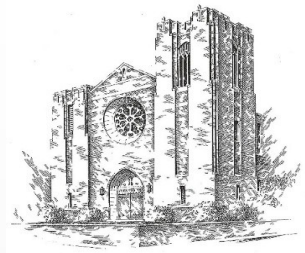


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



June 2010



I received a surprising phone call this past Friday afternoon, May 28, from Bill Stolpe, the handsome fellow that our daughter Sarah has been dating pretty seriously for the past three years or so. She has been a financial analyst at IBM in New York City for about five years now and met Bill who is in marketing with the same company. IBM (also known cynically as “I’ve Been Moved”) is notoriously challenging with personal relationships, so it actually helps if your significant other understands those constraints and pressures. Anyway, we in the family have been wondering, as people in families do, if and when Bill & Sarah were going to marry.

Well, as I said, the surprising call came from Bill, out of the blue, no advance notice, asking me if I would grant my blessing upon his plans to propose marriage to Sarah this past weekend, up in some castle on the Hudson River! Man, talk about style! Actually, when I recovered from my initial surprise, I remembered a key heart-to-heart talk that Bill, Sarah & I had at the Carolina Coffee Shoppe in Chapel Hill late last year, when I improbably morphed from Dad to counselor as we had a very frank discussion about where they were and where they wanted to be as a couple, so I knew them to be grappling hard & responsibly with such a decision. Bill reminded me that Brian, our oldest daughter’s (Tana) husband, and father of two of our grandchildren, had also spoken with me years earlier about my blessing before proposing to her. Now, I have no illusions about what was going to happen had I said “no!” But as it was and is, I was still very pleased and honored with such a respectful formality from a potentially future son-in-law, especially during these free-wheeling times. I say “potentially” because I wasn’t absolutely sure what Sarah would say, and perhaps he wasn’t either! Anyway, as you doubtless can guess, I did grant my heartfelt blessing upon his proposed proposal and upon them both, welcoming him and his family into ours in advance, with every pledge of support of which we are capable. As perhaps you can also guess, Sarah called me Sunday evening, May 30, up there in that castle overlooking the Hudson River, all excited about having said “yes” to his proposal not fifteen minutes earlier. This news has spread like wildfire in hay all through our families & we’re all gearing up for their wedding, time & place TBA!

I share this poignant, sweet & touching, very human story with you, as I prepare to leave my ministry with you and as you prepare to call, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, your new, permanent pastor. This dynamic places us all within a new kind of transition, somewhat distinct from the one we have been engaging for the past two years: we’ve been cooking the cake and now it’s time to taste it! From my place at the table, it tastes pretty good, for we’ve done a lot of work in the kitchen since I arrived, though much remains to be done! Still, even so, speaking as a pastor and a human being, each leave-taking of a congregation is bitter-sweet, whatever the prevailing conditions and reasons. It is, in some respects, not unlike a death, a loss which does require grief as well as hope in our God in Jesus Christ who presides over all of our transitions in love. It’s a bit like what I feel as I offer my blessing to Sarah and to the one she loves, and who loves her: it reflects both a loss for things as they were and much hopeful expectation for things yet to be, a good & gracious prospect if love is at the center of it. So, let us be human and honest with each other as we begin to say goodbye even as we begin to anticipate new adventures in our journey with our Lord Jesus Christ, who was, is and ever will be our surest guide. Please receive my blessings upon this congregation and upon your new pastor, even as I and my family receive yours.

