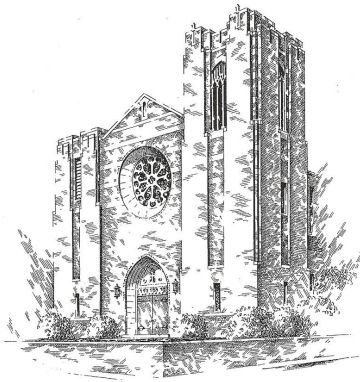


FIRST NEWS

September 2008

SEAT BELTS IN THE PEWS!?!?



Inside this issue:

Seat Belts in the Pews	1
Upcoming Events	2-3
Consistory Highlights	4
Men's Brotherhood	4
Women's Life Fellowship	5
Morning Glory Circle	5
United Friendship Club	6
Landscape Proposal	7
Thank you Notes	8
August Memorials	9
Director of Christian Ed	10
Horse's Name Changing SS	11
Rally Day—Homecoming	11
September Stewards	12
September Calendar	13
Corner Café Theatre	14

There's so much going on at FRUCC that we have been contemplating the installation of seat belts in our pews! Well, perhaps that is a bit of an overstatement, but it got your attention anyway, and, in any case, it's not much of a stretch. You need to be planning for our September voyage of discovery, which is about to pull out of the harbor, during hurricane season, sure enough, now that summer has pretty much run its course. Just for reassurance, Dramamine will not be necessary for the faint of heart, or for the queasy of stomach, just dollops of curiosity and courage and faithful affection for the ongoing life of our congregation. Your intrepid **Transition Team** crew has well begun its overhaul to make us seaworthy, checking our rigging and sails, scraping the odd barnacle off the solid hull, thumping the all-important compass to avoid Bermuda Triangle foolishness, working through charts and needful info, and streamlining the communication process. They're a hearty lot of blokes and blokettes (not a scabrous dog among them!) and will make a fine crew for our journey through September, joined as well by our fine staff (including Paula "Pegleg" Lopp) and key leaders, some of whom are planning for our **Rally Day and Homecoming** celebration on Sunday, September 14 and also for the **Corner Café Dinner Theatre (Dinner and Mystery Play)** at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, directed by Carolyn "Mother Goose" Spielberg-Spivey, an offering definitely not intended for the ears or sensibilities of little sea sprites. Our crack Transition Team will lead us on an exciting exploration of the mysterious and exciting **Assembly Island** after worship on Sunday, September 21, where all manner of wildlife is said to flourish, not to mention great food and fellowship and perhaps a few noteworthy discoveries about the challenges of congregational life.

Other highlights of our September journey include another rousing round of **Consistory** escapades at 7:00 Sunday evening, September 7; a bracing round of the **Board of Christian Education** at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 8 (led by the bold Lisa "Neptunia" Nelson); the 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 3 meeting of the **Morning Glory Circle**; the 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 16 **Women's Life Fellowship**; the resumption of the 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 18 **Men's Brotherhood**; and the

gathering again of our celestial "North Star" **Choir Practice** at 7:00 Wednesday evenings, high and lifted up down in the hold of the ship, led by that wily, swashbuckling, baton-bustling buccaneer Paul "Gray Beard" Freeman. We raise our grogs of ale (as in "ginger-") to salute all of our merry crew who are planning and serving the **Evening Meal to the LSHS football team** at 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 5; as well as to our continuing **Yoga Class** at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday; to **Scrapbook/Craft Night** on Mondays, September 8 and 22; to **Candlelight Choir Practice** on Sunday 28 and to **Candlelight Youth Choir** on Monday 29; to the **Willing Workers who are serving a meal at the Homeless Shelter** on Monday, September 8; to the **Charity League** that meets here on Wednesday, September 17 and on Tuesday, September 23; to the 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. **Class Reunion** here on September 18; and last, but not least, to **Brandi McCarn and Joe Gerew**, who are being married here on September 20.

