

FIRST NEWS

May 2008

We're Off To A Great Start

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Again, I must begin with my deepest gratitude for the gracious welcome that I and my family have received from every quarter of the FRUCC community. We are especially appreciative of the "get-acquainted" luncheon after worship on Sunday (April 20), and I have enjoyed immensely all the group events (e.g. Men's Brotherhood, United Friendship Club, Choir Practice, etc.) which I have attended since arriving on Tuesday, April 15. I even visited Carolyn Spivey's Yoga Class, which I am considering joining, with her permission and that of the other participants! (Actually, her Yoga class is offered to everyone, so maybe if I join, perhaps some of you progressive guys will sign up too!?) I have also enjoyed meeting some of you in your homes and do look forward to seeing all of you in that setting.

I am particularly grateful to Consistory President Walter Hoffman, the Executive Council and the Consistory for their partnership with me in getting our Intentional Interim Ministry underway. Those of you who have attended the last two services have read a bulletin notice which explains, in some detail, our very first step in our specialized ministry together, namely the nomination and selection of your Transition Team. Please find on the second and third pages of this edition of *First News* a copy of this announcement, entitled **TRANSITION TEAM BALLOT ON SUNDAY, MAY 4.**

Even if you are only seeing this announcement for the first time now, there is still time for you to participate in this very important process and decision, provided that you are a member in good standing of FRUCC. (If you are unable to be here personally to cast your ballots as indicated, please call Paula Lopp at the office and we will arrange for you to receive an official ballot for you to complete. You may ask a member friend or a family member to cast your ballot for you if you cannot do so in person.) **Please plan to vote this Sunday during worship, May 4.**

I will address one question that has come to my attention since we published the first notice on Sunday, April 20: Yes, it is perfectly fine for people who are already selected to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee to serve as well on the Transition Team. In fact, that would be highly desirable, since the Transition Team's work has direct bearing on the subsequent drafting of an up-to-date, accurate congregational Profile that the Pastoral Search Committee will be charged to compile.

Do note that I will be attending the *Annual Clergy Retreat of the Southern Conference*, from Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA (phone 757-481-9000). However, please feel free to call me at any time you have a need to speak with me directly, using **my cell phone 336-420-2728. Our landline phone number in Greensboro is 336-632-1985 and my email address at home is wrpatten@earthlink.net** Also, note that I am getting a new computer system in my church office and will soon have an email address there of minister@frucc.org

Finally, I am especially grateful to Paula Lopp, Rev. June Grubb and Rev. Mike Hooper for their expertise and insights into our ministries here. Let us all hold one another in prayer as we enter this very exciting time of discovery together.

Blessings and Shalom. Pastor Walt

TRANSITION TEAM BALLOT ON SUNDAY, MAY 4

The creation of a Transition Team (TT) is one of the unique and exciting features of an Intentional Interim Ministry, and we began that process of selection on Sunday, April 27, as we asked you to read and reflect upon the materials now before you. Using the criteria found in the “Purpose” and “Objectives” section of this message to you, plus what we have included below, please be thinking and praying about FRUCC members who you think would be effective TT participants for the next 18 months or so. The persons you would consider would be people who can be trusted, are respected, are prayerful and spiritually wise, attend worship and activities regularly, contribute faithfully, are able to speak for groups within the congregation, and are willing to listen carefully to all perspectives. This Sunday, May 4, at the conclusion of our worship service, we will ask you to submit your ballots that we provide containing the **names of four (4) congregational members** who, as potential participants in our new Transition Team, will implement the five (5) Developmental Tasks which will create a new sense of identity, mission and purpose for our church. We ask you to bear these things in mind as we prepare for our public vote on May 4.

1) Please **do not list spouses on your written ballot on May 4**. Just choose one or the other person when considering a couple. In the event that the total vote includes both husband and wife, the person with the most votes may be selected for the TT, depending upon the other votes for various individuals. Generally, individuals with the largest ballot totals will be selected. We wish for our Team to be a microcosm of our congregation and appropriately representative of “majority” and “minority” church constituencies. We do not want our Team to be perceived as being so “stacked” with dominant groups that credibility and objectivity are impossible.

