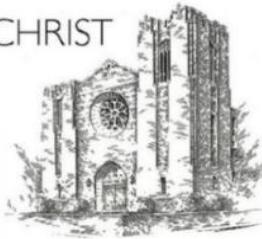




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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, North Carolina



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

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 wonderous 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.

May 2025 Newsletter

A Message from Rev. Elizabeth Horton

Dear First Reformed Family,

What a glorious Easter we shared together! God always gives us a reason to hope even in the stark face of death. Yes, even when all seems lost, God is doing a new thing!

This month, my mind kept returning to this prayer/poem... I hope you find that it sings in your soul like it does mine.

THIS CHURCH

**We don't pretend to understand the mystery
of what goes on in God's Church.**

**We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love
that reaches into the niches of all of us
and pulls us out into the open,
free and alive and belonging.**

**We believe this spirit of love exists because
God's spirit lives within this church,
this unity of persons trying
to be the Good News.**

**We see this Church as a circle of persons
holding hands... and dancing...
supporting each other, accepting each other,
loving each other.**

**Each person in this dancing circle
is facing outward... reaching into God's world,
listening for the whimpering,
watching for the hurting,
willing to offer a cup of cold water
in His name.**

**Sometimes they need the water;
sometimes you need the water;
sometimes I need the water.**

**Being a part of the Church
means knowing that
the cup is always filled
in His name.**

by Ann Weems, Searching for Shalom, 1991.

Elizabeth

A Look at Easter Events

Easter Cards & Flowers to Our Homebound

Sunday, April 13th, we finished gathering everyone's Easter cards for our homebound members. Volunteers graciously delivered bags of cards and flowers after the Palm/Passion service.

Our homebound members truly appreciate the cards and flowers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered your time.

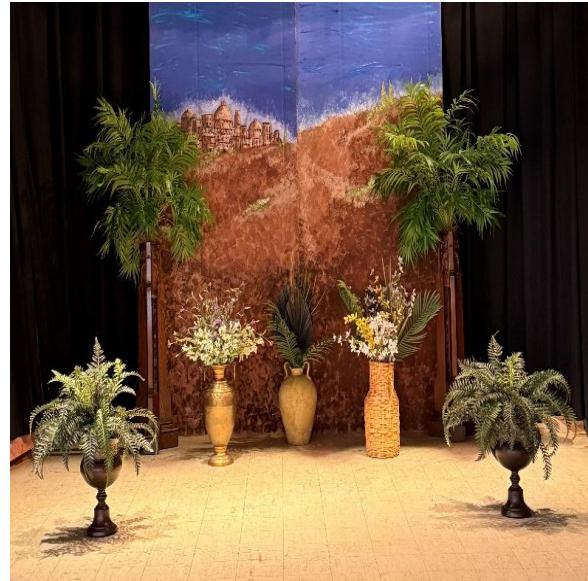
Thank you to Congregational Life for putting this together again this year! Many thanks to Betty Barr.



Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 17th several of the FRUCC church family gathered at the table to commemorate Jesus Christ's Last Supper with the disciples. It was a very special time together.

Thank you to Board of Worship for putting this together and all the volunteers that helped with the meal and the experience.





Easter Sunday Breakfast

We had a wonderful breakfast with around 45 in attendance. Mary Jo's Sausage Rolls were a BIG HIT!

Thank you to Congregational Life for working so hard to put this together. Many thanks to: Betty Barr, Rita Lohr, Shannon Myers and Mike Price for making Easter Breakfast a wonderful experience.



Easter Sunday Service



Chase Hanes, Shannon Myers, Zack Hedrick



Clifton Murphy, Cathy Waitman,
and
Madeline Tippette

Lexington Choral Society
presents

VISIONS

A SPRING SING CONCERT

Sunday, May 4, 2025
3:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292



The concert is FREE and open to the public!



This project is supported by the North Carolina Arts Council,
a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.





Choir of the Bells

A 6-week handbell
experience for all!

Rehearsals:
Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:15 pm
May 7, 14, 21
June 4, 11, 18

Bells will play during the
June 22 Morning Worship Service

Email Ellen with questions!
ellen@frucc.org

Join Us On Sunday

First Reformed
United Church
of Christ

104 E. Center St.
Lexington, NC

Rev. Elizabeth Horton



WATCH FROM ANYWHERE
Live Streaming
10:30 AM SERVICE

VIA YouTube



**Pick-up Choir will be Sunday,
May 18th.**

Join the Choir at 10am in the sanctuary
for a short rehearsal. Everyone is
welcome and we hope to see you
there!



