



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.

September 2022 Newsletter

Join Sunday Worship on Youtube:

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

"Gas is too expensive to make several trips."

"I can't drive at night"

"My children's bedtimes are early."

"I can't meet on weeknights."

"I can't meet during the day."

"I just can't Zoom anymore."

"Who is supposed to schedule the meeting?"

"We cannot find a time that works for everyone."

These are some of the phrases I hear from the congregation and also have uttered myself when it comes to scheduling church meetings.

The logistics of **doing life together** have become increasingly more complex since 2020. This is not good or bad, right or wrong.... It is a simple fact that our church and most other churches MUST face.

We acknowledge our congregation is in a different and more disconnected place than we were 2 years ago. Some have passed away, some are attending online but not in person, some are no longer involved, and some have recently joined in. Some are older and more fragile, and some are growing up, up and away.

We acknowledge our activities and ministries we once had look different and disconnect now than 2 years ago. Again, some have passed away, some are online, and some are new.

AND SO..... WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE we have 2 choices:

1. Choose to re-engage, re-connect, and re-envision ministry for the sake of the Gospel in this day and age.
2. Or not.

If we choose Choice Number 1, then we must adapt.

Our first step to help into full, active participation in ministry is to create a new rhythm for our time after worship

(continued)

Beginning Sunday, Sept 18, plan to stay after worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month for a light lunch, fellowship, and time for ministry planning.

All will gather in the Fellowship Hall. After a short introduction, we will pick up our food.

Each of the 7 Boards of Ministry will take their food to a different location in the church and meet together for their various missions.

Food and Activity will be provided for Children and Youth.

If you are not on a Board, stay in the Fellowship Hall where together we will continue fellowship and have conversation as well.

Here are the 7 Boards of Ministry:

- Community Outreach
- Congregational Life
- Evangelism
- Faith Formation
- Property
- Worship and Sacrament
- Business Management Stewardship

We will stay in the rhythm for 6 months, and then reassess.

We will continue to live out our calling as a church who spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Good News doesn't change, but the methods do.

~ Elizabeth ~



Jeremiah was a Prophet, who spoke on behalf of the oppressed against those in power. He was controversial, not well-liked, and one whom the people in power wanted to keep silent.

Jeremiah was called while Israel was under tremendous transition. His words of critique were both urgent and necessary.

We as a people and a church, are in transition. Our world, our lives, and bodies are constantly changing into the next chapter.

Today, the word from Jeremiah for us continues to be both urgent and necessary.

**We are always in progress;
always taking small steps that lead us to change.
How is God shaping you right now?
For what is God shaping you?
How is God shaping First Reformed?**

Come, let us find out together.

**8th, 9th, 10th graders!
Confirmation classes will begin this Fall.**



Confirmation is a time of exploration of our faith and tradition. Over several months, we help teens ask tough questions and search out answers.

NO QUESTION IS OFF LIMITS!

Check out the curriculum here: [Confirm Not Conform](#)
Please contact Rev. Horton for more info, and to sign up. elizabeth@frucc.org

First Reformed United Family,

In a life of discipleship, we know that beginnings and endings are always a part of our journey.

I am writing to share with you that Chris Kiser, our organist/pianist since March 2021, is ending his music ministry at First Reformed, and beginning anew by taking a position as Director of Music Ministries at a church in High Point.

Chris' last Sunday at First Reformed UCC is Sept. 25, 2022.

Chris wrote he "feels he is called by God into a new area of ministry," saying he "has thoroughly enjoyed his time with us and is forever grateful for the opportunities he has received."

While we are extremely sad to see him leave, we fully support Chris' decision to go where God calls.

Chris is a phenomenal musician, highly motivated, and extremely gifted. He has elevated our worship services through his tremendous talents. His time here has indeed brought glory to God and helped us worship in ways we didn't know were possible.

We have been incredibly blessed by Chris' time with us.

I know you will want to share your gratitude with him over the next few weeks.

As we start this transition process, let us remember:

We will trust in the God who is our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come.

Indeed, we are a work in progress.

With trust and hope, we will move forward.

God bless you

Rev. Elizabeth P. Horton

MULCH IN THE PLAYGROUND

Thanks to the work of John Smith, Kepley-Frank lumber has donated a 2 dumptruck loads of mulch to our playground!!

