

FIRST NEWS

June 2008

FIRST TRANSITION TEAM MEETING

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I am delighted to share with you the great results of our first TT meeting last Tuesday evening in the Willing Workers classroom. All but two members were able to be present, and, as we have indicated elsewhere, this is the nature of such groups. Anne Fletcher has agreed to take the notes of our proceedings on her laptop system that will enable us to produce a comprehensive set of minutes for Team review at the subsequent meeting, helping us all to stay current. These minutes, along with a number of informational and "homework" items that I am providing, will be placed in the personalized notebooks we are giving to each Team member, equipped with appropriate calendar-tab slots for easy access and review. *Since the Team is a resource for the congregation and the congregation is a resource for the Team, we are going to be using our newsletter to share some of our work and these important documents with you, facilitating the vital dialogue, both formal and informal, which will be ongoing between the two groups.*

To that end, please find in this issue of *First News* (pp. 3-4) a two-page devotional article, entitled "Known," written by a former Divinity School professor and friend of mine, now deceased, Charles K. Robinson. I am asking you to become familiar with this document, for the TT will be using this resource for spiritual direction and personal/community growth, as we move through our five developmental tasks and as we engage you, the congregation, in our specially called meetings or "assemblies." Your engagement with this text, which is thoroughly grounded Biblically and theologically, will be brought to bear upon the various subjects that the Team asks you to consider. If I may be so bold, you as a congregation may consider this to be your first "homework" assignment, though I trust that you will find it to be a personally worthwhile, spiritually challenging, intellectually provocative and emotionally evocative exercise.

Wow, this feels really good! I haven't given homework exercises in a while, but this is quite exhilarating. Hmm...let's see, after you have read, carefully and slowly and prayerfully "Known," why not apply yourself to the exercise of reading, carefully and slowly and prayerfully, Philippians 2: 1-13? That's what your TT did at our meeting, hearing three different English translations of the same text and then reacting to how each reading touched us. Actually, we used the "African Bible Study" format, first popularized at a series of conferences for Anglican bishops at Lambeth Palace in London, the first one being conducted in September of 1867. In this format, one person reads the scriptural passage slowly, and then, moving around the room, each person "identifies a word or phrase that catches their attention." There is no discussion during this process, just sharing personal reactions. Then, another person reads a different translation of the same text, only this time, "each person identifies where this passage touches their life today." Again, there is no discussion. Finally, the passage is read a third time, with yet another reader and translation, if possible. Each person either states or writes: "From what I've heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way?" Again, there is no discussion. In conclusion, each person prays for the person on their right, or left, or however the moderator suggests in advance, naming and elaborating upon what that person shared in other steps of the process. Obviously, note taking and listening with discernment are important in this spiritually directed process.



FIRST TRANSITION TEAM MEETING, continued

I can share honestly with you that it is a very powerful experience to hear a focused prayer spoken for you in a public setting such as that, made all the more powerful by the randomness of who is sitting next to whom. We departed from our meeting more spiritually grounded and connected than we were when our meeting began, and we had that then as well. Only, we left strengthened as a community, more prepared than we were before to listen to each other with discernment and care, and without judgment or criticism. All persons who engage this process with sincerity and openness to the movements of the Spirit are humbled, “leveled” one before the other, equal in all essential ways blessed by the grace of God.

I am asking you to try this at home, by yourself if there is no one else. This exercise in guided reading, here Philippians 2: 1-13, becomes more powerful as more people are brought into your group, whether it might be family members or co-workers or friends. The Opening and/or Closing Prayer for this study is: *“O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

After concluding our African Bible Study, I gave our Team the homework assignment of filling out the worksheet *I have included for you* below in this issue of *First News*, namely, the worksheet that reads “Possible Approach # 1, “Coming to Terms with History.” It is a deceptively simple exercise, but it is also a great way of allowing the Team to identify the key issues of “history” that figure so prominently at the beginning of an Intentional Interim Ministry. Since you will be hearing about this exercise in our earliest assemblies, you may as well get acquainted with it now, enabling your more focused responses when they are needed. (Please use larger sheets of paper to elaborate upon your answers.) And you thought that school was about to get out!