2) Please **do not include staff members or their spouses**. We wish to avoid the appearance of anyone being motivated by self-interest; that is not a fair position to impose on our dedicated staff members. The one exception is me: I will serve as the TT chair. Do not vote for me, for I am already on the Team, by design. It is my job to facilitate the Team’s work together, making sure that all sides of every issue will be heard with safety, respect and discernment.

3) Please **do not list any member who is not a High School graduate or the equivalent** age of 18. IIM experience indicates that this minimal level of emotional and spiritual maturity is necessary for sensitive work of this kind. However, do be mindful of members who have or are now working in the areas of Christian Education and youth ministry. The needs of and opportunities for our youth will be a priority for our Team’s work. Also, we will conduct a number of “plenary” sessions or assemblies to which you and our youth will be invited, congregational meetings involving both the TT sharing its ministry of discovery and discernment with you and small group discussions designed to hear your reactions, feedback and suggestions.

For the remainder of this week, please contact the four persons you would like to list for the public ballot (if you have not already done so) and secure their permission to do so. If, for some reason, your person cannot or will not serve, please choose someone else. Be mindful that our TT schedule can, at times, be demanding, meeting on an average of once per week for the first several months of operation, though making reasonable accommodations for the summer months. For a church of our size, we will have approximately 16 to 18 Team members, so an average of 15 persons can attend any given meeting, creating continuity and coherence. As time passes, we will meet less frequently, and my role will slowly evolve from that of facilitator and moderator to one of advisor and consultant. Do come prepared this Sunday, May 4, to cast your ballots, during worship, at the Altar. If you cannot be present, call the office and obtain one of the special ballots, write the names you have chosen and ask a member to cast it with their ballot.

As a matter of process, I will collect and count the ballots personally in the presence of our Executive Council, headed by Consistory President Walter Hoffman, who will also count and verify each ballot personally, comparing notes and resolving the occasional challenge with the legibility of someone’s handwriting. (So, please write clearly, or better still, print your names. It would also help if you would sign your ballot so that we may contact you in the event that an entry is unclear.) We will then meet together and nominate our Team members. Again, we wish to represent proportionately both majority and minority voices within the congregation, so if there are known “factions,” it is important that persons from each of these groups be on the Team. In order to get a good balance, it may be necessary to skip over some names on the list, even ones that have appeared repeatedly. Upon completing this nominating process, I will call each individual personally and ask him or her to join our Transition Team. Should some people decline the opportunity at this point, we will have “back-up” names to use, until our Team is assembled. Please keep me and us in your prayers as we seek God’s guidance for this sacred task as we begin to chart the future of First Reformed UCC.

Team Purpose

The Transition Team is one of the key components to the Intentional Interim Ministry process. In fact, it may well be the single most important element. The Team is,

1. A group of trusted individuals selected by the congregation to guide the process
2. A group of spiritually wise leaders; persons members would go to (other than clergy) if they were confused about deep questions of faith; persons regarded as being “further down the road” in their Christian walk
3. Representative of the entire congregation (a microcosm)
4. A critical strategy in the process because it communicates that this is the congregation’s work
5. A model to the congregation in looking for God’s movement among the people as they seek to discover God’s will and purpose for the future of the congregation
6. The group to whom the Intentional Interim Minister is responsible
7. ***The group who determines when the church is ready to form and/or activate a Pastoral Search Committee***
8. A new group with a new life

Team Objectives

The Transition Team has several objectives that help the Team accomplish their work. They,

1. Become a safe, trusting and open group where members can share their disappointments and concerns
2. Customize the Intentional Interim Ministry process, tasks, and activities to fit their particular congregation’s needs
3. Lead the interim process, while other church leaders continue the ongoing leadership functions of “running” the church
4. ***Are responsible to recommend to the church the formation or the activation of a Pastoral Search Committee***
5. Become a safe guard in two respects:
 - The Team facilitates the congregation’s engagement of the transition work rather than the interim minister doing the work for the congregation.
 - The Team prevents the interim minister from being perceived as extending the transition time for their own personal benefit.

