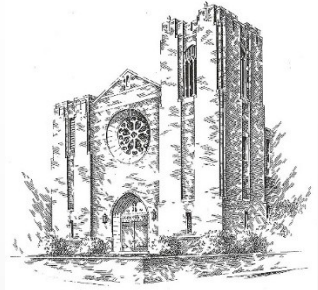


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



June 2011



It's nearly been a month now that I've been with you and the books are on the shelves – not nearly as organized as I'd like, but with time they will be. I feel that I've hit the ground running, which is the way I like it. No time for boredom in these quarters.

Before I get any further in my first newsletter article to the congregation and friends, I'd like to express the appreciation Trudy and I both feel towards all of you. Our appreciation begins with the Search Committee and the welcoming hospitality they extended in our visits and conversations throughout the past year. And our appreciation continues to the church boards, committees, groups and individuals that provided meals in our get-togethers, that were instrumental in making our move as painless as possible, and to those who assisted in our "settling" process – in all the shapes and forms that has taken. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

When I first entered ministry, I resisted the notion of the church as a business (albeit a not-for-profit business). I had seen many injustices occur in the secular business world and wished to disassociate myself and the church from them. But I came to realize that if it looked like a duck, sounded like a duck and acted like a duck, it most likely was a duck. So I now accept the concept that the church is a business, embracing much of what makes a business successful while discarding the darker, underside found in the world. This understanding and acknowledgement has been beneficial as I've attended workshops and seminars focusing on evangelism, mission and growth. A vast majority of these seminars and workshops began by asking the questions: 1) "As the church, what business are we in?" and 2) "Who are our customers?"

Both questions can be answered by examining our mission statement:

"Where people discover

... the love of God

... the power to love others

... the ability to love ourselves."

Our business is to help all people discover love – the love of God, neighbour and self. Therefore, our customers are all people. If I am stating the obvious, great! If I am not, then our work is cut out for us. The answers to the two questions in the light of our mission statement should define everything we do as a church, board, committee, group, and individual. We need to mirror the relationship formation and building that God, Christ and the Holy Spirit exemplify throughout our scripture and faith. We need to affirm and love one another on the journey of faith each of us undertakes. In the months to come we will be visiting successful business models that can be utilized by our community of faith to further our mission and expand our understanding of what it means to be a faithful community to our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus. Until then, have I told you today that I love you?

Your RunnRev,

Robin

Consistory Highlights—May 2011

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Financial Report: Harriette Murphy, Treasurer reported the average weekly offering for the month of April was \$4,364. The budget short fall at the end of May was approximately \$15,000. The balance in accounts were as follows: general fund \$19,975; building fund \$14,913; and music fund \$5,111.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Keating reported on his visits, meetings, and worship services for the period of May 1—15th. He stated that he would email Consistory members the demographic study he compiled. Robin reminded the Consistory that change is implicit and we must move forward as a congregation.

The consistory discussed the possibility of a fall retreat. Ron Hutcheson and Sylvia Walser will help June and Robin with plans.

Board of Christian Education: Chairperson, Calvin Odom submitted a report. The "Feed My Sheep" mission project ended today. Thank you to everyone. It was a huge success and food will be donated to Pastor's Pantry. The Board is working on plans for the church picnic, summer Sunday school classes, Rally Day, Vacation Bible School, and the possibility of starting a "Tween SS Class".

Congregational Life: Chairperson, Ron Hutcheson thanked Roy and Anne Bevan and Edgar and Kivi Miller for hosting the April Sunday school social. Homecoming is November 5th...suggestions for Homecoming will be welcomed.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship:

Finance Committee: John Smith said the Finance Committee has another Mystery Dinner Theater planned for October 29th. A new play has been ordered and Carolyn Spivey has agreed to direct again. Mike Brown is the main chef and tickets will remain the same price. The first meeting to discuss budget plans for 2012 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd.

