

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lexington, NC
MARCH 2022

A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON

On February 20, I attended the farewell and closing service of First United Church of Christ in WINSTON-SALEM, where I served as pastor for nine and a half years.

I was filled with many emotions across the spectrum: loss, grief, sadness, anger, fear, but mainly disbelief. I never really thought churches like that, especially one of which I was a part, could close. One of the most sobering moments was the processional hymn the organ belted out while former pastors and the entire congregation stood and sang. "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"...it just felt wrong to sing about joy when a church just died.

But apparently, the Holy Spirit began to unlock my own spirit, and I found myself surprised by feelings of gratitude and, perhaps, a bit of joy. While preachers were plentiful for this church funeral, the music of the service really carried the message. We also sang "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (the first hymn sung in 1905), and ended with "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Joy, grace, relationship, and God's eternal presence...is there anything else that sustains us?

Indeed, First UCC was a sacred place because people experienced God there. Even though the church is no more, God has not left. God is still very present in that space...a place that will once again experience a resurrection. We serve a God who is not bound by our expectations, but a God who relishes in bringing forth new life.

On March 2, Lent begins. This year let's focus not on a Lenten journey, but let us explore the very place where we stand, our location, our spot in the world. This Lent let us explore what it means to proclaim that God is present, no matter where we are, even if it is in the shadows of death. Let us dive deeply into the proclamation that God can find you no matter where you are. Any place can be a place for resurrection.

Lent 2022:
WHEREVER YOU GO, HERE YOU ARE

PLEASE JOIN US...

Wednesday March 2

Noon -1:00PM

Drop-in Imposition of Ashes

7:00PM

Ash Wednesday Service
with St. Stephen UMC. Bring a friend!

Wednesdays Beginning March 9th

6:00PM

Sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall
(please bring your own meal)

6:30-7:30PM

Mid-week Vespers (Parlor)

Looking faithfully forward,
Elizabeth

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As Paula Lopp and Carolyn Robbins prepare to depart their positions as Financial Secretary and Administrative Assistant, our search committee is diligently looking for a Church Administrator, one person who can combine the responsibilities of communication, office management and finance. The search committee is John Gray, Walter Hoffman, Rita Lohr, Clifton Murphy, Renee White, and Smithie Parrish. Paula's last day was scheduled for February 28, however she is willing to stick around for a little while as we continue the search.

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Let's Revive the Garden! It's time to get our hands dirty! Our community garden needs your help. Last fall, a large tree fell on the garden, which damaged some of the beds. We need to remove the broken pieces and prepare to replace. We also need to weed so the early garden can be planted.

Garden workdays are scheduled for Saturday March 5 and 26 from 10-2:00.

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.

FEBRUARY MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF KITTY ANDERSON (KATHLEEN DANZE'S MOTHER)

John & Vicky Gray
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

IN MEMORY OF ASHLEY THOMASON (RON & HEIDI HUTCHESON'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW)

John & Vicky Gray
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Bill & Carolyn Robbins
Cathy & Steve Waitman

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA MILLER (EDDIE YATES' MOTHER)

Thomas & Joyce Phillips

IN MEMORY OF BRENDA POETZINGER (SUSIE SMITH'S STEPMOTHER)

Thomas & Joyce Phillips

IN HONOR OF VICKY GRAY'S BIRTHDAY

James & Alice Gray

IN MEMORY OF BOB SHAAK

Lanier Hardware

IN HONOR OF BONITA HOOPER'S BIRTHDAY

Mike Hooper

IN MEMORY OF RONALD YATES (EDDIE YATES' FATHER)

Tony & Lee Ann Peele
Thomas & Joyce Phillips

IN HONOR OF JOHN MAZE

Dave & Glenyce Fulton
Frankie Hedrick

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ron & Heidi Hutcheson and Family, Kathleen Danze and Family, Tammy Rhodes (recovering at home), Alane Holste, Myrtle Latimer, Kathleen Danze, Cheryl Walser, Alisa Johnson

MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

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

OUR FRIENDS:

Cindy Tatum (friend of Jerry & Patti Lovell), The Family of Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Beth Wrenn (friend of Patti Lovell), The Family of Ken and Curtis Holmes (neighbors of Jerry & Patti Lovell), The family of Glenn York (friends of Alane Holste), Marc Frye (son of the late Doris Frye)

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive at our church is scheduled on **Wednesday, March 16, 2:30 - 7:00**. Please consider giving blood. You can schedule an appointment online at the Red Cross website or call Alice Gray at 336-238-3791.