Blessings & Shalom, Rev. Walt

Southern Conference Board of Directors Update

The Southern Conference Board of Directors took the following actions during a May 17, 2010 meeting:

1. Acting upon a recommendation from the Eastern N.C. Association Board of Directors, the Southern Conference Board of Directors voted to postpone the June 11 and 12, 2010 Annual Meeting of delegates and churches to a time in Sept./Oct. 2010. A joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Southern Conference, Eastern Virginia Association, Eastern N.C. Association and the Western N.C. Association will be convened for June 11 and 12, 2010 at Elon University. This joint meeting will discuss where we are as a Conference and the April 19, 2010 action of the Southern Conference Board on restructuring of ministry and staff. This joint meeting will also work to discern a way forward using the broader wisdom of the elected leadership of our Conference. A consensus plan of going forward will be developed which will be presented for discussion across the Conference and for action at a Fall 2010 Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference. Any one who has sent in registration for the June Annual Meeting will be refunded their registration fee.
2. The Board voted to retain a consultant who will facilitate the joint meeting of the Boards on June 11 and 12, 2010.
3. The Board voted to keep the Association offices open at their current level of operation and their secretarial staff in place at their current level of compensation until at least December 31, 2010.
4. The Board voted to suspend the search for an Intentional Interim Conference Minister.

Dale Kennedy, President, Southern Conference Board of Directors

Invitations:

Western North Carolina Association Celebration

You are invited to a celebration honoring the ministry of Reverend Larry Walser, Associate Conference Minister for the Western North Carolina Association, and the services of Mrs. Libby Parker, Western NC Association Secretary.

This celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 27, 2010 at First United Church of Christ, 207 West Horah Street, Salisbury, NC from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

This event is being sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Western NC Association for Reverend Larry Walser who will be retiring as our area minister on June 30, 2010. This is a time when church members and ministers may gather to thank Larry for his ministry among us and extend best wishes to Larry and his wife, Sandy, as they enter their retirement together.

Also, Mrs. Libby Parker will be recognized for her faithful service to the WNCA as office secretary. We are grateful for the friendly, dependable service she has provided to us throughout Reverend Walser's ministry as our Associate Conference Minister.

The New Lexington Homeownership Center Ribbon Cutting

An Open House and Ribbon Cutting is planned for Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Building. *Please RSVP (236-1675) if you plan to attend; there will be a light lunch provided.*

The Lexington Homeownership Center was created through a collaborative initiative of the Homeownership Center Advisory Council partners including: *Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Davidson County Community Action, Lexington Housing Community Development Corp, Lexington Habitat for Humanity, Lexington Housing Authority, and the City of Lexington.*

Our own Chris Fulton works with this organization and wanted our congregation to see what they are a part of and how it benefits the community.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

The First Reformed United Church of Christ retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center is scheduled Friday, June 4th through Sunday, June 6th. Reverend Patten will lead a vesper service at Blowing Rock Sunday morning. Those unable to attend the retreat will enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing in the **Education Building Chapel starting at 11:00 a.m.** Walter Hoffman, serving as liturgist, will lead the service. Paul Freeman and Lee Ann Peele will present special music. Come be a part of your church family in whichever setting works best for you. There's something for everyone!

Note: The Sunday school social has been rescheduled for the following Sunday, June 13th.

Annual Church Picnic

The theme this year is...**“Balloons and Bubbles”**

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Finch Park --- Shelter #1 (4 – 7 p.m.)

Bring Yard Chairs

NOTE: Picnic will go on—rain or shine. If weather doesn't cooperate we will still have the picnic in the church fellowship hall.



Sunday school classes are responsible for providing the following...

Men's Bible Class	Grill, Hamburger/Hotdogs, Cooking Expertise
Willing Workers Class	Assorted Sides (Fruit, Potato/Pasta Salads, Baked Beans)
New Way Class	Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Desserts
Seekers Class	Chips, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

If you are not a part of a Sunday school class and want to bring something, please contact Cathy Waitman in the church office (248-2617).

Finch Park has much to offer so come early and enjoy walking, playing on the playground, or just visiting with friends. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all!

Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry

The Board of Evangelism would like to start a Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry. This is a ministry in which an individual or group would present to a recipient a shawl or quilt that has been handmade and blessed by prayers from members of this congregation. The recipient may be someone that is ill, having surgery, or in the midst of a crisis that might be helped by receiving a special gift of love and thoughtfulness. The recipients would not be limited to members of this congregation, but could include friends, relatives, co-workers, or family members.