Property Committee: Chairperson, Mike Brown had no report

Board of Worship and Sacrament: Co-Chairperson, Rita Lohr reported that the board wanted to thank all who participated in the Maundy Thursday service; especially the choir members, liturgists and elders. A special thank you to Reverend Grubb for her advice and leadership in the preparation of the service. The board is looking forward to working with Reverend Keating as we begin a new chapter in the ministry of our church.

Board of Community Outreach: Chairperson, Edgar Miller submitted a report updating info about the Community Garden. So far the only expense has been for siding for enclosing the tool shed. Donations include: G.W. Smith - lumber for the raised beds, anchor stakes, fastening screws, roofing shingles and roofing nails; Todco—top soil; Edgar and Kivi Miller—Fertilizer and lime; Charlie Strader—tiller; Sylvia Walser —plants and time; Aurelia Smith—hoses, hose holder, shovel and time; Tom Danze and Doug Sink—power tools and carpentry work on beds and shed; Keith Johnson—power drill and help with shed and bed construction; Scott Welborn—Davidson County Coop Extension—technical assistance, tilling and stake hammering; Reverend Keating, Birke McNeill, John Smith, Vicky Gray, J.W. Bates and Edgar Miller — volunteer time. Produce will go the Pastor's Pantry. **There will be a dedication service for the garden following the worship service Sunday, May 29th.**

Thank you to James Gray who stayed at the shelter in April. Ted Smith and Scott Biesecker will stay in May.

Evangelism Board: Co-Chairperson, Janette Neal reported that the average attendance for the month of April was 142. The class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned on June 19th. The Directory committee hopes to have all pictures submitted by mid-June. The board is sponsoring an Ice Cream Celebration on Sunday, July 3rd. There will be a Blessing of Pets Service in August and we continue to make plans for the Oktoberfest planned for Saturday, October 1st.

June Grubb thanked the consistory for the recognition at this morning's service. She also expressed thanks to all for helping to keep the church on track during the interim period.

The following names were approved to serve on the **Pastoral Relations Committee:** Dave Fulton, Dawn Shaak, Walter Hoffman, Mark Smith and Clifford Lopp.

The consistory decided to use the same schedule for church that was used last year during the Blowing Rock Retreat Weekend. Here in Lexington there will be NO Sunday school on June 5th. Worship will be in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Paul Freeman and Lee Ann Peele will lead a musical worship service.

The consistory discussed having their meetings immediately following the worship service. As a result, the next consistory meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. on June 26th.

**Consistory will have
a combined June/
July meeting Sunday
June 26, 2011**

CONSISTORY

By: June Grubb, Consistory President

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O Summer is upon us and we are all looking forward to vacations with family and many gatherings with friends. I look forward to the Blowing Rock family weekend in early June as we enjoy the mountain breezes sitting on the porch talking and rocking in those great rockers or just spending time reading a favorite book, working puzzles or playing board games with friends. Our All Church Picnic will be in mid-June which provides another opportunity to be with family and friends. Let us enjoy our time together.

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E Our Community Garden has been planted and many of us will volunteer to do weeding and picking of vegetables which will go to the Pastor's Pantry. Our thanks to Edgar Miller for spearheading this project and making it happen. Also thanks to the many volunteers who cleared the playground area, worked the soil, built the bedding boxes and painted the work shed. A great job folks!

R May you enjoy the summer months and come to worship when you are in town; and don't forget to keep your monetary offerings current. Our bills need to be paid whether we are present or out enjoying God's great creation.

THANK YOU... There are very few times in my life when I have been totally surprised and Sunday, May 15th was one of those times. In fact I was stunned and realized after the presentation, when I was back in my pew, that I had not even said "Thank you"! So, **many thanks** to the consistory and to the members of the congregation for the words of appreciation given by Harriette Murphy, and the wonderful gifts---prayer shawl, bracelet and monetary gift. I feel so blessed to be a member of First Reformed UCC!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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 29, 2011. Proceeds from the dinner and play will assist the First Reformed UCC benevolences.

