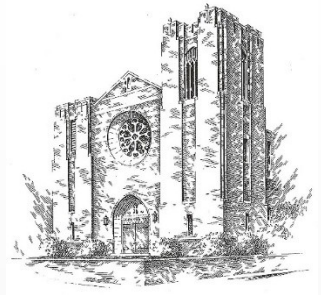


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



March 2011

The past few days of warmer weather and the lengthening of daylight lures us into believing that Spring is upon us. In fact my crocuses are blooming and the daffodils and tulips are popping up---and it's still February! But I suspect that a bit of winter will still be with us since Easter comes much later this year.

The month of March will welcome in the beginning of Lent, a special season of hope and transformation. Lent is a deepening time – a time for all of us to slow down and get in touch with what is most important in our lives and in our relationship with God. It is a time to prepare for Easter and all that Easter means---the new life, new hope, new vision that comes to us through Jesus.

We begin the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday as we receive ashes upon our foreheads.

Ashes are used to fertilize the earth for the planting of new seeds. In this way they are a symbol of hope and new life unfolding out of old. Ashes are a symbol that says, "We are sad about sin, and we are sorry for our part in it. We will do what we can to become a part of God's great healing. The words from Psalm 51 come to mind..."*create in me a clean heart oh God and renew a right spirit within me...*"

The Labyrinth will be placed in the Fellowship Hall and will be available for people to walk from Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday April 3. Walking the labyrinth is a kind of body prayer that quiets the chattering of the mind so that the spirit can be more receptive. It is a tool for meditation and reflection which you walk at your own pace. This sacred path winds around and doubles back on itself becoming a mirror for where we are in our lives; it touches our sorrows and releases our joys. Walk it with an open mind and an open heart, ready to receive whatever the Spirit has for you.

Several special Sunday Morning worship services during Lent have been planned. There will be a Lenten Candle-lighting Liturgy on the six successive Sundays of Lent. This is a ritual of gathering light to symbolize the growing momentum of Jesus' ministry and the unfolding hope of God's purposes. As more candles are lit with each progressive Sunday, we will be thankful for the path that Jesus walked, the choices he made, and the many blessings that we continue to receive through him.

Upon invitation of the Worship Committee, Lisa Nelson and Walter Hoffman have consented to share a 'Faith Journey' Sermon during two of our Lenten worship services and the Choir will share a short cantata on Palm Sunday, followed by our walk to the court house square to join other congregations in the traditional Palm Sunday gathering.

Holy Communion will be observed on the first Sunday in April and also on Maundy Thursday. The Maundy Thursday service, held in the Fellowship Hall, will include scripture readings that provide glimpses of Jesus' life among us; the events that transpired in the upper room, and the betrayal, desertion and denial leading up to his death. Candles will be extinguished at the end of each reading and the Christ Candle will be taken out at the end of the Service, to be processed into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the Easter Sunday Worship Service.

A "Soulful" Lenten Season awaits us. May we prepare ourselves to receive the Resurrected Christ. Come, journey with us.

June Grubb, Consistory President

Consistory Highlights—January 2011

Financial Report:

Harriette Murphy, Treasurer reported the average weekly offering for the month of January was \$3,813. Harriette reminded members that we should be mindful of the need to meet the church budget and that funds designated toward benevolences should go through the church treasurer.

BOARD REPORTS:

Board of Christian Education: Report submitted by chairperson, Calvin Odom and read by Glenyce Fulton:

- ◆ Two new rotations for Roads to God, Joseph—started January 9, and Easter: Peter's Story, to start on March 6.
- ◆ Children and parents met on January 30 to assemble a dry soup mix-in-a-jar. They delivered to our shut-ins.
- ◆ Funds were collected for the "souper bowl of caring" on February 6.
- ◆ The children's Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 16.
- ◆ The Blowing Rock Conference Center Church Retreat is scheduled for June 3-5.
- ◆ The church picnic is scheduled for June 12 at Finch Park
- ◆ The Board is reviewing materials for Lent and Vacation Bible School



