

**“What's the  
WORD?”**



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

**Weekly Updates & Musings**

### *Beloved Church,*

What a blessing it was to be on vacation with my family last week! Thank you to the congregation for the sabbath time off to rest and recharge!

I enjoyed time reading, just for fun! Playing in the sand with my great niece and nephew and lots of time with Jon, Cassi and JT! It was a wonderful week even though the weather could have been better! My heart is full!

I pray that you, too, will have some time to take sabbath this summer, vacationing at the beach, the mountains, camping, doing whatever makes your heart sing! We all need time to get out of our normal routine to connect more fully with God.

I am ready to get back into the swing and continue to look forward to our summer worship theme, our book study, and perhaps some more opportunities to gather together this summer!

God is still speaking...

Love & Light,

*Michelle*

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Pastor Michelle:

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Email: [fcuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fcuccpastor@gmail.com)

\*please note Friday & Saturday are her Sabbath days.  
(with the exception of scheduled events.)

She is available for emergencies only those days

## **Summer Worship Theme**

*Join us this summer as we  
explore what it means to “Be A  
Blessing”*

*Lots of stories, scripture, music  
and more!*

### **BE A BLESSING**

LEAD WITH LOVE. PRAY OFTEN.

**PRACTICE PEACE.**

**GIVE THANKS.**

**BE JOYFUL. BE KIND.**

DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE.

**WORK FOR JUSTICE.**

**BE THE LIGHT.**

**ENCOURAGE OTHERS.**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE  
BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU EACH  
WEEK, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.**

## *Prayer Concerns*

Please keep these individuals/families in your prayers...

Carolyn Stubblefield has been moved to nursing care.

Lucius Wilson is recovering from his procedure.

Shirley Perry was discharged from the hospital to home and is recovering.

## *Those remaining in our Prayers*

Linda Cobb, Lewis & Vonnie Fowler, Troy Johnson, Julie Miller, Keith Miller, Shirley Perry, Joe Strickland, Nancy Thomas, Benji Terrell, Julie Miller, Carolyn Stubblefield, those hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our homebound.

## **Summer Book Club**

First Christian will hold a Book Club Discussion this summer in July. The Book being discussed is **"Original Blessing, Putting Sin in it's Rightful Place"** by Danielle Schroyer and is available on Amazon.

Save these dates: **July 7th, 14th, and 21st**. All are on a Wednesday. The discussions will take place outside or in Bray Hall at 6:30 pm. ... on July 7th we will discuss Parts 1 & 2.

## *Prayers of Gratitude & joy*

A Special thank you to Rev. Sharon Wheeler for preaching and covering pastoral emergencies while I enjoyed time with family at the beach! ~Pastor Michelle

## *Those serving in our Armed Forces*

PFC Matthew Knight  
1Lt Kirk Workman



## **July Birthdays**

7/1 Mary Newsome  
7/3 Darla Jo Bray  
7/8 Troy Johnson  
7/10 Norma Simons  
7/19 Nancy Simmons  
7/20 Millie Fraser  
7/21 Catie Massey  
7/23 Lucius Wilson  
7/25 Margaret Turner



## **July Anniversaries**

7/13 Jon & Michelle Funk  
7/17 Lucius Wilson & Deborah Williams  
7/19 David & Nell Allred

## **Upcoming Worship Services**

Date	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Theme	"Practice Peace" Holy Communion	"Have Courage"	"Pray Often"	"Be Joyful" Christmas in July!
Scripture	Romans 12:9-21	Luke 6:27-36	James 5:13-18	Luke 2:1-20
Hymn	Peace Like a River	God of Grace, God of Mercy	Standing in the Need of Prayer	Joy to the World

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

SUNDAY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2021 10:30 AM

Don't miss the excitement and fun of celebrating Christmas in July! We weren't able to worship this past Christmas Eve in person, so let's "celebrate again" this summer!

Join us as we celebrate the JOY!

Our Theme is "Be A Blessing... Be Joyful!"



## Great opportunities for Children this summer!



Save the date

Vbs 2021

Knights of the  
North Castle

July 19-21<sup>st</sup>

6pm-8pm

Elon Community church ucc

## KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE VBS ELON COMMUNITY UCC!

For more information and to register

Email: [wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com](mailto:wheeler.sharon04@gmail.com)

Or call Elon Community church office, 336-584-0391

## Summer Day Camp~ August 2nd- 6th~ ALL CREATION!

Dates: Monday, August 2nd- Friday, August 6th

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ages: Rising 1st Graders - Rising 5th Graders

Location: First Reformed United Church of Christ  
513 West Front Street

Visit our website to register online:  
[www.firstreformeducc.org](http://www.firstreformeducc.org)

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

If you have any of these craft supplies and are willing to donate to First Reformed UCC for their daycamp, please bring in to the church office by July 12th. Thanks for considering helping them!

### CRAFTS:

Peeled and clean cans (15 oz. or larger)

Old Magazines (for children to cut on)

Old Crayons

Old Muffin Tins