



Summer Pick-Up Choir  
 AUGUST 7, 2022  
 THIS WEEK'S HYMN IS  
 "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"  
 JOIN US FOR A SHORT PRACTICE IN THE  
 CHOIR LOFT AT 10:00.  
*All are welcome!*



**First REFORMED**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Lexington, North Carolina

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, expect extravagant welcomes here.



**August 2022 Newsletter**

**Join Sunday Worship on Youtube:**  
[http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHfzFOjObXH\\_bR8E-UG\\_gTA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHfzFOjObXH_bR8E-UG_gTA)

*Welcoming Statement*

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wonderful 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.

*A Message From*

*Rev. Elizabeth Horton*

I am grateful to Rev. Evan for filling the pulpit last Sunday!

As part of our Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race, we will help with a Community Worship service on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at Breeden Amphitheatre. Speakers will be Dr. Ray Howell, Bishop Derek Kelly and Minister Toni R. McCollough. Choirs from the churches, Light of the World and Files Chapel Baptist will sing. Also, First Presbyterian Praise Band will provide music. It's a day where we come together to build bridges in the community and celebrate diversity. For in Christ, we are all one.

Join us after church on Sunday August 8 in the fellowship hall to make sandwiches and prepare bagged meals for our friends on Monday nights.

There is still time to sign up to attend the High Point Rockers Baseball game on August 12.

At First Reformed, we continue to discover what a new "normal" looks like. As we discern our next steps in ministry, let your Spirit fill with imagination as you help us answer the questions:

- How can we connect and grow with one another in this new era?
- In what ways can we strengthen and deepen our prayer life?
- What ministries can help the marginalized?
- How are we called to steward the blessings of our facilities?
- How shall we enhance ministry to the sick and homebound?
- How is God calling you to serve?

Let us discover together the calling God has upon our lives and the life of First Reformed United Church of Christ?

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*In August we finish our series with the OT prophets On the Edge of Faith*  
 August 7 Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 On The Edge of our Faith: Looking Forward  
 August 14 Isaiah 5: 1-7 On The Edge of our Faith: We are in this together

*\*We start 6 week Series on Jeremiah A Work in Progress*  
 August 21 Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
 August 28 Jeremiah 2: 4-13

**Join us at the High Point  
Rockers Game  
Friday, August 12th  
at 6:35pm for our  
FRUCC Community Night**

Baseball is a game for all ages! Please join us for an FRUCC community night at the High Point Rockers game, Friday, August 12th, at 6:35pm. We'll have a time of fun, friendship, and fellowship!

**Our deadline to get tickets as a group is Monday afternoon by 6pm.**

Come have a great time!  
Rev. Evan Sieges  
Dir. of Children & Youth Ministries  
evan@frucc.org



**Sign up this Sunday during the worship service or thru our online newsletter**

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**Get connected in ministry at FRUCC this summer. Give one a try!**

- Help plant or harvest in our Community Garden
- Join in helping in a Saturday lunch
- Fold, sort or give away in the Clothing Ministry
- Be a partner with Charles England elementary.
- Join in book study, even if it's already started
- Drop in on Crucial Conversations on Faith and Race
- visit or write cards to those on our prayer list
- Come in Person or Zoom to Sunday Bible Study
- Read in worship
- Help with children and youth
- Help others find their way as an Usher or greeter in worship service
- Stay in the balcony as a Sound Tech
- Play with the cameras and equipment as you help live stream
- Sing in Choir
- Attend the monthly Women's Fellowship gathering



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
to work the First Reformed UCC  
Community Garden  
If you would like to give of your  
time and green thumb to help in  
the community garden,  
please contact:  
Edgar Miller at 366-688-2651



# First Reformed UCC Clothing Ministry

Get involved - **VOLUNTEER**

## Cuts, Curls, and Chow Event

**On July 15, The Clothing Ministry of First Reformed** was involved in possibly the biggest community event in our history!

We joined in with 17 organizations offering services and information to some of the less fortunate in the area.

Free haircuts and shaves along with shower trucks were onsite at the Salvation Army, where the new shelter will be located. Breakfast and lunch were provided for everyone who attended. Seventeen tents were set up to provide information about resources that are available and may not be widely known. There was an estimated two hundred people making use of the services and learning about programs; plus, there were about one hundred volunteers onsite.

First Reformed Clothing Ministry's involvement actually began a week before, during our Saturday Free Lunch Program. We opened the basement for customers to shop that day as well as on Monday morning and evening in conjunction with meal times at St. Stephen. We opened again on Wednesday during breakfast time, during the regular Thursday afternoon workday, and finally on Friday morning... the day of the event. By offering all these times, those who wanted to do so, could shop for themselves. Over five hundred pieces of clothing were distributed!