From one of your delegates to the annual Southern Conference Meeting:

The tone and spirit of the 46th Annual Gathering of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ held at Portsmouth, VA on May 19 - 21, 2011 was cautiously optimistic.

There was a willingness to listen to each other. There was wonderful fellowship.

For your information, the Reverend Jerry Rhyne, a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Concord, NC, has been approved by the Southern Conference Board of Directors as Interim Associate Conference Minister for Western North Carolina Association.

Reverend Rhyne served 23 years as a Protestant chaplain in the United States Air Force, and has served several area churches as pastor.

Barbara Sink and I will have a more detailed report in the July newsletter.

Eulene F. Shepherd,
Delegate

Church Picnic and Family Kickball Game

The First Reformed United Church of Christ annual church picnic is scheduled for ---

Sunday, June 12, 2011
Finch Park --- Shelter #1
4 – 7 p.m.
Bring Yard Chairs



Family Kickball Game will begin at 4:30 p.m. Intergenerational fun for everyone!


Sunday school classes are responsible for providing...

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

If you are planning to come to the picnic and would like to sign-up to bring any of the following, please contact the church office at 248-2617.

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| Chili (4 quarts) | Slaw (3 quarts) | Cooler with bagged ice | |
| Potato Chips | Canned Drinks | Bottled Water | Ice Cream |

We are looking forward to a large turnout. 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!



CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

Ice Cream — Cake — Cookies — Entertainment!!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Women's Life Fellowship met Tuesday, May 17th in the parlor. Doris Frye shared devotions and Camille Morgan and Mary Jo Jessup provided refreshments.



Our guest speaker for the evening was Sandy Motley of Davidson Medical Ministries. Their facilities provide medical, dental and pharmaceutical programs for our county. Medical Ministries partners with the Health Department in several areas. This partnership benefits both organizations. There are twenty employees of Medical Ministries ranging from 5 to 40 hours per week. However, Medical Ministries is still very much a volunteer service. We also learned that Davidson Medical Ministries is a nationally recognized facility.

Women's Life finalized plans for serving approximately 400 people an ice cream social on Friday night, June 24th at the Group Work Camp that will be housed at Lexington Middle School. Also, we will serve breakfast, snack and lunch at the Arts Discovery Camp on June 30th at Grace Episcopal Church.

We will not meet in the months of June and July. We will kick-off our new season on Tuesday, August 16th with a picnic at the home of Nina Smith.

United Friendship Club

The May meeting of the United Friendship Club was held at the home of June Grubb with nearly 30 members present. J. W. Bates was our able chef and provided great barbeque chicken and other members provided great side dishes and fabulous desserts. It was a good informal time for conversation and a chance to get better acquainted with our pastor, Rev. Robin Keating and his spouse, Trudy.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22nd. A new President will be elected and plans for next year will be discussed. The food and decoration committee will be Wanda Daye, Janie Lohr, Peggy Bates, Banks and Eulene Shepherd. Devotions will be given by Gladys Snider.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD



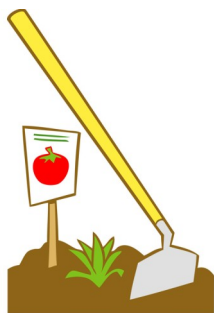
The Men's Brotherhood met on Thursday, May 26th in the fellowship hall with 18 men present. Mike Price provided the meal.

President, Frank Leonard thanked all who helped serve the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter earlier this month. The residents applauded the group...the tenderloin, prepared by Mike Brown was a hit!

The guest speaker for our meeting was Hal Triplett. Mr. Triplett is a veteran of the US Marine Corp. He served 18 months in Iraq as a US police officer training Iraqi police. We thank him for his service.

The Brotherhood will not meet in the summer months. Meetings will resume in September. The start back time will be announced in the bulletin and newsletter.