Thank you for your prayerful support of your Team and of me. I do feel providentially placed here and do believe that great work and great harvest lay before us. Blessings and Shalom. Pastor Walt (cell 336-420-2728)

P.S. Team members note that our next meeting at the church is 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008. We will meet all subsequent Wednesdays in June, June 11, 18, and 25

POSSIBLE APPROACH #1 “Coming to Terms With History”

Please complete the following statements:

1. My favorite hymn is...
Why?
2. My favorite Bible story is...
Why?
3. The time of year I most enjoy being a member of this church is...
Why?
4. I think the saddest or most tragic thing that has happened in this church is...
5. The one thing I would change about this church if I could is...
6. What I like most about this church is...

PASTOR'S NOTE: This extraordinary devotional piece was written in the early 1970's by Professor Charles K. Robinson, one of my teachers at Duke Divinity School and later in the Duke Graduate School of Religion. It is inspired by Psalm 139 and his understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is written in the first person, as if God is addressing each one of us, directly and personally, which, he believed and I believe, is one of the chief functions of the Spirit as He engages us through scripture. I have shared this material with our Transition Team, and we will use it as a stimulus to our spiritual growth.

“KNOWN”

“I know you. I create you. I am creating you. I have loved you from your mother's womb. You have fled, as you now know, from my love, but I love you nevertheless and not-the-less and, however far you flee, it is I who sustains your very power of fleeing, and I will never finally let you go.

“I accept you as you are. You are forgiven. I know all your sufferings. I have always known them. For beyond your understanding, when you suffer, I suffer. I also know all the little tricks by which you try to hide the ugliness you have made of your life, from yourself and others. But you are beautiful. You are beautiful more deeply within than you can see. You are beautiful because you yourself, in the unique person that only you are, reflect already something of the beauty of my holiness in a way which shall never end. You are beautiful also because I, and I alone, see the beauty you shall become. Through the transforming power of my love, which is made perfect in weakness, you shall become perfectly beautiful.

“You shall become perfectly beautiful in a uniquely irreplaceable way, which neither you nor I will work out alone, for we shall work it out together. Your life from now on will be neither simple nor easy. I will grant you moments of abundant goodness and joy; moments when you will be lifted very high; moments in which, even in the midst of chaotic noise, you will begin to hear my symphony playing; moments of meaning when you will find yourself on a mountain where the distant bits and pieces come together in the worthwhileness of the whole.

“The abundant goodness of the moment of meaning will be a crisis for you, though it may not seem so. For then you must decide whether you will, in forgetful pride, grasp the moment to yourself as though it were your own autonomous possession or whether you will simply open yourself to the moment, receiving it in grateful humility as a gift, remembering the Giver and sharing the abundance of your blessing with others in need.

“I will to give you paradise. But you will only become finally ready for paradise when you have fully learned how to live in Heaven and not wreck it through the self-surgings of ungrateful pride. When you are exalted with abundant goodness, do not forget to remember, remember who you are, remember Who I am, and remember your neighbor in need.

“Remember my Son who took upon Himself the life of the Servant and, though He is exalted now, remains the Servant still. His early life was not lived upon the smooth plateau of high abundance. Jesus also suffered and you will suffer too. Do not ask yourself whether you deserve to suffer. That is not the point.

“Jesus did not deserve to suffer. But He suffered and was cast down, and you will also suffer and be cast down. Only when you have learned how to be grateful in memory and hope, even in Hell, will you be fully able to be steadfastly grateful in Heaven.

“KNOWN”, continued

“In the mystery of my working with you, I must sometimes appear cruel in order to be kind. I will give you a foretaste of Heaven. I must also place in your mouth a foretaste of Hell. For wherever my gifts and I, the Giver, are not received through grateful faith and shared through grateful love: There is Hell. Only when you have learned, even in Hell, to be grateful still in memory and hope, will you be fully able to be steadfastly grateful in Heaven.

“I will not drop you all the way down to the bottom of the abyss of Hell—though you may think I have. Only One has been to the bottom depths. And He has gone through the ultimate extremity of suffering and has conquered that ultimate temptation, so that none other need ever go through the ultimate agony.

“But as you must be tried through joy, so also you must be tried through agony. You will awake on some morrow to find that you no longer find me. Instead of fulfillment, there will be a void. Instead of my Presence, there will be my absence. From my side, I shall still be present with you. But you will not perceive our relation that way. You will perceive my Absence. That will be a crisis of temptation, and you will have a choice to make.