The churches and organizations involved in "Curls, Cuts, and Chow" were pleased overall with the event. We recognized a few areas that need improvement for next year; early, and more, advertising of the event along with collaborating more closely with the county transportation buses.

If you would like to volunteer with the Clothes Ministry, please contact Jerry Lovell. This is a growing and much needed ministry in our community.

Ministry Open: Mondays from 6-7pm and Thursday Workday: 4-6pm

# Charles England Elementary Back to School Donations



## Making a Difference

Yes... we are making a difference! For the Charles England School Ministry, the church family of First Reformed United Church of Christ is showing our love, care, and kindness, not only to the students at the school, but also to the families of the students we assist. By helping through our School Back Pack program, gifts of school supplies, clothes and medical help for classroom use, we are making a significant difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers of all ages and socio-economic strata in our community.

That which amazes me the most is that even in the economic hard times in which we find ourselves, our congregation is still willing to sacrifice ourselves and our personal wants for the ministry of our church to the needs of those less fortunate. Certainly, we are making a difference.

If you have any questions about this ministry, or any helpful suggestions please see Ben hale or jay Whitley. They will always have a listening ear.

The Charles England School Ministry continually needs your help. Please pray for us. Volunteer at projects. Remember this is a perpetual ministry. You can place donations in the boxes in the back of the nave or take them by the church office. If you wish to contribute financial assistance, be sure to put Charles England School in the memo line of your check. Anything you do is appreciated.

When God looks down upon our ministries at First Reformed United Church of Christ, a smile must cross our Creator's lips saying, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Let us remember in all our ministries that we are called to "do justice, love, kindness, and walk humbly with God." When we do this, we will continue to "Make a Difference."

Jay Whitley

# Charles England Elementary School School Supply Drive

**Every SUNDAY  
throughout July to Mid-  
August please bring your  
donations.**

*Boxes will be in the back of the  
sanctuary each Sunday for dropping  
items off. You can also drop items off at  
the church office during the week.  
Thank you all in advance for your  
support of this mission!*

*Ben Hale and Jay Whitley*

## **Backpack Supplies**

Crayola Crayons  
Crayola colored pencils  
Composition books  
Spiral Notebook (wide-ruled)  
Spiral Notebook (college ruled)  
Wide Ruled loose leaf paper  
College ruled loose leaf paper  
Ticonderoga pencils  
Dry erase markers  
Glue sticks  
Kid scissors  
Folders with and without prongs  
(if possible plastic)  
Highlighters  
Index cards

## **Medical Cabinet Needs:**

Band-Aids, all sizes  
Hard Candy - peppermint  
(for coughs)  
Cotton balls or small round pads

## **Classroom Needs:**

Boxes of tissues  
Hand sanitizer  
Hand soap  
Copy paper  
(for printers)  
Colored copy paper  
Ink pens - any color  
Pencils  
Notebook paper

## **Clothing Needs: (Ages 5 - 11) Items for both boys and girls**

New or Very Gently used: Basketball shorts & sweatpants  
New: tennis shoes, leggings (girls), and underwear boys & girls (packaged)



# Saturday Free Lunch Ministry

**We Need Volunteers**  
Cooks, food prep, & servers

**Contact: John Maze - Mazejmaze1@aol.com**

## **Women's Fellowship... July 27, 2022**

Women's Fellowship met again at Yarborough's Restaurant on Wednesday, July 27 at 11:30. There were eleven ladies in attendance, but we missed several due to illness or other conflicts. As the meeting began, Belinda Yates shared a thank you note for the donation Women's Fellowship made to benefit the outreach programs of The Davidson County Lodge #97 of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Cathy Waitman shared devotions with us titled "I Missed Your Hug," which reminded us all of how much encouragement and building up we can receive through human contact, and how incomplete the lack of this left us feeling when we were restricted from human touch during Covid. (We celebrated this freedom today by joining hands during the blessing for our meal.)

Belinda Yates gave a treasurer's report, which showed additional donations made since our June meeting. It was noted that fund-raising opportunities have been limited since Covid began. Paula Lopp, president, led our discussion to the next agenda item: opportunities for fund-raising.

### **Fund-raising ideas included:**

**November/January soup sale** – plans to make 75 quarts of soup for sale on November 13. We could also include any baked items or other food items or crafts anyone would like to contribute for our fund-raiser. We'd also plan another soup sale in January, increasing the number of quarts for sale, if the November sale does well.