With that being said, the Board of Evangelism is looking for a “few good women” and even men who know how (or would like to learn how) to quilt, knit, or crochet. If you would be interested in this very meaningful and loving ministry, please contact either Janette Neal at 248-6325 or David Fulton at 956-1788 for more information.

CONSISTORY

By: June Grubb, Consistory President

O On my recent visit to Seattle, Washington I stayed with good friends, John and Phyllis Daniels. As it so happens, Plymouth Congregational Church is in a search process for a Senior Minister and Phyllis is a member of their Search Committee. She shared with me one of the exercises they did at the beginning of their process whereby they asked one another the question, "Why do you come to Plymouth?" Going around the table each member gave a response, which she stated 'slowed the meeting pace, the space became sacred and they remembered why they were gathered.' Here are some of their responses:

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- ◆ I find a "holy" love that embraces me, a place where I can step out of my comfort zone and not be judged.

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- ◆ I get recalibrated from the week; it is the wellspring of our family's life.
- ◆ It brings out the best in me.

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- ◆ Plymouth shaped who my children are; I come to give that gift back to others.
- ◆ I am hoping to be fed spiritually every week.
- ◆ I can share my journey of knowing God, whether it is smooth or rough waters, with others who believe.
- ◆ I hope it can be a place where everyone in my family can get sustenance.
- ◆ It is a place where I am reminded I am a child of God, that I am known and loved.
- ◆ It is a place of promise, even if our individual faith journeys are in the wilderness.

As I read those responses I wondered what we at First Reformed UCC might say? I suspect our comments would echo many of those same thoughts.

We are all anxious to learn who our Search Committee will recommend as our settled Minister. It is a slow and deliberate process and we must be patient and trust the process. We do know that God is guiding our committee to bring to us one who will lead us into the future.

In anticipation of that great day I remind us of the process once the committee has unanimously agreed upon a candidate. They will present that person to our Consistory. It will be the Consistory's responsibility to recommend to the congregation a vote to call this candidate as our Pastor and Teacher. Before that vote, there will be opportunities for various groupings within the congregation to meet the candidate and his/her family.

In this in-between time I want to thank all of the members of our congregation, through its various Boards, Committees, Fellowship groups, teachers, worship leaders, all who are continuing to do the work of the church. Pastoral leadership is important, but let us not forget that in partnership---lay and clergy---we are making the 'reign of God' present here in our sacred space and throughout our community.



The Finance Committee of First Reformed United Church of Christ will sponsor a dinner and mystery theatre fundraiser at the **Corner Café Dinner Theater** (fellowship hall) on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Auditions for male and female actors will be held in August. Proceeds from the dinner and play will assist the First Reformed UCC general fund. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carolyn Spivey for details.

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Financial Report: The average weekly offering for the month of April \$6,256. General Fund available balance is \$1,984. Budget shortfall for the first 4 months of the year is \$23,633.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Patten handed out his 4-week report from April 18, 2010 to May 16, 2010.

- This report showed four weeks, with 114 phone calls, 8 hospital/rehab/Rest home visits, 63 office meetings and approximately 51 hours work per week.
- Total number of people assisted by Pastor's Discretionary Fund since 4/15/08 was 141 with a balance of \$3,273.04.
Total number of people who approached us for assistance of various kinds...492
Total number of pastoral hours devoted to interviews that produced assistance...72



Board of Christian Education: Report by Nancy Robbins

- Final plans have been made for the Youth Sunday practice and lunch.
- ◆ The Retreat plans are being finalized, with Mike Price being in charge of the music. Other activities such as a talent show were also discussed. Vacation Bible School materials have arrived. The Church Picnic will provide a helium tank for the balloons; bubble sticks and balloons can be taken home. There is a request for snacks in the newsletter for Work Camp. The snacks will be stored on the stage.

Congregational Life: Report by Eddie Yates

- Thanked John and Vicky Gray and Mark and Nicole Smith for the Sunday Social May 2nd.
- ◆ Thanks to all who assisted with the Youth Sunday service. Special thanks to Cheryl Walser for the delicious meal and everyone who assisted with setup and cleanup for the luncheon.