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Gain insight into life with mental illness through real stories, video, and open discussion—all shared by individuals living in recovery. Through honest dialogue, we help grow a movement of hope, connection, and the possibility of a better life.

AUDIENCE PERSPECTIVES

"I learned more about mental health perspectives from these generous people than any book I ever read."

"The presenters were fantastic. I am lucky to have heard them speak. They have great energy and empowerment!"

MAY 7, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:30PM

104 E Center Street Lexington, NC

Contact: NAMIDavidsonCounty1@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served. Community members are invited to attend.

NAMI News

submitted by Cathy Browder

National Alliance on Mental Illness

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and NAMI NW Piedmont, NC is pleased to present **NAMI In Our Own Voice**. Folks in recovery from mental illness and substance use will openly share their stories, interspersed with videos of others doing the same. After the formal program, the presenters will answer questions from the audience. The event will be in the FRUCC Fellowship Hall.

This event will be at First Reformed United Church of Christ, [104 E Center Street, Lexington, NC](https://www.google.com/maps/place/104+E+Center+Street+Lexington,+NC/@36.011111,-79.011111,17z) on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, send them to NAMIDavidsonCounty1@gmail.com

Time to Care for Our EDU Building



LET THE CLEAN OUT AND CLEAN UP BEGIN!

The **dumpster was delivered to our church parking lot April 23rd**. A few of you have been stopping in and working on specific things which has been wonderful! We are asking as many as will to come and walk through the halls and rooms so that you can get a feel for what needs to be done and decide on tasks you think you can do. We also want you to feel free to home items that you would like to have. We have an abundance of chairs, tables, and cabinets that could use a good home. A few piano's too.

On Saturday, May 17th, from 10am to 4pm we will have a church wide clean out day in the Edu. building. It would be great if you could let Eddie Yates know if you will be coming as this clean out will include bigger items, such as tables, desks, etc. and we need all hands on deck. Please mark your calendar and come help on this day. This is an important step forward for the EDU building all of your help will be much appreciated and needed! Thank you in advance for your time with this project.

Eddie Yates Property Chair (bbqman46@gmail.com) & the Property Committee

Adult Worship, Study, & Fellowship Opportunities



Wednesday Study With Second UCC FRUCC Parlor

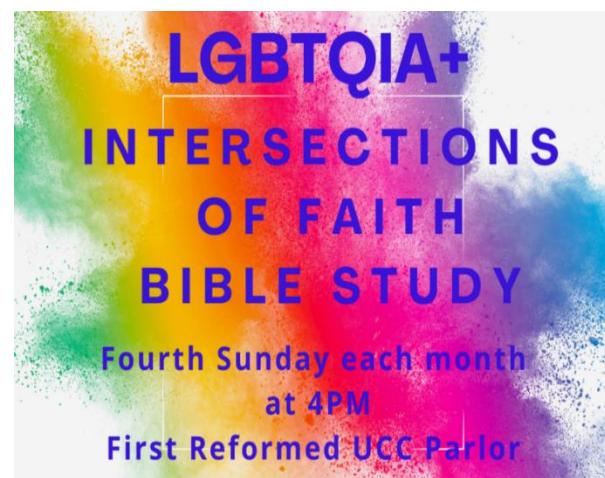
Join us on Wednesdays at 12:30pm as we watch and discuss the House of David.

Facilitator: Rev. Jim Luck

Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited!

FRUCC Women's Fellowship meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 28th** at Yarborough's Restaurant. Time will be 11:30 am.



FRUCC Men's Brotherhood

All men of the church are invited!

FRUCC Men's Brotherhood meet the first Tuesday, of each month, at Yarborough's. They enjoy a wonderful meal, review their last meeting, have a devotion and enjoy good fellowship.

Upcoming meeting: Tuesday, May 6th /6:30 PM

Believing in Christ - Eastertide

April 27 "Embodied Believing"

Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Facilitator: Mike Hooper

May 4 "Circling Toward Food Justice"

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

May 11 "Springs of Living Water"

Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Facilitator: June Grubb

May 18 "A New World"

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

May 25 "The Tree of Life"

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

June 1 "Becoming One"

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

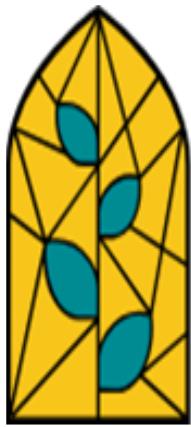
Facilitator: June Grubb

Sunday - Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings come and enjoy lively and indepth conversations in the Adult Bible Study group. The meetings are held in the Narthex of the Sanctuary starting at 9:30am.