**Collecting "offering" at our monthly meetings** – Rita Lohr reported this was a way the Morning Glory Circle helped to keep money in their treasury when they were still meeting. Quite a few members donated during today's meeting. This is something we can continue each month.

**Rada Cutlery Sale** – This is something the Morning Glory Circle always did around November/December. Rita will gather information on this to share at our next meeting. This was usually a good fund-raising event for the circle.

**Happy Homes baking flavorings** – This was suggested by Harriette Murphy. Glenyce Fulton and Carolyn Robbins remember this being sold by a Sunday school class at 2<sup>nd</sup> UCC. Harriette volunteered to check into this for the next meeting.

Paula revisited the idea of the October Pumpkin-carving activity we used to hold each year, usually along with a hotdog supper. It was agreed this was a good activity to bring back for 2022, but instead of a hotdog supper, we considered refreshments. This is something Women's Life Fellowship always did for kids and families or anyone who wanted to attend. We would like to get permission from Consistory at their August meeting before we proceed with planning. Rita will take this information to the meeting for discussion.

Glenyce Fulton reported that Amanda Fulton bought Cheerwine & snacks using some of the money we donated to the youth work camp. She will also purchase ice cream for the youth.

Paula also asked for nominees for President and Secretary. No nominees were suggested, but asked for Paula and Carolyn to continue. Paula said we will revisit this again at our September meeting, since that is the month we usually elect new officers.

Rita Lohr agreed to share devotions with us at our August meeting which will be at 11:30 on August 24<sup>th</sup>, again at Yarborough's Restaurant. Any women in our congregation are welcome to join us for good food and fellowship and a chance to get involved in our activities. You don't have to let anyone know in advance...just come meet us at the restaurant.

## NAMI UPDATE

Submitted by Cathy Browder

### Peer-to-Peer Education Program

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is an 8-session recovery-focused course for adults with mental health conditions. It's free and confidential, held weekly for two hours, led by peers with mental health conditions; a great resource for information on mental health and recovery. Offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope, and builds on the strength and resilience of participants.

NAMI NW Piedmont NC, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is now enrolling participants for NAMI Peer-to-Peer. The class will meet by Zoom on Saturdays from 11am-1pm and Sundays from 1:30-3:30pm starting in October 2022.

NAMIDavidsoncounty1@gmail.com



#### To register contact:

Sarah Hamby at shamby33@outlook.com  
Subject Line: Registration P2P Class  
Leave a name and contact number. (You will be contacted by phone to complete registration.)

If you have any questions about NAMI or would like to participate in any activity, please reach out to Cathy at 704-502-9095 or email

## Sunday Morning Bible Study Series For July and August

Title of the series: *Prophet Margins*

We will continue to dig into the prophets who stood on the margins. What might we learn if we took the risk to listen? If we took the risk to let these holy ones of God become our traveling companions on our summer journey? We might be troubled, and we will be, but we might also be lifted up. We might be challenged, but we might find reasons for hope, or we might find a renewed vision that inspires us for all the journeys we make. So, are you up for a journey this summer, a journey to the edge of our faith? Then, you are ready for "Prophet Margins." You may also note that Rev. Elizabeth's sermons tap into these same scripture passages. And, our bible study helps us prepare for worship. Come join us in the Church parlor at 9:30 a.m. Each Sunday of July and August.

### Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

"Cords of Kindness"

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Facilitator: June Grubb

### Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

"Learn To Do Good"

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23,  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Facilitator: Eulene Shepherd

### Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

"Yielding Wild Grapes"

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19,  
Luke 12:49-56

Facilitator: June Grubb

### Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

"I Knew You"

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6,  
Luke 13:10-17

Facilitator: Cathy Whitley

### Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

"Cracked Cisterns"

Jeremiah 2:4-13m Psalm 81:1, 10-16,  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Facilitator: Eugenia Holste

## Tuesday Night Book Study 7pm on Zoom

Meeting IDL 846 9163 5471

Passcode: Faith

Direct Zoom Link in Weekly Emails  
and online Newsletter

### NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINNING AUGUST 9TH

Rooted and Rising:

Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis,

edited by Leah D. Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

is a series of essays filled with inspiring personal stories,

contemplations on how to live with honesty and compassion in the midst of climate disruption, thoughtful questions for us to consider, and creative rituals to access our deepest emotional responses to the climate crisis.

This book does more than sound the alarm about the ecological destruction we have wrought and the catastrophic doom that awaits. The writers of these essays help us to think deeply about how we sustain ourselves and the rest of our sacred Creation after the alarm has been sounded. At the end of each section of the book are exercises to invite the reader into some of the same kind of personal journeys presented by the writers. The result is both enlivened and enlivening.