“If you choose wrongly, that will delay the business to be transacted between us. But, even so, your choice will not be the last word between us. For your sake, I must have the last word, for I am the first and last Word for your sake and for all. If you choose rightly, that will facilitate matters between us, speeding up the process of perfecting your faith and purifying your love. For I am like a refiner’s fire.

“The fire is the fire of my holy love. That will not be pleasant for you. But it will be worth it. For I am Holy, in a way you cannot now understand, and the last distortion of unlove must finally yield. I sovereignly will to give you, and all, eternal life. But the eternal life I will to give you can only be blessedness and joy for you when you are utterly perfected in unswervingly grateful faith, love, trust, obedience, and worship.

“If in the darkness, when you are all alone, and I am gone, and there is only anguish and forsakenness, you will not let me go, but continue to wrestle with my impalpable Presence even in my Absence; if you steadfastly insist upon remembering our former communion; if you just go on loving me when you cannot have me and loving your fellow sufferers when you cannot sense my compassion; if you go on stubbornly worshipping me in the night when there is no light to behold my face; if you say, ‘Though I have the world and have not Thee, I have nothing, yet if I have nothing in the world and still have Thee, I have all’: Then, having been willing to learn what it means to be crucified with my Messiah, you shall learn also what it means to be raised with Him, for he is the Pioneer and Perfectioner of faith whose victory was once-for-all perfected through suffering and temptation.

“For I know you. I created you. I am creating you. I know all your sufferings. I have always known them. Beyond your understanding, I have always shared them. I also know all the little tricks by which you try to hide the ugliness you have made of your life, from yourself and others. But you are beautiful. You are beautiful more deeply within than you can see. You are beautiful because you yourself, in the unique person that only you are, reflect already something of the beauty of my holiness in a way which shall never end.

“You are beautiful also because I, and I alone, see the beauty you shall become. Through the transforming power of my love, you shall become perfectly beautiful.”

From the Pastor's Report:

- Eulene Shepherd will attend the Southern Conference Annual Gathering June 26-28 as one of the delegates for First Reformed UCC. One more delegate is needed. Anyone interested should see Reverend Patten or Walter Hoffman.
- The Memorial Day service, May 25, will focus on the military aspects of the holiday. The recognition of church members who have passed away since May 2007 will be observed on "All Saints Day," November 2, 2008.
- Reverend Patten expressed his appreciation to the consistory for their help during his first month here at First Reformed. He stated that he is proud of the cooperation of the congregation in electing the Transition Team.



Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Second Reformed UCC will join with us again this year. Reverend Patten will lead an adult study from 2—3 p.m. that afternoon. The Church Picnic will be the next day, June 22 from 4—7 p.m. at Finch Park.

The Property Committee will start work on the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 21. They will take down the flags and put up the framework for the ceiling tiles. The electrical work is scheduled to begin on May 28.

Volunteers are needed to stay at the Homeless Shelter in June and July. Contact Ted Smith if you can help with this outreach.

The Personnel/Executive Committee met with our Administrative Assistant, Paula Lopp. She requested some flexibility in her hours when she becomes a grandmother. Office hours will be 9 a.m.—2 p.m. with the remainder of the work time at home. The Consistory approved the request.

Administrative Assistant's New Hours



As everyone knows by now, Clifford and I are very excited that our daughter Keri and son-in-law Casey will soon be the parents of our first grandchild, Jacob. Keri and Casey both work second-shift at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Casey in the Emergency Department and Keri performing CT scans. We are proud of the professions they have chosen; however, in those fields it is hard to get a first-shift job. Also, throw into the mix the difficulty of finding a second-shift sitter for Jacob. After exhausting the resources available in the

Winston-Salem area for finding childcare, and both parents working to acquire first-shift jobs, they are looking to the one resource that has always been available for them...mom and dad!

Clifford and I discussed what options we felt would work and after much prayer, I approached the Personnel Committee of First Reformed UCC to seek their guidance. I do love my job and desire to continue working for the church and still be the grandparent that is needed at this time. My proposal to the committee was to continue all of the current duties of the administrative assistant, but change in-office hours to 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. The only difference from my current status will be that I won't physically be in the office from 2—4:30 p.m.; those hours of work time will be performed at home. As always, they understood and were encouraging in wanting me to continue to work here. Reverend Patten is also very willing to assist in any way. The Personnel Committee took the proposal as a motion to the Consistory Sunday, May 18 and the Consistory approved. The new hours will begin June 2, 2008. This will give us a trial month before Jacob is born to make sure the arrangement will work.