Congregational Life: Chairperson, Ron Hutcheson reported:

- ◆ Ron shared 2 thank you notes received from Dawn Shaak and the Pastoral Search Committee expressing thanks for the reception and luncheon for Reverend Robin Keating.
- ◆ Ron thanked the following for their assistance with the reception and luncheon for Reverend Keating: Betty Link, Glenyce Fulton, Mike Price, Carolyn Spivey, Lynn Brown, Sauni Johnson, Janette Neal, Harriette Murphy, June Grubb, Rita Lohr, Nicole Smith, and Brian McKerlie.
- ◆ Church homecoming is scheduled for November and Ron is seeking suggestions for planning a special event.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship:

Finance Committee: No Report

Property Committee: Chairperson, Mike Brown reported:

- ◆ Central Services installed a new Heat Pump in the Chamber of Commerce Building at a cost of \$5,200
- ◆ The Property Committee is getting quotes on office renovations

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

- ◆ The Board has met with subcommittee chairpersons and is working on revisions of Board of Worship and Sacrament responsibilities in the Church Operating Manual
- ◆ The Board will meet February 8 to discuss Lenten activities and special services.

Board of Community Outreach: Chairperson, Edgar Miller reported:

- ◆ Thanks to J.W. Bates for his willingness to staff the Homeless Shelter in January
- ◆ Intent is for Lynn Klopp to have an organizational meeting for Touching Davidson County With Love prior to the March Consistory Meeting.
- ◆ There are still some conflicts in trying to find a site for the community garden, but the committee is diligently working.

Evangelism Board: Co-Chairperson, Janette Neal reported:

- ◆ Average attendance for the month of January was 143. With the death of Barbara Schaeffer, our membership is 318.
- ◆ The Stephen Ministry is continuing their training sessions once a week.
- ◆ Clifton Murphy and committee members are collecting pictures for our new church directory.



Dear Ladies,

Your kind gift of the beautiful prayer shawl brought my sister Amy to tears. What a wonderful ministry! Thank you all so much and you will be hearing from my sister soon. *Ann Hardy*

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

I greatly appreciate the beautiful shawl I received from your ministry. The hands that made this beautiful, soft and loving shawl have a great gift from God. Thank you for your love and support. *Love, Betty Barr*

Note: This card was received right before Barbara Schaeffer's death. December 15, 2010

Dear Aurelia,

I arrived at St. Martin's just after your package so I immediately opened it for mom. Please know our sincere appreciation for your prayers and concern and in making and sending such a beautiful prayer shawl. It adorns mother's bed. I know you were the "messenger" for this so please extend our thanks to those who do this ministry at FRUCC. *Sincerely, Stephen (for all the Schaeffers)*

FRUCC Trustees and Congregation,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. You all have been so giving these past years I have been in college, and I can never quite find the words to say that can express my deep gratitude. I regret that I am not able to visit much anymore, but I continue to keep everyone in my thoughts and prayers. *Sincerely, Allyson P. Frick*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, cards and especially your prayers during my recent trip to the hospital.

Sincerely, Gladys Snider

A huge thank you to all those who attended the Johns River Camp preview. "Curly" Stumb gave an overview of the camp with pictures of camping activities and campers. A special thanks to former campers who shared their memories and experiences: Beth Callicutt, Craig Coe, Lee Jessup, Peyton Barr, and Jordan McCarn.

Please support our fund raisers to help with the cost of interested campers. Thanks again, *Nancy Robbins*



Reverend Robin Keating will begin his ministry with First Reformed United Church of Christ **May 1, 2011**. He and his wife Trudy are looking forward to their move to our church and community.

Women's Life Fellowship



Women's Life Fellowship met on Tuesday, February 15. Anne Bevan and Lena Johnson provided delicious refreshments.

Treasurer, Belinda Yates reported that the group made a profit of \$900 from the vegetable soup lunch and sale held on Sunday, February 6. Funds made will be used for mission projects.