Wow, "shiver me timbers," "skewer me gizzard," I believe I'm getting a bit light-headed with all of this nautical, sea-salt talk, so perhaps we should return to *terra firma* for the balance of our time here together. Ahh, that's much better. Now, where were we? Oh yes. September.

Proceeding chronologically through the month, I do wish to share a personal perspective on a few of our key events. —————>

Board of Christian Education, Monday, September 8: As is suggested both in **Amy's** article as our Director of Christian Education and in **Alice Gray's** piece concerning the significance of "New Look," we are becoming increasingly intentional about Sunday School here at FRUCC, as evidenced by our last meeting. We are examining new resources as well as some new adaptations of older ideas to begin a process of re-structuring our Sunday School program for children. Still a work in progress, we are proceeding gradually *with a presently projected start-up time of around the first of next year*, creating more hands-on learning opportunities through the use of "rotating" activity centers which enable us to approach the same scripture lesson over a five to six week period from a number of perspectives, including the use of music, the arts, media centers, etc. Each teaching station would have the same teacher(s) each week, with different classes or groups being taught the same materials at age-specific levels. So, in some cases, instead of asking an adult to commit to a teaching role for a year at a time, our requests for help from any given person could be over a time span of perhaps a month and a half, then with a break. Also, we are going to conduct a rough "inventory" of all the "stuff" we have accumulated over the years, sorting through what may still be useable for various purposes and identifying props and other things we may yet need, then asking some of you with the appropriate skills to help us with their preparation.

This approach will begin to make our Sunday School approach more "interactive" and "intergenerational" in nature, helping our kids to get to know some of our really neat people in the congregation who have not traditionally been associated with Sunday School as such. Also, by this time next month, I hope to report on an idea I have for revitalizing our Junior and Senior Youth Groups. Finally, I will be making select calls soon to the parents of young people who are of Confirmation age, in which case I expect to implement an excellent "mentoring" approach through which, in addition to working with me and the class, should one form, our confirmands will each be paired with a gender-specific older member who will also be a teacher and guide through the process of Confirmation, with the keeping of journals and such. More next month.

Rally Day and Homecoming, Sunday, September 14: For a variety of reasons, Homecoming has tended not to receive the attention here that it does in some churches, but that is changing this year. A congregation with a heritage as rich as ours should celebrate Homecoming, for it is definitely a big deal. Almost like a school reunion, it offers a wonderful opportunity for people to reconnect and see one another after many years' absence, in some cases. Again, I refer you to Amy's article where we will combine our Rally Day festivities in the (new and improved!!) FH with our Homecoming theme, inviting all our SS classes to share with us what Homecoming means to them. Of course, the **Rev. D. Lee Jessup** will deliver our Homecoming sermon, and very few pastors would be able to perform that function as well as he surely will for us. So, get on the phone or the email or your website or snailmail or telegraph or flags or smoke signals or whatever it is you use to communicate with people who ought to know about this and should want to attend it, and invite them over and over again, until like the judge did with the importunate widow, they simply agree with you if only to shut you up. Though, I know that your persuasion, *should you apply it as you should*, will be efficacious. Let's get those children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and distant relatives to get on down here for Homecoming: if they can get to the beach and to the mountains and to the lakes and to Disney World, and to Vegas, wherever else it is they go, they can get to this!!! You can tell'em that Walter Patten said so, himself! Please do your "homework" ASAP so that you can get your reservations to our office (248-2617) by Tuesday, September 9, with donations accepted at the door. Let's see you and yours here at Homecoming and Rally Day at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, September 14!

Lunch and Assembly with Interactive Time with our Transition Team, Sunday, September 21: First things first, please refresh your memory on this list of six questions, first submitted to you as a congregation in the June 2008 issue of First News:

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...Why?
5. The one thing I would change about this church if I could is...Why?
6. What I like most about this church is...Why?