I do want to reassure everyone that the work will be done. If I need to come back to the office, Clifford is willing to help with Jacob in the evening. If someone needs me, please feel free to call my home number, 787-4269 or email me at plsl55@yahoo.com. I continue to be thankful to my church family for your willingness to work with me.

In Gratitude, Paula

Women's Life Fellowship

Co-Chairs: Raeann Biesecker and Mary Jo Jessup



Women's Life Fellowship met Tuesday, May 13th in the parlor. Raeann Biesecker shared devotions and Carolyn Spivey and Sauni Johnson provided refreshments. Ellen Calderone, Principal of Charles England Intermediate School came by to personally thank the group for our recent donation to the new Charles England School playground.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 26th at Raeann Biesecker's home for a covered dish supper. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a lawn chair. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Come anytime between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. We plan to eat at 7:00. New officers will be elected during this meeting and we will discuss plans for the upcoming September fundraiser. There will be no childcare for this meeting. All women of the church are invited. Hope to see everyone there!



Women's Life Fellowship will sponsor the opening of the **Corner Café Dinner Theater**. Auditions for male and female actors will be held in August. The premier dinner and mystery will be offered in early autumn. All proceeds from the dinner and play will allow Women's Life Fellowship to continue to sponsor congregational and community benevolences.

Kids' Club

Leader: Corinne Gray

The month of June will be our last meeting scheduled before the summer break! Kids' Club's project this month is to hold a drive to collect items for the homeless shelter. Crisis Ministry's monthly newsletter included as needed items: pillows, garbage bags, towels, cleaning supplies, razors, deodorant, underwear (mens and womens), ladies' personal hygiene items, pine-sol, bath cleaner, diapers (sizes 3,4,5, and 6), air freshener, socks, washing powders, bleach, paper products, and disinfectant. I would like for Kids' Club members to bring at least 2 of these items for our meeting on Sunday, June 15. We will meet immediately following the children's moment. Since we will be breaking for the summer, we'll also have an "end-of-the-season" party.



ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS: We would appreciate church members participating in our project this month. If you can donate any of the items listed, please bring them to the church office. Thank you so much!

Men's Brotherhood

By: Clifford Lopp



The Men's Brotherhood met Thursday, May 15 in the fellowship hall. We enjoyed a great meal provided by Yarborough's Catering. Frank Leonard had a short program. Tom Danze spoke about the upcoming renovations to improve lighting and sound for the church fellowship hall. We hope to have this project completed in the next month.

Our next meeting will be assisting with food preparations for the church picnic, Sunday, June 22. We will not meet in the months of July and August. Special thanks to the men who worked together in helping our numbers to grow. We enjoy the fellowship that helps make our church strong.

MAY MEMORIALS

Douglas Lopp {Cliff Lopp's Brother}

Mary Berrier

Iva Taylor Craven

Ramona Hedrick

Donald W. Leonard, Jr.

{Don and Lois Leonard's Son}

Bob and Dawn Shaak

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith

Mary Berrier

Ike and Vicky Green

Katherine Skipper

John Raker, Jr. {Mary B Little's Brother}

Holton Davis

Mary Berrier



Gordon Knowles {Lee Ann Peele's Father}

Alossie M. Knowles

MAY HONORARIUMS

Collis Gentry Bentley {Son of Chris and Jessica Bentley}

Alossie M. Knowles

New Way Sunday School Class

Anonymous

United Friendship Club

Co-Presidents: Eulene Shepherd and Camille Morgan

The United Friendship Club met Wednesday, May 28 in the fellowship hall with 24 members and friends present. Reverend Patten gave us an update on our sick and shut-ins. We will keep them in our prayers. Mary Berrier's devotional centered on Memorial Day with the thought that "Freedom Is Not Free". Our program was arranged by Reverend June Grubb. She introduced a DVD of Lynn Redgrave's speech to General Synod, 2007. Lynn Redgrave discovered the United Church of Christ as she recovered from cancer.

Join us on June 25 for food, fun and fellowship.

Director of Christian Education

By: Amy McNeill

June is an exciting and busy month for the Board of Christian Education here at First Reformed United Church of Christ. We are working hard preparing for Vacation Bible School and the annual church picnic. This year it seemed to work best for everyone that these two events be back-to-back. That creates a little more work for the Board, but it should be a thrilling time for all involved!