Women's Life will be serving the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on Monday, March 14th. We discussed our menu and individuals volunteered to donate items needed.

The Baked Potato and Salad Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, March 6th was discussed. Betty Barr is heading this project. Ladies of our group will be assisting by donating items and helping prepare and serve the meal. First Reformed UCC will pay one-half of the cost for each child in our church who wants to attend Johns River Valley Camp this summer. Funds raised from the baked potato and salad lunch will be used as Johns River Camp scholarship money.

We are serving the evening meal at the Homeless Shelter on **Monday, March 14th** and will return to the church for our meeting. **Special guest speaker, Donna Smith** will give a program on Prayer Journaling. 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*.



Welcome
OUR GUEST SPEAKER

We want to extend a special invitation to ALL women of the church.

Morning Glory Circle

Gladys Snider

The Morning Glory Circle met Wednesday, February 2nd with nine members present.

Mary Berrier read an article on "Love". There was a long discussion about the recent Hallmark movie "The Last Valentine".

The president thanked those who were able to assist with the meal for the homeless shelter in January. Because of the weather conditions plans had to be adjusted.

With the huge turnout for lunch after worship recently, we discussed the possibility of purchasing additional new chairs for the fellowship hall. The circle voted to purchase two more chairs.

Mary Berrier stated that volunteers are needed to work at Pastor's Pantry.

We were informed that Mary Crouse will have surgery on February 21. Our prayers will be with her.

The circle voted to donate a memorial to the First Reformed UCC Music Fund in loving memory of Barbara Schaeffer.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 2. All ladies of the church are welcome.

The Men's Brotherhood met on Thursday, February 17th in the fellowship hall. Our meal was provided by Mike Brown, John Potts, and Mike Price. The commitment of these men to have a meal each month has been wonderful. Our only problem is that sometimes we have more food than people. Plan to make your attendance at brotherhood meetings a priority.

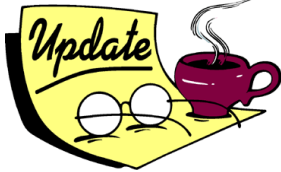
MEN'S BROTHERHOOD



Thank you to Frank Westmoreland for our program on the stars.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th {St. Patrick's Day} at 6:00 pm. A meal will be provided. We hope to see you here.

Seniors'



United Friendship Club

The February meeting of the United Friendship Club enjoyed a delicious covered dish luncheon. Mary Berrier provided devotions based on the theme of Love. The Davidson County Seniors Community Chorus provided an enjoyable and entertaining program of music.

For the March 23rd meeting, members will attend the Community noon day Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church. Following the service we will share lunch with the attending worshipers in the church fellowship hall.

Stephen Ministry Update

By: John Barber

Our Stephen Ministry trainees have now completed 22.5 hours of the 50 hour training program required to become a commissioned Stephen Minister. I will assure you that all of them would tell you the training is interesting and fun.

During March, Reverend Banks Shepherd will lead a class on "Confidentiality." John Barber will follow that with "Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There". Dr. Lee Jessup will finish out the month with "Using Mental Health Resources and Other Community Resources".

If we don't experience any more delays, the training will be completed June 6, 2011.

Please continue your support of this wonderful program that will benefit our church family and our community.

Thank you for all you have done for us in the past!!

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.

Baked Potato and Salad Lunch

Sunday, March 6, 2011



First Reformed UCC will pay ½ of the cost for each child in our church who wants to attend Johns River Valley Camp. To help raise funds we will have a baked potato and tossed salad luncheon on Sunday, March 6th. Betty Barr is heading the committee for the luncheon. To assist us with planning for this event, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you would like to make a donation for the luncheon or the cost of the camp, please make your check payable to First Reformed UCC with "Johns River" written on the memo line and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

LUNCH RESERVATION

Reservations should be made by Tuesday, March 1st. Please fill out the reservation form and drop in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. Donations for the meal will be accepted at the door.