Community Garden Blossoms



Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and community supporters, the First Reformed UCC Community Garden is off to a great start. With technical advice from Scott Welborn, horticulture agent with the Davidson County Cooperative Extension Service, several volunteers gathered on the morning of April 29th to pull up the old playground liner and till and fertilize the soil. The next task was to build the raised beds and fill them with top soil. Thanks to Mark Smith of G.W. Smith Lumber for donating the lumber and Patrick Miller and Todd Warford of Todco and Best Disposal for donating the top soil.

Then the fun began with the planting of several varieties of tomatoes, peppers, leeks, squash, cucumbers, watermelons, cantaloupes, basil, rosemary, sage and marjoram for starters. Thanks to Sylvia Walser for obtaining the plants and to Aurelia Smith for providing tools and hoses and coordinating volunteers to tend the garden.

All good gardens need a tool shed, and Doug Sink and Tom Danze, who helped build the raised beds with assistance from Vicky Gray, took on the challenge to transform the existing playground “gazebo” into a worthy shed to protect our tools and garden supplies from the elements with the assistance of Keith Johnson. Once again, G. W. Smith Lumber Company stepped up to donate the roofing shingles and nails.

Two Sundays of Kid’s Club plantings and a shed painting organized by Kivi Miller and “tada” the garden is ready to produce fresh herbs and veggies for Pastor’s Pantry. Aurelia Smith will be coordinating volunteers and can be reached at 336-249-9795 or arsmith27292@lexcominc.net.

An official dedication of the garden will be held after the Sunday Worship service on May 29 and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Thanks to the other volunteers who helped build the garden:

Birke McNeill

John Smith

Cathy Waitman

J.W. Bates

Edgar Miller

All the wonderful First Reformed UCC Kids

Rev. Robin Keating

Alice Gray

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Since beginning in the fall, First Reformed United Church of Christ Prayer Shawl Ministry has shared prayers, comfort and hope to at least fifty people within our church and community. It has been such a blessing to read the notes of gratitude from the recipients and realize the lives that have been touched by this ministry.

With the summer months upon us, these ladies will not be meeting, but will continue knitting and crocheting at home and return to the regular meetings in the fall. Please keep in touch with Mary Jo Jessup at 236-9416 or Harriette Murphy at 731-4256 on the progress of your shawls so that our supply will continue to grow during the summer months. As you relax on vacation, keep the needles clicking.



Please contact Mary Jo or Harriette if you know of anyone that needs to be wrapped in the love of God this ministry provides. There are also infant shawls available for baptism and hospitalized babies.

Your prayers for this special ministry are appreciated.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for making me one of the recipients of a prayer shawl. What an honor to be included among those who have received a gift fashioned by your hands and offered from your hearts. *Bonita*

Cathy,

Your planning was outstanding, our seats were perfect, and the weather you ordered was perfect as well. The baseball outing was great!! Thank you, thank you, thank you. *Nancy*

Dear First Reformed UCC Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their cards, calls, flowers, and especially prayers. Also, a special thank you to Kids' Club for the Easter basket. *Holton*

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the spaghetti dinner and those who made monetary donations. You assisted the young people in our community to raise over \$5,000 to start a Backpack Program at Lexington High School. Special thanks to Laura and Katarina Strenk for representing First Reformed UCC with this project.

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

Family Services of Davidson County

Davidson Medical Ministries

Directory Pictures



THE CHURCH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE is in the final stages of gathering pictures and information for a new church directory. **Deadline to submit a photo is June 5th.** Your picture doesn't have to be in a certain setting, however, please submit pictures in the usual format of you and your spouse, you alone, or you and your family still living at the same address. Please pick out a favorite photo and email it to Nicole Smith at Nicole_Kathleen@hotmail.com. If you have questions, contact Committee Chairman, Clifton Murphy at amurphy@lexcominc.net or 731-4256.

