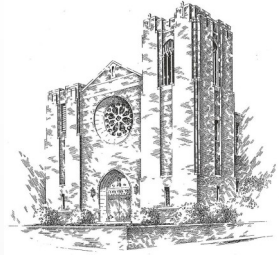


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



May 2009

PASTOR'S REPORT ON THE "DREAMS AND VISIONS" SHEET FROM OUR ASSEMBLY OF MARCH 22, 2009

Recall that we distributed a white "Dreams and Vision" sheet which had five horizontal spaces within which you could write a sentence or two about, what else, dreams and visions. Our emphasis was more on what is possible and desirable than what is immediately within range of being acted upon. We did not ask you "how" this dream was to be accomplished, but just that you identify something that you felt strongly should be a part of this congregation's future. We did not ask for a practical "time-line" either, though it is clear that at least some of your entries might be more actionable than others for the near future. But first, let's put your responses within context.

While an exact number is not available, we had between 85 and 90 persons present at the Assembly. We distributed the same number of "Dreams and Visions" sheets as we did the "Pastoral Qualities Survey" sheets, let's say for purposes of our discussion, 85. Of those 85 sheets, 41 of the "D & V" sheets were returned, and 11 of those were blank! This means that only 30 of the "D & V" sheets were returned for assessment. So, comparatively speaking, we did have a more comprehensive response on the "Pastoral Qualities" sheet than on the "D & V" sheet, and perhaps not enough of you really had time to "envision" such possibilities, at least for this occasion. (By the way, please find elsewhere in this issue of *First News* my brief compilation of the "Pastoral Qualities" sheets, a convenient sketch of my more complete report that we published in our April edition of *First News*.) Now of those 30 sheets: 5 sheets had 1 entry; 10 sheets had 2 entries; 5 sheets had 3 entries; 3 sheets had 4 entries; 6 sheets had 5 entries; and 1 sheet had 16 entries. Obviously, some of these responses were very similar, though their entry position of importance varied somewhat; some of the similar responses were of first importance to the person filling out the sheet, other similar ones were listed third or fourth, or whatever.

That said, allow me to pull together a few general impressions that these sheets suggest. I think it is fair to say that **congregational growth** was the predominant entry, though with some variations. This "dream" was listed at least 15 times explicitly, though it was clearly a subtext of concern or interest for a large number of other entries. Some unedited quotations might be helpful: "All pews full (compatibility--agree or disagree);" "Grow congregation so that we could have an Assistant;" "Have trouble finding a place to sit in the sanctuary on Sunday;" "Increased Sunday attendance;" "Steady increased interest and attendance on Sunday;" "Growth in congregation, increasing numbers participating;" "More involved fellowship—more members participating in church events;" "Would like the congregation to grow enough to hire a full-time Assistant Pastor or Visiting Pastor;" "Grow congregation to afford Assistant Pastor/Visitation Pastor;" "All pews be filled each Sunday;" "In recent months, we have had numerous visitors and hopefully they will become members of our church family;" "Pursue increasing our church membership;" "Have a commitment from members 40 years old and younger to attend Sunday School to help increase children's attendance who are the future of our church;" "Help regain inactive members." You get the idea.

These last two entries show how one interest can phase into another one. I hesitate to state any numbers here, for some themes are linked with others, but there is much interest in our **Sunday School, youth programs and ministries**. A quotation sampler: "Increase Sunday School Attendance;" "Have an active youth program for middle and high school students;" "Youth program with parental involvement;" "Young adults class;" "Rebuild youth group;" "After Kids Club ends, another group to start up and keep our youth close;" "Find ways to bring teens in;" "Young people—our little ones will grow;" "Music ministry!! Especially for children, teens;" "A 'Youth Sunday' again;" "The 'Road to God' has been well planned and I hope that it will prove to be most successful;" "Resurrect the Child-Development Center;" "After-school tutoring;" "Start an after-school program;" "Contemporary Worship."