Believing in Christ – Eastertide

A six-week series that centers around the theme of Environmental Justice. In the book of John and the book of Revelation, the authors share important truths and experiences – moments that come from mountaintops and valleys of our faith as we explore biblical and ecological themes.



Center for Congregational Health

Greetings from your Thriving Church Leadership Team! We are hard at work on our second focus area, which is identifying and exploring the needs and opportunities for ministry and service in our community. Although First Reformed certainly already has several robust and much-needed ministries in action in our church, we still need to evaluate future trends and needs in our community. What will our community look like in five years? Ten years? And how will the needs for ministry and service be different? We will explore

these questions by hosting a forum or forums to hear from various leaders in our community about the needs and service opportunities in Lexington and our broader community.

To expand our perspectives beyond the Thriving Church Committee, we need each of you to "join the committee"! We need to hear your ideas about what communities you would like our church to serve and from which community leaders you wish to hear. We ask each of you to participate in a brief survey. It should only take ten or less minutes to complete. Included here is a link to the online version of the survey. We will also have paper copies of the survey available during Sunday worship or in the church office.

[Click here to go to online survey](#)

The survey briefly asks questions such as:

- * Your name and contact information
- * What are the needs and opportunities in the community from your perspective/ point of view?
- * How might you imagine a church like ours might make a positive impact in addressing the needs you see?
- * As we are learning about the community, who do you think we should invite to a community forum?
- * Who do you personally know who could be a good source of community information?

Please complete and return the survey by Sunday, May 18th. Should you prefer to speak directly with a committee member, please reach out to one of us: Smithie Parrish, Chase Hanes, Kevin Cook, Zach Hedrick, Walter Hoffman, Elizabeth Horton. Thank you for your participation as together we move forward into the future and seek God's guidance for First Reformed UCC!

Special Concert at FRUCC May 31st at FRUCC Burlington Boy's Choir (4:00pm)

On Sunday, May 31st at 4pm, we have the pleasure of attending a concert by the Burlington Boy's Choir.

The Burlington Boys Choir is the oldest organization of its kind in North Carolina to have been continuously sustained in training and performance. Members of the choir range from the ages of eight to fourteen. Boys are auditioned and membership is attained based on recommendations, singing abilities, high academic achievement and review of effort and improvement while a member of the training choir. Continued participation in the choir is contingent upon maintaining high grades and following high standards of conduct.

Today's choir holds to it's founder's ideals, Ms. Wiseman, and incorporates modern approaches to teaching and learning both music and discipline. The current choir, composed of 15 to 30 boys, rehearses twice a week and memorizes 200 to 250 sheets of music, many in German, Latin, Italian or French each season.

The choir has performed at the White House on five occasions, and has performed at many famous churches and cathedrals in the United States, including the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. They have performed many times over the past 30 years at the Christmas Eve Communion Service at Duke University Chapel.

The choir has performed every year since 1991 at the Biltmore House in Asheville for their Christmas Candlelight Evening Tour. At one time they were the only children's group to be allowed to perform at the Biltmore House. The employees at Biltmore have said "This is one of the best entertaining attractions at the Biltmore House during the Christmas season. We draw straws to see who will have the opportunity to work and hear the choir perform."

The choir has performed in four operas and one oratorio with the Greensboro Symphony under the direction of Dr. Peter Paul Fuchs and several other times with other directors. They have worked with the North Carolina Symphony and have performed



on five different continents. They have been featured on the cover of Jack and Jill Magazine, in the North Carolina magazine, the City-County Magazine and the Alamance Magazine. The choir has been on the local Fox 8 News, Channel 2 Evening News and were filmed by ABC National News for a Christmas Special at the Biltmore House.

The Choir is presently directed by Bill Allred, who worked as an assistant director for Ms. Wiseman prior to her retirement in 1994. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster Choir College at Princeton, NJ, received his Masters from the North Carolina School of the Arts, and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from The University of North Carolina Greensboro. Still under his direction in 2005, the choir added several exciting endeavors to its remarkable history. Several former choir boys were welcomed back in the new tenors and basses sections resulting in glorious harmonies, the choir recorded its first CD in over 10 years, featuring the traditional sacred music and selections from Fiddler on the Roof, and they partnered with the newly formed Alamance Girls Choir.