If you'd like some labor in your Labor Day weekend... Would you be able to help spread the mulch this Saturday at 9am?

We are grateful to Clifton Murphy who will bring his tractor to help distribute! We just need to spread it around.

Hope to see many of your smiling faces!!!



Youth News & Updates

Youth Back to School Kick-off and Parent Meeting August 28th at 6pm Fellowship Hall

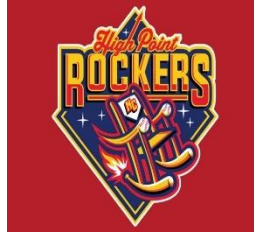
School is getting ready to start, and it's time to ramp up our youth activities. Parents and youth are invited to this meeting to gather input on activity planning for the Fall. We will discuss what has worked well and explore what may need tweaking in the future. Please join us this Sunday August 28th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. We will have ice cream for everybody, activity for the youth and discussion and planning time.

Youth Group Volunteer Sign-ups

As our youth return to school and schedules, so to do we start up Youth Study and Game Night on Wednesdays at FRUCC. Our Youth Ministries are in need of volunteers to assist with Young Disciples on Sunday morning, Youth Group Sunday evenings, and Youth Study and Game Night on Wednesdays.

Your volunteerism is vital to these ministries for our youth. Please sign up starting this Sunday and online through the FRUCC Newsletter and Weekly Emails. If you have any questions concerning Youth Ministries here at FRUCC please contact Rev. Evan Sieges. evan@frucc.org

Young Disciples – Sunday Mornings
Youth Group – Sundays at 6pm
Youth Study & Game Night
Wednesdays at 6:30pm



Community Night with the Youth at the High Point Rockers Baseball Game

Over 20 members of FRUCC gathered on August 12th to watch the High Point Rockers play at their brand-new stadium! Those gathered were treated to a buffet with hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, soda, and pasta salad! Aside from getting to watch a great game, attendees got to check out the ballpark's attractions for kids, which included a playground, batting cages, a moon-bounce, and a splash pad! At the end of the game, there was a fireworks display that was exciting and beautiful! Thank you to all who could attend, we can't wait to go back in the future!



Back to School Pool Party – August 6th

On Saturday, August 6th, youth and families gathered at the home of John Maze and Ben Hale to enjoy a Back to School Pool Party. They had hamburgers and hotdogs and everyone brought sides to round out the meal. There was lots of laughter, lots of splashing, and tons of fun!



Adult Worship & Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study Series For September

Title of the series: *Having Words with Jesus*

“Having Words With Jesus” is the overall theme of our Sunday morning Bible Study for the month of September. We will be following the lectionary text in the Gospel of Luke. You are invited to join this lively group of folk at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

We are finishing up the series on the Prophets Margins this Sunday.

September 4 “Counting the Cost”
Facilitator: June Grubb
Jeremiah 18:1-11;
Luke 14:25-33

September 11 “Finding the Lost”
Facilitator: Cathy Whitley
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Luke 15:1-10

September 18 “Debts Are Tossed”
Facilitator: TBA
Jeremiah 8:18-9: 1
Luke 16:1-13

September 25 “Gulf Is Crossed”
Facilitator: D.J.Huffman
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 15-16
Luke 16:19-31

First Reformed United Church of Christ Book Club

Meeting IDL 846 9163 5471

Passcode: Faith

What’s better than a good book? Sharing a good book with friends, exploring new ideas and finding new ways to understand the world and our place in it. First Reform UCC book club takes a look at books that challenge us to look a little deeper or from a different perspective. I will have to admit that some of the books I might not have picked to read or might not have finished. But in the discussions, we help each other search out truths and get a little bit out of our comfort zones. That is, after all how we continue to learn and grow. Then sometimes we go a little lighter as you can see from this list of some of my favorites.

Our current book is **Rooted and Rising *Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis*** by Leah Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas. It is a collection of essays by people across many different faiths who work in the faith-and-climate movement. In these essays they share their struggles and frustrations as well as the sources of hope that sustain them and keep them moving forward. In the words of the writers, “We chose the title Rooted and Rising ... because of the universal symbolism of the tree. We must reach deep into our soil of scriptural and spiritual wisdom in order to draw up the life-giving water and nutrients that can sustain the trunk, branches, and leaves of the whole “family tree” that makes its home on earth.”

