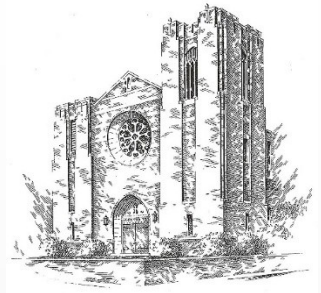


# First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



April 2011

We are one month away from welcoming Rev. Robin Keating as our pastor and teacher, and like you, I eagerly await his coming, along with his spouse, Trudy. We are blessed to have them among us as we begin a new chapter in the ministry and mission of First Reformed UCC.

Our thanks go to Reverend Mike Hooper and Reverend Dr. Lee Jessup who have supplied our pulpit, along with others over the past few months. And a special thank you to Lisa Nelson who shared her message (faith journey) with us on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to Walter Hoffman's message on April 10, the Sunday that we welcome several new members into our fellowship. There are so many faithful and committed members in our congregation and it has been good to hear from our lay members as well as the ordained clergy.

Much thought and preparation has gone into the planning of worship over the past months. Our Worship Committee has developed a more cohesive description of their work which is beginning to be reflected in several ways---the Labyrinth is now sponsored by the Decorations Committee of the church; the Candle-lighting liturgy during Lent was directed by the Worship Committee and the planning for the Maundy Thursday Service has included their input and help.

Please remember that we celebrate Holy Communion as a part of worship on the first Sunday in April and again on Maundy Thursday with the "In Remembrance of Me" service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The service includes scripture readings from the Gospel's of Matthew, Mark and Luke which give us glimpses of Jesus' life among us, including the events of the Upper Room and a Service of Tenebrae which reminds us of his final hours--- the betrayal, desertion, denial and death. At the conclusion of the service the Christ Candle will be carried out of the fellowship hall and will reappear at the beginning of our Easter morning celebration of Worship.



I am acutely aware of the Pastoral Care concerns that have given me the opportunity to be with a number of our members who have experienced illness and sorrow over the past months. These have been holy moments for me and I rejoice that many of these folk are on the mend toward healing and wholeness. As we dedicated twenty-five new prayer shawls this past Sunday we are grateful for those who are a part of this ministry. I close my remarks this month with the prayer that was shared as we dedicated the Prayer Shawls, written by the Reverend David D. Bicking:



*"Gracious God, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness with your love. We give you thanks for those inspired by that love to create these gifts of caring for those in need. We offer these shawls, filled with the prayers and hopes of those who have made them, for our brothers and sisters who are sick or in sorrow. We ask you to bless these shawls with your love and healing grace, so they may bring comfort and healing strength to those who receive them as signs of your presence in their lives and ours. We ask all of this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit continues to love and sustain all of us in this life and the next. Amen. "*

*June Grubb, Consistory President*

# Consistory Highlights—March 2011

## **Financial Report:**

Harriette Murphy, Treasurer reported the average weekly offering for the month of February was \$3,461. The budget shortfall is approximately \$13,063. First quarter benevolences are due this month. Harriette reminded Consistory members that as of May 1, the church would resume paying a full time minister's salary again.

## **Board of Christian Education:**

The Board continues to work on several projects including: the Easter egg hunt, Easter baskets for shut-ins, the retreat at Blowing Rock, scholarships for Johns River Valley Campers, the children's One Great Hour of Sharing mission project, a "Feed My Sheep" project, the Dash Baseball game in May, Kids Club, Children's Church and Vacation Bible School.

## **Congregational Life:** Chairperson, Ron Hutcheson reported:

- ◆ Ron thanked Myra Thompson and Betty Link for the church social.
- ◆ He reminded members of the new member luncheon on April 10 with the meal to be prepared by Women's Life.

## **Board of Business Management and Stewardship:**

**Finance Committee:** John Smith said the committee is in the early planning stages of a fall fundraiser, another play.

**Property Committee:** Chairperson, Mike Brown reported:

- ◆ The Board of Trustees approved to fund the office renovations
- ◆ The Property Committee approved the use of the lower playground area for a community garden. Details for the garden are being worked on by the Board of Community Outreach.
- ◆ Mike expressed concern that the steam pipes from the boiler in the sanctuary are rusting and causing leaks. We need to set aside funds for repairs.

