodist-Church/111675832203315>
- **First Baptist Church, Village Drive**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Baptist-Church-Village-Dr-Lexington-Nc/560070060768116>

## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

Rev. June Grubb

**"Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ"** continues a Bible study based on Paul's letter to the Corinthians. We will continue to meet via ZOOM at 9:15AM. Themes and facilitators are listed below:

### **Sunday, February 6th**

"Hold Firmly" I Corinthians 15:1-11 (Facilitator: June Grubb)

### **Sunday, February 13th**

"The First Fruits" I Corinthians 15:12-20 (Facilitator: Smithie Parrish)

### **Sunday, February 20th**

"Raised In Glory" I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (Facilitator: Eddie Yates)

### **Sunday, February 27th**

"Seeing the Glory" 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Facilitator: June Grubb)

# FEBRUARY IS GIRL SCOUT COOKIE MONTH



Girl Scouts 2160 will be selling Girl Scout cookies the **whole month of February**. This year's cookies are:

**Caramel deLites** (aka Samoas)  
**Toast-Yay!** (cinnamon toast)  
**Thin Mints**  
**Peanut Butter Sandwiches**  
**Thin Mints**

**Adventurefuls** (new this year -- brownie with caramel)  
**Lemonades**  
**Peanut Butter Patties** (covered in chocolate)  
**Shortbread**  
**Caramel Chocolate Chip** (Gluten-Free)

They are \$5 per box. Please contact Kivi or Jianna Miller to place an order. You can call or text Kivi at 336-870-0251 or email Jianna at [jiannamiller@gmail.com](mailto:jiannamiller@gmail.com). **The troop will also be leading worship on Girl Scout Sunday, February 27, and that will be your last day to buy cookies at church. Thank you for supporting our Girl Scouts!**

## *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.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the fruit basket and the abundance of cards I received at Christmas. It was so comforting to open the cards and remember each smiling face. I miss each one of you.

Love and blessings to all,  
Deanna Michael

Dear Trustees,

Thank you so much for granting me a Hinkle, Sink, Swing scholarship again this year! It's hard to believe that I will graduate this spring from Appalachian State! Four years have flown by, and I have had a great college experience in spite of Covid changing some things for a year and a half of it. (I also studied a lot in case Mom asks.)

The support shown me through words of encouragement, prayers and monies from my church family are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,  
Holt Biesecker

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift and for the donations made to the Angel Tree in my name during the Advent season. I continue to be blessed to be a part of this congregation and to work with the best choir members I could ask for. I look forward to hearing beautiful music continue to fill our sanctuary in 2022.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Peterson

To the Trustees of First Reformed UCC,

First and foremost, I would like to express my extreme gratitude for selecting me as the recipient for one of the Hinkle, Sink, Swing scholarships. Being able to obtain my bachelor's in medical imaging closes a chapter that I began more than twenty years ago. Now here I am, so close to reaching that goal, and I couldn't be prouder of myself and my family for committing to make this happen. I cannot forget to include my church family and all their contribution toward helping me achieve this milestone. Your support and love mean so much more to me and my family than you will ever know.

Obviously, deciding to go back to college during a global pandemic wasn't exactly a part of the plan, but honestly may have been the best time. One of the main reasons why I had put off going back to school all these years had to do with the associated costs. I just couldn't justify spending all that money on just me and my education. Somehow, I finally had the courage to take that leap of faith and trust that God would provide a way. As time has gone, he has provided a way in the form of kind, generous contributors who want to help others achieve success. I am deeply humbled to have been chosen as scholarship recipient, and I am forever grateful for your generosity. Thank you for helping me reach this milestone in my life and career and for providing the resources to aid me in reaching my goal.

God Bless,  
Keri L Hartle

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF APPRECIATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING BENEVOLENCES:

DAVIDSON PRISON MINISTRY  
EVERY AGE FOUNDATION  
LEXINGTON AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH (volunteer [HERE](#)) (meets in Theater Room)

FEBRUARY 6: Alane Holste  
20: Alice Gray

13: Cathy Browder  
27: Cathy Browder

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S FUN & GAMES (volunteer [HERE](#)) (meets in the Fellowship Hall)

FEBRUARY 2: Alice Gray & Vicky Gray  
16: Marge Doty (1 volunteer needed)

9: (volunteers needed)  
23: Evan Sieges & Jeremy Lovell

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH (volunteer [HERE](#)) (meets in the Youth Room)

FEBRUARY 2: Frankie Hedrick & Evan Sieges  
16: June Grubb & Evan Sieges

9: Frankie Hedrick & Evan Sieges  
23: Dave Fulton (1 volunteer needed)

# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...JANUARY 2022

Consistory met on Sunday, January 6, 2022 at 11:45AM both in-person and via Zoom.