Ms. Wiseman passed away in 2005, and even though the choir is under different direction, she will always be a part of the choir. She taught about 500 Alamance County boys to sing throughout the world, and that number continues to grow today. She has given everyone a gift from God, she created a choir... a Choir of Angels...

Summer Youth Camp

Catawba College Youth Theology Institute Discover Camp

<https://www.catawba.edu/discovery>

The DISCOVER program is designed to educate middle and high school youth about theology and ministry and help prepare the next generation of leadership for the church, and is funded by the Lilly Endowment.

DISCOVER involves collaboration from faculty at Catawba, Livingstone College, Hood Theological Seminary, and local clergy to provide participants with a vibrant, challenging curriculum as the youth explore theological traditions, ask questions about contemporary issues, and examine how their faith calls them to lives of service.

John's River Valley Camp <https://www.jrvc.org/summer-camps>

June 29- July 5

Middle/High Climbing Camp Grades: 7-9 \$510.00

This week, campers will engage in a combination of on-site activities and off-site activities, including Climbing in the Pisgah National Forest and more!

July 6 – 12

Sr. High Adventure Camp Grades: 9-12 \$600

If you are looking for a challenge to help you stretch and grow then this is the week for you. The week will include a rafting trip with class III and IV rapids, climbing in Pisgah National Forest, and an overnight away from the cabins

July 13-19

NEW THIS YEAR! PADDLE CAMP Grades: 6-12 \$550

This camp features three paddling adventures on area rivers including a off-site overnight in the middle of a trip. If you love the water this is the week for you!

FRUCC Community Outreach Ministries

FRUCC Community Garden: Off to a Fast Start – Edgar Miller



The First Reformed UCC Community Garden hosted two successful events in April with the Anything for Our Youth organization led by Tina Royal. On April 5, we welcomed 13 kids and eight adults who helped plant five different kinds of blueberry bushes, including testing and fertilizing the soil. We also planted peas and carrots (the kid's favorite vegetable so far) and harvested asparagus and herbs for their use at home.

On April 19, we held a combined Easter and Earth Day event, which featured planting annuals in the garden pollinator bed along with an explanation of the importance of pollinators for food production. We had six kids and five adults, who also helped plant tomatoes, squash and cucumbers. The kids enjoyed hunting for Easter eggs stuffed with different seed packets, including a wildflower mix, bush and pole beans, carrots, basil, dill,

tomatoes and squash, to take with them to plant at home. Lastly, Edgar Miller, the church's community garden liaison led a discussion of "Creation Care" for Earth Day, including scriptures encouraging humans to steward the Earth rather than "dominating" it.

The next Garden activity with the kids will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM – 12 PM and will feature Davidson County Cooperative Extension horticulture agent, Sam Boring, doing a tree planting workshop, followed by the Anything for Our Youth kids planting apple and fig trees.

We also continue to employ several garden workers during the week to prepare the garden for the kids' activities. Your donations to the Garden Fund help provide a living wage to folks that need the extra money. Thank you for your support.

For more information on how you can get involved and volunteer in the garden contact Edgar at edgarmmiller@gmail.com.



Communities in Schools Day

Charles England Elementary School Ministry

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

These students were the Charles England Ambassadors for our visit. They served as greeters, tour guides, and our farewell entertainment!

(Notice the blazers.)



Principal Sean Gaillard welcomed everyone and provided an insightful presentation about the good things going on at the school, as well as areas of the building that need attention. (Elizabeth, Smithie, Brody Brown, Jerry, and Patti)

The Ambassadors made certain everyone was in the correct place.

A couple of the Ambassadors were able to assist this lost person.





We all ate in the cafeteria while students were having lunch. The food was really good; the chicken and waffles were a hit!

Before we left, we were treated to a class singing "Lean on Me"! We received "thank yous", fist bumps, handshakes, and some happy hugs.



I do believe that a good time was had by all! ❤️❤️

CEES/First Reformed Partnership Coordinator
Patti Lovell 336-309-9302

SPECIAL NOTE: Index cards will be available May 4th and 11th to write "Words of Encouragement" notes to the faculty and staff at CEES. End of the Year Testing begins on May 15 and the cards will be put in mailboxes at the school prior to that. Please leave them in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to write more than one card; we need 60. Thank you!