Finance Committee Report: Report by John Smith

- ◆ Cathy Waitman was presented as an alternate to accompany either Paula Lopp or John Barber, should one be absent, with receiving funds from the offering plate and counting of funds. She was unanimously approved.

**Consistory will have
a combined June/
July meeting Sunday
June 27, 2010**

Property Committee: Report by Mike Brown

- ◆ The leak in the rose window at the back of the sanctuary has been repaired at a cost of \$1,500.
- ◆ Met with the Chamber of Commerce in reference to the lease contract being due in July. After a discussion with Burr Sullivan, the chamber has requested to continue the payment of \$1,450.00 per month until January 2011. The chamber is also planning to paint the front and rear of the chamber building and put up new covers over the entrances. It was advised that this would be taken back to the consistory.

Board of Worship and Sacrament:

- ◆ Read a thank you note from Rev. Larry Walser, Associate Conference Minister, Western NC Association of the Southern Conference, for the use of our facilities on April 24th for an association sponsored workshop on responsible handling of church funds.

Board of Community Outreach: Report by Edgar Miller

- ◆ 23 church members participated in TDCWL. Thanks to Birke McNeill for helping coordinate and with project managers. Also, Ted Smith and Scott Biesecker will be staying at the shelter in May, while a big thanks goes to Mayor Walser and Roy Bevan for staying in April.
- ◆ June quarterly meeting to be scheduled.

Evangelism Board: Report by Janette Neal

The Board of Evangelism plans to start a Prayer/Quilt Ministry. Details for this project were listed in the bulletin. Several people have shown interest, but if there is anyone else who is interested or would like to help with the project, please contact Dave Fulton or Janette Neal. Average attendance for April -132. Membership - 324

Old Business:

The Operating Manual was tabled for further discussion at our fall meeting.

New Business:

Approved Financial Control Manual and authorization to conduct an in-house audit.

Morning Glory Circle

Mary Berrier

The May meeting of the Morning Glory Circle began with a short business meeting followed by a program by Peggy Bates. Her topic was "Angels and Fragrances". She presented several readings regarding angels and flowers. To continue this theme, the group visited Sandy Creek Farm where one of the owners, Brenda Garner, gave a tour of the nature trail, pointing out different plants and trees. A tour of the hot house and general store completed this interesting program.

All ladies are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor.

United Friendship Club

President, June Grubb

The members of the United Friendship Club met for a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, May 26th. Katherine Skipper gave an informative program on her recent trip to China. Devotions were presented by Mary Berrier.

The June meeting will be our annual picnic, which will be held at the home of June Grubb (211 Turner Road, Lexington). In case of rain, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions and program will be presented by Lib Sink. Food and Decorations Committee include Wanda Daye, Janie Lohr, Peggy Bates and Mary Bernice Little.

Men's Brotherhood

Clifford Lopp

The Men's Brotherhood met on Thursday May 20th with 22 present. We enjoyed a Mexican meal provided by Mike Price, Eddie Yates and Ron Hutcheson.



President, Frank Leonard extended thanks to all who helped serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on May 10th. We served 55 people that night.

Jerry Hedrick, Commander of American Legion Post 8, was our guest speaker for the night. He talked about Memorial Day and all of the upcoming events.

Our next project will be assisting with the church picnic in June.

The Brotherhood will take a couple of months off and start meeting again in the fall. This has been one of our most successful years as a brotherhood with all of the guest speakers and volunteer cooks who have provided delicious and enjoyable meals. We hope that the men of the church who have never been a part of our group will join us this fall. Watch the calendar for our next meeting and come enjoy the fellowship.