Blessed are the Crazy *breaking the silence about mental illness, family, and church* by Sarah Griffith Lund is the story of the authors struggle living in a family affected by her father's mental illness. It is also about her struggle to bring her story to light, to be a witness to a world that doesn't understand and so often doesn't want to listen.

Peaceful Neighbor *Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers* by Michael Long gave me a new perspective on Mister Rogers. Just a look through the chapter titles makes the book seem so simple and sweet. “Isn’t Peace Wonderful?” and “War Isn’t Nice” or “I Like You” are classic Mister Rogers. But digging a little deeper shows how Mister Rogers was a peaceful activist.

The Book of Joy *Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams. The teachings of Buddhism and Christianity are explored side by side when two leaders of faith meet for a week of dialogue about joy, the nature of true joy, obstacles to joy, and the eight pillars of joy. The friendship between the two men is evident in their interactions throughout the book and that makes the reading both enlightening and entertaining.

These books and others are available in the church office. Our group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm by Zoom. The link to join is in the church’s weekly email. All are welcome to join us.

Blessed are the Crazy *breaking the silence about mental illness, family, and church* by Sarah Griffith Lund is the story of the authors struggle living in a family affected by her father's mental illness. It is also about her struggle to bring her story to light, to be a witness to a world that doesn't understand and so often doesn't want to listen.

Peaceful Neighbor *Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers* by Michael Long gave me a new perspective on Mister Rogers. Just a look through the chapter titles makes the book seem so simple and sweet. “Isn’t Peace Wonderful?” and “War Isn’t Nice” or “I Like You” are classic Mister Rogers. But digging a little deeper shows how Mister Rogers was a peaceful activist.

Women’s Fellowship... August 24, 2022-Meeting

Women’s Fellowship met at Yarborough’s Restaurant on Wednesday, August 24 at 11:30. There were eleven ladies in attendance. Several were absent due to illness or conflicts. As the meeting began, Paula Lopp passed around “we miss you” cards for the group to sign.

Rita Lohr to share devotions. We enjoyed learning how to “Declutter your Spiritual Life.” She shared four tips for decluttering physical items in our home and directed us to declutter our lives that are cluttered with so much busyness that we lose spiritual focus. Several Bible verses to support “decluttering our souls” were shared. Harriette Murphy volunteered for September devotions.

Belinda Yates gave a treasurer’s report, which showed additional donations collected through offering collected from July for \$36, leaving us with a balance of \$667.41.

*Fund-raising ideas included at our last meeting were continued. We learned that our **October 23 Jack-o-Lantern Multi-Generational Activity** was approved by Consistory at their August meeting, with some stipulations regarding how food is to be served.*

- *This will be an event funded by Women’s Fellowship with no charge for attendees.*
- *The activity will include pumpkin decorating and light refreshments.*
- *Deadline for sign-up for the event is October 15.*

Women's Fellowship... August 24, 2022

Women's Fellowship met at Yarborough's Restaurant on Wednesday, August 24 at 11:30. There were eleven ladies in attendance. Several were absent due to illness or conflicts. As the meeting began, Paula Lopp passed around "we miss you" cards for the group to sign.

Rita Lohr to share devotions. We enjoyed learning how to "Declutter your Spiritual Life." She shared four tips for decluttering physical items in our home and directed us to declutter our lives that are cluttered with so much busyness that we lose spiritual focus. Several Bible verses to support "decluttering our souls" were shared. Harriette Murphy volunteered for September devotions.

Belinda Yates gave a treasurer's report, which showed additional donations collected through offering collected from July for \$36, leaving us with a balance of \$667.41.

Fund-raising ideas included at our last meeting were continued. We learned that our **October 23 Jack-o-Lantern Multi-Generational Activity** was approved by Consistory at their August meeting, with some stipulations regarding how food is to be served.

- This will be an event funded by Women's Fellowship with no charge for attendees.
- The activity will include pumpkin decorating and light refreshments.
- Deadline for sign-up for the event is October 15.
- We continued with plans for signing up to attend, which Carolyn Robbins will communicate with the office and create an advertisement for the event to include in the September and October Newsletters and Sunday bulletins.
- Belinda Yates volunteered to be in charge of ordering/purchasing pumpkins based on the numbers from the sign-ups.
- Carolyn will check into paints, brushes & sponges and tablecloths for the pumpkin painting activity.