DRIVE DETAILS

Site:

First Reformed United Church of Christ

Address:

104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC, 27292

Room Name:

Fellowship Hall

Date:

Wed Mar 16, 2022

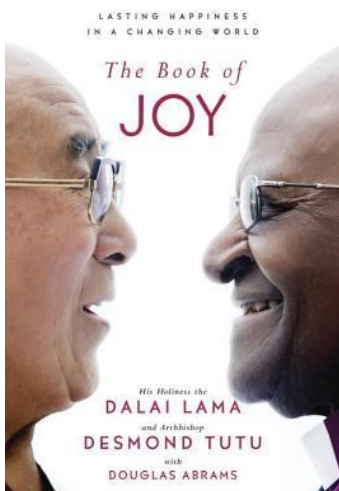
Time:

2:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name:

Alice Gray

BOOK STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH



"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

JOB OPENING:

FULL TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

- to manage the operations
- serve as a financial officer
- facilitate the communications for the church
- work in partnership with ministry staff and lay leadership to further the church's community-minded vision and inclusive mission to love God and love our neighbor.

SKILLS NEEDED: This broad-spectrum role needs strong bookkeeping, communication, and organizational skills. Must be comfortable using various types of technology, digital platforms, and software. Must be able to maintain confidentiality at times.



[Church Administrator Job Posting 02012022 1.pdf](#)



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time begins again! Remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12. Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday morning, March 13,

FREE DESKS

Since the remodeling of the parlor began, lots of furniture has been moved around and repurposed. There are a couple of desks that cannot be used anywhere else in the church... the one from the church office and the one from Rev. Horton's study.

If you are interested in either one, you are welcome to make arrangements during office hours to pick one (or both) up. You'll need a pick-up truck and some good strong help! Contact the church office if interested. Right now they are in the Education Building in the hallway at the nursery.

OVER & BEYOND FOR THE SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

John Maze

On Sunday, February 13th during the Congregational meeting, John Maze presented **Camille Morgan** an **“Over and Beyond Volunteer Award”** for her work throughout the first year of the Saturday Lunch Ministry. Camille helped start the program and has been a constant attendee since the ministry began.

Plans are to make this an annual award to be presented to volunteers who either go above and beyond in the call to help or show extraordinary effort in their work with this ministry.



THANK YOU, PAULA!



Walter Hoffman recognized Paula Lopp, Financial Secretary, during the Congregational Meeting on February 13 for her many years of excellent work as part of our church staff.

She will definitely be missed in the office, but will still be a part of our church family. She has graciously agreed to help in the transition process as the church moves forward to find a replacement for her. Hers will be some big shoes to fill!

CLOTHES MINISTRY

Jerry Lovell

The Clothes Ministry has been very busy during the unusually cold winter temperatures. The number of people needing and wanting assistance to stay warm has exceeded numbers from past winters.

We're seeing more families with children than ever before. We're continuing to serve clients of Meals on Wheels. We're reaching beyond Davidson County as we continue to collaborate with the "Victory in Jesus Christ Ministries" in Concord. These folks help relocate people from homeless shelters and tent cities. We have people coming to FRUCC* every day (even after

Sunday Worship) seeking help in the form of coats, socks, or shoes.

Thanks to the continued support and generosity of our First Reformed family and the community, needs that many might otherwise be taken for granted are being met.

First Reformed is making a difference. Thanks be to God!