Women's Life Fellowship met Tuesday, May 18th. Highlights of the meeting were:

- ◆ We agreed to serve lunch for Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 12th. Several items were donated for the sandwich and chips lunch. If you were unable to be here that night and would like to contribute an item or your time, please contact Amy McNeill ASAP.
- ◆ Treasurer Belinda Yates reported that we made \$3,600 from the Silent Auction and Lunch in April and over \$500 on the Mother's Day pamphlet. We voted to produce a Father's Day pamphlet as well.
- ◆ We voted to provide meals and a snack for the Arts Discovery Camp at Grace Episcopal Church again this year. Cathy and Paula will purchase the food and Anne Bevan, Janette Neal and Lynn Brown will serve the meal on Monday, June 28th.
- ◆ We voted to provide desserts for two nights of the youth community work camp scheduled here at our church the week of July 11th – 17th. We are responsible for Sunday, July 11th and Thursday, July 15th. As we get more information we will pass along. *PLEASE PUT THIS WEEK ON YOUR CALENDAR...THEY CAN USE VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH PREPARING AND SERVING MEALS. THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 60 YOUNG PEOPLE EATING 3 MEALS A DAY. PLEASE CONTACT GLENYCE FULTON, BELINDA YATES OR THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER.*
- ◆ We will NOT meet in the months of June and July. Our kickoff meeting for the new season will be a picnic at the home of Carolyn Spivey on Tuesday, August 17th.



Janette Neal and Glenyce Fulton (Evangelism Board members) provided an interesting program on Prayer Shawl/Quilts. This is a new project the Board of Evangelism hopes to get going here at the church. Watch for more details.

Special thanks to Janette Neal for the delicious refreshments served following the meeting.

Father's Day Pamphlet Order Form

Women's Life Fellowship is sponsoring a **Father's Day Honorarium/Memorial Pamphlet** that will be provided to the congregation on Father's Day. You can place your loved one's name, (father, uncle, special friend, etc.) along with a comment ("to the best dad in the world, thank you for everything you do!") for a suggested price of \$10.00 per name; any donated amount will be appreciated. Please fill out the info below and drop in the offering plate, or contact the church office at 248-2617. **Deadline to order is June 13, 2010.**

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Christian Education

Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education

May was jam-packed with activities here at church. We celebrated Mothers, Graduates, Veterans, and the Youth of our church. Thank you to everyone who participated in or supported those events. A big congratulations goes to the Two By Two class and the two Roads to God classes for their presentations on Youth Sunday. They were very entertaining and did an excellent job! Also the committees who set up and cleaned up the Fellowship Hall deserve recognition. Thanks to Cheryl Walser of Yarborough's Restaurant for the delicious chicken, ham, salads and desserts. The luncheon was a huge success and all of the decorations were very festive. I want to thank all of the parents who brought their children to practice, and Raeann who helped to get the children in the right place at the right time. Amy was a life saver for me when she led the practice, and I appreciate the work Nancy did getting her little ones ready to perform. They were so cute! Paula and Clifford were a huge help with behind the scenes projects – flowers, bulletins, setting up the sanctuary, etc. The last event of the month was the annual Kids Only Talent Show with Alice and James Gray. I am sure all the children had a great time!

June has its own celebrations – Father's Day, getting out of school for summer, the Blowing Rock Retreat, VBS, and the Church picnic. There will be a Father's Day booklet to honor and remember Dads like the one for Mother's Day. Amy has lots of exciting things lined up for the retreat. Bible school is using an exciting game show format to learn about God. Games for the picnic are being planned around the theme "Bubbles and Balloons". Sign up to bring something to eat, bring your yard chair, sit back, and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship.

With all of the events taking place and vacation plans, it is easy to forget Sunday school and church. Remember that teachers are planning Bible lessons each Sunday for all adults and children. The Roads to God program is studying the Ten Commandments and The Willing Workers Class is beginning a study of Psalms. Without your attendance and your tithes and offerings, the church struggles to meet the expectations and needs of the members. Please attend as often as you possibly can. We miss you when you are not here and you miss learning more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance May 2010

Gladys Snider	Mary Berrier
Wanda Daye	Adena Wall
Marguerite Leonard	Ramona Yarbrough
Doris Flynt	Elizabeth Sink
Carolyn Spivey	Nancy Robbins
Peggy Bates	Vicky Green
Butch Bouchard	Earlie Hartley
Don Leonard	Frank Leonard
John Potts	Clifford Lopp
Paula Lopp	Camille Morgan
Jeff Hutchens	Eddie Yates
Cathy Waitman	Walter Patten



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, June 11th
5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 12th
10 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Our friends from Second Reformed UCC will join us for an exciting game show VBS!
Plan to attend and invite a friend!