Your Transition Team and I are asking you to give these questions some thought. After lunch in the FH, we will arrange for some small-group discussions with two or more Team members at each table or site, which center on these six questions, with a particular focus on the last two. This Assembly is the first step of a number that we will take on our way toward an “appreciative inquiry” about our history, life and future as a congregation. This phrase is not mine, but is borrowed from a book by that name entitled: *Memories, Hopes and Conversations: Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change*. I will list here, for future reference, the key assumptions to any successful “Appreciative Inquiry.” (p. 24.)

1. In every organization, some things work well.
2. What we focus on becomes our reality.
3. Asking questions influences the group.
4. People have more confidence in the journey to the future when they carry forward parts of the past.
5. If we carry part of the past into the future, they should be what is best about the past.
6. It is important to value differences.
7. The language we use creates our reality.
8. Organizations are heliotropic. (That is, like a sunflower, organizations lean toward the source of energy, whether that energy is healthy or not.)
9. Outcomes should be useful.
10. All steps are collaborative.

Please make every effort to attend this vital Assembly!! Much more on these matters later.

Blessings and Shalom, Pastor Walt

The treasurer's report stated that second quarter benevolences were paid. Please continue to donate throughout the year to assist with church expenses and benevolent gifts.



Pastor's Report:

- Reverend Patten offered praise to the Transition Team for their dedication during the "dog weeks" of July. They have been investigating the church "history," specifically 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- Reverend Walt asked Tom Danze, one of our delegates to the Southern Conference Annual Gathering, to report. Tom stated that United Church of Christ members represented at the meeting were a diverse crowd that respected each other's view points. Tom was very impressed and excited about the gathering.
- Reverend Patten reported that the Southern Conference Annual Gathering presented a challenge to churches to help close an alarming deficit by contributing an extra \$1,000 to OCWM over and above the current budgeted amount. He asked for permission from the consistory to seek the extra funds. After discussion the consistory voted to allow him to request special donations.
- The meeting of the Western North Carolina Association will be held Saturday, October 4, 2008 in Greensboro. We are allowed three delegates.

Lisa Nelson, Chair of The Board of Christian Education reported that VBS and the church picnic were very successful with good attendance for both. The board will meet to discuss 2009 budget proposals and the Rally Day/Homecoming event planned for September 14th.

Scott Frye, Finance Committee Chairperson stated that the committee would meet Monday, August 18th to begin working on the 2009 budget.

Tom Danze, Property Chair reported that due to a surge in water pressure and a broken valve, the education building sustained a flood. There is damage to carpeting, floors, and downstairs ceilings. Estimates are being accumulated and we are in contact with the insurance company. The Property Committee is also working with the Music Committee to get suggestions and quotes to upgrade our audio/video system in the sanctuary.

The Board of Community Outreach thanked Birke McNeill, Scott Biesecker, and Ted Smith for staying overnight at the shelter in June and July.

Nancy Robbins, co-chair of the Evangelism Board reported the average attendance for June was 123 and July 119. Myra Thompson, co-chair stated that she would be advertising about the church homecoming.

Men's Brotherhood

Secretary, Clifford Lopp

After enjoying summer vacations, the Men's Brotherhood will kick-off a new season on **Thursday, September 18th** at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The evening meal is provided. ALL men of the church are invited to come enjoy good food and fellowship.

Women's Life Fellowship

Page 5



It is a new year for Women's Life Fellowship. We met Tuesday August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Our meetings will be changing to the **third** Tuesday of the month beginning in September. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you are interested in coming and being more active with your church family, we would love to have you!

We are gearing up for The Corner Café Mystery Dinner Theatre. Play practices have been fun. There really is wonderful talent in our church! This adult-only performance is scheduled for September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be fun, excitement and great food. Please see any Women's Life Fellowship member or call the church office if you are interested in buying a ticket. We have also arranged for child-care at a nominal fee for families during this event.