Fifth Grade Annual Hotdog Lunch

Fifth graders are the “seniors” at elementary schools and at CEES it is celebrated as a graduation event. This year the Fifth Grade **Cookout will be on Tuesday, May 27th**

Each year, FRUCC CEES mission volunteers help with this event. Hotdogs, fixings, chips, cookies, drinks, and paper products will need to be picked up by volunteers from **First Reformed at 9:30am and transported to Charles England**. This is an outside event. Set-up begins once the food arrives at the school.

Students are escorted by teachers outside and go through the food line, there are teachers that also supervise the students. Students return to class after eating.

That thing about “many hands make light the work”, is true. There were 13 volunteers last year who helped with this special event



and no one, other than Calvin and Jerry, aka “grill masters”, were overworked. Having that many folks again would be great! **Please volunteer for this event by Thursday, May 22 so there will be time to “recruit” if necessary.**

The fifth graders look forward to this each year and everyone that has volunteers for this event over the past has a great time. Please contact **Patti Lovell: 336-309-9302 to volunteer.**

- No background check needed
- Feel free to bring a lawn chair to take a break as needed.

FRUCC Clothing Ministry

We're almost there!!!! Many thanks to Joe Armentrout and his sister Brenna for all the hard work they have put in to helping to get the clothing ministry ready to reopen!!!

Those that want to volunteer to work in the clothing ministry again now that we're getting ready to reopen, please contact Jerry Lovell. We will have an opening date in the very near future.

Contact Jerry Lovell @ 336-590-5074



FRUCC Saturday Lunch Ministry

FRUCC Saturday Lunch Ministry serves over 200 individuals weekly. Your time, donations and support reach deeply into our community providing for those that are economically food challenged. Volunteer today.

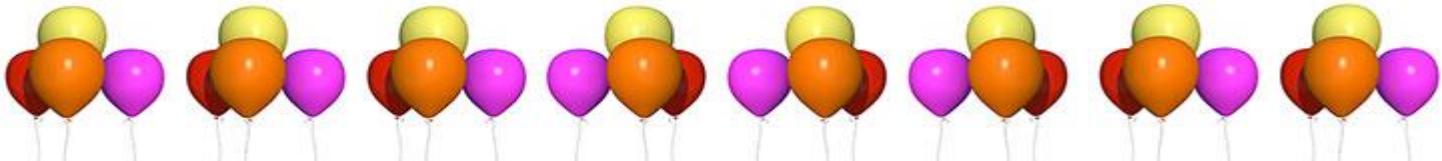
Volunteer

104 East Center St.
Lexington, NC
11:30 AM
1:30 PM

More Info: John Maze mazejmaze1@aol.com



Birthdays and Anniversaries in May



May Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

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



Memorials and Honorariums



In Honor of Sylvia Walser

Jerry & Aurelia Smith

In Honor of the Honey Monk Family

Susie Smith

In Memory of John Smith

Cheryl Walser

In Memory of Larry Berrier

John & Vicki Gray

Deanna Michael

Steve & Cathy Waitman

Boyd & Julia Clodfelter

Margot Walser

The Donna Berrier Family

Kathy Phillips

In Memory of Betty "Jo" Browder

Jerry & Patti Lovell

In Memory of JW Bates

Thomas & Joyce Phillips

James & Libby Swicegood

Cheryl Walser

Susie Smith

James & Alice Gray

Looking Ahead to June

SUNDAY – JUNE 1st

Graduation Sunday

If you or a family member of yours is celebrating an educational milestone, graduating from high school, technical school, college graduate, or professional school this year, we want to celebrate with you!

Please send the following information to:

Jackie@frucc.org

by Wednesday, May 28th for inclusion in the June 1 worship bulletin:

- Name
- school of graduation and degree completed
- relationship to you (child, grandchild, etc.)



Annual Church Picnic

At Wildcat Mountain Farm - June 8, 2025

Note: NO Service at FRUCC on June 8th

Our worship service and picnic lunch will be held at Wildcat Mountain Farm, Sunday, June 8th. Wildcat Mountain Farm is a 579 acre hunting preserve about 20 minutes from the church. The property includes a unique hunters' cabin, a 26 acre lake and other small ponds, and lots of hiking trails. (Address - 10000 Hwy. 47, Denton, NC)

Bring a chair, wear comfortable clothes, and enjoy an outside time of worship, food, and fellowship. **Gather at 10:30am - Worship at 11 am - Lunch following**

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and serving.