November Soup/Bake/Craft Sale will be on November 13 with plans to make the soup in the church kitchen on Friday, November 11. We discussed an increase in the price due to increasing food costs. Paula passed around a sign-up list for supplies needed for the soup. We will continue with the sign-up next month, too, and discuss this fundraiser in more detail. Current plans are still to make 75 quarts of soup for sale. We could also include any baked items or other food items or crafts anyone would like to contribute for our fund-raiser.

Rada Cutlery Sale was discussed based on information Rita shared from earlier sales by the Morning Glory Circle. It has been 2 years since the church has had the opportunity to purchase these items through the church. Rita will again follow up with possibilities to do this through on-line orders before further discussion next month.

Paula again asked for nominees for 2023 President and Secretary. Harriette nominated Glenyce Fulton for President; Lena Johnson seconded and all approved. Cathy Waitman nominated Patti Lovell for Secretary; Belinda Yates seconded and all approved. Belinda has agreed to continue as Treasurer. These 2022-2023 officers will begin with the September meeting. Since there is not a Vice-President, it was decided that should the president be unable to attend a meeting, she could contact one of the other officers to lead the meeting based on the president's agenda.

The group set the next meeting to be held again at **Yarborough's on Wednesday, September 28.**

MULTI-GENERATIONAL PUMPKIN PAINTING ACTIVITY



**JOIN US SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2022
IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL FOR PUMPKIN
PAINTING AND
REFRESHMENTS**

Time: TBD

What do you need to do?

Contact the church office

BY OCTOBER 15

and tell us how many will be attending and
how many pumpkins to reserve for you.

(336-248-2617)

This is a **FREE** event hosted by First
Reformed's Women's Fellowship.

Get Connected in Ministry at FRUCC

- 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 or join the choir or handbells
- 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 gathering



First Reformed UCC Community Garden

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, contact: Edgar Miller at 366-688-2651



First Reformed UCC Clothing Ministry

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, contact: Edgar Miller at 366-688-2651



Saturday Lunch Ministry

Volunteers needed as cooks, food prep, & servers.

Contact: John Maze - Mazejmaze1@aol.com

Charles England Elementary Back to School Drive *Making a Difference*



Thank You... Thank You... Thank You!!!!

Have you ever received a “thank you” note? Well... this is not one of them. That which our church family has done and is continuing to do for our Charles England School ministry deserves more than a note. How about a letter!

Ben and I, being ne kids on the block, dod not know what to expect when we became leaders/liaisons for First Reformed United Church of Christ with such an enormous ministry. However, we ar committed to seeing it through... with your loving care for children who need us so very much.

Your gifts of school and medical supplies, food for the back packs, clothing for the clothes closet, and financial contributions to help fill in the gaps, have all been more than appreciated. They have been BLESSINGS for the children and their families.

Please remember that this ministry to the children of the Charles England Elementary School is a perpetual one. Our ministry continues especially through the times of economic crisis in which we now find ourselves. It is now that we find the self-sacrifice of our gifts most important. Please remember our ministry throughout the coming year. The need is great. Keep it in your minds and hearts. You will be blessed many times over for your generosity.

Again, from the children of the Charles England Elementary School gratitude upon gratitude for your grace and kindness to those less fortunate. Keep up the good work!

Blessings for the journey,
Ben and Jay





The Bus Stops Here!

Jerry Lovell, Clothes Ministry Chair

On Thursday, August 18th the bus from Tyro Methodist Church was scheduled to arrive at 5:00pm to transport about 20 of our neighbors to their church. While they were waiting, folks were able to shop for themselves in the basement.

Tyro Methodist is planning to do this every Thursday evening: provide a meal, have music, offer a program, and distribute bags of groceries to take back home. Their church bus will provide transportation to and from Tyro.

The bus, about the size of a school activity bus, makes other stops along the way. As this new ministry continues, ideas are being explored to create opportunities for people in other areas of the county to have similar shopping experiences.

In the last two months, the Clothing Ministry here at First, has provided over 1000 pieces of clothing each week! We are making a difference in the community!

Currently, our biggest need is underwear for men, women, and children. Based on health guidelines, these items must be new. After that **the most asked for items are sweatshirts, hoodies, *socks for men, women and children and men's small size jeans and pants, 34 and under. (* All those new socks we had at Christmas are almost totally gone.)**

The support of the community and congregation continue to be such blessings to the Clothing Ministry. Please help us carry on this essential program with financial contributions, donations of clothing, or showing up to help.

