

THE REFORMER

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

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 5: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus heals the daughter of a Syrochenean woman, marking the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles (Mark 7:24-37).

Sunday, September 12: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday in the Park

We will gather at Matheson Park for our worship service, joining creation in praising God. In the gospel, (Mark 8:27-38), Peter acknowledges Jesus to be the Messiah, but cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer.

Sunday, September 19: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus cautions his followers not to be seduced by the world’s definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money (Mark 9:30-37). The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

Sunday, September 26: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

On the way to Jerusalem (Mark 9:38-50), Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that his words apply to them as well as to others.



PRAYER CONCERNS : Barbara White, Evelyn Hammer, Rachel Shook, Dave Ridenhour, Richard Puett, Richard Byrd, Rick Manning, Tony Gaines, Kenny Little, Peggy Polomski, Carmen Cline, Dianne Gwaltney, Amy Austin, and Charles Sheeks.

NEWS AND NOTES

WELCA – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Reformation WELCA will meet at 6:30. Kathy Roseman is the leader and Judy Fay the hostess. All women of the congregation are invited to join them.

MOBILE CAFÉ – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

We will prepare and distribute meals at the Hiddenite Food Pantry. Please see Dianne Gwaltney if you can provide individually wrapped desserts or help with the distribution.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Congregation Council will meet via Zoom at 7:00. Donald Mitchell will lead devotions.

FALL BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

A Bible study centered around the story of Joseph will be held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, beginning September 15. Todd Rauscher will lead this study. Please contact Pastor Craig for the Zoom link.

CONGRATULATIONS -

- ▶ to Carlie Roseman, a senior at Appalachian on receiving the Patterson Memorial Scholarship from the NC Women of the ELCA
- ▶ to Laura Roseman, a freshman at Appalachian on receiving the Patterson Memorial Scholarship from the NC Women of the ELCA
- ▶ to Krysta and Stephen Martines on the birth of their daughter Sophia Elizabeth, August 20.

GIFTS TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Stephanie Schultz

Virgil Schultz, Bill & Jeanette Johnson,

In memory of Mary Wike

Amelia Watts, Sylvia & Willie Feimster, Jan & Perry Austin, Schneider Mills, Inc., Brenda, Bradley & Brett Watson, Kenneth Warren, Ron & Kathy Roseman, Shelba Pruet, Larry, Catherine, Michael, Donna & Jase Starnes, Connie & Mary Harrington, John & Sherry Lackey

In memory of Jean Fox

Ron & Kathy Roseman, Brenda, Bradley & Brett Watson

In memory of Helen Rauscher

Amelia Watts, Ron & Kathy Roseman, John & Sherry Lackey

In memory of JL Hammer

Bill & Jeanette Johnson

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Reformation's Congregation Council met on Sunday, August 8, 2021, via Zoom, with nine members present. Devotions were led by Donna White followed by President Dana calling the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed. Minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted. Pastor's report was given.

Ministry Team Reports:

Facility Use – The Sipe reunion has been cancelled. A scrapbook group has expressed a desire to use Reformation Hall for their meetings. Individuals/Groups must be made aware of our guidelines before they can use/rent Reformation Hall.

Property – Leslie stated that Taylorsville Glass does not want to price installing keypad for outside door. Due to COVID increase, this is tabled at this time.

Worship & Music – Recommendations were made to begin wearing masks again., and for members to enter and exit through the front door. Backpack blessing will be done during the Children's sermon on Sunday, August 22nd. We will have Church in the Park on Sunday, September 12th, lunch will not be provided. Committee wants to revamp the Usher list and will have a training date, date TBD. Due to COVID, the return of a full choir has been delayed. We will use the Chime Choir, and small choir groups to provide special music. Save the date cards will be mailed for Homecoming 2022.

Old Business:

Pastor Craig hasn't heard anything on the Peeler Casey Grant. We should have an answer in September regarding our application. Volunteers to operate the video streaming equipment have been great. Pastor Craig said that the start of Children's Sunday School has been put on hold for now. Todd Rauscher will be doing a Fall Bible study in September-October.

New Business: Leslie reported Parsonage renters are happy and may be there for a while. It was noted that the bushes between Reformation Hall and Luther Hall need to be trimmed. Bill Fox volunteered to help distribute meals in Hiddenite on August 12th.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Heaven and Hell. I believe that in Heaven there is no time or distance, two things that limit us on Earth. But I have difficulty wrestling with Eternity, something that never ends...Like the father whose faith caused Jesus to heal his son of an evil spirit, "I believe Lord, but please help my unbelief." In John 6:47 Jesus says anyone who believes has eternal life. So, when it comes to Eternity, the Devil is in the details.

(Submitted by Glenn Deal)

	Sept. 5		Sept. 12		Sept. 19		Sept. 26
FLOWERS	Sylvia Feimster		In the park		Susan Sigmon		Denise Rhodes
ACOLYTE	Anna Ventura		In the park		Eden Patterson		Tristan Moore
LAY READERS	Brandy Honeycutt		Judy Fay		Janet Mitchell		Dolores Parkhurst

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE



- 2 Amy Krohn
- 3 Willie Feimster
- 5 Dominique Scott
- 7 Rachel Shook
- 14 Barbara White
- 16 Jerry Hart
- 18 Donna White
- 19 Ron Roseman
- 20 Kenneth Warren
- 22 Carlie Roseman
- 23 Sarah Bowman Bowers
- 23 Jordan Scott
- 25 Jan Austin
- 25 Jayden Robinette
- 26 Courtney Miller
- 28 Jason Bingham
- 28 John Lackey

- 5 Jan & Perry Austin