We received a request from the Lexington Senior High School Football team to prepare a pre-game meal. Women's Life took on this project last year, but sadly declined the request this year due to so many other obligations during the same time frame. However, proudly some circle members, with funding from the New Way Sunday School Class, and assistance from several other church members, have agreed to provide the meal this year. Thank you to those individuals for volunteering their time and talent.

It has been brought to our attention that the kitchen is in need of dish cloths and towels. Members were asked to bring these items to our next meeting.

We discussed focusing on community service this year and fund raising. We look forward to another great year, great bake sales and fun church events. Keep watching the newsletter for upcoming events.

Thank you and God Bless! Sauni Johnson, President

Morning Glory Circle

Secretary: Mary Berrier

Eleven members and one visitor attended the August meeting of the Morning Glory Circle. Lib Sink, circle chairman, opened with a few remarks and prayer. Reports from secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

A program on "Cutting Stress" was presented by Mary Berrier with circle members joining in on a discussion regarding stress in our daily lives.

The Morning Glory Circle meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the church parlor. Please join us Wednesday, September 3rd at our next meeting.

United Friendship Club

President: June Grubb

Members of the United Friendship Club dipped into several flavors of awesome homemade ice cream and “yummy” desserts at its August meeting.

Those with August birthdays were recognized as we all enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship with one another.

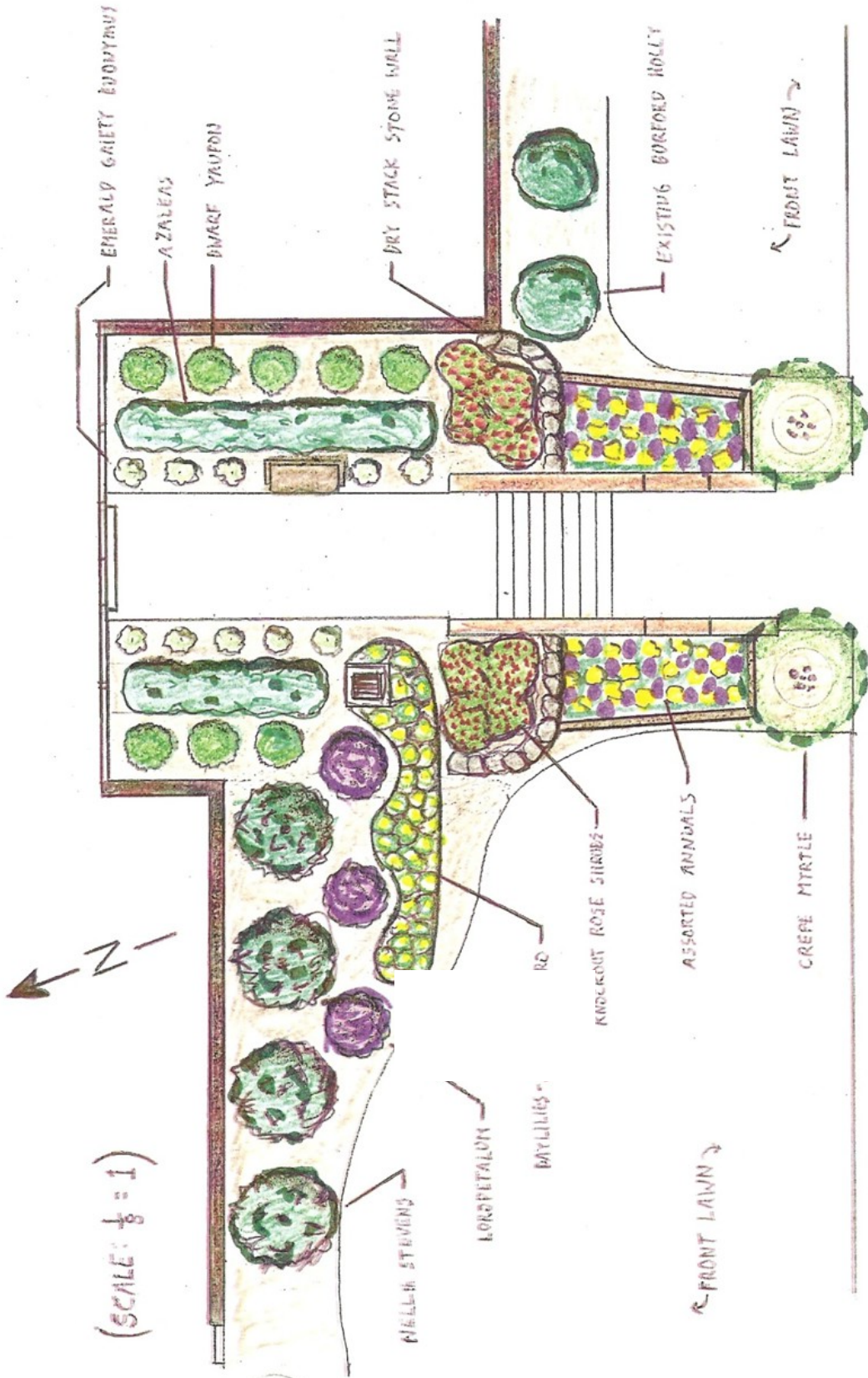
September 24th will be the Club’s next meeting, beginning with a pot luck lunch at noon. June Grubb will give the devotional and the guest speaker will be Chuck Bliss from Asheboro, North Carolina. Mr. Bliss is one of our state’s well known experts on Blue Birds. We encourage members and non-members to come and share lunch and good conversation with one another. You just might have a chance to receive a special gift related to our program on bluebirds.