## 2022 OFFICERS

John Gray, President  
Clifton Murphy, Vice President  
Rita Lohr, Secretary  
Walter Hoffman, Treasurer

## BOARD REPORTS

### **Board of Evangelism:**

Average Weekly Attendance for December: 56 (does not include Christmas Eve attendance of 96)

### **Board of Business Management & Stewardship**

Finance & Budget Report for December 2021 showed the average weekly offering deposited was \$7,690 (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget: \$5,889).

General Fund: \$9,930

Music Fund: \$9,873

Vanco fee: &116.48

### **Pastor's Report for December 2021**

Visitation Pastor's Report from Rev. June Grubb December 2021: 15.5 hours...16 phone calls...10 visits. Rev. June continues to make calls and visits to members at home.

The Christmas Eve service was well attended with a count of 96. We will continue to form and align our ministries in 2022.

## NEW BUSINESS

Robert Danze resigned from Consistory due to increased responsibilities with his job and family. John Gray requested the Nominating Committee to find a replacement to fulfill the last two years for this Deacon position by the next Consistory meeting.

### **Changes for the 2022 Board Chair/Co-Chairpersons**

Our boards are our areas of ministry, but the goals outlined in the manual may need to be revisited to make them more current for 2022. Board chairpersons should delegate more of the duties.

- The Nominating Committee: Members appointed by the Consistory President, as stat-

ed in the church's By-Laws. Raeann Allred has agreed to serve on Nominating Committee.

- Congregational Life: Chairperson TBD
- Worship and Sacrament: Chairperson, Lisa Nelson, will need a Co-chair for Digital Worship & Sound.
- Community Outreach: Chairperson, John Maze, Co-Chairperson, Betty Barr
- Evangelism: Chairperson, Dave Fulton, will appoint a Co-Chairperson
- Property Management: Chairperson, John Smith Co-Chairperson, John Maze continue with this board
- Business Management and Stewardship: Chairperson, Alane Holste
- Faith Formation: Co-Chairpersons, Smithie Parrish and Stacy Sosebee-West
- Pastoral Relations Committee: Chairperson: Kivi Miller

*(please refer to the 2022 Board Chairpersons list on page 11)*

### **Board of Property Management**

- Herbie Lohr from Southern Lunch requested a couple of pews removed from the sanctuary for his restaurant waiting area. He will make a donation to the church and put a name plate on the pews saying they came from FRUCC. There are still additional pews.
- Saturday Lunch Ministry will complete one year of ministry in February. John Maze thanked those who have provided support as volunteers. He is not getting donations or support from Open Hands, so, he wants to explore partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank in order to get discounted canned goods, which will enable us to operate within our grant money budget.

### **Letter of Retirement**

John Gray shared that Paula Lopp, Financial Secretary, has indicated a retirement date for the end of February.

### **Next Consistory Meeting:**

**February 6, 2022** to be held in the Fellowship Hall & via Zoom.

# 2022 BOARD CHAIRPERSONS & SUB-COMMITTEES

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Eddie Yates, Walter Hoffman, Buddy Lohr & Raeann Allred

## PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Kivi Miller

## BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

Chairperson: TBD

Historical Committee  
Homecoming  
Bereavement Teams

## BOARD OF WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT:

Chairperson: Lisa Nelson

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion Servers and Ushers  
Altar Preparation and AltarScapes  
Music Ministry: *(Ex-officio: Ellen Peterson)*  
Sanctuary Needs  
Bible Stewards and Acolytes  
Greeters and Liturgists  
Flowers: Church Administrative Assistant  
Flower Delivery to Homebound  
Decorating Committee  
Digital Worship Committee

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM: *(Ex-officio: Rev. Horton)*