Contact Susie Smith: 336-596-6889 or skepley8@yahoo.com

Contact Betty Barr: 336-239-5001 or [hbarr@ptmc.net](mailto:bhbarr@ptmc.net)



Community Forum at FRUCC, Sunday

June 1st at 3pm

Baha'i Strive for Unity in our Communities

Mary Elizabeth Myers (Goldi) has a master's degree in public health from UNCG and has served over 20 years as a Nationally Certified Health Education Specialist. She has been active in both North Carolina and several international communities. She is currently employed by the YMCA in Lexington, North Carolina as a Lifeguard, swimming instructor, and writes monthly stories and activities for character development for children in the child watch program. She has been a member of the Baha'i Faith for almost 30 years.

Cynthia R. Hall is on the local administrative body of the

Baha'i of High Point and is involved in community building. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the High Point Public Library and on the Social Justice subcommittee of the Human Relations Commission. Cynthia moved to North Carolina in 2011 after retiring from 30 years in higher education assisting people in identifying, preparing for, and pursuing their careers. She earned her master's degree in education at Cal Poly Pomona and her undergraduate degree in sociology at Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD). She has been an active member of the Baha'i Faith since 1976.



NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, provides support and education services to those affected by mental illness and the people who love and support them. If you have any questions about NAMI or would like to participate in any activity, reach out to:

Cathy at 704-502-9095 or email
NAMIDavidsoncounty1@gmail.com

NAMI Family Support Group Meeting Each Month

The 2nd Tuesday
The 3rd Monday



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

Join meetings on the third Thursday of each month at First Reformed UCC in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm.

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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.**

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00am-1pm Walkin's Welcome
1-2pm Lunch
2 – 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

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Horton
elizabeth@frucc.org 336-972-8895

Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. June Grubb 336-248-5668

Choir Director
Ellen Peterson ellen@frucc.org

Pianist/Oranist
Bruce Trippette bruce@frucc.org

Church Administrator
Jackie Mock jackie@frucc.org

Thank you note from Catawba College student
THE FIRST REFORMED UCC OF LEXINGTON
104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292-3312

Dear Congregation of the First Reformed UCC of Lexington, NC,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution to my education through THE FIRST REFORMED UCC OF LEXINGTON, NC. Your support means so much to me and has significantly eased the financial burden of pursuing my academic goals. With this scholarship, I am able to focus more on my studies and take full advantage of the opportunities available at Catawba College. This gift not only helps with tuition but also motivates me to work harder and strive for excellence in all aspects of my education.

Thanks to your kindness, I am one step closer to achieving my dreams, and I am excited to continue my studies in Athletic Training. Your generosity has made a meaningful difference in my life, and I hope to give back to others in the future, just as you have. Once again, thank you for your support; it is truly appreciated, and I am incredibly grateful for your belief in my potential.

I am sorry I missed you on Tuesday. I am currently under the weather and still recovering from being sick, and I didn't want to risk spreading it. My apologies.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Burch
Email: Lmburch21@catawba.edu

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our Neighbors, Our Children Speakers: Sean Gaillard & Dr. Nikia Hardy CEES 				1	2	3 Saturday Lunch Ministry 
4 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship Lexington Choral Society Concert at First UMC Lexington 3PM	5 Open Hands 5:30pm	6 Men's Brotherhood Yarborough's 6:30pm NAMI via Zoom 7 pm	7 2 nd UCC Study 12:30pm NAMI EVENT FRUCC - FH 7-8:30pm Bell Practice 6:30-7:15pm	8	9	10 Saturday Lunch Ministry 
11 Communion 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship	12 Open Hands 5:30pm	13 Board of Evangelism 4:30 Parlor	14 2 nd UCC Study 12:30pm Bell Practice 6:30-7:15pm	15 PFLAG 6:30pm Parlor	16 Youth Piano Recital 6:30pm	17 Saturday Lunch Ministry  Community Garden Church Wide EDU bldg. Clean Out Day
18 Pick-up Choir 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship SURVEY'S DUE Consistory meets after worship	19 Office Closed Jackie on Vacation Open Hands 5:30pm NAMI via Zoom 7 pm	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed 2 nd UCC Study 12:30pm Bell Practice 6:30-7:15pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed Our dumpster is picked up and removed	24 Saturday Lunch Ministry  Community Garden
25 9:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship (Bruce Off) LGBTQ+ Intersections of Faith 4PM	26 Office Closed Memorial Day 	27 Jackie back from vacation	28 Women's Fellowship Yarborough's 11:30am 2 nd UCC Study 12:30pm Bell Practice 6:30-7:15pm	29	30	31 Saturday Lunch Ministry  Bulington Boys Choir Concert FRUCC Sanctuary 4pm