He Had a Vision

Submitted by Patti Lovell

Knowing that Monday night meal offerings are not on a regular, consistent schedule and knowing that folks were wanting to shop for themselves in the Clothes Closet, Jerry had a vision.

As Chair of the Clothing Ministry, he got input from those in the know and came up with a plan. He could take care of two needs at one time! Serve sandwiches AND open for shopping on Monday night, August 8th.

But Monday could be a time crunch to make around 65 sandwiches. What if the sandwiches could be made Sunday after service and refrigerated, he pondered. Since **ALL** he needed were people willing to help put sandwiches together and assemble brown bag meals it could work, right? Volunteers!

Folks from our First Reformed family and people who help with the Saturday Lunch showed up to work. An assembly line was set up by Foreman Jerry Lovell to make ham and cheese, pimento cheese, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. (No one licked their fingers; I was watching while I took pictures.)

Special thanks to the Line Workers: Walter Hoffman, Eugenia and Alane Holste, Cindy Easter, Camille Morgan, and Marge Doty. Thanks to the First Bagger, Cathy Whitley for putting in the heavy items first. Thanks to Jay Whitley, Bagger #2 who added the softer items. June Grubb, who had just delivered the message, did a stellar job of wrapping cutlery that went into the bag. John Grey folded the brown bag meals and transported them to the basement fridge. All was ready for Monday night!

Many hands make light the work! The Fellowship Hall was cleared and cleaned, and we were getting in our cars to leave at 12:07.

Monday night came, volunteers showed up, and a few chairs were set up in the flat shady part of the ramp. Some people ate, then shopped; other people shopped then ate. It was very casual with Clothing Ministry folks engaging our guests in conversations. There was laughter heard inside and out. Just a good neighborhood time!

Paraphrasing Matthew pretty much sums up the evening: anything we did “for the least of His people” that Monday night was because “two or three people were gathered in His name.”



SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY - AUGUST UP-DATE

August balance:

Beginning balance: \$3871.00

Purchases: \$380.00

Donations: \$510.00

End August: \$4001.00

348 SERVED



Thank you !

Thank you to our volunteers that help put the meals together each Saturday! Thank you, Glenyce Fulton for preparing hot dogs and fixings the 4th meal of the month, desserts, and to Alisa Johnson for desserts also!

While we have wonderful volunteer, we still need more helping hands. Our biggest needs at present are We cooks and servers! We also need bags of precooked chicken for sandwiches, ground beef and pork shoulders. We can also use HUGS fruit flavored drinks (Walmart carries) and cases of water.

If you don't have the time to come in on Saturdays, but would like to contribute to this ministry, monetary donations are very much appreciated. And if you do have time to volunteer, please contact John at 704-524-6462 to see what is involved with preparing a meal or serving. It is easier than one might think!

UPDATE on stock:

50 cases of canned fruits and vegetables picked up from Jamestown pantry August 23rd. (No meats available again for several months.) We continue to stock up on what we can get, as there will be no pick ups from November through February. We will stretch what we have on hand through these months.

COVID Guideline Changes

With the recent changes in the CDC guidelines, the Consistory approved the lifting of all Covid Restrictions for church facilities. Moving forward, masking and distancing is left up to your judgment. Even without limits in place, we plan as a congregation to continue to do what is needed to care for one another and help each other remain healthy.



Announcements and Events
at First Reformed UCC & the Community

Cure the bells!

Handbells are returning!

If you're interested in
playing, let Ellen know.

No experience needed!



Ellen Peterson
ellen@frucc.org

Join the Choir!

Choir practice resumes Wednesday, September 7 at
7:00 pm in the Chapel Annex.

All are welcome! No experience required!



Charitable Giving Strategies Seminar

Join us on **Sunday, September 25th at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall** for a seminar on Charitable Giving Strategies. The seminar is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and is presented by Edward Jones Financial Advisor Jennifer Schoonmaker-Dasch.

Are you age 70 ½ or older and donate to charities yearly for tax purposes? Do you have a Traditional or Roth IRA? This seminar will show you how you can make a tax free Qualified Charitable Distribution to a charity (or charities) of your choice.