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH...The First Reformed United Church of Christ church retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center is scheduled Friday, June 3rd thru Sunday, June 5th. Reverend Keating will lead worship at Blowing Rock Sunday morning.



Those unable to attend the retreat will enjoy special music and an old fashioned hymn sing in the **Education Building Chapel at 10:30 a.m.** (**There is NO Sunday school on June 5th**). Paul Freeman and Lee Ann Peele will lead our service. Come be a part of your church family in whichever setting works best for you. There's something for everyone!

NOTE...Joint Sunday school and the social have been rescheduled for the following Sunday, June 12th.

Christian Education

Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education

I thought that after all of the Palm Sunday and Easter activities in April that May would be a rather calm month. Was I ever wrong! When you get to the end of this article you will see why. June promises to be just as busy with the retreat, the Church picnic, and Father's Day.

First of all, we welcomed Robin and Trudy the first Sunday this month. What a great feeling to have a permanent minister again. Robin has been busy unpacking all of his books in the office and he and Trudy are already involved in many of the activities going on here. We are really happy and fortunate to have them!

Next, the children and I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in the Feed My Sheep campaign. Our service project was a huge success! We ended up with 31 crates of food and 7 big boxes packed with corn flakes. Bill Keesler, from Pastor's Pantry, said that was the largest donation from a church that he could remember. He was really excited to pick up all of the food. I want to thank Paula for her phone tree reminders, Clifford and Jeff for unbagging and packing all of the crates, and all of you for your donations. We can do wonderful things to help our community when we all work together!



The children have worked in the Community Garden two Sundays for Kids' Club. One Sunday they planted corn, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and herbs. They also planted marigolds around the edge of the planter to help keep insects away. Kivi and Edgar Miller planned the event and Sylvia Walser, Amy McNeill, Dawn Shaak, and Brad Biesecker helped with the planting. During the week, Sylvia and Tom Danze primed the tool shed. The following Sunday, the children enjoyed painting scenes on the building. Alice Gray, Ann Hoffman, Kivi,

Amy, Birke, and Brad helped. Check out the photos on the church's Facebook page to see what a great time they all had!



A group of about 60 church members attended the Winston Salem Dash game on May 22. It was the hottest day of spring so far and we were prepared to melt. When we got to the stadium, we were relieved to find our seats in the shade. Everyone received free baseball caps and we had a great time! Several people mentioned they would like to go again next spring. If we do, I hope a lot more of you will go along.



The Board of Christian Education is busy finalizing plans for the retreat and the church picnic, lining up teachers for children's Sunday school this summer, working on VBS plans, and working on new things for the fall for Sunday school, Kids' Club, and Children's Church. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who are volunteering to help. Later in the summer, we will be starting a back-to-school project that will benefit children in our community. When you are out shopping, if you see any good buys on school supplies go ahead and buy some things. More info will be in the July newsletter. If you would like to take part in any of the summer activities just let me know. We are always looking to include as many church members as possible.

God has been very gracious to our church and has given us many opportunities to serve Him. Please try to be here on Sundays this summer to worship and express thanks to God for such a wonderful, loving church family.



Congratulations to our graduates. We were pleased to recognize and honor them during our service of worship Sunday, May 22nd.

Peyton Wesley Barr, son of Darren and Betty Barr

West Davidson High School – Attending Wake Forest University

Rebecca “Becca” McKerlie, daughter of Brian McKerlie and Beverly McKerlie

Southern Guilford High School – Attending Western Carolina University

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Allyson Paige Frick, daughter of Mike Frick and The Late Kay Frick

North Carolina State University – BA in Psychology

Seth Andrew Klopp, son of Lynn Klopp and Ross Klopp

North Carolina State University

Associate of Applied Science in Ornamentals and Landscape Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Turfgrass Management

William Henderson Walser, son of Bill and Cheryl Walser

Catawba College – BA in Business

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Beth Jessup Callicutt, daughter of Dr. Lee and Mary Jo Jessup

Catawba College, Master of Elementary Education

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CONGRATULATIONS to **Kalyssa Hutchens** who made the “A/B” honor roll at Sheets Christian School.