Landscape Proposal

For quite a few months the **Friendship Club** has been discussing options for landscaping the front of the education building. Our members have kept this area beautiful with the vibrant colors of seasonal flowers for several years. Residents always commented about the beauty that greeted them as they drove by. Several times the flower beds were photographed for The Dispatch and they received an award from the Uptown Lexington Beautification Committee. As we are getting older the job of keeping this area in shape has become more than we can physically handle. Therefore, in an effort to lessen the substantial work involved we recruited the church groundskeeper, Mike Stegall to present a landscape proposal.

At our meeting, Wednesday, August 27th our club members discussed the proposal to the right. It is hard to see some of the small details, however, we believe this project will not only be beautiful, but will also lessen the area of our responsibility. We are asking for assistance from individuals to help us enhance the beauty of our property. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please designate on your check “**landscape**” and drop it in the offering plate or come by the church office.

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



MANICURED LAWN & LANDSCAPING, INC.

Thank-you...

Thank-you notes for benevolent gifts were received from:

The Pastor's Pantry

Crisis Ministry of Davidson County

Family Services

Dear Church Family,

Clifton and I are so appreciative of the love and support and most especially the prayers from you for our grandson, Jared. I feel some of you may wonder why he continues to be on the prayer list week after week. So I wanted to update you on his condition in terms you may understand better than big medical terms. (I can't spell them anyway.) Jared is stable right now and we see some progress. He is still not walking again but we hope with physical therapy and time this will come back. He does crawl everywhere he wants to, rides his power wheel toys and messes in everything he can. He loved his vacation at the beach and playing in the sand. His speech is improving and his tube feedings have helped him gain weight and strength. He still remains a medical mystery in that doctors at Duke and all over the country have not been able to identify his immune deficiency. He has an immune system, but it doesn't work to produce antibodies that help you and me fight infections and viruses. So he goes weekly to Duke to receive IV infusions of antibodies. Unfortunately last November, a virus was able to get into his central nervous system so he now has a port in his head where they inject antibodies directly into his spinal fluid in the brain. We are hoping to suppress the virus enough that it will not affect other body functions and development. There are doctors in California that are working to find a special lot of antibodies that might work better and a doctor in Switzerland is researching his genetics to determine his deficiency and hopefully a cure.