Kids' Club News

Alice Gray and Cathy Waitman

Due to many of the children having EOG (End of Grade) testing, our Talent Show was postponed to Sunday, May 30. As of this writing, the show has not taken place.



But based on last year's show, I can say that we definitely have VERY talented kids here at FRUCC! Some have beautiful voices, others are awesome dancers, a couple will have a future as comedians, and we may see several as actors/actresses in movies or TV! Just imagine, one day our congregation will be privileged to say, "We knew them when they were just discovering their talents."

To all Kids' Club Members: Have a Happy and Safe Summer. See you next Fall!

Youth Report

Chris and Amanda Fulton



Community Youth Group Important Dates!

June 6th- We will have a quick meeting this Sunday to discuss our workcamp in July and fill out registration paperwork. This will also be the **deadline** for the deposit which is \$50/participant. Workcamp is scheduled for **July 11-17**. We will meet in the Fellowship hall of FRUCC. **Parents you need to attend this meeting as well.**



Youth Car Wash Reeds UMC

June 12th Car Wash at Reeds UMC. This is our first fundraiser so plan on being there, we'll need everyone's help. This fundraiser is not only for those participating in the workcamp, but to help fund the youth program in general. Everyone plan on being there from 8am-12pm.

June 13th Meeting

June 27th- Regular Meeting- We'll be meeting at Reeds UMC in the youth house.

Work Camp Donations Needed!

This summer, Chris and another youth leader and friend from Kentucky are designing their own work camp for the youth right here in Lexington! The youth from our church and the youth from Kentucky will join together here in our church to eat and sleep and will spend their days completing service work in our backyard! We need snacks and drinks for approximately 60 people! SO . . . if you would be willing to donate canned drinks (Cheerwine is a favorite!), individually wrapped snacks (Little Debbie's, chips, pretzels, Cracker Jack, etc.), and bottled water, please drop your donations off on the edge of the stage. While monetary donations are welcomed, it will help tremendously if you bring the items so that I don't have to revisit and clear out the snack section of Sam's again this year! Items may be dropped off anytime! The workcamp is July 11th-17th, so anytime between now and then will work! THANK YOU SO MUCH for your help and support as we look forward to a great workcamp here at First Reformed! If you have questions, please email me at amandazfulton@yahoo.com!

Congratulations!



Paula Lopp, Susan Odom, Mary Crouse, Gladys Snider and Peggy Bates

This year our Mother's Day Tribute surprised Susan, Mary, Peggy, Gladys and Paula, in that order. Their families had been contacted by Reverend Patten only a couple of days prior (*so we could keep the secret*) and they had remained hush-hush in order to keep the surprise. Thank you to these ladies for representing all the Mothers of our church.

Congratulations to **Marguerite Leonard** who received the 2010 volunteer of the year award from Davidson Medical Ministries. The award is given annually in memory of Marguerite's sister, Jackie Sink, who was a longtime volunteer at the ministries.

Congratulations to **all responsible for keeping our landscape in great order!** The Lexington Appearance Commission has extended an invitation to the 2010 Uptown Lexington and Appearance Commission Awards. They appreciate the efforts we have demonstrated with the maintenance of our landscaping and have announced that we have been selected as one of the nominees for the **Business or Non-Commercial Landscape Maintenance Award.**

Congratulations to our college graduates. We were pleased to recognize and honor them during our service of worship Sunday, May 23rd.

Scott Melville Gray, son of James and Alice Gray
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – BA in Anthropology

Adam Michael Studebaker, son-in-law of Paul and Debra Freeman
N.C. State University – BA in Electrical Engineering
Graduated Suma Cum Laude, Valedictorian of the University Senior Class
and was honored as an Outstanding Senior in Engineering School
He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army
He and his wife Brianne will be living in Germany for the next two years.