**Carolyn does an incredible job of keeping us connected to folks in need and those wanting to make clothing donations! We really appreciate her unspoken role in The Clothes Ministry.*

SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED BY NAMI



Families living with mental illness in Davidson County now have access to support groups offered by the

National Alliance on Mental Illness - NAMI.

Davidson County is partnering with the larger N.W. Piedmont NAMI, which already serves Forsyth, Davie, and Stokes Counties. With this partnership, NAMI mental health support groups are available locally. These support groups are currently offered via Zoom. 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.

Family Support Group meetings are held via Zoom on the **1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month. **Peer-to-Peer Support Groups** are held via Zoom on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month. Please contact Cathy Browder at [**cmbrowder@gmail.com**](mailto:cmbrowder@gmail.com) for information about attending these meetings.

Beginning in **April, on the 1st and 3rd 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 who has a mental health diagnosis.

Please contact Cathy at [**cmbrowder@gmail.com**](mailto:cmbrowder@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to join the current meetings.

CHILDREN & YOUTH AT FIRST UCC

Rev. Evan Sieges

The past several of months in our Youth and Children's ministries have been incredible. From watching our children act out Bible stories every Sunday morning, to playing air hockey tournaments with our Youth on Sunday nights, and to learning about racism with our Youth every Wednesday evening, the ministry that's been happening has enriched my spirit.

Looking forward, we're going to continue journeying faithfully with our youth and children, engage their curiosity with integrity and honesty, and offer them support as they navigate the unique waters of their childhood.

If you could, would you consider serving as a volunteer for one of our offerings? **The ministry of the church cannot happen without you and your faithful support.** Without that support, and without volunteers, we will have to start cancelling activities, and we desperately want to avoid that.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to me at evan@frucc.org, and I'll be happy to help you sign up. Thank you so much, and blessings to you all!

(You can also volunteer using the **Sign-up Genius links on page 7** of this newsletter.)

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...FEBRUARY 2022

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

Board of Evangelism

..... Dave Fulton
The Board of Evangelism has divided into two sub-committees: **Church Promotion**, with Dave Fulton as chairperson, and **Ministry Development** with Bonita Hooper as chairperson. Five members will serve on each sub-committee.

Board of Property Management

..... John Smith & John Maze
Committee suggested we need a plan for snow removal on church property.

Board of Business Management & Stewardship

..... Alane Holste
Finance & Budget Report for January 2022
Average weekly offering deposited in January 2022: **\$3,489** (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget: **\$5,889**) Donation decreases were due to inclement weather.

Elon Home/Schools are no longer in operation. Consistory approved move money allocated for this benevolence to the Saturday Lunch Ministry to help offset costs.

Pastor's Report for January

..... Rev. Elizabeth Horton
Rev. Horton shared that It has been a transformational year and would like for the Consistory to focus on the following questions:

- What are our ministries?
- How does our structure support these ministries?
- How do we connect, engage and equip each?

Old Business

Setting Up Boards:

- All board chairs were reminded to set up committees for their boards ASAP. All members added should confirm they are willing to serve.
- Jeremy Lovell will chair the Board of Congregational Life.
- Boards may need to revise duties currently listed in the church manual to determine if they meet current needs.
- The Pastoral Relations Committee, set up to support and strengthen the relationship between the pastor and congregation, is now chaired by Kivi Miller. Kivi asked Eddie Yates, Doris Sink, Keri Lovell and Billy West to serve on

the committee of five people, who will serve two-year terms on a rotational basis with a few leaving as new members are added. Members were approved by Consistory via e-vote.

Review Covid Protocols:

Current policy for Covid protocols were reviewed. Masks are still required, and a sign is needed outside the sanctuary that states this. John Gray will contact the Community Health Director for recommendations regarding contact tracing and small group gatherings. Changes in the protocol will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Update on Second Harvest Food Bank & Saturday Lunch Ministry

- Supplies for Saturday Lunch Ministry need to be moved on-site. A space at church for dry storage, refrigerator and freezer will be found.
- A Second Harvest Food Bank Application and arrangements for an on-site visit, which is required to partner with Second Harvest, will be completed by the Board of Property Management.
- All Saturday lunches will now be served at FRUCC.