There is a **great appreciation for our facilities, both in terms of what we have and of improvements that are desirable.**

For relevant quotations, I will start with some specifics which were mentioned more than once and then move to the more general remarks: “Review the Chamber of Commerce ownership, utilize the Chamber Building for Choir Practice;” “Larger choir room;” “Use of facilities for community outreach, homeless, elderly exercise;” “Use of Chamber Building—breezeway between CB and sanctuary, drive-through, unloading in rain;” “Future plans to incorporate the Chamber Building to church use;” “Put a breezeway between the Chamber Building and church and use building for church functions, have a bell choir room and a better choir practice room;” “Live webcast of church service;” “Handicapped restrooms in the Educational Building;” “Open up buildings for shelter from cold for homeless;” “Use Fellowship Hall to house street people in winter, exercise for elderly;” “More outreach to local community—open building to homeless on cold winter days, exercise classes for elderly, after-school tutoring;” “Make Ed. Bldg. rest rooms handicap accessible;” “Use the building for a service in Spanish or to eat if it is needed;” “See the remodeling of the Education Building to continue to completion;” “Exercise opportunities for older people who no longer go to the YMCA;” “Use the Chapel for more services (when appropriate, i.e. winter);” “Community service: Girl Scout Troops with committed leaders;” “Wheelchair access better;” “We have such great building resources that are underused—finding more ways to serve community with physical assets.”

There is a strong desire to **enhance both our own sense of community among ourselves and also into the wider community.**

A sampler: “Mid-week (Wed.) evening meals;” “Covered dish dinner for families;” “Covered-dish suppers at night for families;” “Health programs for congregation and community;” “Lay people more involved in services;” “Greater leadership in the community by FRUCC on issues of social justice;” “Beacon to the City, church known for its spiritual life, charitable life;” “Young adults, couples, families;” “A singles class for get-togethers outside of class (example, Wii tournaments in the fellowship hall, etc.);” “Multi-cultural programs for community;” “More ways for people to participate in church life—and everyone doing something more than attending Sunday morning;” “More emphasis on Global ministries;” “Beacon to community;” “Lay persons take on more responsibilities in ministry to members;” “More involved fellowship—more members participating in church events;” “Multi-lingual services/alternative services, i.e. music, cultural;” “Wii Tournaments;” “New Century Hymnal;” “Sponsor Community Garden at old Little League Ballpark.”

One sheet deserves an honorable mention, of a kind. The entries seem to have a logical progression to them, from the first one to the fifth one, giving us more than we asked for, but I find it interesting. See what you think:

1. We would be able to hire an assistant minister to help take the load off our full-time pastor.
2. We would be able to hire another administrative assistant to help Paula, who is overloaded yet still manages to act as the glue who keeps us all together.
3. We would be able to have a church website that is interactive to reach out to congregation and community.
4. We would come together on Wednesday evening for family meals and fellowship, prior to choir practice. (“A soft-place to fall mid-week.”)
5. We would have more young families with children as members, so we could form larger and more active youth groups, youth choirs and service to the community.

I’m not quite sure what follows or precedes what when it comes to dreams and visions, but I think that all of you are off to a good start by pulling these ideas together and beginning to think about how life can be around here over the next one to five to ten years from now.

A Brief Compilation of Our Survey Report on Pastoral Qualities

We on the Transition Team appreciate your positive response to our Assembly ministry with you about our determination of desirable pastoral qualities, the results of which we published in our April edition of *First News*. Many of you have requested that we “boil this down” to a convenient, thumbnail sketch that can be easily viewed in one place, so the TT has agreed for me to do this. Here, then, are the 12 “forced-selection” choices of the 42 qualities we examined on Sunday, March 22, reminding you that some of these qualities received “tie” votes and thus have been included together, in no particular order of importance, within the tie-groups.

- ◆ Our church needs a pastor who is an effective preacher/speaker. (60 votes)
- ◆ Our church needs a pastor who helps people develop their spiritual life.
Our church needs a pastor who maintains confidentiality. (41 votes each)
- ◆ makes pastoral calls on people in hospitals, nursing homes or confined to home.
is a compassionate and caring person, sensitive to others’ needs.
deals effectively with conflict. (38 votes each)
- ◆ is accepting of people with divergent backgrounds and traditions. (35 votes)
- ◆ is effective in planning and leading worship.
ministers effectively to people in crisis situations. (32 votes each)
- ◆ is a good leader.
encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives. (31 votes each)
- ◆ is a person of faith. (27 votes)

FYI: Now that you see the top 12 choices, we will share the remaining significant clusters of votes until they scatter quickly.