## **Board of Worship and Sacrament:** Co-Chairpersons, Carolyn Spivey and Rita Lohr reported:

- ◆ The Board is working on Lenten activities and special services
- ◆ Revisions to the Board of Worship and Sacrament guidelines for the Church Operating Manual were distributed. The board has been working on revising the guidelines as printed in the current church manual. Intent of revision is to give guidance and clear direction for various committees to follow. It was recommended that the consistory take the revisions home to review and study; then be prepared to discuss and vote at the April meeting.

## **Board of Community Outreach:** Chairperson, Edgar Miller reported:

- ◆ The Board continues to work on Touching Davidson County With Love
- ◆ Discussing ways to coordinate fundraising to meet benevolences
- ◆ Discussing plans for forming a Community Garden

## **Evangelism Board:** Co-Chairperson, Janette Neal reported:

- ◆ Average attendance for the month of February was 118. With the death of Elmer Morgan and Arlene Swing in the month of February, our membership is 316.
- ◆ Presented four people interested in joining our church: Katarina Strenk, Paul and Karen Tuck and Brent Powers.
- ◆ Discussing a Oktoberfest fundraiser for October 1.
- ◆ Working on plans for a Women's Seminar to be held later this year.



The Consistory discussed plans for forming a **Pastoral Relations Committee** to consist of five people who would serve two-year terms on a rotating basis. They felt the congregation should have the opportunity to provide names to serve on this committee. If anyone is interested in serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee please contact a member of the Consistory. Names will be submitted at the April meeting and the consistory will vote and select 5 committee members.



Dear Church Family,

It is so nice to have a church that has been so kind and generous to us. The cards all year, Christmas cards, and Kids Club Christmas cards that were made and sent with the fruit basket. Thanks for everything.! The fruit, prayer shawl, and prayers that you say for us.

We miss church and all of you so much. We love you.

*God Bless, Juanita and Henry*

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Special thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl and the love given to make it. Words cannot express the appreciation for thinking of me during the surgery, which gave a "special light" to the moment, which was comforting.

*With Love, Amy Hemmers*

Dear Church Family

You came through in a big way!! Your generous gifts will help make the Johns River Valley Camp experience possible for several of the children of First Reformed UCC. Thanks to all for all you did.

*Sincerely, Nancy Robbins*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and visits sent to me during my confinement.

*Love, Mary Crouse*



Many thanks to the Property Committee members and volunteers who helped spread pine needles around our buildings on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

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| J.W. Bates   | John Potts | Jeff Hutchens | Doug Sink | John Smith | Tom Danze  |
| Rich Johnson | James Gray | Alice Gray    | John Gray | Vicky Gray | Mike Brown |

**THANK YOU NOTES WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING FOR BENEVOLENT GIFTS:**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hospice of Davidson County     | Davidson Medical Ministries | Crisis Ministry of Davidson County |
| Lancaster Theological Seminary | Nazareth Children's Home    | Habitat for Humanity               |
| Blowing Rock Conference Center |                             |                                    |

## Women's Life Fellowship



Women's Life Fellowship members prepared homemade vegetable soup, corn bread, pimento cheese sandwiches, cake and tea to serve the homeless shelter residents on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who provided, prepared, and served the meal. Recipients were very appreciative.

Following the Shelter meal, members gathered in the parlor for our regular monthly meeting. Delicious refreshments were provided by Paula Lopp and Harriette Murphy. Paula shared a devotional about our prayer life.

Lynn Brown introduced our guest speaker Donna Smith. Donna is a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Thomasville. Since 1996 she has written a monthly religion column for The Dispatch. Donna is also a teacher in the Davidson County school system. A wife and mother of three grown sons, she has written a book titled Muddy Feet on the Narrow Path. Donna spoke with our group about prayer journaling. She shared excerpts from some of her journals and talked about how she could go back through journals and see where God had answered her prayers. Donna had brought some of her books and several ladies took advantage of purchasing a signed copy.

President, Beth Callicutt thanked everyone for their participation in the very successful baked potato and salad lunch held March 6<sup>th</sup>. Cathy shared that \$925 profit was made from that lunch to support the scholarships for our youth to attend Johns River Valley Summer Camp. Special thanks were extended to Betty Barr for her organization of the project.

Members voted to serve one day at the Arts Discovery Camp at Grace Episcopal Church the last week of June. We have done this for four years and it is a very rewarding project.

We also voted to serve ice cream sundaes on the closing night of the Group Workcamp to be held this summer. That will mean ice cream for 400! Whew!