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Gregory Kyle Evans, son of Albert and Melody Evans
Elon University School of Law – Juris Doctorate

Devin Christopher Odom, son of Calvin and Susan Odom
Wake Forest University School of Medicine – MD
Internal Medicine Residency will be at the University of Chicago in Chicago, IL

Lauren Amelia Thompson, daughter of Myra LanningThompson
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Master of Social Work

Since there were no high school graduates from First Reformed UCC this year, the **V.G. Price Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to **Kathryn Myers Davis**, a senior at Lexington High School and member of First Baptist Church. Kathryn, daughter of Ann and Lee Davis, will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

Search Committee Update

According to the Western North Carolina Association guide, there are eight stages to “call”. We are now in stage 6. It is slow but worth all we are required to do. We met with the Consistory in May to give an update on the number of profiles we have kept. It was also an opportunity to answer as many questions as we could — confidentiality must be maintained — about our guidelines and the search process.

We have met in scheduled meetings over 75 hours. Our prep work at home which includes reviewing profiles, following up with candidates, their references, listening to sermons, and visiting, we estimate totals around 40 to 50 hours each.



We are so positive about the future pastor of our church because of the excellent pastoral profiles we have retained and because our church profile attracted them. Thank you for looking as good on paper as you truly are in person. This committee appreciates your patience, questions, input, and especially your supportive prayers.

Search Committee Members:

Dawn Shaak, Chairperson

Eulene Shepherd, Chaplain

Sauni Johnson

Mark Smith, Vice Chairperson

Vicky Gray

Birke McNeill

Clifford Lopp, Recording Secretary

Walter Hoffman

Tony Peele

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Reverend Patten and Members of First Reformed UCC,

It was a surprise to me on Mother's Day to be honored since I'm not a biological mother. Having a big family of nieces and nephews, whom I love, I was always babysitting or working with children by teaching kindergarten, being assistant youth director here at our church, school guard and also a Truant officer.

A special thanks to Reverend Patten and Henry Crouse for comments about me, to the church for the flowers, and to my family for honoring me in the Mother's Day pamphlet.

Love, Peggy B. Bates

Dear First Reformed UCC Board of Trustees and Church Members,

Thank you so much for the church scholarship you awarded me with. I am so blessed to have such a generous and supportive church family.

Sincerely, Seth Klopp

Dear First Reformed UCC,

Thank you so much for the Barnes and Noble gift card. I have had several books I have been putting off buying so this will come in handy. I hate I missed the acknowledgement last Sunday, but I hope to visit soon. Thanks again for the gift.

Sincerely, Adam Studebaker

Dear Fellow Church Members,

Thanks for giving me the means to continue my education through the library of Barnes and Nobles. I'll do everything in my power to ensure you've made a worthwhile investment in my future.

Sincerely, Scott Gray

Dear Church Family,

What a pleasant surprise! I usually assist Walter with selecting mother's to be recognized; however, he pulled a fast one on me. I do appreciate your sincere recognition and thank you for your constant support.

Sincerely, Paula

JUNE STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Ramona Yarbrough

Captain: Clifford Lopp

Ushers: Larry Berrier, Eddie Yates, Robert Danze, Harrison Danze

Plate Attendant: Cheryl Walser

Acolytes: Kalyssa Hutchens, Griff Smith, Kaitlyn McNeill, Laura Strenk and Katarina Strenk

Sound Tech: Tony Peele

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

Social: Host/Hostess: Lynn and Mike Brown and Lynn Klopp

Because of our annual church retreat to Blowing Rock Conference Center, the joint Sunday School Lesson and Social will move to the SECOND Sunday, June 13th.