Sample Ballot

Eligible voters and eligible nominees in this election are **members in good standing** at First Reformed United Church of Christ. Also, members who are already appointed to the Pastoral Search Committee are eligible to participate on the Transition Team.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please make certain that you have listed either husband or wife if you have considered both, making certain as well that you have not listed either staff persons or their spouses on your ballot and that all of your nominees are at least 18 years of age and are high school graduates. Please do not list Reverend Patten’s name, as he is already on the Transition Team.

It would be helpful, though it is not necessary, for you to sign your name:

Consistory Highlights

April 2008



Reverend Walter Patten was introduced to consistory members and he presented an overview of the self-study the church will be working through to see what areas of Christian ministry the church is doing well and where we might need work. He explained how the Transition Team would be formed by congregational nominations and the Team's purpose, which is stated completely on page three of this issue of *First News*. The Team will eventually give the green light for the Pastoral Search Committee to begin to function and to prepare a congregational Profile, clarifying as well what we are looking for in our next pastor. Bible studies will be held that will assist the Team to make guided decisions.

Board of Christian Education Chairperson, Lisa Nelson said that the Board had decided to hold a one-day Bible School this year on **Saturday, June 21st** from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. here at our church. Second Reformed will join us again this year. The Sunday school picnic will be held Sunday afternoon, **June 22nd** at Finch Park. Also, members of Christian Education are planning a church retreat in June 2009 at Blowing Rock Conference Center. {Please see more information included in the Director of Christian Education article found on page 8.}

The Property Committee continues with plans to upgrade the lighting and acoustics in the fellowship hall. The ceiling will be dropped and new lighting installed. Work is scheduled to begin the second week of May. We ask your indulgence for the minor inconveniences that are a part of such projects.

Kids' Club

Leader: Corinne Gray

In the month of April Kids' Club participants decorated vases and made tissue paper flowers for table centerpieces at the luncheon welcoming Reverend Patten. Also, we learned about our emotions and how to control our actions. May Kids' Club meetings will be: Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 25th following the children's moment. All meetings are in the music room.

United Friendship Club

Co-Presidents: Eulene Shepherd and Camille Morgan

Senior Adult



Fellowship

The United Friendship Club met Wednesday, April 23 at noon in the fellowship hall with thirty members present. After celebrating our April birthdays, Reverend Walter Patten brought us up-to-date on the health status of various church members and their families. We will keep all of these persons in our prayers. After a bountiful and delicious meal, we had a brief business meeting during which we learned that a nominating committee will soon be appointed to secure officers for the 2008-2009 year.

In further business, we discussed the possibilities for perennial plantings for the church lawn which will be less labor-intensive. Then Gladys Snider led our devotions based on the idea: "What Would God Say?" The answers came from Biblical passages read by members whom Gladys had selected before the meeting. The program consisted of a "Q" and "A" session with Reverend Patten about the nature and purpose of an "Intentional Interim Ministry". He defined his role as "facilitator and communicator". All church members are urged to nominate four persons (who have been contacted) on May 4. These people will be official nominees in a process that will select the members to serve on the Transition Team. Reverend Patten believes that the Transition Team experience will be an "affirming process that we will enjoy".

We invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, May 28 for good food, fun, information, and fellowship, as well as inspiration.

Women's Life Fellowship

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Co-Chairs: Raeann Biesecker and Mary Jo Jessup

Women's Life Fellowship hosted its sixth annual Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, April 15th in the church fellowship hall. Approximately 90 women were in attendance to enjoy a delicious meal catered by Stephanie Owens and to hear author Virginia Boyd share excerpts from her book, One Fell Swoop. Once again the table decorations were based on interesting characters taken from the book. Pandora Hamilton, owner of Pandora's Books, brought copies of Ms. Boyd's book to sell to those guests who had not previously purchased a book. Ms. Boyd was happy to sign books for everyone. A wonderful time was had by all and the monies raised will go toward our group's mission work. Thank you again for all your support!



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All women of the church are welcome and childcare is provided.



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.