Women's Life Fellowship, along with the expert help of Mike Brown will serve lunch on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mike is preparing pork loin and the ladies will have layered salad, hash brown casseroles, baked apples, yeast rolls and dessert. This will be new member Sunday. Please plan to stay for lunch following the worship service. Funds raised will help with church and local mission projects.

Women's Life April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All women of the church are welcome.

## Morning Glory Circle

*Gladys Snider*

The Morning Glory Circle met Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with eleven members present.

Mary Berrier called the meeting to order. The treasurer reported a \$550 balance with some items to be paid.

Peggy Bates had the program entitled, "Angels" and had several articles about angels. She also passed a jar of "Smiles". Each member took a "smile" and read aloud.

Nancy Robbins read an article on "The Ocean View Restaurant". The meeting was adjourned for lunch — but, not at "Ocean View", we couldn't remember where it was.

Morning Glory will meet again on Wednesday, April 6 at 11 a.m. in the parlor.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD



The Men's Brotherhood met on Thursday, March 17th. We enjoyed a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal prepared by the "Crew". Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Our guest speaker was Bill Keesler, Executive Director of Pastor's Pantry.

He thanked our church for continued support throughout the years to help provide food for the senior citizens of our county. He is aware that our church is exploring the idea of a community garden and is very excited about the possibilities of our garden providing fresh vegetables to go along with canned goods that the Pantry provides.

The Men's Brotherhood is not meeting in April because it falls on the same night as Maundy Thursday. We encourage all members of our group and church to attend this service which will be held in the fellowship hall on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will be feeding the Homeless Shelter in May. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

## United Friendship Club

A number of people from the Friendship Club attended the Wednesday mid-week Lenten Worship Service held at the United Methodist Church on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Most of the group stayed for lunch afterward.

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite game as we spend time together in conversation and fun following our covered-dish luncheon. Devotions will be given by Nancy Robbins; the food and decorations committee include Doug and Barbara Sink, Paula Lopp and Cathy Waitman.



The Davidson County Seniors Community Chorus provided an enjoyable and entertaining program of music at the February meeting of the Friendship Club. What's really in that cup?



# Search Committee Report



The First Reformed UCC Search Committee would like to provide our members with an update on Reverend Keating and his Wife Trudy's moving plans.

The Keatings have scheduled the movers to load their belongings on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They plan to arrive in Lexington April 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Robin and Trudy want to be here to see that the furniture at least gets in the right rooms. They will then go back to Indiana on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Robin will be with his churches through Easter.

They have asked if any of you truck owners could possibly be available to help get Robin's books from their new home to the church. The movers will load them on your vehicle from the van. Robin will let us know when to be at their home. If you can assist with this project we will get directions and time later. We know we can count on you . Please call Paula to let her know you are available. Thank you so much for your help.

Also, Robin and Trudy thank all of you for your concern and prayers. They report that their family, Jon, Yarak, and Leah living in Japan, are doing fine. They felt the earthquake but did not have any damage. They are in southern Japan and inland about 2 miles.

Robin will officially begin his ministry with First Reformed United Church of Christ on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope all of you will attend for a super First Church Family welcome.

## Easter Lily Order Form



White Easter Lilies are an ancient symbol of the resurrection and our sanctuary will be adorned with the beautiful cross of lilies on Easter Sunday morning. The cost of each plant is \$12.00. Lilies can be picked up immediately following the worship service. To purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone, fill in the appropriate spaces and place in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011.**

*In Loving Memory of*

*By*

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### April 3, 2011 **Worship Service**



Holy Communion  
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
1-4 p.m. Labyrinth Prayer Walk (Fellowship Hall)

### April 10, 2011 **Worship Service**

#### **New Members Joining the Church**

#### **Lunch for Everyone**

Women's Life Fellowship and Grill Master, Mike Brown are joining forces to provide a delicious meal of pork loin, layered salad, hash brown casserole, baked apples, and rolls, along with dessert, tea, and coffee. Free-will donations will be accepted for local mission use. Please come get to know our new members and enjoy Sunday lunch with your church family.



### April 16, 2011 **Easter Egg Hunt**



Children's Easter Egg Hunt {Fellowship Hall}

### April 17, 2011 **Palm Sunday**

**11:00 a.m.** The choir will present a program of special music



**11:50 a.m. Community Palm Sunday Celebration**



All churches in Lexington are invited to participate in a **Community Palm Sunday Celebration**. Some churches outside the immediate downtown area will meet at First Reformed UCC by 11:45 a.m. The procession from the church will begin at 11:50 a.m. and end at the Olde Courthouse where a brief service will be held that will consist of a Palm Sunday litany and a hymn. **NOTE:** Palm branches will be provided for our worshipers to wave during the procession. Please plan to participate in this inspirational service.