We know all this is best placed in the hands of our God, the Great Physician, and we covet your continuous prayers—prayers for healing, prayers for strength, and prayers of thanksgiving for blessing us with Jared. Every week, we get a beautiful card in the mail that reads, "Jared is in our thoughts and prayers. First Reformed UCC Church Family." This is so very uplifting and I look forward to that reassurance and reminder every week.

Although the challenges are great, the Blessings are greater and we love and appreciate each of you...a very special family. God Bless You!

Harriette and Clifton Murphy

NOTE: After this note was received for printing, because his bones are so fragile, Jared broke his leg. Please continue to keep this family in prayer.

Dear Hostesses,

Thank you for the delicious lunch your teams prepared and served for Mary Louise Leonard's family. We enjoyed everything and appreciate the time you spent working on such a large undertaking. It was nice to have that time to visit with everyone in the family and we thank you for making that possible. I told the Congregational Care Committee at our church what a grand way you have organized to serve families, and they thought it was a good idea to try using your team approach and to try involving more members in this ministry. It was a pleasure to be in such a nice place with such nice people helping out.

Sincerely, Frances Campbell

AUGUST MEMORIALS

Donald W. Leonard, Jr. {Don and Lois Leonard's Son}

Nancy and John Robbins
Dr. and Mrs. David C. Smith

Nora DeLapp

Nancy and John Robbins



Mildred Clodfelter Hilton

Nancy and John Robbins
Catherine, Charlie, Caroline, and Charlotte Pyle

Deanna Michael

Claire Melville {Alice Gray's Mother}

Gladys Snider
Janie Lohr
Holton Davis

Mrs. David Clark Smith

Mrs. Hilda Leonard

Mary Louise Moffitt Leonard

Don and Lois Leonard	Katherine Skipper
Henry and Juanita Beck	Jacqueline Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith	M. Elizabeth Gee
Margaret C. Hodges	Charles Stephen and Vikki Hodges
Janie Lohr	Wanda Daye
Margaret Morgan	Tom and Sandra Smith
Holton Davis	John and Vicky Gray
Roy and Anne Bevan	Doris Frye
Cathy Waitman	Bob and Dawn Shaak
Mike and Lynn Brown	Ike and Vicky Green
Reverend Banks and Eulene Shepherd	Ruth Essick
Pattie B Everhart	John and Sylvia Walser
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Smith	Roy and Fran Campbell
Grandchildren of Mary Louise Leonard:	
Leigh Hodges Earnhardt	
Blair Newton Jones	
Allison Newton Satchell	
Dr. William Brockenbrough Newton, III	

Director of Christian Education

Hello All! Summer is over and a new school and Sunday school year are beginning. As many of you know my oldest, Kaitlyn, started school for the first time this year. Our family is very excited for her as she begins the new adventure into Kindergarten. We even took pictures which is a very rare thing for us to do. As I think about her new adventure, I am also getting very excited about the new adventures that First Reformed is working on for this Sunday School year.



We are going to kick off our new year with **RALLY DAY, Sunday, September 14th at 9:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. I'm looking forward to a wonderful intergenerational service as the different Sunday School classes express what **HOME** means to them in their own unique way. Sunday school will be followed by our Homecoming Service and a delicious meal catered by Yarborough's. Hurry up and register, you won't want to miss it!!

The second new adventure will be the startup of **Children's Church**. Beginning in October the second Sunday of every month (unless you are otherwise informed), following the children's sermon, children, kindergarten and up will go to the upstairs music room to spend time learning in their own age-appropriate church service. The children will learn the Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Gloria Patri. They will also be given envelopes so they can be taught the practice of bringing their offering to church. The children will love the hands-on approach of learning and this will help prepare them for our regular worship service. This new adventure begins October 12th and will continue through May. The only month we will take off is December due to all the wonderful events planned for that time. Can't wait to see you at "Children's Church" in October!