Name _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____



POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Are you a visitor and wondering what the UCC is? Have you been visiting for a few weeks, like the service and the people of this church, but still are unclear about our theology? Are you unclear about the difference between the Reformed churches and the other denominations? If so, you might be interested in a new class that the Board of Evangelism is starting. It is a Potential New Member class that will be taught during Church School for a couple of Sundays. The Board thanks the Reverend June Grubb, a retired UCC minister, and the President of First Reformed UCC's Consistory for leading these classes. The first classes will be held on February 27th and March 6th at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor of the Education Building. If you are interested in these classes, please mark your calendar and plan to join June for these informative sessions. We are thankful that you have chosen to visit our church and pray that with these classes you will decide to join our church family



Blowing Rock Church Family Retreat

The *third annual* Blowing Rock Conference Center Church Family Retreat is coming up! There are twenty rooms reserved and four cabins available on a first come first serve basis for **Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5**. Wouldn't it be great to need more rooms? This is a wonderful get-away and a relaxing way to spend a spring weekend. We hope all of those who attended last year will go again and that many of you will consider joining us.



This is a great opportunity to get to know our church members better. There are many fun activities planned for adults, children, and both groups combined. The retreat usually ends with an outdoor sermon by the minister. What a peaceful way to end a great weekend!

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

Meals provided for the weekend include:

Dinner: Friday and Saturday; Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday; Lunch: Saturday

A deposit of \$85.00 per couple and \$50.00 per individual is due by Sunday, March 27th. Checks can be made payable to FRUCC 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 money is an issue, please see Amy. We will make it happen! If you have any questions or need more information, contact Amy McNeill.

Christian Education

Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education

Do you have spring fever? I do and it is still several weeks until spring officially arrives. Our church groups seem to have the fever too. It seems like every group is suddenly active and making plans.

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors



Roads to God is about to finish the unit on Joseph. On Sunday, March 6th, the children will present some musical activities for the Children's Moment in the worship service. They will sing "God Had a Plan for Joseph" and do a rhythm activity with their handmade shaker bottles. Miss Nancy's Two By Two class will also sing a song they have learned.

The children in Roads to God and Two By Two ended their mission project last month. They donated money to the Heifer Project to purchase a trio of bunny rabbits. This gift will benefit many families as new rabbits are born and passed on to other families. The children have adopted One Great Hour of Sharing as their new mission project. Each day of the week, the children are challenged to deposit a dime or a quarter in the "apple box" for something they ate or did that day. On One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, April 3rd, the children will bring their boxes to the altar. Please help your children to keep up with the activities on the calendar.



The New Way class will begin a Bible study of Psalms soon. We have five class members who have volunteered to lead different sessions of the study: John Barber, Rich Johnson, Lisa Nelson, Doug Sink, and Eddie Yates. If you are not attending Sunday school and would like to participate in the Bible study, you are welcome to join us later this month.



Kids' Club and Children's Church are very involved with the study of The Armor of God and finishing the Fruit of the Spirit. These lessons have really helped the children to understand what living a Christian life is all about. I am very grateful to all of the people who have volunteered to lead these sessions. I am looking for more people to help out as leaders. If you are interested, please let me know. It is only a one Sunday commitment once or twice a year.

Don't forget our "Send A Kid to Camp" luncheon on March 6th. We will have baked potatoes and salad along with homemade desserts. All proceeds will go towards camp scholarships for the children interested in going to Johns River. FRUCC has traditionally donated one half of the cost for our campers. There are around ten children who have expressed an interest in attending camp. Please sign up and donate generously!



The Lenten season is almost here. Please try to attend the Ash Wednesday service on March 9th. This is always a very impressive service that begins our 40 days of Lent. Lent is a time for meditation, prayer, and spiritual renewal that helps us to prepare for the celebration of Easter. I hope that the C. S. Lewis and Henri Nouwen Lenten booklets will guide us in meditation during this time.

Let's not forget to thank God for His abundant blessings in our lives!