### April 21, 2011 **Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae**

"In Remembrance of Me" a service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The service includes scripture readings from the Gospel's of Matthew, Mark and Luke which give us glimpses of Jesus' life among us, including the events of the Upper Room and a Service of Tenebrae which reminds us of his final hours--- the betrayal, desertion, denial and death. At the conclusion of the service the Christ Candle will be carried out of the fellowship hall and will reappear at the beginning of our Easter morning celebration of Worship.



# Christian Education

*Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education*

Spring is here! The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and the warm temperatures are returning. I hope all of the rebirth will make all of our church members want to return to church. We need to thank God for helping us to survive the cold, snowy winter and for bringing everything to life again this spring.

There are many opportunities available for everyone to participate in church activities. The labyrinth will be set up again in the fellowship hall and we will have a Maundy Thursday service on April 21. All of you are invited to take part in a church-wide mission project, "Feed My Sheep," sponsored by the Roads to God Sunday school classes. Flyers are available in SS classrooms and in the narthex. There is a separate article explaining the project in this newsletter.

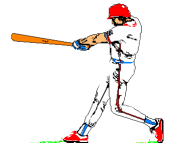
On April 10, the New Way class will begin a Bible study on Psalms. Some of the lessons will be carried over from one week to the next so we will not have to rush through the material. We have been missing class members for the past few Sundays. I hope all of you will make a special effort to attend the study sessions. Thank you John Barber. You have done a terrific job teaching the Christian Caregiving lessons. The lessons have made us very aware of ways we can help others in our church and community.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 16 at 10:00. After a story or a game, the big hunt will begin. Four special eggs are hidden among the other eggs: one each for a young boy and girl and an older boy and girl. Prizes will be awarded for those eggs and refreshments will be served. The children will then put together Easter baskets for our shut-ins. The baskets will be delivered during the following week so that the shut-ins will have their treat in time for Easter. Many thanks to the New Way class for funding the basket project and to the parents who will take the children to visit the shut-ins and deliver the baskets!



Easter Gifts  
for SHUT-ins

Forty people signed up to see the Winston Salem Dash play baseball on Sunday, May 22. If anyone else would like to go, reservations can be made through April 17. The cost is \$9.00 per person and is also due by April 17. You can put a check (made to FRUCC) in the offering plate, give it to me, or bring it by the church office.



Amy is busy working on activities for the church retreat in June. I hope all of you who signed up are excited about attending and that you will enjoy the experience.



Registration forms for Johns River Valley Camp have been distributed to the children. They are due in the office by Easter Sunday. If you know of any other children who would like to attend, please let me know. We have enough funds available for a few more campers. Thank you to all who supported our Send A Kid to camp luncheon!

Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Church and Kids' Club. This involves a commitment of one Sunday once or twice a year. The lesson plans are provided and I will be happy to help you gather the needed materials. The Moms have been great volunteers this year, but more leaders are needed. If we cannot get more participation, we may have to discontinue one of the activities next fall. If the stairs are a problem, we can meet on the main floor. Please think and pray about this being one way to serve God, your church, and the children who will one day be the leaders of this church.

A special thanks to everyone who helps make our church a great place to worship. Many people work together to make Sunday school and worship services a meaningful time spent with God and our church family. Try to take advantage of every opportunity you can to be a faithful member of FRUCC. In a few Sundays, Robin and Trudy will be here. We welcome them and want them to see our church as a loving, caring place where everyone works together to make us successful in spreading God's word.



## Kids' Club

Kids' Club met on Sunday, March 20 after the Children's Sermon during church. We had a lively discussion about Spring, Easter and church service projects. Each child told what Easter meant to him or her. With the discussion fresh in their minds, they drew and wrote special Easter cards for certain church members. They enjoy performing service projects for our church and church members.