- ◆ is a helpful counselor. (23 votes)
- ◆ is an effective teacher.
is effective in working with youth.
is mature and emotionally secure. (21 votes each)
- ◆ is effective in working with children. (18 votes)
- ◆ has a strong commitment to the educational ministry of the church. (16 votes)

I will close this abbreviated report with yet another observation, for what it is worth. I believe that the lower cluster-of-choices, below the top-12 threshold, are disproportionately important to the numbers of votes they received. My guess is that these qualities were sought primarily by younger members who either have or will have children and young people within our programs and ministries, and this is an area where our church must continue to improve quickly in order to establish a stronger, next-generational basis.

Blessings and Shalom, Pastor Walt

Consistory Highlights—April 2009

The consistory met on April 19, 2009. Finance Report: The average weekly offering for the month of March was \$3,447.85. General Fund available balance is \$24,159.84, Building Fund is \$41,298.68, and Music Fund is \$7,629.68.

Reverend Patten handed out his six-week report which included March 8 to April 19, 2009. Highlights are:

- ◆ Kivi Miller presented a power point presentation to a joint meeting of the Consistory and Transition Team. We discussed several ideas for updating the church web site. All ideas are welcome.
- ◆ The key results of our "Pastoral Qualities Survey" were in the April edition of First News.
- ◆ The Lenten Study is over with 6 Tuesday night sessions, an average of 35 people per session and approximate total of 210 participating. Walter is planning 3 more studies with 7 sessions per study.
- ◆ Holy Week went well and thanks to all who supported these ministries.
- ◆ Southern Conference will convene at Catawba College on May 20-21 we need two delegates to attend with Walter. (Edited Update: Tom Danze and Edgar Miller are our lay delegates. *WP*)
- ◆ We will have our special Mother's Day (May 10th) and Father's Day (June 21st) services with three special surprise tributes for each Sunday, like last year.
- ◆ Potentially 21 new members are interested in joining the church



The Board of Christian Education met on Monday, March 30th 2009. Amy gave out new Sunday School Material called "Easter: Go and Tell". Kickball will be played at the June Church Picnic. Vacation Bible School will be with Second Reformed in June. Enough material was included in last year's purchase of VBS material to be used this year as well.

Several events for the month of March that deserve thanks to those who prepared and served were Yarborough's for the Congregational lunch; Roy and Anne Bevan, and Mark and Nicole Smith, for the 1st Sunday Social. We appreciate the bereavement team for serving a meal for Ruby Everhart's family.

Mike Brown, Property Chair, thanked the property committee for spreading the pine needles around the church. The committee would like to replace the seal and the glass at the door to the nursery because of a water leak.

Ramona Yarbrough gave thanks to everyone, especially the Bell Choir, that participated in the Palm Sunday and Communion Services. A special thanks to Walter Patten and the choir for the inspirational Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Music.

Nancy Robbins reported current church membership is 405 as of March 31. Average weekly attendance is 119. On March 1st there was low attendance due to threat of bad weather.

Due to the fact that Reverend Patten's contract ends on October 15, 2009 and the search team will not meet until July, and since it is believed that the process to search for a new Minister takes over a year, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to renew his contract from October 15, 2009 to October 15, 2010.

The Consistory's next meeting will be May 17th, 2009.

Respectfully submitted, *Vicky Gray*

Men's Brotherhood

By: Clifford Lopp



The Men's Brotherhood met Thursday, April 16th in the fellowship hall. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Frank Leonard and Clifford Lopp. A brief program was presented by Marshall Heglal, a member of the Gideons International.

The Brotherhood will be serving the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on **May 11th**. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP PREPARE, SERVE, AND DONATE MONETARILY.** 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 Brotherhood meeting will be May 21st at 6 p.m. A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO PLAN THE MEAL...see Frank. All men of the church are invited to be a part of our group.

United Friendship Club

President June Grubb

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Seniors' Gathering

The United Friendship Club had a delightful meeting sharing fellowship and great food with one another. We recognized all of our members who celebrated birthdays in March and April. The Piedmont Crossing Singing Sere-naders, residents of our United Church of Christ Retirement Center, presented a musical program, including sa-cred and secular numbers. The "Harmony Grits" trio of men delighted us with their special number. Our own Eulene Shepherd is a member of the chorus.