Kids' Club



Kids' Club met on Sunday, February 13th to study another lesson on the Armor of God. Amy McNeill was the leader. Children learned about the shield of faith. David's "shield" was trusting that God would protect him when he fought the giant. Faith is knowing and trusting God. We learn to know God by reading and studying the Bible and praying. We learn to trust God when we go through hard times and we realize that God is with us through the bad times and the good times. Children began making their own shield of faith and it will be completed on March 6th. The next Armor of God lesson will be on Sunday, March 13th. Children will learn about the helmet of salvation.

Kids' Club met on Sunday, February 20 during church service. Our project is top secret because it has to do with the arrival of Rev. Keating. We don't want to ruin the surprise in case he is reading this!

Many thanks to Katarina Strenk for her assistance during this special meeting.

Alice and James Gray

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

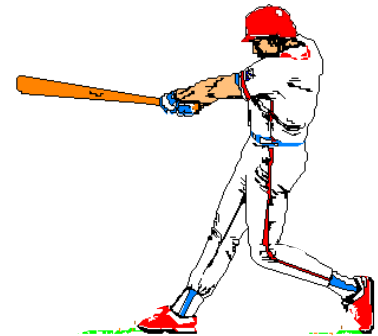
What: Winston Salem Dash Baseball Game

When: Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Tell: Cathy at DCE@frucc.org if you want to go or call the church office at 248-2617

Cost: \$9.00 – ticket, ball cap, program

Due Date: Reservation and money is due by April 17 (checks to FRUCC)



Perfect Attendance!



**Sunday School
February 2011**

Nancy Robbins

Marguerite Leonard

Wanda Daye

Katherine Skipper

Adena Wall

Earlie Hartley

Don Leonard

Cliff Lopp

John Potts

Jeff Hutchens

Clifford Lopp

Paula Lopp

Camille Morgan

Harriette Murphy

Cathy Waitman

Holt Biesecker

February Memorials

ELMER MORGAN

Katherine Skipper
Don Leonard
Roy and Anne Bevan
Men's Bible Class
Betty and J.W. Bates
VFW Post 3074
Doris Frye
Nancy Robbins

Henry and Juanita Beck
Frank C. Leonard, Jr.
Marguerite Leonard
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Marzell Crotts
Jean Sherron and Family
James and Annette Morton
Camille Morgan

Merle and Jerry Hodges
Gladys Snider
John and Vicky Gray
Men's Brotherhood
Wanda Daye
Elizabeth Sink
Pattie Everhart

BARBARA SCHAEFFER

Frank C. Leonard, Jr.
Marilyn Lohr
Betty and J.W. Bates
Morning Glory Circle

ARLENE SWING

Katherine Skipper
Henry and Juanita Beck
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Don Leonard
John and Vicky Gray

JACQUELINE LEONARD

Betty and J.W. Bates

CARMEN REVELLE

{Mary Berrier's Niece}
Betty and J.W. Bates

COLLEEN CURRY

{Betty Link's Sister}
Betty and J.W. Bates

JAMES HUDSON

{John Hudson's Brother}
Frank C. Leonard, Jr.

BILLY SMITH

{Betty Bates' Brother}
Frank C. Leonard, Jr.
Gladys Snider
Henry and Juanita Beck
Camille Morgan

MARY RHODES

Betty and J.W. Bates



February Honorariums

MARY CROUSE

Heart Sister

LIB SINK

Heart Sister

PEGGY BATES

Heart Sister

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Nancy Robbins

KALYSSA HUTCHENS 10th Birthday

Nancy Robbins

TWO BY TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Nancy Robbins

WANDA DAYE

Heart Sister

JOHN BARBER

New Way SS Class

GLADYS SNIDER

Heart Sister

MARY BERRIER

Heart Sister

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



As you may recall, in early December this congregation had a blessing ceremony for 28 prayer shawls. Twenty-two were distributed to our shut-in members during the Christmas holidays and several have been taken to individuals since then. The ladies that do the crocheting and knitting of the shawls have been hard at work. Since the beginning of this ministry, these ladies have been meeting on the fourth Tuesday night of the month and working independently on making more shawls. If there are some of you who are unable to meet at night and would like to participate, we have established a morning class that will begin meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the parlor. If you have questions, Katherine Skipper (248-6259) is the morning coordinator and Mary Jo Jessup (236-9416) is leading the night sessions.