We rejoice with Chris and Amanda Fulton upon the dedication of their son, **Wilson Webster “Webb” Fulton** on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 8, 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Peyton Barr** who received his Eagle Scout Award Sunday, May 29th. Peyton is the son of Darren and Betty Barr and a member of Troop #221 of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Grant and Ashlee Snider** who were married in our sanctuary on May 21, 2011.



Sunday School Perfect Attendance — May 2011

Haylee Hutcheson	Abigail Johnson	Sarah Johnson	Nancy Robbins	Betty Bates
Elizabeth Sink	Mary Berrier	Carolyn Spivey	Don Leonard	Banks Shepherd
John Potts	Clifford Lopp	Paula Lopp	Harriette Murphy	Doug Sink
Cathy Waitman				

An Invitation to Commissioning

Our congregation will commission our Stephen Ministers June 19, 2011 during the 11:00 worship service. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of the community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers have already completed substantial training to equip them for their task. We now lay hands on them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

The commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Our Stephen Ministers will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. How can we help?

First of all, we can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and their care receivers. This ministry calls for both time and effort. At times they may feel tired, discouraged, or convinced that they are not accomplishing anything. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help them keep moving forward.

We can also affirm and show our appreciation for this valuable ministry. We can tell them how much their hard work means to us, tell others how much we value our Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on our Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them in special ways- as we do with our commissioning services.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve this way.

As we commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers, let us thank God for all that they will bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011

7:30 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

520 SUMMIT STREET, WINSTON-SALEM, NC

CONDUCTED BY: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC STEPHEN G. SCHAEFFER

As part of its grand East Coast Tour from June 12-20, The Cathedral Church of the Advent will present a concert of sacred music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, conducted by Director of Music Stephen G. Schaeffer. This concert will include favorite anthems from its choral repertoire and includes a wide variety of musical styles from 16th century composer Thomás Luis de Victoria to many twentieth century composers. Featured works include Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque," Paul Manz's "E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come," and a group of spirituals. Music Associate Charles Kennedy will play an organ solo and accompany the choir on several anthems.

NOTE: Stephen Schaeffer grew up here at First Reformed UCC, Lexington, where his father was minister from 1956-1969.

May Memorials

ARLENE LASHMIT SWING

Butch Bouchard
Cathy Waitman
Holton Davis
Marilyn Lohr

BARBARA SCHAEFFER

Holton Davis

ELMER MORGAN

Holton Davis



AVERY WALSER

{Paula's Uncle}
Banks and Eulene Shepherd

JAMES HUDSON

{John's Brother}
Holton Davis

DAISY BROWN

{Deanna Michael-Beck's Mother-in-law}
Banks and Eulene Shepherd

SARA PHILLIPS

{Tom Phillips' Mother}
Wanda Daye
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Jerry and Aurelia Smith

BUTCH ZIMMERMAN

{Amanda Fulton's Father}
John and Vicky Gray
Nancy Robbins
Banks and Eulene Shepherd

CALLIE KEPLEY

Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Jim and Sandy Fritts
Holton Davis
Nancy Robbins

KAY FRICK

Merle and Jerry Hodges
Henry and Juanita Beck
Wanda Daye
Elizabeth Sink
Calvin and Susan Odom
J.W. and Betty Bates
Roy and Anne Bevan
Jerry and Aurelia Smith
Maxine Lohr
Mary Berrier
Lynn, John, Jordan McCarn and Brandi Gerew

Katherine Skipper

Don Leonard

John and Vicky Gray

Dawn and Bob Shaak

Banks and Eulene Shepherd

Carolyn and Carroll Spivey

Gladys Snider

Marilyn Lohr

Nancy Robbins

Doris Frye

FRANCES LEONARD

Merle and Jerry Hodges
Henry and Juanita Beck
Katherine Skipper
Don Leonard
Frank Leonard
Nancy Robbins
Mike and Lynn Brown
Wanda Daye
Marguerite Leonard
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey

