



# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC  
**MAY 2022**

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. HORTON

Dear Beloved Community,

May is full of milestones for us to celebrate:

May 1 Retirement Celebration of Paula Lopp and Carolyn Robbins

May 15 Graduation

May 22 Confirmation

That's what a life in faith is...giving praise to God for the touchstone moments in our lives, and celebrating these moments together.

**May Sermon Series: "From The Tomb" John's Gospel**  
Easter is too big to be celebrated in just one day! Life and death have been transformed through Jesus Christ. The emptiness of the tomb reveals that death and destruction cannot hold us captive. **We are set free!**

In this season of Eastertide, we journey **from the tomb** with Jesus and the early disciples to find God in the flesh among us. The sermon series "**From the Tomb**," takes its cue from the late poet Mary Oliver, who, in her poem "The Summer Day," asks the question, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" **So shall we ask, "What is it you plan to do now that you are set free?"**

**The Summer Day**  
~Mary Oliver

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean—  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up  
and down—  
who is gazing around with her enormous and  
complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly  
washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the  
fields, which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild  
and precious life?

**Sunday, May 1:** We mark the retirement of Paula and Carolyn from the church office. In worship, we will give thanks and pray a blessing upon them. After worship, we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with a reception. Please join in!

**Monday, May 2:** Jackie Mock begins full-time as our Church Administrator. This is a newly created position combining Finances, Administration, and Communication. The month of May will be a time of transitions and of learning new rhythms together.

- During the **mornings**, come on up! Jackie is freely available to meet with you and questions. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged.
- During the **afternoons**, contact ahead, if possible. Jackie will use the afternoons for concentrated time on more focused work.
- Each day the office will be closed for her to have lunch.

### MAY OFFICE HOURS

#### Monday-Friday

- 9:00AM-1:00PM:** Church Office Open  
Please stop by and meet Jackie!
- 1:00-1:30PM:** Office Closed for Lunch
- 1:30-5:00PM:** Office Open—Please contact Jackie ahead of time to meet

Elizabeth



Grateful to have Brandi Reagan and Lisa Childress from The Dragonfly House Advocacy Center and Robby Rummage, Lexington Police Chief, share in worship on Blue Sunday, Day of Prayer for Abused Children .

## WELCOMING STATEMENT

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Vogen Everhart, Jeff Hutchens, Thomas Phillips, Bonita Hooper, Lee Bouchard, Myrtle Latimer

**MEMBERS AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:** Peggy Bates, Sherry Bonner, Ellen Bouchard, Ruth Essick, Pattie Everhart, Gerri Hill, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**OUR FRIENDS:** Franklin Waters (Cathy Whitley's father), Yvonne Dobey (Frankie Hedrick's sister), Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Janice Mullineaux (Cathy Browder's mother), Charm & Steve Ketner, Marc Frye (friend of the congregation)

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friendship Club Members,

Thank you for your memorial for our beloved Elizabeth "Lib" Sink. She loved all of you and her church. Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much.

Doris & Irvin and the Sink Family

Dear Morning Glory Circle Ladies,

Thank you for your memorial for our beloved Elizabeth "Lib" Sink. She loved all of you and missed the last two years of being able to be together. Your kindness meant so much!

Doris & Irvin and the Sink Family

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thanks to all of the people who came on April 9th to put down pine needles and make sure the Saturday Lunch Ministry rolled out on time. John Gray, Ben Hale, Keith & Alisa Johnson, Buddy Lohr, Clifford Lopp, Edgar Miller, John Smith, Sam West, Stacy West and friend Christie, and Eddie Yates all joined together either to put out 95 bales of pine needles onto our bare gardens or worked serving 67 of our friends a nice spaghetti lunch. Thanks for all of your time and talents!