A few copies of the book will be available in the church office or you may get your copy through your favorite book source. Join the book study group at 7:00 p.m., beginning Tuesday, August 9th by the ZOOM link that will be posted in the weekly newsletter.

## ROOTED & RISING

*Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis*



Leah D. Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, editors  
*Introductions by Mary Evelyn Tucker and Bill McKibben*



**PFLAG**  
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

**PFLAG** is a national support, education and advocacy organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and genderqueer or non-conforming (LGBTQ) people, their families, friends and allies.

Join meetings on the third Thursday of each month at FRUCC in the fellowship hall - 6:30pm





The first and fourth Monday of each month, Open Hands provides a Meal, Music, and Message outdoor service. First Reformed Clothes Ministry is open during the service and provides clothing for those attending.

Open Hands Meal, Music & Message  
The 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month  
Location: 100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Lexington, NC  
Call: 336-242-6142

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

First Reformed has a banner at the top of the homepage 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.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve Ketner (recent surgery, Lee & Ellen Bouchard

AT HOME: J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Ruth Essick, Gerri Hill, Hinkle, Myrtle Latimer, Deanna Michael, Carolyn Spivey

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everheart, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart, Sherry Bonner is now at Grayson Creek, 6781 Old Hwy. 52, Lexington

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), Marc Frye (friend of the congregation), Scott Mooney (cousin of Lee Ann Peele), Laura Turlington (Cousin of Cliff Lopp), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smiths Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp), Earl Parker (Rev. Hortons Father)

## ~ Memorials ~

In Memory of Jimmy Grubb  
(Rev. June Grubb's Brother)

Cliff & Paula Lopp  
Jerry Smith  
Janette Neal  
Tony & Leanne Peele  
Mr. Mrs. Steve Smith  
John & Victoria Gray  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins  
Steve & Cathy Waitman

In Memory of Rick Murrell  
(First Cousin of Leanne Peele)

Cliff & Paula Lopp  
Steve & Cathy Waitman  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

In Memory of Nolan Leonard  
(Sylvia Walsers Brother)

Cliff & Paula Lopp  
Janette Neal  
Mr. Mrs. Steve Smith  
Steve & Cathy Waitman

In Memory of Elizabeth Sink  
Dr. Schaeffer

## August Birthdays

Aug 1: Pattie Everhart & Claire Smith  
Aug 2: Eugenia Holst, Karla Loper,  
Jerry Lovell  
Aug 4: Lynn Klopp  
Aug 5: Selah Ball  
Aug 6: Lucas Peterson  
Aug 10: Nina Smith  
Aug 12: Casey Hartle  
Aug 13: Christie Hartle  
Aug 14: Lena Johnson  
Aug 15: Baron Freeman, Beau Sink  
Aug 16: Doris Sink  
Aug 18: Amanda Fulton  
Aug 19: JW Bates  
Aug 20: Myra Thompson  
Aug 21: Ramona Yarbrough  
Aug 22: Edgar Miller  
Aug 23: Vogen Everhart  
Aug 24: John Sink  
Aug 26: Albert Evans, Jeremy Lovell  
Aug 30: Jude Sink  
Aug 31: Kathleen Danze



## August Anniversaries

August 3rd  
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

August 7th  
John & Vicki Gray

August 11th  
Tim & Tracy Potts

August 16th  
Clifton & Harriette Murphy

August 22nd  
Calvin & Susan Odom

August 27th  
Buddv & Rita Lohr

## Church Staff:

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Christopher Kiser chris@frucc.org

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Jackie Mock jackie@frucc.ort

## Church Office Hours Monday - Friday

9:00am	Walkin's Welcome
1-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 – 5pm	Please call ahead or make an appointment

Phone: 336-248-2617  
104 East Center St., Lexington, NC 27292  
*Join us for worship Sunday's at 10:30am*



# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6-7:00pm FRUCC Clothes Ministry  7:00PM NAMI Family Support Group (Zoom)	12:00pm 2CFAR Zoom & Parlor  7:00pm Tuesday Night Book Study Zoom		4-6pm Clothes Ministry Work Day		Saturday Lunch Ministry 12:00
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Sandwich Project 6:00pm Youth Group	6-7pm Clothes and Sandwich Give Away 7:00PM NAMI Family Support Group (Zoom)	12:00pm 2CFAR Zoom & Parlor  7:00pm Tuesday Night Book Study Zoom		4-6pm Clothes Ministry Work Day	<b>FRUCC COMMUNITY NIGHT HP ROCKERS GAME</b>	Saturday Lunch Ministry 12:00
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