May Honorariums

MARY CROUSE

Heart Sister

GLADYS SNIDER

Heart Sister

MARY BERRIER

Heart Sister

LEE ANN PEELE

Red Hat Society

WALTER HOFFMAN

Nancy Robbins

HENRY AND JUANITA BECK

Nancy Robbins

MIKE PRICE

Red Hat Society

HOLTON DAVIS

Nancy Robbins

JUNE STEWARDS

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

Captain: Clifford Lopp

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

Plate Attendant: Cheryl Walser

Acolytes: Ashley Johnson and Kelsey Johnson

Sound Tech: Tony Peele

Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - New Way 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 12th.

Greeters:

June 5, 2011	Doug and Barbara Sink
June 12, 2011	John and Sylvia Walser
June 19, 2011	Keith and Alisa Johnson
June 26, 2011	Jerry and Aurelia Smith

Nursery:

June 5, 2011	Heidi and Ron Hutcheson
June 12, 2011	Katie and Shane Decker
June 19, 2011	
June 26, 2011	Nina and Ted Smith



Remember (Alston Brook) Betty Potts

Prayer (Carolina House) Micki Smith

(Piedmont Crossing) Henry & Ernestine Kennedy, Rita Tussey



Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Paul Tuck, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Henry and Juanita Beck, Willie Ruth Leonard, Giles Crowell, and Margaret Trexler. Also, remember Ann Spivey (Carroll Spivey's Mother), Connie Weichert (Gerri Hill's Sister), Sandra Fern (Sauni Johnson's Mother), 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...

- ◆ Don and Deanna Michael Beck upon the death of Don's Mother, Daisy Brown
- ◆ The family of Frances Leonard our member and friend.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			11 a.m. {Parlor} MORNING GLORY CIRCLE	5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	3	4
5 BLOWING ROCK RETREAT 10:30 a.m. {CHAPEL} Old Fashioned Hymn Sing	6 6:30 p.m. {Downstairs} Stephen Training	7	 7 p.m. {freeman mouse} CHOIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL	9 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	10	11
12 9:45 am {Chapel} Joint Sunday School 10:20 a.m. {FH} Sunday School Social 11:00 a.m. Worship Service	13 CHURCH PICNIC Finch Park 4-7 p.m. Shelter #1	14	15	16 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	17 Southern Conference Women's Meeting {Fellowship Hall}	18
19 9:45a.m. Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Commission Stephen Ministers  Father's Day	20	21	NOON {FH} UNITED FRIENDSHIP CLUB COVERED DISH LUNCH	23 5:30 p.m. {P} Yoga Class	24 Women's Life Fellowship serving Ice Cream at Group Work Camp	25
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Stewardship Message

Stewards of Good News

“Parthians, Medes, Elamites...” Acts 2:8

I like to think of the Day of Pentecost as the first recorded use of social media by the church! Instead of keeping the joy of the Spirit to themselves, the disciples were compelled, impelled and thrown pell-mell into communicating with lots of people they don't know in languages with which they are unfamiliar! You think learning the new languages of Twitter or Facebook is hard, try Parthian! Those disciples told the story of Jesus in new languages so that others might know the joy, power, forgiveness and love of God they had come to know as they worked with Jesus. They trusted the Spirit, and the Spirit gave them the power and courage to communicate in ways they had never imagined.

The Spirit can work in cyberspace in the 21st century just as effectively as in a courtyard in Jerusalem full of strangers in the first century. What the Spirit needs is willing disciples to tell the story and welcome those who seek. We need to remember that before we are stewards of church buildings or church budgets, we are stewards of a story, of grace, of hope. There are people out there in the streets of our cities and towns waiting to hear it. How can your church work to share the good news in languages that may be outside your familiar comfort zone?

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