Men's Brotherhood

By: Clifford Lopp

The Men's Brotherhood met Thursday, April 17th in the fellowship hall with 23 men present. We had a few new faces along with our new Interim Minister, Reverend Walter Patten. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Cheryl Walser of Yarborough's Restaurant. Reverend Patten spoke to us about our church history and planning for our future. We look forward to his leadership during this transition period. Men's Brotherhood President, Frank Leonard, presented an entertaining program giving his insights on a book he had been reading.



The Brotherhood will be serving the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on **May 12th**. **VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE AND SERVE ARE NEEDED!** We will meet at 5 p.m. to prepare the meal and serve at 6 p.m. Currently forty to forty-five people are being served daily at the shelter. **Please see Clifford or Frank** so we can line up our team.

The next meeting will be May 15th at 6 p.m. Watch for details...the meal will be provided. All men of the church are invited.

Classical Piano Concert

Sunday, May 4, 2008 – 3 p.m.

The First Reformed United Church of Christ Arthur and Maggie Thomason Endowment will sponsor an afternoon piano concert by John Einhaus, next Sunday, May 4th in the church sanctuary.

Admired for his “mature musicianship and crisp, controlled technique,” John Einhaus’ intensely emotional performances have captivated audiences throughout the United States.



Mr. Einhaus began his piano studies at age nine with a local teacher in his hometown of Fawn Grove, PA. A year later, upon recognition of his exceptional talent, he was recommended to the Peabody Preparatory where, as an honors student, he received numerous scholarships and awards. After high school, he entered the Johns Hopkins University as a Mechanical Engineering major. Three years later, however, with renewed inspiration, Mr. Einhaus decided to accept the challenge of a career as a pianist. He entered the Peabody Conservatory under Robert Weirich, and then transferred to Rutgers University to study with renowned pianist Theodore Lettvin. Mr. Einhaus is an honors graduate of Rutgers and recipient of the Naumberg Scholarship and Marsano Burian award for outstanding music achievement. He received his Masters of Music degree from the Mannes College of Music under the tutelage of Pavlina Dokovska, Boris Slutsky and Arkady Aronov and has participated in master classes with such luminaries as Claude Frank and Evelyne Crochet. Having enjoyed faculty positions at the York College of Pennsylvania and the Queens Music School in New York City, he continues to perform solo, concerto, and chamber music repertoire. Mr. Einhaus is currently engaged in doctoral studies at Indiana University where he also holds the position of Associate Instructor of Piano. He is in the studio of Arnaldo Cohen and has had additional studies with Menahem Pressler.

He will be playing selections from J.S. Bach, Franz Joseph Haydn, Robert Schumann, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Alexander Scriabin, Claude Debussy and Frédéric Chopin.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We rejoice with Jessica and Chris Bentley upon the birth of their first child, **Collis Gentry Bentley**. Collis was born prematurely Sunday, April 13, 2008 and is still in Catawba Valley Hospital. He is doing well and the family hopes to welcome him home soon. Proud grandparents are Lee Ann and Tony Peele.



- **Sarah Lindsay Brown** will graduate May 10, 2008 from Rowan-Cabarrus with an Associate's Degree in Occupational Technology and Certification in Dental Assisting.
- **Emily Sink** was chosen, based on GPA, as a Junior Marshall for the Radiologic Science Program at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. She will be recognized at the Radiologic Science Class of 2008 graduation ceremony in May.

APRIL MEMORIALS

Douglas Lopp {Cliff Lopp's Brother}

Wanda Daye
Butch Bouchard
Gladys Snider
Roy and Anne Bevan
Merle and Jerry Hodges

Nora Perryman DeLapp

Holton Davis
Wanda Daye

Hilda Canady

Mary Ann Miller

Iva Taylor Craven

Don and Lois Leonard
Katherine Skipper
Jacqueline Leonard
Wanda Daye
Richard J Lentz
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Mildred Hilton

Merle and Jerry Hodges
Henry and Juanita Beck
Holton Davis
Butch Bouchard
Frances and Henry Hendrix
Marguerite Leonard

Donald W. Leonard, Jr.

