

Sermon Notes

Pastor Search Update:

Sunday, September 21, candidate Foster Carney will be preaching his trial sermon during the worship service. A church member only vote will be held after the service along with a covered dish meal.

There will also be a meet-and-greet gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 20 between 2 and 4 PM. All are encouraged to come out to meet and support Foster and his family.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sep	14	Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sep	14	Sunday	10:45 AM	Worship, Foster Carney
Sep	14	Sunday	2 PM	Pickleball
Sep	15	Monday	6PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Sep	15	Monday	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Sep	17	Wednesday	6 PM	YAM Meeting, Room 104, ages 18-40
Sep	17	Wednesday	6:30	Grove Friends Meal & Meeting
Sep	17	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Youth Group Meal & Meeting
Sep	17	Wednesday	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Sep	18	Thursday	7 PM	Consistory
Sep	20	Saturday	2 – 4 PM	Meet-and-Greet with Foster Carney, Fellowship Hall
Sep	21	Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sep	21	Sunday	10:45 AM	Worship, Foster Carney Trial Sermon and Congregational Vote, Covered Dish Lunch
Sep	21	Sunday	2 PM	Pickleball
Sep	21	Sunday	6 PM	Men’s Brotherhood Meal & Meeting



Altar Flowers

The flowers which grace the altar today are given to the glory of God from Lacey Kernstine in honor of Sally Kernstine on her birthday.

Sep 21, Needed

The Cub Scouts will be selling popcorn outside by the parking lot at the end of worship today. Your support is appreciated!

SCOUT Popcorn

The Women’s Fellowship

Saturday, October 11

8 AM – 1 PM

Fall Bazaar

Outreach “Back to School Food Drive”

The food drive for our Backpack Ministry will continue through September! Please leave food items in the conference room.

THE BLOOD CONNECTION

BloodDrive

Hedrick’s Grove UCC

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10 AM – 2 PM

SPONSER CODE: 11024

Scan to make an appointment! (sponsor code above)

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REVIVAL

The Reverend Ray Nance Howell IV

Sunday, September 28 –

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Nightly Meal: 6 PM and Service: 7 PM

Hedrick’s Grove Reformed United Church of Christ

3840 Allred Road
Lexington, NC 27292



Foster Carney, Guest Speaker

Welcome!

September 14, 2025

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM

Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend David L. Crook
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HEDRICK’S GROVE REFORMED UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST		
Order of Worship		
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Welcome!	September 14, 2025
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER LIST	Duane Williams	
PRELUDE	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	Claire Beck
	(We quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.)	
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*TRINITY CHIMES		
*SOLEMN DECLARATION		
*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT		
This is the Day Which the Lord Hath Made. 17		
(P-J.) C. AUSTIN MILES.		
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*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	By this we know that we have come to know Him—if we keep His commandments.	
People:	We will walk as Jesus walked.	
Leader:	Whoever loves his brother or sister abides in the light.	
People:	We will dwell in the light and not in the darkness.	
Leader:	The Word of God abides in us, and we have overcome the evil one.	
People:	We are children of God, forgiven and free.	
Leader:	The true light is already shining.	
People:	We rejoice, for in Christ the darkness is passing away.	
*HYMN # 363	“To God Be the Glory”	Red Hymnal
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)		
CHILDREN’S SERMON		
	Foster Carney	

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Lord, so often we have taken for granted the wonderful gift of Your light, which You gave us as we each became a part of Your church. Too often, Lord, our days have been mundane and we have lost sight of Your charge to carry Your light into the darkness wherever we find it. Forgive us, Lord, and restore our passion to serve and live for You. In Christ we pray. Amen.		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*GLORIA PATRI		
THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Claire Beck
*DOXOLOGY		
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	Claire Beck
SCRIPTURE	1 John 4:1-21	p. 820
SERMON	“Testing the Spirits/God Is Love”	Foster Carney
PRAYER		
*CONFESSION OF FAITH	APOSTLES CREED	(UNISON)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
*HYMN # 495	“It Is Well with My Soul”	Red Hymnal
*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION		
“Father, Give Thy Benediction”		
Father, give thy benediction; Give thy peace before we part; Still our minds with truth’s conviction; Calm with trust each anxious heart. Amen.		
POSTLUDE		
*Please stand as you are able.		
We are glad you came to join with us in our time of worship today.		
We hope you feel God’s love in a new way.		