Our third new adventure will be coming your way soon! Be sure to read Alice Gray's article; you won't want to miss the "New Look".

Thank you for being part of this church family. Continue to read the newsletter to stay informed on all the new adventures we are working hard to bring you. I hope to see you at **ALL** of them and don't forget to sign up below for the retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center the first weekend of June 2009.

Blowing Rock Conference Center Retreat: We will go June 5th—7th arriving on Friday evening and leaving on Sunday morning. The conference center has many wonderful things to do and is also very close to downtown Blowing Rock. This retreat will be a great way for our church family to bond together during a weekend away. *If you are attracted to this offer, please fill out the ballot below and put it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.* I will be contacting those who reply so we can start a fundraising campaign to minimize the cost. Fees to stay at Blowing Rock Conference Center are:

LODGING (each room has 2 double beds):	Double Occupancy for two nights	\$157.00
MEALS (two dinners, one lunch, and two breakfasts)	Ages 13+	45.00
	Ages 5-12	28.50
	Under 4	Free

Blowing Rock Conference Center Retreat June 5-7, 2009

Family Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Names and ages of children attending: _____

Comments: _____

How a Horse's Name is Changing Sunday School

Her name was "New Look" and she was different from the other horses. She was born around the time that designer Christian Dior was introducing his "New Look" in women's fashion. Square, masculine shoulder pads of the late 1930s and 1940s were replaced with a sophisticated look characterized by a small waist, below-mid-calf length, full-skirt.

It is fitting that the name of the man who had a huge impact on fashion after World War II was Christian. Sunday school for our youth is changing and it's time for a "New Look" to be introduced at First Reformed. Fresh ideas of more hands-on learning, rotating activity centers, etc. are in the early planning stages.

STAY TUNED....You don't want to miss this!!!

Submitted by: Alice Gray, Board of Christian Education Member

Rally Day and Church Homecoming

Sunday, September 14, 2008



What does home mean to you? Come find out what it means to each Sunday school class as we meet in the fellowship hall for an intergenerational class. There will be lots of excitement with skits, cheers, songs and stories of past Rally Days. **Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.** Everyone is welcome!

Excitement!

Invite family, friends, and former members to come to First Reformed United Church of Christ **Sunday, September 14th** for **HOME COMING**. Dr. D. Lee Jessup, former minister, will be our guest speaker at the morning worship service. After worship we will enjoy a time of fellowship as we share a catered lunch together in the fellowship hall.



CATERED LUNCH RESERVATION

Yarborough's Restaurant is providing a delicious meal. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, September 9th. Please fill out the reservation form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Name _____

Adults _____

Children: _____

SEPTEMBER STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Peggy Bates
 Captain: Birke McNeill
 Ushers: Scott Frye, Frank Callicutt, Thomas Johnson

Plate Attendant: Adena Wall

Sound Tech: Jordan McCarn

Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - New Way Class

Social: Host/Hostess: James and Alice Gray and Sauni and Thomas Johnson

Greeters:

September 7	Pattie Everhart and Myrtle Latimer
September 14	Peggy Bates and Marguerite Leonard
September 21	John Potts and Janette Neal
September 28	Mary Rhodes and Joyce Price

Nursery:

September 7	Nicole and Mark Smith
September 14	Amy and Birke McNeill
September 21	Katie and Shane Decker
September 28	Lynn Klopp



(Alston Brook) Ralph Bailey, Betty Potts and Lorraine Lanning
 (Carolina House) Lois Leonard (Brookstone) Rita Tussey
 (Centerclair) Jeanne Trexler (Somerby) Barbara Schaeffer
 (Piedmont Crossing) Eles Beck, Henry and Ernestine Kennedy, and Frances Leonard

Jimbo Hinkle, Henry and Juanita Beck, Jacqueline Leonard, Ethel Bailey, Sadie Bailey, Ike Green, Giles Crowell, Gertrude Jarvis, Hilda Leonard, Louise Rollins, Micki Smith, Margaret Trexler, and Riley Bates. Also, please remember Bob Biesecker, Donna Madren, Jared Perrell, (grandson of Harriette and Clifton Murphy) and Jacob Berrier (Great-grandson of Mary Berrier)


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

- Merle Hodges, Rhonnie Newton, and their families upon the death of their loved one and our friend, Mary Louise Moffitt Leonard.