We were given an update on the landscape plan in front of the education building. Forty-one knock-out roses have been planted along the steps and two Dwarf Plum Trees are on either side of the sidewalk. (Hopefully these trees will assist with deterring birds from flying into breezeway windows). All of the irises have been removed and pine needles spread. Several members volunteered to help participate in planting flowers around the education building sign.

The food and decorations committee for our May 27th meeting include Gerri Hill, Pattie Everhart, Myrtle Latimer and Doris Flynt. Devotions and program will be presented by Mary Berrier.

Morning Glory Circle

April 1, 2009

The Morning Glory Circle met on April 1st in the church parlor. Lib Sink opened the meeting with prayer, a welcome and concerns regarding our members and shut-ins as well as others. Of course, we had to discuss "Looflrpa" and realized it is April Fool spelled backwards.

After attending to business, Sandra Hutchens (Birthday girl) gave an inspiring Lenten devotional and program which included "The Bible Through the Eyes of a Child" and "Search" which expressed things we can search to help us live a fulfilled life.

After the program, we dismissed to attend the Community Lenten Service and lunch at First United Methodist Church.

Lib Sink, Chairperson

Women's Life Fellowship




Women's Life Fellowship met on Tuesday, April 28th. Marilyn Daughtery with Crisis Ministries of Davidson County was our guest speaker. She shared some of the challenges involved in keeping a year-round adult shelter and family shelter operating. Our group voted to donate \$250.00 worth of over-the-counter medications that can be dispensed by the shelter coordinator to the children and adults as needed. We continue our 2009 mission goal of providing support to community non-profit organizations. We do ask that as a congregation you help us keep this goal by continuing to support our fund raising efforts. One of those efforts will be this Sunday, May 3rd. Women's Life Fellowship will be providing the meal for our welcoming fellowship lunch to be held immediately following the worship service. There is not a price set for your meal; however, all donations will be used for missions.

We would love to have you come be a part of our group. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 19th at 7 p.m. in the parlor. We will have a guest speaker from Family Services of Davidson County.

On a personal note, thank you to this fine group of committed, hard-working women. Being a part of a group like this, makes being a part of this church family so rewarding. Thank you again and God Bless!

Sauni Johnson, President

THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you to ALL who worked with 'Touching Davidson County With Love'. Whether you made a monetary donation or donated your time and talent, your gift was appreciated. Special thanks goes to Birke McNeill who has served as the coordinator for First Reformed UCC for the past two years.

Special thanks to those members of the Property Committee who worked to spread pine needles around the church grounds.

Dear Church Friends,

May I convey my personal thanks for your generosity of cards, flowers, gift cards, gifts and words of appreciation extended during Administrative Professionals Week. I was truly made to feel special! I cherish your comforting words of encouragement and your continual prayers.

Thank you, Paula

Dear Church Family,

I am so grateful to you for your *surprise* on my birthday, Sunday, April 5th. I must admit for a minute I was shocked, but as events of the day unfolded, I realized how very blessed I am to have such loving, caring, and giving friends! It is my pleasure to serve in the church choir. I don't feel that I am serving, but rather, being served. The friendship I enjoy of each choir member (especially Paul, Clifton, Albert, and Reverend Walt who assist me with the tenor part) is a special gift. You'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

Thank you, Butch Bouchard

To the Congregation and Consistory of First Church,

Thank you very much for your continuing support. I am very grateful for the renewal of the Hinkle, Sink, Swing Scholarship. The church's financial and, more importantly, spiritual support will be eminently beneficial to me as I enter my fourth and final year of Medical School.

Thank you and God Bless, Devin Odom

Dear Friends at First Church,

Your love and prayers have been much appreciated during Chris' surgery and subsequent recovery. You are like a breath of fresh air. May the love of Jesus Christ surround you all.