John Maze

# CELEBRATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS IN MAY

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Tammy Rhodes  
Lily Robertson  
Aurelia Smith  
Jones Walser  
Stacy Sosebee-West
- 8 Sherry Bonner  
Ben Hale  
Nathan Jessup
- 7 Mike Brown
- 9 Ellen Peterson
- 12 Sloan Gray
- 15 Ellen Bouchard
- 17 Devin Odom  
Susan Odom  
Ashley Potts
- 28 Patrick Horton
- 31 Wilson Hooper

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th  
Vance & Joy Walser
- 9th  
Carroll & Carolyn Spivey
- 14th  
James & Alice
- 19th  
Jerry & Patti Lovell
- 20th  
Dan & Elizabeth Horton
- 28th  
Ben Hale & John Maze  
Jay & Cathy Whitley

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN MAY

### LITURGISTS:

- MAY 1: Dave Fulton
- MAY 8: Marge Doty
- MAY 15: Alane Holste
- MAY 22: Joe Browder
- MAY 29: Joe Browder

### SOUND TECHNICIAN:

John Gray

### DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:

#### MAY 1

Kivi & Jianna Miller

#### MAY 8

Jeremy Peterson

#### MAY 15

Jeremy Peterson

#### MAY 22

Jeremy Peterson

#### MAY 29

Kivi & Ava Miller

### ACOLYTE:

Ethan Lovell

### BIBLE STEWARD:

Lucas Peterson

### USHERS:

(volunteer [HERE](#) or call the office)

#### MAY 1

Lisa Nelson, Doris Sink,  
Michell Winters, Eddie Yates

#### MAY 8

Doris Sink, John Smith

#### MAY 15

Alane Holste, Lisa Nelson, Doris  
Sink, Michell Winters

#### MAY 22

John Smith, Eddie Yates

#### MAY 29

**Volunteers Needed**

## MAY CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(Theater Room)*

(volunteer [HERE](#) or call the office)

- 1: **Volunteer Needed**
- 8: **Volunteer Needed**
- 15: **Volunteer Needed**
- 22: **Volunteer Needed**
- 29: **Volunteer Needed**

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP *(Youth Room)*

(volunteer [HERE](#) or call the office)

- 1: **Volunteer Needed**
- 8: **Volunteer Needed**
- 15: **Volunteer Needed**
- 22: **Volunteer Needed**
- 29: **Volunteer Needed**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S FUN & GAMES

*(Fellowship Hall)*

(volunteer [HERE](#) or call the office)

- 4: **2 Volunteers Needed**
- 11: Jeremy Lovell  
**Volunteer Needed**
- 18: Marge Doty  
**Volunteer Needed**
- 25: Rev. Evan Sieges  
**Volunteer Needed**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH *(Youth Room)*

(volunteer [HERE](#) or call the office)

- 4: Rev. Evan Sieges  
Dave Fulton
- 11: Rev. Evan Sieges  
June Grubb
- 18: Rev. Evan Sieges  
**Volunteer needed**
- 25: Dave Fulton  
**Volunteer Needed**

## NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Rev. June Grubb

"We Are Witnesses" is the new Bible Study series that began on Sunday morning, April 24th at 9:30AM in the Parlor.

Bearing witness is more than simply saying we saw it. Saying, with the disciples, "We are witnesses," is not simply a matter of pride, or worse yet, "one-upmanship." It is claiming a responsibility or opportunity to be proclaimers...to share the experience, to offer the gift we've been given, to announce.

The "kin-dom" that has begun to take root in our midst, that's the Easter transformation and imperative that has taken place. We are witnesses.

The Easter season series dips into the Acts of the Apostles as a way of examining the witness of the one who first experienced the Resurrection. Their story, as they struggle to find a way to live out the implications of this amazing news, this gospel event, becomes our story as we, too, seek to bear witness to the Risen Christ and to live that witness daily.

**April 24**

"We Are Witnesses" (Acts 5:27-32)  
Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

**May 1st**

"Who Are You Lord?" (Acts 9:1-6)  
Facilitator: June Grubb

**May 8th**

"Get Up!" (Acts 9:36-43)  
Facilitators: Jay & Cathy Whitley

**May 15th**

"What God Called Clean" (Acts 11:1-18)  
Facilitator: Eulene Shepherd

**May 22th**

"Opened the Heart" (Acts 16:9-15)  
Facilitator: June Grubb

**May 29th**

"Disturbing the City" (Acts: 16:16-34)  
Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

## NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS IN MAY

Rev. June Grubb

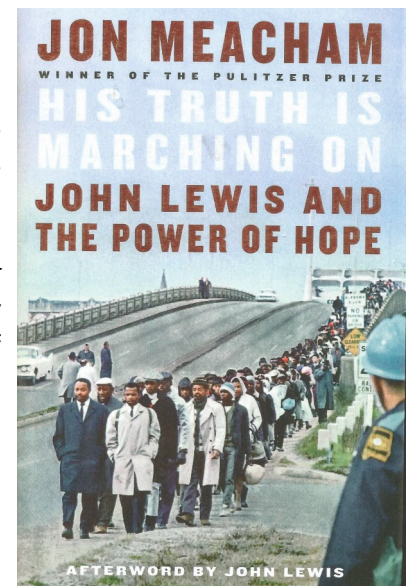
The Tuesday Night Book Study Group will begin a new study on May 3rd at 7:00PM. We will meet via Zoom, so check the Zoom link that will be listed in the weekly emails.

**"His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope"** by Jon Meacham is a revealing portrait of civil rights icon and longtime United States Congressman, John Lewis, linking his life to the painful quest for justice in America from the 1950's to the present. Meacham calls Lewis "as important to the founding of a modern and multiethnic twentieth and twenty-first century America as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison and Samuel Adams were to the initial creation of the Republic itself in the eighteenth century."

A believer in the injunction that one should love one's neighbor as oneself, Lewis was arguably a saint in our time, risking limb and life to bear witness for the powerless in the face of the

powerful. Jon Meacham is a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer who holds the Rogers Chair in the American Presidency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

A few copies of the book are available in the church office on a first-come basis for \$10 each, or you may order your own copy from a resource of your choice.



# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...APRIL 2022

Consistory met on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 11:45 AM both in-person and via Zoom.

## Board Reports

### **Board of Community Outreach ...Betty Barr & John Maze**

John Maze shared updates on Saturday Lunch Ministry. New hours are 12-1:30PM and they are now serving some guests inside. Numbers being served inside have increased to 11 since starting this several weeks ago.

### **Board of Congregational Life .....Jeremy Lovell**

The Easter Social included snacks served in front of the sanctuary following the worship service and an Easter Egg hunt for children of all ages.

### **Board of Evangelism....Dave Fulton & Stacy Sosebee-West**

Weekly Attendance Average for March 2022: 58.

Dave reported the new "Be the Church" sign, was donated by Heidi and Ron Hutcheson. He also reminded Consistory that the church has a banner on the [davidsonlocal.com](http://davidsonlocal.com) home page and will be able to feature 4-5 stories per month. Stacy Sosebee-West will have an Evangelism Board meeting next month for her committee, Ministry Development.

### **Board of Property Management**

#### .....John Smith & John Maze

- Electrical outlets and lighting have been installed throughout the Parlor. Floating shelves are here and ready for installation.
- Pine needles were spread on the grounds on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> with some great volunteer help.
- John Maze applied caulking to the doors in the breezeway to prevent water from coming in during rains. Attention was called to the door at the Clothes Ministry entrance with the same problem. John Smith consulted with Buddy Lohr for a more permanent solution.
- John Maze also reported that they are monitoring the hot water heater because of leaks and it may need replacing.
- John Smith thanked Lexington Garden Club for their \$1000 donation to the Community Garden.

### **Board of Worship and Sacrament.....Lisa Nelson**

Piano Dollies for the Grand Piano in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall have been purchased from Mitchell's Piano in Winston-Salem.

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

#### .....Alane Holste

Average weekly offering deposited in March 2022: **\$4,125 (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget: \$6,149)**

### **Pastor's Report for March 2022 included...**

- Confirmation planned for May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Pastoral Relations Committee has met
  - Palm sundaes were planned for Palm Sunday
  - Prayer Stations of Holy Week planned for this year
  - Maundy Thursday worship was held
  - Elizabeth thanked Clifton Murphy for his help with the memorial service for Lib Sink.

### **Concerns of the Past**

Updates were shared on setting up boards/committees

- Stacy Sosebee-West said Rev. Evan Sieges wants to discuss adding members to her Youth and Children Committee on the Board of Faith Formation.
- John Maze updated the Board of Community Outreach with the following: Charles England Elementary School contact people are Jay Whitley and Ben Hale.