Greeters:

June 6	Wanda Daye and Gerri Hill
June 13	Lib Sink and Gladys Snider
June 20	Harriette and Clifton Murphy
June 27	Mary Berrier and Butch Bouchard




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Nursery:	June 6	Betty Bates	Paula Lopp
	June 13	Alice Gray	Heidi Hutcheson
	June 20	Nina and Ted Smith	Jessica Bentley
	June 27	Dawn Shaak	Amy McNeill



Remember in Prayer (Alston Brook) Betty Potts **Centerclair** Jeanne Trexler **(Sunrise Assisted Living)** Elmer Morgan
 (St. Martins in the Pines) Barbara Schaeffer **(Lexington Health Care)** Mary Rhodes
 (Piedmont Crossing) Henry and Ernestine Kennedy, Frances Leonard

Eloise Lopp, Jeanne Trexler, Deanna Michael, Ronnie Durham, Jitter Yarbrough, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Arlene Swing, Joel Reece, Henry and Juanita Beck, Jacqueline Leonard, Willie Ruth Leonard, Giles Crowell, Micki Smith, Catherine Leonard, Velna Swing, and Steve Murdock. Also, remember Nancy Daye Greene (Wanda's Daughter), Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Melvin Evans (Paul Freeman's Uncle), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Joyce Bowie (Joyce Price's sister-in-law), Susan Cadwallader (Anne Fletcher's Mother), 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 p.m. {Parlor} SEARCH COMMITTEE MTG	2 11 a.m. {Parlor} MORNING GLORY CIRCLE 7 p.m. {Freeman House} CHOIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL	3 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class 7:15 p.m. {Parlor} LIVING THE QUESTIONS	4 Blowing Rock Church Retreat	5
6 BRCC Church Retreat 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. {CHAPEL} Old Fashioned Hymn Sing 6 p.m. Youth Mtg {FH}	7	8 6:30 p.m. {Parlor} SEARCH COMMITTEE MTG	9	10 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	11 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	12 8 a.m.—Noon  Youth Car Wash Reeds UMC  10 a.m.— 1:30 p.m.
13 9:45 am {Chapel} Joint Sunday School 10:20 a.m. {FH} Sunday School Social 11:00 a.m. Worship Service	14 CHURCH PICNIC Finch Park 4-7 p.m. Shelter #1	15	16	17 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	18	19
20 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  With Special Surprise Tributes	21	22	23 NOON {FH} UNITED FRIENDSHIP CLUB COVERED DISH PICNIC AT THE HOME OF JUNE GRUBB	24 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	25	26 Noon—9 p.m. New Life Fellowship Church using fellowship hall
27 9:45a.m. Sunday school 11 a.m. New Member Worship Service Noon –New Member Welcoming Lunch 1:30 p.m. CONSISTORY MTG. 6-8 p.m. Youth Mtg. (Reeds UMC)	28 Women's Life Fellowship serving meals and snack for Arts Discovery Camp at Grace Episcopal	29	30	UPCOMING...JULY 11—HOLY COMMUNION (NOTE: IT IS THE 2 ND SUNDAY) JULY 11—WELCOMING DINNER FOR CONGREGATION & YOUTH WORKCAMP JULY 11-17—YOUTH WORKCAMP		

Stewardship Message

Teaching Stewardship

"When your children ask you in times to come..." Deuteronomy 6:20

In our congregation, we invite our children to lead worship for us on Children's Sunday as summer begins each year. As the children plan that service, it is interesting to watch what they have learned about worship from worshipping in adult-planned services during the year. Hearing their comments as they plan their service makes us look again at what they are receiving and what we think we are transmitting to them in worship; what we think we're giving is not always what they are getting!

Undoubtedly, the same is true about what our children understand about giving and its relationship to the faith of the adults around them. Because the liturgical trappings of our offering time are attention getting (a procession, a special song or two, brass plates with velvet lining!), clearly we are communicating that this is an important part of worship. As congregations, we also need to help parents and other caregivers understand how to communicate to their children how all their decisions around money in their lives have a faith context. An acquaintance of mine, now in her thirties, told me that her mother told her as a child to give a dollar a week to the church, and that is still what she is doing now, despite having a much larger income! Teaching stewardship needs to be an integral and natural part of all our Christian formation programs in our churches, keeping in mind the "times to come."

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