{Don and Lois Leonard's Son}

Roy and Anne Bevan
FRUCC Men's Bible Class
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Barry and Renee Sink
Lou Lopp Wilson & Rita Leonard
Jerry and Aurelia Smith
Elizabeth Sink
FRUCC Willing Workers Class
Gladys Snider

Holton Davis
John Potts and Janette Neal
Henry and Juanita Beck
Janie Lohr
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Frank Leonard, Jr.
Doris Frye
Marguerite Leonard
Wanda Daye

John Raker, Jr.

{Mary B Little's Brother}

Carolyn and Carroll Spivey
Doris Frye

Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Wanda Daye

Director of Christian Education

By: Amy McNeill

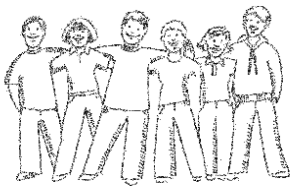
I want to start by welcoming Reverend Walter Patten and his family to our church. I'm so happy to have them here and enjoyed the lunch we all shared in their honor on April 20. Thank you to Cheryl Walser for the delicious meal, Corinne and the Kids' Club for the beautiful flower arrangements that decorated the tables and to everyone who setup and cleaned up. It was wonderful!

Just a reminder...Vacation Bible School is **Saturday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** Save the date and plan to be here. We will have more information to come but be prepared to feel and learn about the power of Jesus!



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.

Looking to 2009: With the blessings of the Board of Christian Education I am trying to bring a church family weekend retreat



back to First Reformed UCC. I am told that in the past the church had a retreat the first weekend of June at Johns' River Valley Camp. We are keeping the same date of the first weekend of June {5th—7th}; however, we are changing the location to Blowing Rock Conference Center. I have reserved twenty rooms in hopes of filling ALL of them and bringing our church family closer together. The Conference Center allows the families to stay together as a family unit and is more accommodating for all ages. Each room has two double beds with bath and meals included.

Church Family Retreat

The cost for the room with two adults and all meals included is \$247.00. Children over 13 years 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. I realize the cost is higher than Johns' River but with some fundraising we hopefully can make it affordable for all. The reason we are planning so far in advance is to see who is interested and get the fundraisers started! The Board of Christian Education is really excited about planning this retreat and hope you are too. Below is a ballot to fill out. Please fill it out and drop in the offering plate or bring to the church office. I look forward to hearing from you and starting our fundraising.

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 Church Friends,

May I convey my personal thanks from the bottom of my heart for your generosity of cards, Christmas fruit basket, concern and most of all your prayers. They have significantly contributed to help me on the road to recovery. I was especially touched by the beautiful card from the "Kids' Club". Thank you once again, for your prayers of intercession on my behalf. "Never underestimate the healing effects of prayer".

P.S. "Everyone prays in their own language, and there is no language that God does not understand."...Duke Ellington

Peace and Hope, Rita Tussey

Dear Church Family,

How very blessed we are to have such loving, caring, and giving friends! We are so grateful for your generosity and many kindnesses shared with us during Jared's hospitalization. You'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown. We covet your prayers as we continue to be uplifted by God's never failing love.

*In deepest appreciation and Christ's love,
Christie, Jeff, Jackson, and Jared Perrell and Harriette and Clifton Murphy*

Dear Church Friends,

You have again made me feel very special on Administrative Assistant's Day. The recognition in the Dispatch, basket of goodies, cards and special gifts were very much appreciated. You truly make me feel special all the time.

Thank you, Paula



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Special thanks to Birke McNeill and Ted Smith, coordinators for First Reformed United Church of Christ and all members who participated as volunteers or donated funds for the "Touching Davidson County With Love" community project on April 19th. It was a huge success!

Special thanks to those who helped spread pine needles around the church property: Dawn Shaak, Betty and J.W. Bates, Clifford Lopp, Eddie Yates, Banks Shepherd, James Gray, Jeff and Kalyssa Hutchens, Rich Johnson, Buddy Lohr, Mike Brown and Tom Danze.

