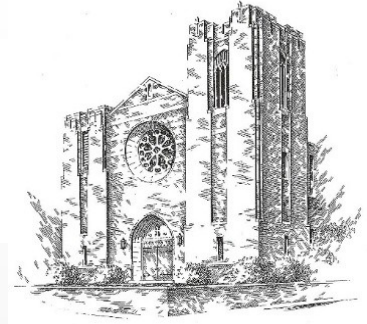


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



October 2011



The Christian community revolves around Christ and his teachings. With Christ at the center the community defines itself through its relationships to the margins. This definition occurs through Christ's own proclaimed mission to the marginalized of his time. Christ's action for the downtrodden, the powerless, and the oppressed leads the Christian community to an alternative in lifestyle. The Christian community, professing faith and trust in Christ, accepts this alternative and in the process raises up the fallen, empowers the powerless and releases the captive. The community, thus, interacts with the margins, broadening their relationships.

Through defining itself by its relationships to the margins, Christian community needs to examine its existent boundaries. This examination must deeply question who is being excluded from community and why. This analysis of communal exclusion points the way towards inclusion, actively participating in Christ's alternative community. Consequently, we have the emphasis of inclusivity found in many of our Christian communities today. Here lays our challenge to embrace Christ, ourselves, and the "stranger" with one motion through the inclusion of our marginal persons.

The identity of the "stranger", addressed through issues of inclusivity, encompasses all elements within and without our society. Women, commonly associated with the theme of inclusivity, exist on the margins with children, minorities, the poor, the ill, the aged, the physically disabled, the homeless and the mentally disabled. Compounding the challenge of inclusivity, often times these marginal individuals belong to more than one of the above groups. Until our communities dismantle the barriers, physically and abstractly, and invite partnership, the "stranger" exists apart from us. Often fear of the unknown or vulnerability inhibits extending the invitation. When acknowledging our vulnerability, then surrendering to it, we open the way for the "stranger" to participate with us. The "stranger's" acceptance and participation leads to a mutual offering and receiving the gifts we bring each other. This participation requires active interaction on the part of the helpers and those helped. Then, a transformation occurs. The helper becomes helped and Christ enters into the event. The event, itself, transforms into celebration. As on the road to Emmaus, Christ embodies the "stranger" unrecognized, yet welcomed in this miracle of inclusion.

Christ's miracles continue working within the Christian community as removal of existent barriers occurs. Christ must exist at the center, as a model, while the community develops their relationships to the margins – Christ's margins. The transformation changes the entire structure and composition of the community. The miracle and the transformation encompass Christ at the center, while he enters community hand-in-hand with the "stranger". The community's surrender to vulnerability and fear is essential to allow Christ and the "stranger" to enter in such a manner. The "stranger" joins Christ. The margins unite with Christ. The boundaries collapse into the center, creating a community. A community which most certainly asks, "Have I told you today that I love you?"

Your RunnRev, Robin

Consistory Highlights—September 2011

Financial Report: Harriette Murphy, Treasurer reported the average weekly offering for the month of August was \$3,315. The budget shortfall at the end of August was approximately \$24,000.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Keating stated that he would use the discretionary money cautiously in hopes it will last through the end of the year.

On September 22 he will start the 8-week course on Practicing Spirituality for the Congregation and Community.

Board of Christian Education: Submitted by Board Chair Calvin Odom.

The board reviewed Advent materials, booklets, activities and crafts. Also discussed various Sunday school classes, Kids' Club and Children's Church.

Youth will attend the Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch Saturday, October 8. The annual Chili Cook-off and Advent Workshop is scheduled for November 28. The Christmas play will be "Santa's Christmas Tree". Practice begins on Wednesday, September 28.

Congregational Life: Chairperson, Ron Hutcheson thanked Thomas and Sauni Johnson and Raeann Biesecker for hosting the September social. A meal will be served at the Congregational Meeting October 9.

Board of Business Management and Stewardship:

Finance Committee: Chairpersons, John Smith and Doug Sink reported that the committee met and designated individuals to head recruitment of participants in all areas for the Mystery Dinner Theatre.

The 2012 budget proposal was distributed to consistory members to review and discuss. The Consistory approved the proposed budget and it will now be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting Sunday, October 9.

Property Committee: Chairperson, Mike Brown stated that the Chamber has sublet office space to a Family Advisor for \$425 per month. Therefore the Chamber increased the rent payment to the church. Mike thanked J.W. Bates and John Potts for their assistance in preparing the pork loins for the Rally Day luncheon.

Board of Worship and Sacrament: Report submitted by Chairpersons, Rita Lohr and Carolyn Spivey.