New Business

- Board of Elections request for use of our church as voting site:**
The Board of Election's request to use our church as a voting place was approved.
- Personnel Change:**
Carolyn Robbins will retire as Administrative Assistant, effective April 30, 2022. She will be available to help new staff with the transition. The Financial Administrator and Administrative Assistant will be combined as one full-time job.
- Upcoming Fundraiser:**
John Maze called attention to an upcoming fundraiser at the Civic Center planned by PFLAG and Lexington Live. In order for to network community events, the fundraiser will be advertised on the church website.
- February 13 Congregational Meeting: Time of Connecting:**
Consistory members planned ahead for the upcoming meeting.

Next Consistory Meeting: March 13, 2022 to be held in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

PASTORAL RELATIONS BEGINS MEETING IN MARCH

Kivi Miller, Chairperson

In the UCC tradition, the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) plays an important role in supporting a healthy relationship between the pastor and congregants in order to promote a healthy, faithful, and shared ministry. It does this in two primary ways:

- (1) by serving as an advisory group to the minister, sharing ideas, dreams, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor
- (2) serving as a support group for the pastor's leadership, interpreting roles, functions, boundaries, opportunities, and needs of the pastor to the congregation.

PRCs are meant to help the minister and the congregation maintain appropriate expectations for the scope of the minister's work, and for the pastor to be able to test visions and receive support for their continued growth in ministry.

With the blessing of the Consistory and Pastor Elizabeth, the following members will serve on the PRC this year, meeting once a month, starting in March:

- Kivi Leroux Miller, Chairperson (2-year term)
- Keri Lovell (2-year term)
- Billy West (2-year term)
- Eddie Yates (1-year term)
- Doris Sink (1-year term)

When PRCs work well, they promote honest communication, provide robust support and advocacy for the pastor, create confidential spaces for clear communication, and provide opportunities for the minister and the committee to reflect on their ministry. They are not meant to be channels for anonymous complaints or to circumvent church decision-making processes, such as the Consistory or boards.

Please feel free to contact any PRC member with your ideas, dreams, expectations, and concerns. You should also feel free, as always, to share the same directly with Pastor Elizabeth and Consistory members, as well.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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

6: Smithie Parrish
20: Cathy Browder

13: Cathy Browder
27: Cathy Browder

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP (volunteer [HERE](#)) (Youth Room)

6: Jeremy Lovell
20: (1 volunteer needed)

13: Cathy Browder
27: Cathy Browder

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

2: (2 volunteers needed)
9: Patti Lovell (1 volunteer needed)
16: Marge Doty (1 volunteer needed)
23: Patti Lovell (1 volunteer needed)
30: Evan Sieges (1 volunteer needed)

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

2: Jeremy Lovell & Evan Sieges
9: Dave Fulton & Evan Sieges
16: June Grubb & Evan Sieges
23: Cathy Browder & Evan Sieges

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MARCH 31

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 31st.** The recipient will be chosen by May 1st 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 _____

PLANS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

The church sanctuary will be open from 12-1:00PM on March 2 for a drop-in Imposition of Ashes. An Ash Wednesday service is planned for 7:00PM in the sanctuary. St. Stephen UMC will join us for this service. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

SANDWICHES AND SCRIPTURE

Come join us Wednesday evening for midweek vespers beginning March 9. Bring a bagged meal and meet with us at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and fellowship. The Bible study will be from 6:30-7:30 in the Parlor. All are invited each Wednesday through the season of Lent to enjoy a time of fellowship and faith. The Bible Study will continue through Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A service is planned for Maundy Thursday in the sanctuary. We hope you can join us at 7:00PM for a meaningful service about The Last Supper. Holy Communion will be served.

STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK

Visitors of all ages can participate in a walk-through, multisensory worship experience in our church sanctuary beginning Maundy Thursday, April 14. Travel the path Jesus walked the last night of His life. Holy Communion will be served. Covid precautions will be observed. **(SEE PAGE 9 FOR A SCHEDULE)**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for thinking of our family following the loss of Dad in December. Your comforting words, cards, calls, and messages following his passing were a constant source of comfort.

Special thanks to those who honored his memory with memorials to our church. Our family truly appreciates all the love shown in so many ways during this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Eddie & Belinda and Ronald Yates' Family

Dear Trustees:

Thank you so much for awarding me the Hinkle, Sink, Swing Scholarship for this spring semester. I am a second semester freshman at Elizabeth City State University studying to be a pilot. The support that my church family has given me has helped me get through my college experience. I really love what I do down here and appreciate all the kind words and support that I have been shown. I have made so many good friends and memories that I will forever cherish, even though I have only been here for a semester. Thank you all so much for helping me with the opportunity to fulfill my dream.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Kepley

Dear Members of First Reformed UCC,

We greatly appreciate your recent donation to your local Salvation Army. Your continued support for the

work of The Salvation Army of Davidson County is encouraging. Please know that through your support, we are continuing to meet the needs of individuals in our community and share the love of Christ in hopes they come to know Him. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Laura Sechrest
Director of Development
Salvation Army of Davidson County

Dear Congregation,

I appreciate the fruit basket received from you. All the Christmas cards were nice to read, Thank you for such thoughtful gifts. I miss all of you, and I miss being involved in the church activities.

Carolyn Spivey

Dear Church Family,

What a great surprise it was receiving the Valentine cards. We truly enjoyed them all. The quarter in the bottom of the bag received a laugh from us both. Thanks to Jerry Lovell! (You had to be here.) Your cards and prayers mean so much. We are grateful to belong to such a loving, caring church.

Lee & Ellen Bouchard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF APPRECIATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING BENEVOLENCES:

SALVATION ARMY
BLOWING ROCK CONFERENCE CENTER

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN MARCH

Rev. June Grubb

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 3rd. The season is both rich and scary. Rich because we are invited to dig deep into our faith practices and determine if we are on the right path to becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to look at our whole lives and then lay them alongside of the life of Christ and see how we measure up. That is where the scary part comes in.

Being honest with ourselves is a difficult exercise; that's part of why we need forty days to do it. It takes diligence and discipline and a whole lot of grace to see ourselves as we truly are.

So, our new Sunday morning Bible study has as its guiding image Jesus' own words. In Luke 13:34 Jesus tells us how he wants "to gather us up, like a mother hen gathers her brood."

The Season of Lent is a time to learn in our self-examination that we are what might be most in need of transformation. We might find that what we might need to grow in faith and discipleship is the church, and that the transformation of the world begins with building bridges and gathering up rather than condemnation. So, during this Lenten season, we will seek to be "**GATHERED UP IN JESUS.**"

Sunday morning bible study continues via ZOOM at 9:15AM.

March 6th First Sunday in Lent

An Opportune Time

Luke 4:1-13,

Jesus' temptation in the Wilderness

Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

March 13th Second Sunday in Lent

Under the Wings

Luke 13:31-35

Mother Hen Gathers Her Brood

Facilitator: Eddie Yates

March 20th, Third Sunday in Lent

If It Bears Fruit

Luke 13:1-9

Three different stories that encourage us to live our lives with purpose and urgency

Facilitator: June Grubb

March 27th Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lost and Found

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

The parable of prodigal son

Facilitator: Eugenia Holste

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



**OFFERING DATE:
MARCH 27, 2022**

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

This year's offering will be collected on Sunday, March 27, 2022. Contributions may be made in the offering plate on Sunday morning, directly to the church office or through online giving **HERE** or the OGHS website at **<http://www.ucc.org/oghs>**.