Plans this year are for a one-day Vacation Bible School, **Saturday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** It has been exhilarating working with the material titled, "Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power". The day will be filled with lab experiments, music, games, crafts, movies, and more. All the equipment necessary to help us learn to be thankful and help others through Jesus' miraculous power. We'll have a "blast," bring a friend and be there!!! A pizza lunch will be provided.

Adults, there will also be something for you at Bible School. Reverend Patten is teaching a lesson in the parlor from 2—3 p.m.

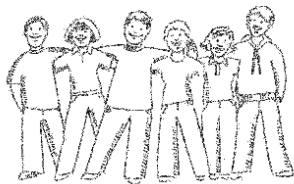
Sunday morning, June 22nd VBS children will share some of what they learned in Bible School with the congregation during worship service. I'm sure we are all in for a treat!

Sunday afternoon, June 22nd is the annual church picnic at Finch Park. Plan to arrive at 4 p.m. so you will be ready and warmed up for the intergenerational kickball game scheduled for 4:30 p.m. This is always a fun time of fellowship for everyone. If you haven't signed up to bring an item to the picnic and would like to do so, please use the bulletin insert this Sunday or contact the church office at 248-2617. This will help with preparations.



Information is available in the church office for Johns River Valley Camp schedules. Please stop by and check out the information or go to jrv.org. There are programs and activities for all ages.

REMINDER...As was stated in the last newsletter, we are planning a family retreat the first weekend of June 2009. Currently, I have



reserved twenty rooms at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. The cost for the room with two adults and all meals included is \$247.00. Children over 13 years-old are \$45.00 for meals, 5-12 years \$28.50 for meals, and 4 years and under eat free. We will arrive Friday (early evening) and leave Sunday (late morning). Meals included are: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner and Sunday breakfast. The Board of Christian Education would love to start some fundraising activities to assist with costs, but we need to know those persons who are interested. Please

Church Family Retreat

respond by filling out the form below or calling the church office. This is not an event that can be planned at the last minute.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and hope you all have a fun and safe summer!

First Reformed UCC Family Retreat

Blowing Rock Conference Center

June 5-7, 2009

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children (include ages) _____

Thank-you...

Dear Members and Friends,

It was such a great honor to be chosen as one of the mothers to receive "A Mother's Day Tribute" on Mother's Day last Sunday. I must say that I was really and truly surprised. I still can hardly believe it. I appreciate so much the kind and wonderful words that my grandsons, Josh and Zack, expressed in their tribute to me. It was such an inspiration and pleasure to hear them honor me. It brought back wonderful memories. I have watched them grow and mature into wonderful young men. My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been the joy of my life.

Thank you so much for the lovely red roses. They are beautiful and I enjoy looking at them and thinking of you. Thank you again for a wonderful tribute.

Love In Christ, Elizabeth Sink

Dear Church Family,

How very blessed I am to have such wonderful caring friends. During my time of surgery and rehabilitation I have received so many wonderful cards, been lifted by your visits, and felt the healing touch of your prayers. I truly appreciate my church family and look forward to returning to my place in the choir soon.

Love, Wanda Daye

To My Church Family,

I am so honored to have been chosen a recipient of the special tribute to my motherhood on Mother's Day. What a total surprise!! It was such a special blessing and priceless gift to have both my daughters and grandchildren worshipping with me. My thanks to you for your gracious remarks and to Reverend Patten for a beautiful worship experience.

Harriette Murphy

Thank-you notes for benevolent gifts were received from: Johns River Valley Camp, Southern Conference, and Family Services of Davidson County.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with Ashley Potts upon the birth of her son, **Ashton Taj Cook** who was born Monday, April 28, 2008. He was also welcomed by proud grandparents, Tim and Tracy Potts and great-grandparent, John Potts.

Jan Williams is proud to announce the birth of another grandchild! **Sidney Olivia Anderson** was born to Carlee and Segun May 8, 2008. She was also welcomed by brother, Cameron.