With much love, Chris and Amanda Fulton

- Thank you notes were received from the following for benevolent gifts:**
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| Catawba College | Davidson Medical Ministries | Lancaster Seminary |
| Elon Homes for Children | Elon University | Pastor's Pantry |
| Family Services of Davidson County | | |

Butch Bouchard is pictured with Choir Director, Paul Freeman, Sunday, April 5th
A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Butch on his Ninety-fifth Birthday



*First Reformed United Church of Christ
awards this*

Certificate of Appreciation

to

Butch Bouchard

*In Recognition of His Years of Devoted Service as the "Soul" of the Chancel Choir,
and Faithful Member of First Reformed United Church of Christ*

*On His Ninety-fifth Birthday
Sunday, the fifth of April, two thousand and nine*

Director of Christian Education

Amy McNeill

I would like to start by thanking the Board of Christian Education for organizing the Easter egg hunt in my absence. I heard that everyone had a blast and we had close to 20 children participate.

The new 8-week session of Sunday school titled, "Easter: Go and Tell" is going great. Again a special thanks to all who taught Sunday school during the month of April.

The busy summer is quickly approaching and we are planning Vacation Bible School, so look for details in the upcoming bulletins. This years VBS will be the second half of last summer's Power Lab series. Fizz and Chatter the Chipmunk will be back as part of the program and we will have lots of fun with games, experiments, art, and much more. This year VBS will be at Second UCC and dates and other details will be coming soon.



Our Blowing Rock retreat on June 5-7 is around the corner as well. After church on Sunday May 3rd, please plan to attend our "new member" welcoming luncheon, after which we will share brief details about our retreat. We are all looking forward to this weekend of fellowship and hopefully starting a new tradition.



Also mark your calendars for the annual church picnic on Sunday June 14. We will meet at Finch Park at 4:00 p.m. and don't forget to bring your kickball shoes!

Sunday School—April

John Hinkle

Kalyssa Hutchens

Ramona B. Yarbrough



Wanda O. Daye

Nancy H. Robbins

Adena Wall

Betty Bates

Marguerite Leonard

Sandra Hutchens

Doris Flynt

Elizabeth Sink

Eulene Shepherd

Early Hartley

John Potts

Ashley Hinkle

Cathy Waitman

Walter Patten

Lisa Nelson

Camille Morgan

Jeff Hutchens

Clifford Lopp

Paula Lopp



Emily Sink—Dean's List at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Scott Gray—Dean's List at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Lauren Klopp—recognized as one of the students named Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Lauren will graduate from Catawba May 9th.

Congratulations to **Jason Myers** and Tyler Hollifield upon their recent engagement. Jason is the son of Steve Myers and grandson of Aileen Myers.

Congratulations to **Drew Peoples** and Michelle Johnson who were recently married. Drew is the son of Vickie Wolfe.

April Memorials

LOIS BECK LEONARD

Butch Bouchard

JOHN R ROBBINS

Butch Bouchard



NELLIE SMITH

{Lynn Klopp's Mother}
Holton Davis

CLEORA SECHREST

{Former Church Neighbor}
Holton Davis

ROLAND KENNETH SWING

Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Roy and anne Bevan
Janie Lohr
Maxine Lohr

ILA BURRELL SWING

Chip and Linda Burkhart
Mary Crouse
Butch Bouchard

LULA MAE DECKER

{Katie & Shane Decker's Grandmother}
Banks and Eulene Shepherd

FRANCES DOUGAN

{Rita Lohr's Mother}
Gladys Snider

RUBY HELMS EVERHART

Don Leonard
Henry and Juanita Beck
Janie Lohr
Mary W. Tysinger

Merle and Jerry Hodges
Butch Bouchard
Maxine Lohr
John and Vicky Gray

Katherine Skipper
Holton Davis
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Wanda Daye

April Honorariums

BUTCH BOUCHARD {95TH BIRTHDAY}

Mike and Lynn Brown
Roy and Anne Bevan

JOYCE PRICE

Heart Sister

MARY CROUSE

Heart Sister

MARY RHODES

Heart Sister

PEGGY BATES

Heart Sister

DORIS FLYNT

Heart Sister

NANCY ROBBINS

Heart Sister

MAY STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Peggy Bates

Captain: Rich Johnson

Ushers: Joe Yarbrough, Sauni Johnson, Keith Johnson

Plate Attendant: Cliff Lopp

Sound Tech: Clifford Lopp

Acolytes: Katarina Strenk and Holt Biesecker

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

Social: Host/Hostess: Amy and Birke McNeill and Kivi and Edgar Miller

Greeters:

May 3	Mike and Lynn Brown
May 10	Craig and Donna Coe
May 17	Ramona Yarbrough and Adena Wall
May 24	Carroll and Carolyn Spivey
May 31	Edgar and Kivi Miller

Nursery:

May 3	Nina and Ted Smith
May 10	Katie and Shane Decker
May 17	Kivi and Edgar Miller
May 24	Lynn Klopp
May 31	Amy and Birke McNeill



(Alston Brook) Betty Potts (Centerclair) Jeanne Trexler
 (Lexington Health Care) Louise Rollins, Ike Green
 (Brookdale Place) Barbara Schaeffer
 (Piedmont Crossing) Henry and Ernestine Kennedy, Frances Leonard, and Rita Tussey





Henry and Juanita Beck, Jacqueline Leonard, Ethel Bailey, Sadie Bailey, Giles Crowell, Gertrude Jarvis, Hilda Leonard, Willie Ruth Leonard, Micki Smith, and Margaret Trexler. Also, please remember Don Fern (Sauni Johnson's Dad), Jacob Berrier (Great-grandson of Mary Berrier), Susan Fletcher (Anne Fletcher's Mother), and Mary John Allred (John and James Gray's Sister). To add a name to the prayer chain, please contact **Sandra Hutchens at 249-3001 or the church office.**

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

- James Everhart and family upon the death of his wife, Ruby Helms Everhart.
- Rita Lohr and family upon the death of her mother, Frances Dougan
- Betty Younts and family upon the death of her husband, Bruce Younts



May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR LUNCH! Meal donations will benefit MISSION WORK.</p>						
<p>3 9:45 am {Chapel} Joint Sunday School 10:20 a.m. {FH} Sunday School Social 11:00 a.m. New Member Worship Service</p>	<p>4 6:30 p.m. {Parlor} BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 11 a.m. {Parlor} MORNING GLORY CIRCLE 6:30 Bell Practice 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. {P} TRANSITION TEAM MT</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9  Postal FOOD DRIVE to benefit the local Crisis Ministries Place food at mailbox</p>
<p>10 </p>	<p>11 5:30 p.m. {FH} Scrap-booking Class MEN'S BROTHERHOOD Serve Evening Meal at Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:30 Bell Practice 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>14 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class 7:00 p.m. {P} TRANSITION TEAM MT</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 1—5 p.m. Writer's Guild {FH} 7 p.m. CONSISTORY MTG.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:00 p.m. {Parlor} WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEETING and KID'S CLUB</p>	<p>20 6:30 Bell Practice 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>21 10 a.m. Red Cross 5:30 {P} Yoga Class 6 p.m. {FH} MEN'S BROTHERHOOD</p>	<p>22 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>23  Josh Sink and Lori Beth Hedrick Wedding</p>
<p>24 MEMORIAL SUNDAY GRADUATION SUNDAY <i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i></p>	<p>25  MEMORIAL +DAY+ Office Holiday</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 NOON {FH} UNITED FRIENDSHIP CLUB COVERED DISH LUNCHEON MEETING 6:30 Bell Practice 7:15 Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Upcoming: June 5-7 Blowing Rock Church Retreat June 14 Church Picnic-Finch Park June 21 Father's Day </div></p>

Sunday, May 3 — NEW MEMBER SUNDAY AND LUNCH

First Reformed UCC will be welcoming five new members this Sunday! Brief biographical sketches of each new member will be provided in your bulletins. Following the worship service a luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Women's Life Fellowship is providing lunch. Free-will donations for lunch will be used to support the ongoing community service projects Women's Life Fellowship is sponsoring this year. Please come get to know our new members and enjoy Sunday lunch with your church family.



Sunday, May 10 — MOTHER'S DAY



This year First Reformed UCC will again recognize three mothers by allowing their families to share some life experiences that make their Moms so special. What's neat is that these mothers will not know that they are being honored until the moment it happens! Don't be square: Be there!

Sunday, May 24 — MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Memorial Sunday is a special time of year to memorialize those men and women who paid the ultimate price for our country by giving their life for the freedoms we enjoy.



Sunday, May 31 — GRADUATION SUNDAY



First Reformed UCC will honor our high school and college graduates.

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

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