Stations of Holy Week

*A walk-through, multisensory
Worship Experience for All Ages*

**The Sanctuary
First Reformed UCC
22 East Center Street
Lexington, NC**

Thursday, April 14, 4-7:00

Friday, April 15, 4-7:00

Saturday, April 16 10-12:00

*Travel the path Jesus walked
the last night of His life.*

Holy Communion served.

Covid precautions followed.

2022 OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOHN'S RIVER VALLEY CAMP

Summer Schedule

Inquire About Hospitality Model and Mission Camp opportunities:

(During these weeks you are invited to work with our Staff to create a retreat experience which is custom designed for your group.

Cost with Food Service: \$75 per day per participant. Cost without Food Service: \$50 per day per participant.) Contact us today!

June 19-June 24: Middle and Senior

High(Grades 7-12) Campers will hike to Harper Falls, Bike the Virginia Creeper Trail, Kayak the Johns River and more(Cost: \$425). Directed by Rev. Jason Stump.

June 26-July 1: Main Site High Adventure Camp

Middle and Senior High(Grades 7-12) Campers will stay on the Main Site and participate in adventure activities including off site rock wall climbing and white water rafting (Cost: \$500). Directed by Staff.

(For Campers Grades 7-12 the above two Camps can be combined for a two-week Camp at the cost of \$825).

July 10-15: Junior Age (Grades 4-6) campers will enjoy aquatics, hikes, games, campfires and more.(Cost: \$400)Directed by Rev. Randy Onwig.

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP

Summer 2022

Johns River Valley Camp is making plans to provide Outdoor Ministry opportunities during the summer of 2022. COVID protocols are still being determined but we will put Camper safety first. Camps will be provided for Campers grades 4-12. Church youth groups and others are asked to inquire about our "Hospitality Model" in which you work with our staff to plan and provide a retreat experience which meets your group's unique needs. We also continue to invite groups to plan Mission Camps involving meaningful projects and ministry opportunities.

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Collettsville, NC 28611

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Registration

Tear off and mail to PO Box 119
Collettsville, NC 28611 along with a \$30
deposit or register online at
www.jrvc.org.

____ June 19-June 24: Middle
High/Senior High(Grades 7-12). Cost
\$425.

____ June 26-July 1: Middle
High/Senior High(Grades 7-12). Cost:
\$500.

____ June 19-July 1: Middle High/Senior
High(Grades 7-12). Two-Week Option.
Cost: \$825.

____ July 10-15: Junior Camp
(Grades: 4-6) Cost \$400.

Camper's Name: _____

Grade Entering in Fall of 2022: _____

Special Dietary or Health

Concerns: _____

COVID SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDE:

- *Campers required to present vaccination card or receive rapid COVID test at check-in.
- *Camps Limited to 30 participants
- *Shortened Weeks(Sunday-Friday)
- *Food served individually instead of family style.

Notes on Johns River Valley Camp Mission Weeks:

JRVC invites groups from across the country to participate in mission work which includes handicap ramp building, small home repairs, river clean-up and a variety of projects which address environmental and poverty issues in the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

- *Inquire about scholarship application process

"CHILDREN STILL NEED
A CHILDHOOD WITH DIRT,
MUD, PUDDLES, TREES, STICKS
AND TADPOLES.