Thank you notes were received from the following for benevolent gifts:

Catawba College

Crisis Ministry of Davidson County

Nazareth Children's Home

Lancaster Seminary

Blowing Rock Conference Center

Elon Homes for Children

Elon University

Pastor's Pantry

The Salvation Army

MAY STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Peggy Bates
 Captain: Rich Johnson
 Ushers: Joe Yarbrough, Sauni Johnson, and Keith Johnson

Plate Attendant: Cliff Lopp

Acolytes: Matthew and Kelsey Johnson

Sound Tech: Clifford Lopp

Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - Men's Bible Class

Social: Host/Hostess: Anne & Roy Bevan and Kivi & Edgar Miller

Greeters:

May 4	Ramona Yarbrough and Adena Wall
May 11	John and Lynn McCarn
May 18	Mark and Nicole Smith
May 25	Banks and Eulene Shepherd

Nursery:

May 4	Alice and Vicky Gray
May 11	Kay Crouse and Emily Leonard
May 18	Sauni & Thomas Johnson
May 25	Nicole and Mark Smith



John Gray, Leah Murray, Collis Bentley, Ethel Bailey, Sadie Bailey, Louise Rollins, Bruce Younts, Jared Perrell, and Jacob Berrier

We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with...





- Don and Lois Leonard upon the death of their son, Donald Leonard, Jr.
- Mary B. Little, Carolyn Spivey, Lena Johnson and their families upon the death of their loved one, John F. Raker, Jr.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

The following had perfect attendance during the month of April —

Abigail Johnson	Sarah Johnson	Kalyssa Hutchens	Nancy Robbins
Corinne Gray	Laura Strenk	Katarina Strenk	Alice Gray
Wanda Daye	Gladys Snider	Jo Hudson	Ramona Yarbrough
Marguerite Leonard	Sandra Hutchens	Adena Wall	Betty Bates
Eulene Shepherd	Katherine Skipper	Lib Sink	Butch Bouchard
C.H. Bates	J.W. Bates	Earlie Hartley	Cliff Lopp
John Potts	Jeff Hutchens	Albert Evans	Melody Evans
Clifford Lopp	Paula Lopp	Camille Morgan	Lisa Nelson
Cathy Waitman	Lena Johnson	Rich Johnson	

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JOHN EINHAUS CONCERT PIANIST 3 P.M. SANCTUARY				1 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	2	3
4 9:45 am {Chapel} Joint Sunday School 10:20 a.m. {FH} Sunday School Social 11:00 a.m. TT Ballot	5 6:30 p.m. {Parlor} Board of Christian Education Meeting	6 7:00 p.m. {Parlor} Women's Life Fellowship Meeting and Kids' Club	7 11 a.m. {Parlor} Morning Glory Circle 6:30 Bell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	8 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	9	10 Postal FOOD DRIVE to benefit the local Crisis Ministries Place food at mailbox
11  Happy Mother's Day	12 5:30 p.m. {FH} Scrap-booking Class Men's Brotherhood serve meal at Shelter	13	14 6:30 Bell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	15 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class 6 p.m. {FH} Men's Brotherhood	16	17
18 2 p.m. (FH) Waitman Party 2 p.m. (P) Odum Party 7 p.m. Consistory Mtg	19	20 7 p.m. {FH} Lexington Music Club	21 6:30 Bell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	22 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	23	24
25 MEMORIAL SUNDAY	26 	27	28 NOON {FH} Friendship Club 6:30 Bell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	29 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	30	31 6-8 p.m. (FH) Strenk Party



Save the Date....

June 1, 2008 GRADUATION SUNDAY



June 21, 2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Reformed United Church of Christ and Second Reformed UCC will join together again this year for Vacation Bible School. In an effort to breath life into Bible School we're trying something a little different this year. We will hold a one-day VBS Saturday, June 21st at First Reformed. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

June 22, 2008 CHURCH PICNIC



Finch Park—Shelter #1
4—7 p.m. — Bring Yard Chairs
Games begin at 4:30 p.m.—Ball Field #1
{If you don't play...come be a cheerleader!}

Come enjoy a great afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship with your church family!

First News

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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