The shawls are not for just our shut-in members, but anyone in the congregation, a family member, a friend, a co-worker, or someone in our community who is ill or having a hard time - anyone who needs a little extra love from you and the members of this congregation. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone, please contact the church office at 248-2617.

NOTE: We will have a second "Blessing of Prayer Shawls" on Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Stewardship Message

Lenten Self-examination

"Yet even now, says the Lord." Joel 2:12

Traditionally in the season of Lent we are called to self-examination. We're called to look at our lives, to remember the words we wish we had not said or the actions we regret doing, or *not* doing. We're invited to take a deep, honest look at ourselves, to try to see our lives as God sees them, and to understand we are being held accountable for how we spend this one life we are given. The point of this is not to then wallow in how awful we are or to despair in our weakness. The point is to repent, to turn around and to renew our dedication to our baptismal vows. As the prophet Joel said to Israel, God is ready and waiting to work beside and inside you. God is ready to empower you to do great things!

What if we understood Lenten self-examination to apply to congregations as well as individuals? What might we discover in our churches if we spent six weeks examining how we are living into God's call to us as a community of faith? Some churches might despair in their lack of resources or people or energy, but the point is not to wallow in the "ain't it awfuls!" The point is to invite God in all over again and discover what new thing God might do in you as a congregation. "Yet even now," God is waiting!

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

March 2011

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



God is still speaking

MARCH STEWARDS

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

Captain: Steve Smith

Ushers: Deanna Michael, Amy McNeill, Vicky Gray and Ted Smith

Plate Attendant: Roy Bevan

Acolytes: Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens and Griff Smith

Sound Tech: Calvin Odom


Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - Willing Workers Sunday School Class (*SECOND WEEK*)

Social: Host/Hostess: Myra Thompson and Betty and Larry Link

Greeters:	March 6, 2011	J.W. and Betty Bates
	March 13, 2011	John and Jo Hudson
	March 20, 2011	Bill and Cheryl Walser
	March 27, 2011	Henry and Kay Crouse

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY

Nursery:	March 6, 2011	Belinda and Eddie Yates
	March 13, 2011	Nicole and Mark Smith
	March 20, 2011	Raeann and Brad Biesecker
	March 27, 2011	Anne Fletcher, Laura and Katarina



Since we will have the Baked Potato and Salad Lunch on the first Sunday of March, the Sunday School Social has been moved to the **second Sunday, March 13th**.



Remember (*Alston Brook*) Betty Potts, Mary Crouse (*temporary rehabilitation*)
Prayer (*Piedmont Crossing*) Henry & Ernestine Kennedy, Frances Leonard, Rita Tussey

Callie Kepley, Holton Davis, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Henry and Juanita Beck, Willie Ruth Leonard, Giles Crowell, Micki Smith, 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...

- ◆ The family of **Elmer Morgan**, our faithful member and friend.
- ◆ Jim Swing, Denise and Ronnie Durham, Linda Burkhart, and Courtney Grimsley upon the death of their loved one and our friend, **Arlene Swing**.



On **Wednesday, March 9th** at 7 p.m. there will be an **IMPOSITION OF ASHES SERVICE** held in the Chapel. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The service will offer a time to lift up our hearts in confession and enter into the season of self-denial.



COMMUNITY



LENTEN SERVICES

The Community Lenten Services, sponsored by the Greater Lexington Area Ministerial Association will begin on Wednesday, March 9th and continue consecutive Wednesdays through April 13. The service begins at noon followed by a meal for attendees. The cost of lunch is \$6.00 per person.

The Prayer Labyrinth will be laid out in our fellowship hall from **Wednesday, March 30 through Sunday April 3**. This is a great tool for meditation and reflection.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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