

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God; in honor of my brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barber; in honor of Reverend Walter Patten and his family; and in loving memory of my parents, Harris and Edith Barber, by Mrs. Bruce Craver.

THE BUDVASE on the altar is in honor of Sadie Bailey who is celebrating a birthday.

USHERS: James Gray, John Smith III, Henry Crouse, Mark Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Carolyn Spivey

GREETERS: Sarah Brown and Matt Watkins

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Beth and Frank Callicutt

PRAYER CONCERNS: Catherine Leonard, Ronnie Durham, John Rollins, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Sadie Bailey, Arlene Swing, Margaret Trexler, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Joel Reece, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Ernie Bonner, Nancy Daye Greene (Wanda's Daughter), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and George Horner (Vicky Gray's Father). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 28	9:45 a.m. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Monday, March 1	6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}
Tuesday, March 2	7:00 p.m. ---Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, March 3	11:00 a.m. Morning Glory Circle Meeting {Parlor}
	Noon Community Lenten Service {First United Methodist Church}
	6:30 p.m. ---Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
	7:15 p.m. ---Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, March 4	5:30 p.m. ---YOGA Class
Sunday, March 7	9:45 a.m. ---JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL {LESSON: WILLING WORKERS CLASS}
	10:20 a.m. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL {HOST: MYRA THOMPSON & BETTY & LARRY LINK}
	11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE
	6-8 p.m. ---Community Youth Group & Parents Meeting {FH}
	7:00 p.m. ---CONSISTORY MEETING {Willing Workers Classroom}

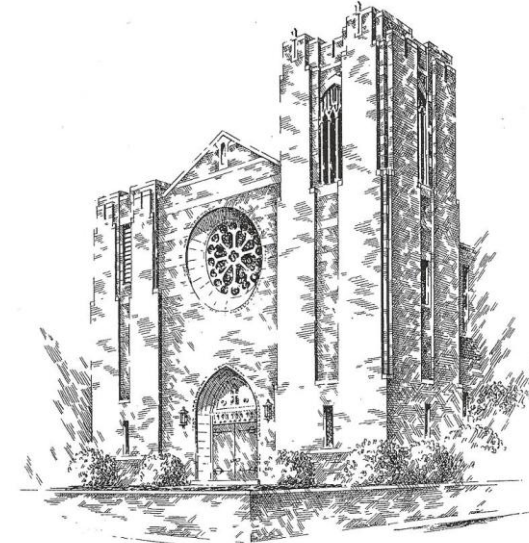
February 21, 2010	Attendance (Worship 138)	Offering Received \$5,075.00
February 22, 2009	Attendance (Worship 124)	Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education
Lee Ann Peele, Organist

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Paul Freeman, Choir Director
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Sunday, February 28, 2010

Service of Divine Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Adena Wall

February 28, 2010

Silent Meditations: "It's no accident that the words most frequently recorded in Hebrew Scripture are: 'Do not be afraid.' Neither is it an accident that the second most frequently recorded passage in Hebrew Scripture is the admonition to 'care for the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.' The prophets tell us that the duty of the people of God is to care about and be the advocates for the poor and powerless. It should be no surprise, then, that according to the Gospels, Jesus' first concern is for those in the community who are most vulnerable and have no voice. This compassion Jesus exhibits is hardly original—the same passion underlies all of the Hebrew Scriptures."

--*Living the Questions, "The Prophetic Jesus," Session 9*

Luke 4: 17b-21 (*Jesus quotes Isaiah*) Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17—4: 1 Luke 13: 31-35

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Meditation on Pleading Savior" Hegarty
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting and Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

Praise to God

*Hymn "O Young and Fearless Prophet" No. 391
(*Sung to the tune of "Lead On O King Eternal"*)
*Responsive Call to Worship
Liturgist: O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
People: Among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again,
Liturgist: Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,
People: Till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!
*Gloria Patri
*Opening Prayer (unison) Liturgist
Gracious and compassionate God, you call our Jesus, your Son, to set His face toward Jerusalem and to not turn back, nor to be deflected aside. Enable us to accompany Him, to learn of Him and His ways as we go forth together, that His cruciform Way may become our own, by our own choice. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Loving God, you allow our Jesus to go to the Jerusalem that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it. How often have you desired to gather us together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and we would not! Forgive us, Lord, that such a journey is undertaken for us! Forgive us our resistance to your graceful acceptance of us as we are. Suffuse and fill us with your love, the love of our Jesus, that we may grow still and peaceful, even as we learn from Him to share His love, your love, with others; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment

Cathy Waitman

Anthem

"Seek Ye First"

Wagner

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist)

Luke 9:51-56, 13:31-35 {Page #945 of Pew Bible}

Sermon

"HE SET HIS FACE TO GO TO JERUSALEM"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (unison)

Liturgist

Grant that we may allow you to gather us under your wings, even now, and in the safety and security of your love, may we be moved to give as generously as you have given to us, that your love and will may indeed spread through the earth. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

No. 394

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*The Benediction

*Postlude

"Never Further Than the Cross"

Mansfield

*Those who are able please stand

Volunteers Needed

The **Labyrinth Committee** needs individuals who will serve as hosts during the week of March 21-27, 2010. Taking two hour shifts, the duties of the host will be to greet and assist people as they come to walk the Labyrinth. There will be a training session on Saturday, March 20th. If you are interested in serving as a host, please call June Grubb (248-5668) or email jgrubb3@triad.rr.com.

Women's Life Fellowship Bake Sale

Mark your calendar for a Women's Life Fellowship bake sale **Sunday, March 14th** beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come early and have one of Mary Jo's famous sausage biscuits or a muffin with some coffee or juice for breakfast. There will be a variety of baked goods to purchase. Items will be sold before Sunday school, between Sunday school and worship, and immediately following the worship service. All monies raised will help the mission work of our circle. Thank you for your support!



BAKE SALE

NOTE: If anyone has a request for a specific cake or bake sale item, please contact Raeann Biesecker at 248-4703 or email at raeannbiesecker@yahoo.com. We will try to accommodate your request and have your pie, cake, cookies, etc waiting for you on the morning of March 14th. All requests must be received by Monday, March 8th.

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 \$9.00. 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, MARCH 22, 2010.**

In Loving Memory of

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Blowing Rock Church Retreat

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th – SUNDAY, JUNE 6th

The *second annual* First Reformed UCC church retreat is not that far away! There are twenty rooms reserved that we plan to fill and hope that we'll need to call for more. Everyone who attended last year's retreat had a wonderful and relaxing weekend. If you have any hesitations contact one of them. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and connected with people we really didn't know that well before the retreat. We ended the weekend with an outdoor sermon lead by Pastor Walt and truly felt at peace and a closer connection with one another.



I strongly urge everyone to consider coming this year. If money is an issue holding you back, come see me, we will make it happen!! Fees for the entire weekend are:

Lodging: \$157.00 (2 people in room)

Meals for ages 13 and up: \$45.00

5-12 years: \$28.50

4 years and younger: Free

A deposit of \$85.00 per couple and \$50.00 per individual is due by Sunday, March 28th. . Checks can be made payable to First Reformed UCC with **'Retreat'** written on the memo line. Payment can be placed in the offering plate, brought to the church office or given to Amy. If you have questions or need more information, contact Amy McNeill.

Dear Friends:

We send you warm greetings toward the close of a difficult winter. Hopefully, spring will soon bring warmer days and a renewed spirit for all of us. We want to share the news that our giving to Our Churches Wider Mission in this new year is down from 2009 which was the lowest in several years.

Our Executive Committee of the Board along with our staff is wrestling with ways that we can deal with this short-fall. Persons from our National UCC office in Cleveland will be meeting with elected leaders and staff to help chart a new path for Southern Conference.

We covet your prayers as we seek to move forward in new ways of serving our churches. We also appeal to all our congregations to respond as generously as they possibly can to our current needs. Any gifts to OCWM will be greatly appreciated and are urgently needed. Thank you for your past support and your continued commitment to our common mission.

Yours in the Service of Christ

Emmett Floyd, Transitional Interim Minister