

THE REFORMER

“A Family of Grace...Growing in Faith...Sharing God’s Love”

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 7: All Saints’ Sunday

We give thanks for all the saints who have fought the good fight and have gained the crown of righteousness. In the gospel (John 1:32-44), Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, offering the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more. Pastor George Simmons will be the guest preacher.

Sunday, November 14: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus lifts up the sacrificial giving of a poor widow who offers her last two coins as a gift to God, contrasting her humility with the pride of the religious leaders (Mark 12:38-44).

Sunday, November 21: Christ the King Sunday

This is the last Sunday of the church year, the day we celebrate the kingship of Christ and anticipate the consummation of all things when he comes again in glory. The story of Jesus and Pilate (John 18:33-37) represents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love. Holy Communion will be received.

Sunday, November 28: First Sunday in Advent

Jesus speaks of that great day of dismay, perplexity, confusion and terror (Luke 21:25-36), but promises that God’s people will be given strength to stand boldly and received God’s promised redemption. Communion will be received at the altar.

NEWS AND NOTES

ALL SAINTS' – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

On this Sunday, we remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant and claimed their eternal reward. We thank God for their lives among us and rejoice in the promise that one day we will be reunited with them for eternity. We especially remember those from our own family of faith:

Jean Harrington Fox
Lorraine Baldwin Campbell
Colleen Miller Hammer
Mary Johnston Harrington Wike
Helen Harriet Rauscher

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

We will prepare and distribute meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. If you are willing to provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution, please see Dianne Gwaltney.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The annual congregational meeting will be held to elect new members to serve a three-year term on the Congregation Council and vote on the ministry plan for 2022.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Council will meet at 7:00 via Zoom. Scott Patterson will lead devotions

CLERGY ALLIANCE

Taylorsville community churches are planning trips to Canton, NC, to help with disaster relief from the recent flooding. Groups will repair damaged homes on November 6-7 and 20-21. If you are interested in helping with this relief effort, please see Pastor Craig.

HOMELESSNESS IN ALEXANDER COUNTY is a growing problem. Area churches will partner is providing temporary housing at First United Methodist on weekends throughout the winter months. Reformation has been asked to host one weekend, providing staffing and four meals. See Pastor Craig if you would be willing to help.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's Shoebox time again! Let's share the true meaning of Christmas. Each shoebox that you fill with gifts represents an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child has been a mainstay of Samaritan's Purse since 1993 and have delivered over 200 million shoebox gifts in 170 countries and territories around the world. We began this ministry here at Reformation in 1997 and have continued it through all these years. I praise God for each of you and the part you have played in this ministry. National Collection Week is Nov. 15-22, 2021. We will dedicate our shoeboxes on Sunday, Nov. 21. We will have shoeboxes available at the church. Just pick one up and start your shopping. Remember, do not pack candy, toothpaste, war-related items, food, liquids, or breakable items. Also remember that the most important thing you can put into your shoebox is your prayers. Pray specifically for each child that will receive this gift. Labels and directions will also be available as you pick up your boxes. Thank you in advance for participating in this important ministry. Blessings! Contact Dianne if you have any questions.



PRAYER CONCERNS : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Richard Puett, Peggy Polomski, Amy Austin, Tony Gaines, Amy Deal, Chris Deal, Lois Witham, Bill Johnson, Randy Burgess, Jeff Chapman, and Dean Slabach.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Reformation's Congregation Council met on Sunday, October 10, 2021, via Zoom, with eight members present. President Dana Yoder led devotions and called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Pastor Craig offered a report of his activities.

Ministry Team reports were given:

Facility Use – The coffee maker in Reformation Hall hasn't been looked at regarding repairs.

Old Business: Pastor Craig still has not received an answer on the Peeler Casey Fund grant.

A motion was made and approved to purchase from Main Avenue Music a Yamaha Stage Pass 400 portable two-speaker system that can connect mikes and other equipment. Cost is \$750 plus tax and will be purchased from Memorial Fund gifts.

New Business: Glenn Deal, representative of the Finance team, presented the 2022 budget. Following discussion, the proposed budget was accepted. Also presented was the Finance team's recommendation to give Dana Frye a one-time \$1500 payment from the PPE funds received to compensate her for the lost hours in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. Motion was made and passed. Pastor Craig has received information from Joel Simpson at First United Methodist Church regarding temporary housing for the homeless to be set up at the church during the months of November-February. They are asking for sponsors to provide 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners and staff the area on weekends during this time. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. We were also reminded that we need council nominations soon for election on November 14th at our annual meeting.

Next meeting is Sunday, November 14th via Zoom. Scott Patterson will lead devotions.

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Stephanie Schultz

Virgil Schultz

WELCA NEWS

WELCA met on Tuesday, October 5 with 5 members present. President Donna called the meeting to order with the Purpose Statement. Jan's bible study was "The Holy Spirit". Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report has a balance of \$492.80. Officers for 2022 were elected: President Donna White, Vice President Jan Austin, Secretary Linda Bowman, and Treasurer Blondell Cline. We dismissed with the Missionary Benediction. Refreshments were served by Dolores and enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be November 2 at 6:30 pm and Susan Sigmon will serve as leader and Becky Gaines will be hostess.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VETERANS:

- ▶ Curtis Carter US Air Force
- ▶ Glenn Deal Jr US Army National Guard
- ▶ Lindsay Fay US Air Force
- ▶ Willie Feimster US Army
- ▶ Allen Fox US Army
- ▶ Robert Gwaltney US Navy
- ▶ John Lackey US Army
- ▶ Ron Roseman US Marines
- ▶ Virgil Schultz US Marines
- ▶ John Smith US Army National Guard



SERVING THIS MONTH							
	Nov. 7		Nov. 14		Nov. 21		Nov. 28
FLOWERS	Joanne Chase		Lacey Patterson		Pat Ridenhour		Virgil Schultz
ACOLYTE	Tristan Moore		Anna Ventura		Jayden Robinette		Bryant Fox
LAY READERS	Dianne Gwaltney		Amy Krohn		Glenn Deal		Sherry Hart

Birthdays and Anniversaries to Celebrate



- 3 Bryant Fox
- 3 Ashleigh Nestor Hamby
- 3 Preston Scott
- 10 Emily Fox
- 10 Susan Sigmon
- 13 Cathey Chapman
- 14 Caleb Chase
- 17 Glenn Deal
- 21 Gracie Jernigan
- 24 Samantha King
- 27 Anna Ventura
- 28 Amy Deal
- 30 Ashleigh Bingham

- 24 Laura & Frankie Wagoner
- 25 Dianne & Leslie Gwaltney
- 25 Shawna & Jared King