### **Review Covid Protocols**

- Covid protocols were relaxed to include returning bibles, hymnals, pencils and contact cards to pews.
- Ushers can hand out bulletins again.
- Possibility to reinstate greeters was discussed.
- Sunday services will continue in the sanctuary through the summer which will allow for social distancing.

### **Update on Parlor: Moving Forward**

Rev. Horton would like the Parlor Committee will remain until we have a Parlor Dedication. Parlor is almost complete

### **Concerns of the Future**

- A reception for Paula and Carolyn is planned for May 1st.
- Approval was given for Blue Sunday/Child Abuse Prevention Month service on April 24<sup>th</sup> with special speakers from The Dragonfly house and the Lexington Police Department. We will display 400 blue flags in the church green space to represent the number of children seen at Dragonfly House last year.
- Stacy Sosebee-West's Committee for Youth and Children brought up the need for a nursery attendant to staff a nursery space behind the sanctuary because volunteers have been difficult to find. Smithie Parrish suggested we make the nursery a safe space since it will be shared with the choir, and John Gray reminded consistory that we would need two volunteers because of our Safe Sanctuary rules. Stacy will contact our insurance company regarding our safe sanctuary policy. The consistory approved this as a concept and will continue to explore.
- The Annual Church Picnic will be held on June 12.

**Next Consistory Meeting:** May 15, 2022 to be held in the Parlor & via Zoom

## APRIL MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH "LIB" SINK

Jack & Joan Briggs  
Dow & Beth Craver  
Dwight & Kathy Hedrick  
Christine Hodges  
Walter & Ann Hoffman  
Rich & Lena Johnson  
Johnny & Lynn McCarn  
Edgar & Kivi Miller  
Lisa Nelson  
Charlie & Linda Nifong  
Rebecca Jo Peoples  
John & Kathy Rollins

Randy & Susan Thomason  
Randy Thomason & Brad Coe  
Bob & Kay Timberlake  
Jeff & Cindy Zimmerman

### IN MEMORY OF JIMMY WAITMAN (CATHY WAITMAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW)

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

### IN HONOR OF SYLVIA WALSER'S BIRTHDAY (GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN)

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Stone Samara Gray was born Sunday, April 3 to Samuel and Kasey Gray. Her big sister is Sloan LaKaseya Gray, and proud grandparents are John and Vicky Gray. Congratulations to all!

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### DAVIDSONLOCAL.COM

Remember to visit First Reformed UCC's page in the **Davidson Local** "electronic newspaper." You can view/subscribe to their daily local email by going to [www.davidsonlocal.com](http://www.davidsonlocal.com) or search for their Facebook or Instagram accounts.

Our church has a banner at the top of the home page that advertises our church. We are also able to include up to four stories per month that describe some of our outreach ministries. These stories, along with pictures and/or videos, will be included in their Saturday edition.

### MAY BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled to be held at our church on **Thursday, May 6 from 2-7:00**. This will again be held in the Fellowship Hall. More details will be provide by James and Alice Gray, church coordinators, as the date gets closer.

### JRVC Mission Camp

**July 24 – 30**

Come join others from our church to work together on projects like handicap ramps, river clean up and small home repairs that address environmental and poverty issues in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Time to have fun is included, too! All adults and youth are invited. All levels of skill are welcome. If you are interested, please contact [elizabeth@frucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@frucc.org)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many opportunities to volunteer at our church. If you'd like to serve as an usher, liturgist, children and/or youth volunteer or help with the Clothes Ministry or Saturday Lunch Ministry but don't feel comfortable using Sign-up Genius online, just call the office. Our church administrator can add your name to the lists of your choice or put you in contact with the right person who can help get you signed up.

# STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK

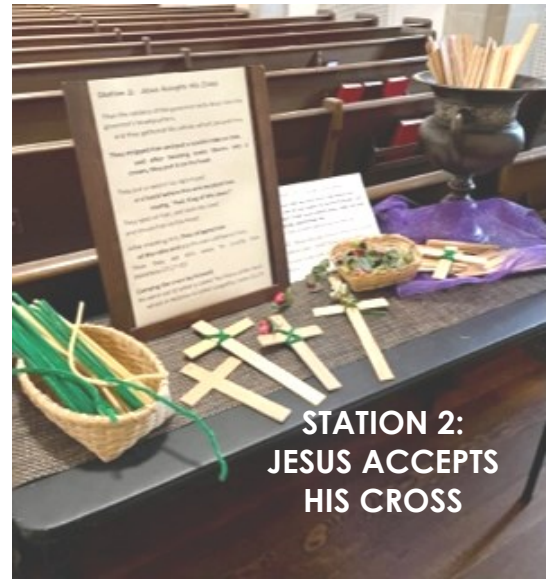
What a wonderful multi-sensory experience this was for all who had the opportunity to visit during Holy Week. Thank you June Grubb, Lynn Brown, Alisa Johnson, Smithie Parrish, Mike Price and Rev. Horton for all your hard work and creativity.



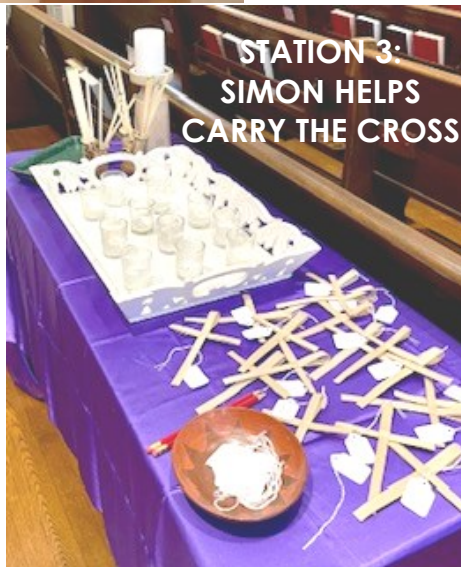
SETTING THE MOOD BEFORE ENTERING



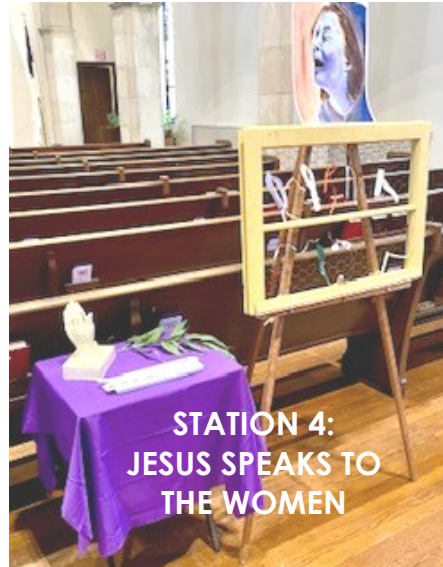
STATION 1:  
PILATE CONDEMNS JESUS TO DIE



STATION 2:  
JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS



STATION 3:  
SIMON HELPS CARRY THE CROSS



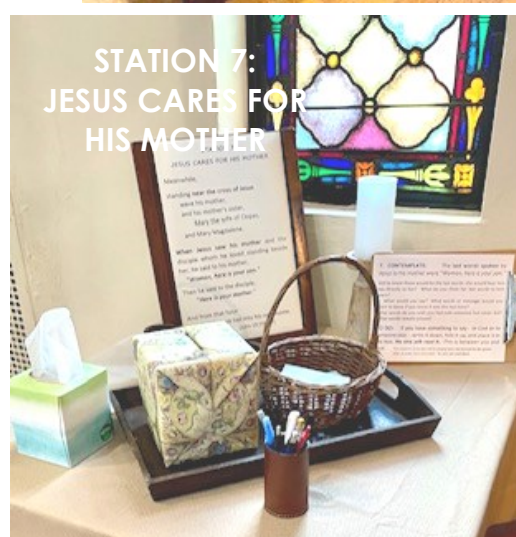
STATION 4:  
JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN



STATION 5:  
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS



STATION 6:  
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



STATION 7:  
JESUS CARES FOR HIS MOTHER



STATION 8:  
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



# *Lexington Youth Pride March*

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 4, 2022**

**MEET AT ST. STEPHENS UMC AT  
1 PM FOR SIGNMAKING  
BEGIN WALKING UPTOWN AT  
2 PM**

**RETURN TO FIRST REFORMED UCC  
FOR RECEPTION & GUEST SPEAKERS**



**everyone is welcome, but teens and families are strongly encouraged to attend!**



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS GRADES 4-12



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. Please use [THIS LINK](#) for a copy of the flyer for 2022 Johns River Valley Camps for the summer. With [THIS LINK](#) you will find more information about the camps and can register online.