- **Seth Klopp** made "A" honor roll at Lexington Senior High School and was named 2008 Rotary Scholar. He was also awarded the 2007-08 Harold and Jean Bowen Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at the Athletic Banquet
- **Laura Fletcher-Strenk** made "A" honor roll at Lexington Middle School and was named 2008 Rotary Scholar.
- **Corinne Gray** made "A/B" honor roll at Lexington Senior High School

JUNE STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Peggy Bates
Captain: Clifford Lopp
Ushers: Susan Odom, Larry Berrier, Eddie Yates

Plate Attendant: Anne Bevan

Sound Tech: Calvin Odom

Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - Willing Workers Class

Social: Host/Hostess: Lynn and Mike Brown and Lynn Klopp

Greeters:
June 1 Gerry Hill and Gladys Snider
June 8 Cathy Waitman and Lisa Nelson
June 15 Lib Sink and Mary Berrier
June 22 Harriette and Clifton Murphy
June 29 Mary Jo Jessup and Sherry Bonner

Nursery:
June 1 Sauni and Thomas Johnson
June 8 Anne Fletcher, Laura and Katarina
June 15 Betty Bates
June 22 Katie and Shane Decker
June 29 Cheryl Walser



Ralph Bailey (Alston Brook), Wanda Daye (Alston Brook),
Marie Crouse, Leah Murray, Ethel Bailey, Sadie Bailey,
Louise Rollins, Bruce Younts, Jared Perrell, and Jacob Berrier

Sunday School Perfect Attendance






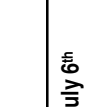
The following had perfect attendance during the month of May —

Abigail Johnson	Sarah Johnson	Ashley Johnson	Sauni Johnson
Corinne Gray	Katarina Strenk	Alice Gray	James Gray
Nancy Robbins	Jo Hudson	Vicky Green	Betty Bates
Marguerite Leonard	Carolyn Spivey	Doris Flynt	Elizabeth Sink
Ramona Yarbrough	C.H. Bates	J.W. Bates	Earlie Hartley
John Hudson	Don Leonard	Cliff Lopp	John Walser
Lisa Nelson	Clifford Lopp	Paula Lopp	Walter Patten

New Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

June 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GRADUATION SUNDAY 1 9:45 am {Chapel} Joint Sunday School 10:20 a.m. {FH} Sunday School Social	2 6:30 p.m. {Parlor} Board of Christian Education Meeting	3	4 11 a.m. {Parlor} Morning Glory Circle 7 p.m. Transition Team Meeting	5 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	6	7
8 7 p.m. Consistory Mtg	9 5:30 p.m. {Parlor} Scrap-booking Class	10	11 7 p.m. Transition Team Meeting	12 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	13	14 
15  (3 Special Tributes)	16	17	18 7 p.m. Transition Team Meeting	19 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	20	21 9 a.m.- - 3 p.m.  Adults: 2—3 p.m.
22  Church Picnic Finch Park 4-7 p.m.	23	24	25 NOON {FH} Friendship Club 7 p.m. Transition Team Meeting	26 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class 6:30 p.m. Women's Life Fellowship Picnic Raeann's House	27 	28
29  Reverend Patten on Vacation Rev. Lee Jessup Preaching	30	Upcoming: Office Holiday, July 4 th —Holy Communion—July 6 th				

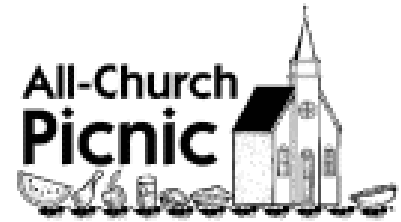
Church Picnic and Family Kickball Game

The First Reformed United Church of Christ annual church picnic is scheduled for ---

Sunday, June 22, 2008

Finch Park --- Shelter #1 4 – 7 p.m.

Bring Yard Chairs



Family Kickball Game will begin at 4:30 p.m. Intergenerational fun for everyone!

Sunday school classes are responsible for providing...

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|-----------------------|--|
| Men's Bible Class | Grill, Hamburger/Hotdogs, Cooking Expertise |
| Willing Workers Class | Assorted Sides (Fruit, Potato/Pasta Salads, Baked Beans) |
| New Way Class | Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Buns, Desserts |

We are looking forward to a large turnout. Finch Park has much to offer so come early and enjoy walking, playing on the playground, or just visiting with friends. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all!

First News

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Negotiable Otherwise

Director of Christian Education..... Amy McNeill
Administrative Assistant Paula Lopp
Choir Director..... Paul Freeman
Organist Lee Ann Peele

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.

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