Chairperson: David Fulton

Card Ministry  
Prayer Chain Ministry  
Prayer Shawl Ministry

## BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION:

Co-Chairpersons: Smithie Parrish  
& Stacy Sosebee-West

Adult Faith Formation  
Youth Faith Formation  
Children's Faith Formation

## BOARD OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Chairperson: John Maze  
Co-Chairperson: Betty Barr

Clothing Ministry  
Charles England Elementary School  
Grace Episcopal and Saturday Meal Ministry  
Touching Davidson County with Love  
Community Garden  
Red Cross Blood Drive

## BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

Chairpersons: John Smith  
Co-Chairperson: John Maze

Insurance  
Special Gifts  
Parlor Committee

## BOARD OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP:

Chairperson: Alane Holste

Finance & Budget: *(Ex-officio: Walter Hoffman)*  
Endowments: Trustees

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH?

It has been a tradition in our church to have flowers at the front of the sanctuary as a sign of creation and life. We encourage anyone who wishes to place flowers in honor or memory of someone to continue this tradition, however the guidelines for this ministry changed in 2021.

- It is no longer be the church's responsibility to order and communicate information to the florist for individuals wishing to place flowers in the church.
- Previously reserved dates are no longer carried over from year to year.
- Sunday flower reservations are now be made through the church office based on a yearly calendar.
- Flowers will be placed at the front of the sanctuary unless someone has already reserved the date. Then there is an option to place flowers in the Narthex.
- In order to place flowers in the church, you must contact the church office either by phone or email to see if the requested week is open. ([carolyn@frucc.org](mailto:carolyn@frucc.org) or 336-248-2617)

It will be up to individuals to provide the flowers and be responsible for all billing. There are only two florists in the area who have a key to the sanctuary for

delivery of arrangements, **C Ray Floral Designs (336-247-1694)** and **Reggie's Flower Shoppe (336-731-8789)**. If you choose to use a different florist, you may contact the office to arrange for delivery or bring the arrangement yourself to the sanctuary on Sunday morning prior to worship.

**The church has several silk arrangements that may be used instead of ordering from a florist. These may be requested for use with a donation made to the church. The most appropriate seasonal arrangement will be selected from these.**

It will be up to the individual to make arrangements for removal of flowers from the sanctuary.

A calendar for each new year will be available for reservations by December 1 of the current year.

## Information that must be provided for flowers/plant reservations:

Reservation made by:                      Contact preference:  
Phone/Email:                                      Bulletin information:  
Arrangements for flowers after Sunday Service:

# PUZZLE



## *A wonderful washing*

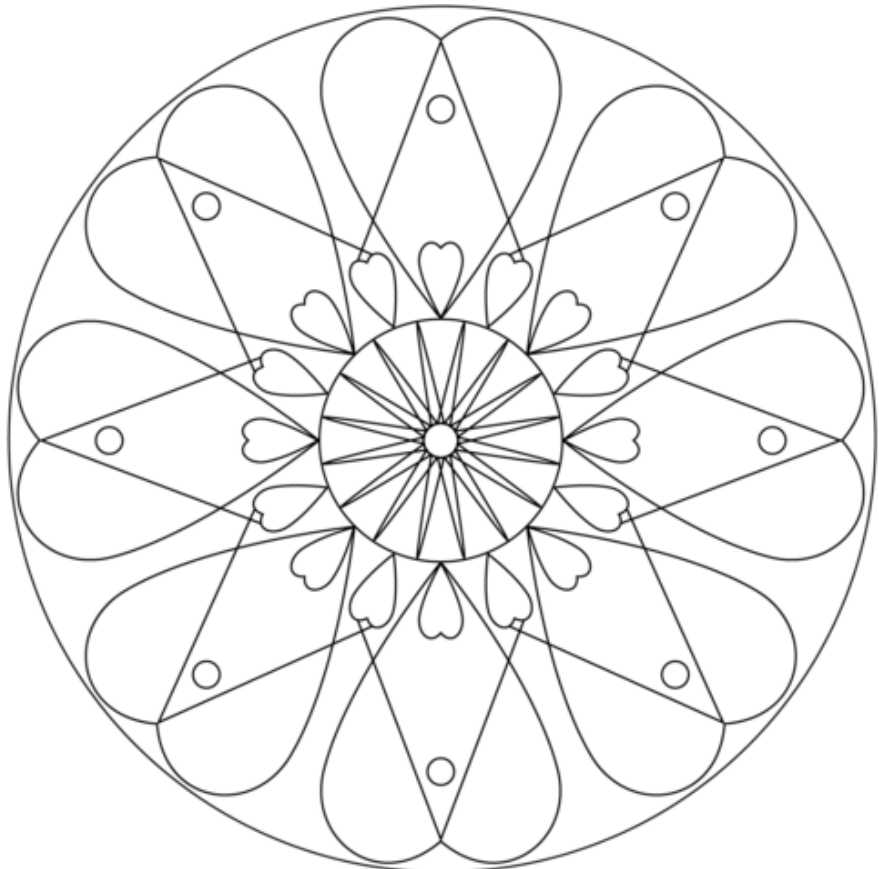
David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

*Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.*

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|-------------------|-------|--|
| ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _  | _____ | out my transgressions (v. 1)               |
| HSAW _ _ _ _ _    | _____ | away all my iniquity (v. 2)                |
| RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _ | _____ | me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7) |
| WNERE _ _ _ _ _   | _____ | me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)  |
| TLBO _ _ _ _ _    | _____ | your face from my sins (v. 9)              |
| DIHE _ _ _ _ _    | _____ | out all my iniquity (v. 9)                 |
| NATRG _ _ _ _ _   | _____ | in me a pure heart (v. 10)                 |
| LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _ | _____ | a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)       |
| LBTO _ _ _ _ _    | _____ | to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)    |
| WHS A _ _ _ _ _   | _____ | me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12) |



## HEART MANDALA TO COLOR FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!



# FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>2</b> 6:30 Choir Practice _____ Children's Fun & Games _____ Youth Study	<b>3</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>6</b> Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship: 11:45 Prayer Circle 11:45 Consistory 6:00 Youth Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>9</b> 6:30 Choir Practice _____ Children's Fun & Games _____ Youth Study	<b>10</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>13</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Church <b>11:45 Congregational Meeting</b> <b>"Looking Forward"</b> 6:00 Youth Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>16</b> 6:30 Choir Practice _____ Children's Fun & Games _____ Youth Study	<b>17</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day 6:30 PFLAG Meeting (via Zoom)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>20</b> <b>1st Anniversary of</b> <b>Take-Out Lunch Ministry</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 Youth Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study via Zoom	<b>23</b> 6:30 Choir Practice _____ Children's Fun & Games _____ Youth Study	<b>24</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:30 Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
<b>27</b> <b>Girl Scout Sunday</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Church 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 Youth Group	<b>28</b>					

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bonita Hooper  
Cameron Sink
- 7 Haylee Hutcheson
- 9 Ethan Lovell
- 12 Ann Hoffman
- 15 Abbie Callicutt
- 17 Lee Bouchard  
Amy Hedrick
- 18 Kalyssa Hutchens
- 19 Susan Morris
- 20 Frank Callicutt  
Janette Neal
- 23 Susie Smith
- 24 Megan Horton
- 27 Clifford Lopp

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st  
Ted & Nina Smith
- 9th  
Mike & Lynn Brown
- 10th  
Mike & Bonita Hooper
- 18th  
Jerry & Merle Hodges
- 20th  
Larry & Betty Link
- 28th  
Jerry & Aurelia Smith

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN FEBRUARY

### LITURGISTS:

- February 6  
Cathy Whitley
- February 13  
Cathy Whitley
- February 20  
Doris Sink
- February 27  
Alane Holste

### SOUND TECHNICIAN:

John Gray

### DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:

- February 6 & 13  
Kivi & Jia Miller
- February 20 & 27  
Jeremy Peterson

### ACOLYTE:

Lucas Peterson

### BIBLE STEWARD:

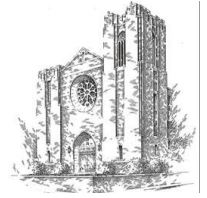
Ethan Lovell

### USHERS:

- February 6  
James Gray, Lisa Nelson,  
Michell Winters
- February 13\*  
James Gray
- February 20  
James Gray, Lisa Nelson,  
Michell Winters
- February 20\*  
James Gray,  
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**\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**  
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**Livestreamed VIA YOU TUBE**

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**Monday - Wednesday - Friday**  
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