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



### **Discover 2022 ... Catawba College Youth Theological Institute**

**Register NOW. Registration is now open at [www.catawba.edu/discover](http://www.catawba.edu/discover)**

**High School Session: July 10-15**

**Middle School: Session: July 17-22**

Catawba College will welcome middle and high school students to participate in its Youth Theology Institute for the eighth year this July. Check out our website at [www.catawba.edu/discover](http://www.catawba.edu/discover) or email us at [discover@catawba.edu](mailto:discover@catawba.edu).

**DISCOVER** is a program that challenges youth during this formative time in their lives to engage in careful theological and moral reflection and activity, enabling them to discover God in new ways, especially as incarnational and interactive; discover who they are as children of God; discover how to live out their faith; and discover what they are called to do vocationally.

## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS OFFERED BY NAMI



Do you have a loved one with mental illness? You are not alone. Family support groups will be available here in Davidson County for family of those living with mental illness. **Family Support Groups** are offered free of charge for family members of someone diagnosed with or suspected of having a mental illness. The support group will be led by Cathy and Joe Browder. They are local residents and have experience loving a family member with a mental health condition.

Cathy and Joe are trained by NAMI as facilitators to help support and encourage others as they seek to help their loved ones. **The Family Support Group meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7pm via Zoom.**

**To ask questions and get Zoom information, please email Cathy at**

[NAMIDavidsonCounty1@gmail.com](mailto:NAMIDavidsonCounty1@gmail.com)

## OPEN HOUSE MEALS TO RESUME WITH CHANGES



**Open Hands**

**Meal, Music, and Message**

**Starting Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30**

**Outdoor Service**

**@ Open Hands**

**100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

**Lexington, NC**

**Call 336-242-6142**

## WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP GETS BACK TOGETHER!

After more than two years of no regular monthly meetings, Women's Life Fellowship decided it was time to start meeting again. Everyone was invited to Paula Lopp's house and brought their own contribution to a SALAD POT LUCK meal. We had a delicious variety of salad dishes to enjoy and, of course, dessert.

We all sat around the table enjoy our meal, catch up with everyone and laugh a lot. Paula shared a meaningful devotion

with us titled "*God Is in the Leaves*" before we called an end to our time together.

It was wonderful to be able to sit down together instead of giving a socially-distanced wave from across a room. We enjoyed lots of great conversation and laughter.

We've set up our next meeting for May 23rd at 6:30 in the church parlor and hope to continue meeting regularly from now on. We'd love to have other ladies of the church to join us!

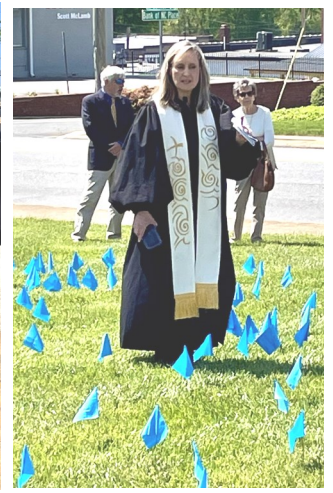
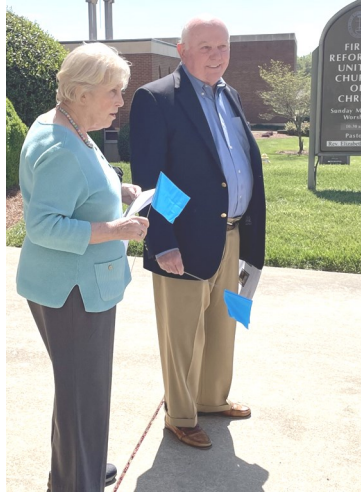


# APRIL WAS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

After worship, the congregation participated in a Prayer Walk to the uptown square carrying 400 blue flags representing the number of local child abuse victims served by The Dragonfly House in 2021. Our procession ended in the grassy field by the church. We placed our flags in the ground while praying for the children they represent.