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

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Holiday	2	3 11 a.m. {Parlor} MORNING GLORY CIRCLE 6 p.m. Play Practice 7 p.m. Choir Practice	4 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	5 4 p.m. {FH} Serving Evening Meal to LSHS Football Team	6 {Parlor} Bridal Shower
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. SS Social {FH} 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7 p.m. (WW) CONSISTORY	8 Scrapbook/Craft Night Willing Workers Serve Meal at Shelter	9 7:00 p.m. {Parlor} TRANSITION TEAM MEETING	10 6 p.m. Play Practice 7 p.m. Choir Practice	11 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	12	13
9:45 a.m. Intergeneration Sunday school RALLY DAY AND HOMECOMING CATERED LUNCH :30-6 (FH) Charity League	15 7:00 p.m. {Parlor} TRANSITION TEAM MEETING	16 7:00 p.m. {Parlor} WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP (Bring dish towels/cloths)	17 10-Noon (FH) Charity League 7 p.m. Choir Practice	18 11-4 p.m. Class Reunion 5:30 {P} Yoga Class 6:00 p.m. (FH) MEN'S BROTHERHOOD	19 (Sanctuary) Wedding Rehearsal	20 Brandi McCam and Joe Gerew Wedding
21 ASSEMBLY Lunch and report from Transition Team	22 5:30 p.m. {Parlor} Scrapbook/Craft Night	23 10-Noon (FH) Charity League	24 NOON {FH} FRIENDSHIP CLUB 7 p.m. Choir Practice	25 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	26	27 6:30 p.m. (FH) CORNER CAFÉ DINNER THEATRE (Dinner and Mystery Play)
28 2-4 p.m. (FH) Candlelight Choir Practice	29 5:30-7 p.m. (FH) Candlelight Youth Choir	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> UPCOMING EVENT: October 5 - HOLY COMMUNION October 19—Congregational Lunch and Meeting </div>			

Corner Café Dinner Theatre

“Mother Goose’s Grim Tales, Definitely Not for Little Children”

Women’s Life Fellowship is sponsoring a fundraiser at the Corner Café Dinner Theatre located in the First Reformed United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. **Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. is opening night!** For \$20.00 you will be served a delicious dinner and be entertained by a company of actors from First Reformed UCC.

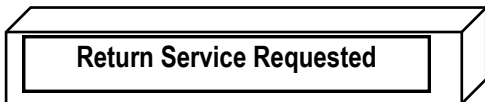


Mother Goose is worn to a frazzle trying to fend off the “PC Police” while keeping her characters out of the tabloids...not an easy task. Meet a quite contrary Mary, a very bad Wolf and many other of your favorite fairy tale characters.

Come and see if you can solve the mystery before the Detective. Compete with other tables to see who can win the evening’s prize. This has to be one of the best entertainment values in Lexington. Don’t miss out. Purchase your ticket from a Women’s Life Fellowship member or call the church office. Tickets are limited!

First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ
104 East Center Street
Lexington, North Carolina 27292
Phone #336-248-2617
Fax #336-248-6163
Email Address: church@frucc.org
Web Address: www.frucc.org



CHURCH STAFF	
Intentional Interim Minister.....	Rev. Walter Patten
Cell #336-420-2728	Home #336-632-1985
email: wrpatten@earthlink.net or minister@frucc.org	
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. till noon Tuesday—Friday	
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.

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Lexington, NC 27292
Permit #168