*Alice and James Gray*

## Roads to God Mission Project

The children are inviting the whole church to join them with their new mission project. We are collecting a certain food item each week for Crisis Ministries. Each family can bring their contribution to the altar before the church service begins. On May 15<sup>th</sup> all of the food will be brought back to the altar so we can all see the effects of our working together to assist a community agency. The dates and food requested are:

April 10 – 2 cans of soup

April 17 – 2 cans of fruit

April 24 – 2 cans of veggies

May 1 – 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese

May 8 – 2 boxes of rice

May 15 – 1 box of corn flakes



## Perfect Attendance!



### Sunday School

### March 2011

Holt Biesecker

Claire Smith

Griff Smith

Haylee Hutcheson

Elliott Smith

Nancy Robbins

Mary Berrier

Wanda Daye

Katherine Skipper

Jo Hudson

Betty Bates

Eulene Shepherd

Marguerite Leonard

Vicky Green

Adena Wall

Carolyn Spivey

Lib Sink

J.W. Bates

John Potts

Banks Shepherd

Jeff Hutchens

Cathy Waitman

Doug Sink

Camille Morgan

Clifford Lopp

Paula Lopp

# March Memorials

## ARLENE LASHMIT SWING

John and Bettie Barber  
Tony and Lee Ann Peele  
Ed and Barbara Perrell  
Marguerite Leonard  
Cathy and Steve Waitman  
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey  
Transource, Inc.  
First Reformed UCC Choir  
Betty and J.W. Bates

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith  
Roy and Anne Bevan  
Turlington and Company  
Gladys Snider  
Banks and Eulene Shepherd  
Mike and Lynn Brown  
Mary Berrier  
Janie Lohr  
Vincent and Audrey Michael

Larry and Betty Link  
Jerry and Aurelia Smith  
Elizabeth Sink  
Wanda Daye  
Doris Frye  
Harvey Dick  
Pattie Everhart  
Peggy Bates  
Nancy Robbins

## ELMER MORGAN

Jerry and Aurelia Smith  
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey  
Mary Berrier  
Fred and Lynda Belk

## BARBARA SCHAEFFER

Mary Berrier  
Sarah Morris

## JACQUELINE LEONARD

Mary Berrier

## JAMES HUDSON

{John Hudson's Brother}  
Mary Berrier

## BILLY SMITH

{Betty Bate's Brother}  
Mary Berrier



## AVERY WALSER

{Paula Lopp's Uncle}  
Tony and Lee Ann Peele  
Camille Morgan

## SARA PHILLIPS

{Tom Phillips' Mother}  
John and Vicky Gray  
Roy and Anne Bevan

# March Honorariums

## GLADYS SNIDER

Heart Sister

## BETTY BATES

Heart Sister

## MARY BERRIER

Heart Sister

## JUNE GRUBB

Nancy Robbins

## LISA NELSON

Nancy Robbins

## MICKI SMITH

Nancy Robbins

## **Workcamp Donations Needed**

*Chris Fulton*

I'm sure you remember 2009 when there was a huge workcamp for youth here in Lexington. Lexington High School housed approximately 400 youth and advisors as they descended on the community to perform many deeds of service work. With the assistance of First Reformed UCC members massive amounts of snacks, drinks, and donations were collected to welcome these folks into our community in true southern fashion.

There will be another Group Workcamp (400 youth from several states) held here in Lexington this summer, June 19—25. We are seeking your assistance again! Some suggested items that will be needed are: canned drinks, bottled water, and individually wrapped snacks (Little Debbie's, Chips, Pretzels, and Cracker Jacks).

Please bring donations to the table outside the church office. Thank you for your help and support.

## **Stewardship Message**

### **Extravagant Generosity**

*“So Joseph took the body....and laid it in his own tomb.” Matthew 27:59-60*

In the week beginning with Palm Sunday, the stories we read are full of people giving extravagantly. Think about it and you see giving everywhere. Someone gives Jesus a donkey to ride into Jerusalem, a valuable beast in that time. A woman buys expensive ointment to massage Jesus' tired body. Someone shares their house for Jesus and his disciples to celebrate Passover. His followers buy and prepare food for the feast. Jesus gives them bread and tells them he will soon give his body, his blood, his life for them. From the cross, Jesus gives the promise of forgiveness and eternal life to a thief. Then this lovely story in Matthew of a Pharisee named Joseph risking his reputation by giving his personal tomb for Jesus' burial. Then, in the resurrection, God not only gave Jesus life, but in so doing gave us forgiveness and a promise not to desert us, even when we desert God. Can there be a more extravagant gift?

How do we respond to all this generosity? It needs to be more than colored eggs and new clothes. It needs to be more than gardens of flowers in church and Easter baskets. How do we respond to all this generosity? With our own generous discipleship every day of our lives. Happy Easter.

*Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven, Connecticut.*

**April 2011**

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**God is still speaking**

# APRIL STEWARDS

**Ushers:** Chairpersons: Ramona Yarbrough, Adena Wall and Jeff Hutchens

Captain: Brad Biesecker

Ushers: James Atkinson, Adena Wall, John Gray, Jeff Hutchens

**Plate Attendant:** Scott Frye

**Acolytes:** Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens and Griff Smith

**Sound Tech:** Jordan McCarn

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

**Social:** Host/Hostess: John and Vicky Gray and Nicole and Mark Smith

<b>Greeters:</b>	April 3, 2011	Marguerite Leonard and Eulene Shepherd
	April 10, 2011	Lena and Rich Johnson
	April 17, 2011	Carroll and Carolyn Spivey
	April 24, 2011	Doug and Barbara Sink

<b>Nursery:</b>	April 3, 2011	Amanda and Chris Fulton
	April 10, 2011	Keri Hartle and Ashlee Lopp
	April 17, 2011	Palm Sunday, Kayla Leonard
	April 24, 2011	Easter Sunday, Kayla Leonard



**Remember in Prayer** (Alston Brook) Betty Potts  
 (Carolina House) Micki Smith  
 (Piedmont Crossing) Henry & Ernestine Kennedy, Frances Leonard, Rita Tussey



Sherry Bonner, Tony Peele, Callie Kepley, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Paul Tuck, Kirsten Cox, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Henry and Juanita Beck, Willie Ruth Leonard, Giles Crowell, and Margaret Trexler. Also, remember Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Melvin Evans (Paul Freeman's Uncle), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Susan Cadwallader (Anne Fletcher's Mother), Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin), and please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer chain, please contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office at 248-2617.

We express **Sympathy** to and share Christian hope with...

- ◆ Tom and Joyce Phillips, John Smith, and Joy, Vance and Addie Walser upon the death of Tom's Mother, Sara Phillips.



# APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> LABYRINTH {FH} 11 A.M.—1 P.M. 5—8 P.M.	<b>2</b> LABYRINTH {FH} 1—4 P.M.
<b>3</b> 9:45 am Joint SS 10:20 am SS Social (FH) 11 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE, COMMUNION, and ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING (Rev. Mike Hooper) 1—4 P.M. — LABYRINTH {FH}	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. (Parlor) BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 6:30 p.m. Downstairs STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11 a.m. (Parlor) MORNING GLORY CIRCLE Noon—First UMC Community Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class 7 p.m. (First Presbyterian) Touching Davidson County With Love Prayer Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE
<b>10</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am WORSHIP SERVICE And KIDS' CLUB (Lay Speaker, Walter Hoffman) NOON—New Member Luncheon 6 p.m. CONSISTORY MTG	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Downstairs STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING	<b>12</b> 10 a.m. (Parlor) PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 6:30 p.m. (Parlor) BOARD OF EVANGELISM	<b>13</b> Noon—First UMC Community Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  10 a.m. (FH) Easter Egg Hunt
<b>17</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am PALM SUNDAY SPECIAL MUSIC AND PALM MARCH TO OLDE COURTHOUSE	<b>18</b> 5:00 p.m. (Parlor) Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. (FH) Genealogical Society	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. (Parlor) WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEETING	<b>20</b> 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 7:00 p.m. (FH) Maundy Thursday Service 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE WITH SPECIAL MUSIC (Reverend June Grubb)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2 p.m. (Parlor) Meals on Wheels Mtg. 7 p.m. (Parlor) PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	<b>27</b> Noon (FH) FRIENDSHIP CLUB COVERED DISH LUNCH	<b>28</b> 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class	<b>29</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">REVEREND ROBIN KEATING WILL BEGIN HIS MINISTRY WITH FIRST REFORMED UCC ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011.</div>	<b>30</b>

# Touching Davidson County With Love

## April 9, 2011



On Saturday, **April 9**, caring folks from around the county will come together for a day of service and love. We hope that you will consider sharing your time and talent to help others in need in our community by participating in ***Touching Davidson County with Love*** (TDCWL). There are a wide variety of projects lined up: construction, yard work, painting, visiting residents and singing at nursing homes--just to name a few of them.

Please plan to attend the TDCWL **Prayer Service** in preparation for this day of service and love on Thursday, **April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**. Refreshments will be served after the service.

If you are unable to participate in this day of service, we ask that you pray for the leaders and workers, that they will be a blessing as they serve as God's hands, feet and heart through these projects; and pray that those who are served on this day will be able to see God at work through these volunteers.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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