# APRIL 24TH: BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE



Our church collected **\$5,710** for The Dragonfly House through our Love Offering on April 24th!





# PUZZLE



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

### What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

### What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

## A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

	□	○	△
✝	R	H	L
☎	S	P	W
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“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the  
 Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you  
 will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem,  
 and in all Judea and Samaria,  
 and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

PLEASE JOIN US ONLINE  
FOR WORSHIP  
SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM  
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
(<https://www.facebook.com/firstreformeducc>)  
OR YOUTUBE PAGE  
([https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UChfZFOjObXH\\_bR8E-UG\\_qTA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChfZFOjObXH_bR8E-UG_qTA))

### Church Staff:

#### Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Horton

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#### Minister of Congregational Care

Rev. June Grubb 336-248-5668

#### Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Rev. Evan Sieges evan@frucc.org

#### Church Administrator

Jackie Mock jackie@frucc.org

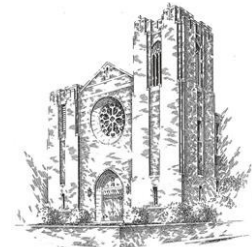
#### Music Director

Ellen Peterson ellenrpeterson@gmail.com

#### Pianist / Organist

Christopher Kiser cdkiser94@gmail.com

## First Reformed United Church of Christ



### All Are Welcome Here!

Where People Discover...

*The Love of God*

*The Power to Love Others*

*The Ability to Love Ourselves*

104 East Center Street

Lexington, NC 27292

(336) 248-2617

email: church@frucc.org

website: www.frucc.org

#### 10:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

LIVESTREAMED

VIA YOUTUBE

AND FACEBOOK



Join Us on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/firstreformeducc](https://www.facebook.com/firstreformeducc)

## TIME FOR SOME SPRING CLEANING!



The kitchen refrigerator is **overflowing with items that are not labeled with names.** Please do not leave items thinking someone else might can use them. If you leave anything in the fridge, you should label it.

**Any items not picked up or labeled by May 8th will be trashed.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

## MAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:00AM-1:00PM:

Church Office Open  
Please stop by and  
meet Jackie!

1:00-1:30PM:

Closed for Lunch

1:30-5:00PM:

Office Open  
Please contact Jackie  
ahead of time to meet

# MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Young Disciples & Children's Church <b>FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Retirees' Reception (FH)</b> 6:00 Youth Group	<b>2</b> 7:00 NAMI Family Support Group (via Zoom)	<b>3</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	<b>4</b> 10:00 Church Promotion Committee Meeting (Parlor) 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	<b>5</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>6</b> 5:30 Confirmation Class	<b>7</b> 12:00 Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>8</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Young Disciples & Children's Church 6:00 Youth Group	<b>9</b> 6:00 Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal 6:30 Open Hands Meal, Music & Message (St. Stephens)	<b>10</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	<b>11</b> 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	<b>12</b> 6:30 PFLAG 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00 Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>15</b> <b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Young Disciples & Children's Church <b>FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Graduates' Reception FH)</b> 11:45 CONSISTORY 6:00 Youth Group	<b>16</b> 5:30 Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 6:30 Open Hands Meal, Music & Message (St. Stephens) 7:00 NAMI Family Support Group (Zoom)	<b>17</b> <b>DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTIONS (Fellowship Hall)</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	<b>18</b> 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study	<b>19</b> 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day 6:30 PFLAG (Parlor)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00 Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>22</b> <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Young Disciples & Children's Church 6:00 Youth Group	<b>23</b> 6:30 Women's Life Fellowship (Parlor) 6:30 Open Hands Meal, Music & Message (St. Stephens)	<b>24</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	<b>25</b> 6:30 Choir Practice Children's Fun & Games Youth Study <b>DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER DUE</b>	<b>26</b> 2-7:00 BLOOD DRIVE 4-6:00 Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 Saturday Lunch Ministry
<b>29</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 10:45 Young Disciples & Children's Church 6:00 Youth Group	<b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 Open Hands Meal, Music & Message (St. Stephens)	<b>31</b> 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Book Study (via Zoom)	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS!</b> <b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12</b> <b>ANNUAL OUTSIDE WORSHIP &amp; PICNIC AT WILDCAT FARM</b>			