To give us some idea as to how many will be attending, please contact Jackie in the church office by Wednesday September 21, 2022. jackie@frucc.org



Join Camp Do Good
DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive **First Reformed United Church of Christ**

Fellowship Hall
104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Thursday, September 8, 2022
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and search sponsor code: First Reformed.

Questions? Please contact the church office at 336-248-2617
or call Betty Barr at 336-239-5001

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



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



PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Robbins, Brian McKerlie, John Smith, J.W. Bates, Jimbo Hinkle, Lynn McCarn, Bonita Hooper, Jeff Hutchens, Steve & Charm Ketner, Lee & Ellen Bouchard, Kathleen Danze,

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

IN CARE FACILITIES: Vogen Everheart, Sherry Bonner, Marguerite Leonard, Patti Everhart

OUR FRIENDS: Sarah Lovell Biggers (Jerry & Patti Lovell's daughter), Scott Mooney (cousin of Lee Ann Peele), Laura Turlington (Cousin of Cliff Lopp), Jack Poetzinger (Susie Smith's Father), Larry Sink (Cousin of Paula Lopp), Earl Parker (Rev. Horton's Father), Judy Stanley (Mother of Robin Champion)

~ Memorials ~

In Memory of Nolan Leonard
(*Sylvia Walsers Brother*)
Merle Hodges

In Memory of Jimmy Grubbs
Mike & Bonita Hooper

In Memory of Buddy Hedrick
Monte Darrell (Sparky) Brooks

In Memory of Gregory Evans
Cliff & Paula Lopp
Steven & Cathy Waitman
John and Victoria Gray

September Anniversaries

Sept. 5th

Dave & Glenyce Fulton

Sept. 18th

Eddie & Susan Miller

Sept. 19th

Tony & Leeann Peele
Johnny & Lynn McCarn

Sept. 20th

Brad & Molly Robertson



September Birthdays

- 9/2 Dave Fulton & Henry Kiser
- 9/4 Henry Crouse
- 9/5 Kyndel Lovell
- 9/8 Lucas Bustamante-Cruz
- 9/10 Eddie Miller
- 9/11 Doug Sink
- 9/12 Lee Jessup
- 9/16 Addie Walser
- 9/17 Lynn Brown & Steven Wall
- 9/19 James Atkinson
- 9/20 Glenyce Fulton & Matthew Johnson
- 9/23 Juliet Odom
- 9/24 Alice Gray
- 9/26 Cathy Whitley & Mark Smith
- 9/27 Rita Lohr
- 9/28 Elliott Smith
- 9/30 Kelly Greathouse



Join Us on Facebook:
facebook.com/firstreformeducc

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				4-6pm Clothing Ministry Workday		NO Saturday Lunch Ministry
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
COMMUNION 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6pm Youth Group	Labor Day Church Office Closed	12pm 2CFAR Meeting in Parlor 7pm Book Study (zoom)	6:30pm Youth Study & Game Night 7pm Choir Practice	2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive 4-6pm Clothing Ministry Workday		12pm Saturday Lunch Ministry
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6pm Youth Group		12pm 2CFAR Meeting in Parlor 7pm Book Study (zoom) 7pm NAMI Family Support Group (zoom)	6:30pm Youth Study & Game Night 7pm Choir Practice	4-6pm Clothing Ministry Workday PFLAG 6:30pm		12pm Saturday Lunch Ministry
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Big Board Sunday 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Ellen Peterson 10 th Anniversary Reception Consistory		12pm 2CFAR Meeting in Parlor 7pm Book Study (zoom)	6:30pm Youth Study & Game Night 7pm Choir Practice	4-6pm Clothing Ministry Workday		12pm Saturday Lunch Ministry
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2pm Charitable Giving Seminar 6pm Youth Group	6pm FRUCC Clothes Ministry Open	12pm 2CFAR Meeting in Parlor 7pm Book Study (zoom) 7pm NAMI Family Support Group (zoom)	6:30pm Youth Study & Game Night 7pm Choir Practice	4-6pm Clothing Ministry Workday		

Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Horton

elizabeth@frucc.org 336-972-8895

Minister of Congregational Care

Rev. June Grubb 336-248-5668

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Rev. Evan Sieges evan@frucc.org

Music Director

Ellen Peterson ellen@frucc.org

Pianist / Organist

Christopher Kiser chris@frucc.org

Church Administrator

Jackie Mock jackie@frucc.org

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