-Brooke Hampton

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

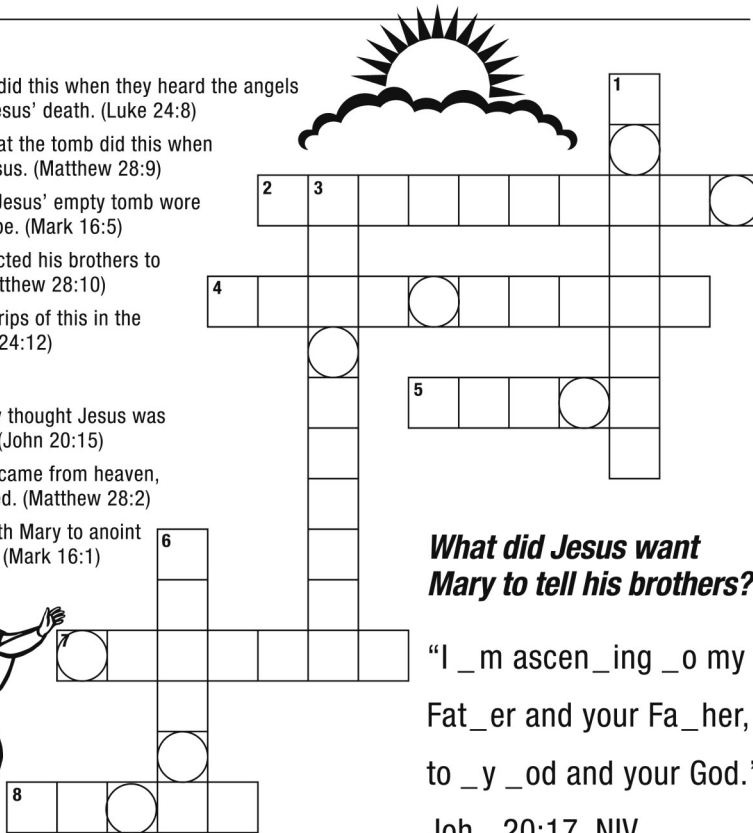
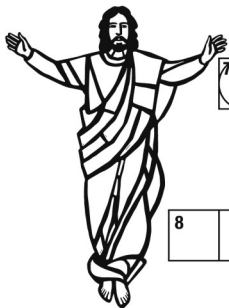
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

- The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

- At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV



HOLY WEEK i-SPY

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 6:30 Parlor Committee Meeting 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	2 12-1:00 Walk-in Imposition of Ashes 6:30 Choir, Children & Youth meet for Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	3 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	4	5 10-12:00 Garden Workday 12:30 Saturday Lunch Ministry
6 Holy Communion 1st Sunday of Lent 9:15 Adult Bible Study (via Zoom) 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Worship 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 Youth Group	7	8 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	9 10:00 Evangelism Subcommittee on Church Promotion 6:00 Bag Meal & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 Bible Study (Parlor) Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	10 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	11	12 12:30 Saturday Lunch Ministry
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27 4th Sunday of Lent ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 9:15 Adult Bible Study (via Zoom) 10:30 Worship 10:45 Children's Worship 11:45 Prayer Circle 6:00 Youth Group	28	29 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	30 6:00 Bag Meal & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 Bible Study (Parlor) Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	31 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day		

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- 1 Ann Kirkman
- 2 Vicky Gray
- 3 Corinne Gray
- 4 Emma West
- 5 Charyl Clark
Tony Peele
- 6 Rylee Grzech
- 12 Adam McKerlie
- 15 Christopher Kiser
- 16 Alane Holste
Ron Sink
- 17 Dan Horton
- 20 Ted Smith
- 23 Mike Perry
Kiaya Plummer
Josh Sink
Billy West
- 27 Jonathan Kepley
- 28 Elizabeth Horton
- 31 Kivi Miller

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

11th
Ron & Heidi Hutcheson

17th
Keith & Alisa Johnson

27th
Mark & Karla Loper
Clifford & Paula Lopp
Steve & Cathy Waitman

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN MARCH

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MARCH 6 MARCH 13
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MARCH 20 MARCH 27
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Dave Fulton

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February 6 & 20

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February 13 & 27

Jeremy Peterson

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March 6 & 13

Parker Horton

March 20 & 27

Lucas Peterson

BIBLE STEWARD:

March 6 & 13

Patrick Horton

March 20 & 27

Ethan Lovell

USHERS:

March 6

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Michell Winters

March 13*

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March 20

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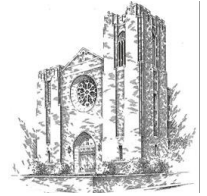
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