The board met with the Music committee and Pastoral Relations committee to discuss possible changes in the worship service. Topics discussed and approved included: playing recorded music in the sanctuary prior to the prelude, minor changes in the order of the worship service with emphasis on more congregational participation, and the use of lay liturgists for scripture readings. The board will contact members who have expressed an interest in participating as a liturgist. The members will be confirmed with plans to begin in October.

Board of Community Outreach: Report submitted by Chairperson, Edgar Miller.

- ◆ The Community Garden received memorial donations given in memory of Frances Coates Leonard (per family request).
- ◆ Instead of participating with Uptown Lexington food drop-off, the committee recommended that we participate in the UCC Mission One food drive in November.
- ◆ Kathleen Danze to coordinate Grace Episcopal Homeless Luncheon volunteers for the Sunday lunches in November.
- ◆ Alternative Gift program will be available again this year to support benevolences.
- ◆ The Crop Walk is scheduled for November 6. Adena Wall to coordinate with Katarina Strenk assisting as a youth representative.

Evangelism Board: Co-Chairperson, Janette Neal reported that the committee had been approached in reference to forming a committee to work with families who have chosen cremation and prefer not to use the services of a funeral home. A committee will be formed to work on a notebook of instructions. Once the notebook is completed this information will be kept in the church office.

Nominating Committee: Chairperson Sylvia Walser stated that the committee will meet and have a slate of nominees available for the next Consistory meeting.

Old Business: Discussed goals and short/long term plans from the retreat.

New Business: Consistory approved Barbara Sink and Eulene Shepherd to attend as lay delegates to the annual WNCA meeting.

The next meeting of the consistory will be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 9th immediately following the Congregational lunch.

CONSISTORY

By: June Grubb, Consistory President

O On Sunday, October 9th there will be a Congregational Meeting following the morning worship service, beginning with lunch in the Fellowship Hall, where the 2012 Proposed Church Budget will be presented by the Finance Committee. The Consistory members voted at its September meeting to recommend this budget, which includes some modest increases. Please plan to attend this important meeting and add your endorsement by accepting the challenge that is being presented to our congregation as we continue to provide ministry and mission in our community and beyond our church.

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R Several members of consistory are also revamping the “Time and Talent” questionnaire in hopes of looking forward rather than backward at the way we volunteer for our various Boards and Committees. This year we will be asking you to consider what areas of our ministry and mission each of you would be willing to volunteer your time and talents in the year 2012. We often hear the phrase “once you are on a committee you never can get off of it” or “I wasn’t asked to serve on the Board or Committee which has my name attached!” So, for this year we will be asking you to fill out the time and talent questionnaire for only the ministries in which you really want to serve in 2012. No more automatic assignments!

To help you prayerfully consider an area of ministry and mission in which you are willing to serve, the Chairpersons of our Boards will be making a brief presentation at the congregational meeting. Those Boards include: Church Administration, Worship and Sacraments, Evangelism, Christian Education, Community Outreach and Service, and Congregational Life. It is good to have some folk continue on some Boards in which they enjoy serving, but it is equally good to have new folk volunteering their time and talents. In November, when we present our pledges we will also ask for you to offer up your time and talents for the mission and ministry of our church.

One of the new educational/spiritual growth opportunities that will begin in January is the sharing of a “Faith Journey” by members of our congregation during the first Sunday of the month Church School hour. First Sunday’s have traditionally had all the Adult Classes meeting together in the Chapel during the Church School hour. The various Adult classes have been responsible for the lesson during a given month. The adult classes will continue to offer the opening hymn during this time, but various members of the congregation will be asked to share their own faith/spiritual journey. As you recall during Lent we heard from Walter Hoffman and Lisa Nelson at two of our morning worship services. The Board of Christian Education has adopted this spiritual growth opportunity as a part of our Sunday Church School program. I have been asked to coordinate this new learning opportunity.

So, if you are invited to share your own faith journey, I hope that you will say YES! And take this opportunity to share with others about your faith and the experience of God in your life. You never know how your own struggles and experiences may inspire and help others on their path of faith.

Women's Life Fellowship

Women's Life met on Tuesday, September 20th. Paula Lopp shared devotions and Beth Callicutt provided delicious refreshments.

A signup sheet was passed for members to choose to serve on the Programs/Community Service Committee, Celebrations Committee, or Fund Raising Committee for this year.

We discussed items needed for the Oktoberfest and several members volunteered to provide German Chocolate Cakes or Hot German Potato Salad.

We were reminded that we will be providing layered salads and twice baked potato casseroles for the Mystery Dinner Theater on October 29. We will signup for those at our October meeting.

Women's Life will be joining with Trudy to sell Christmas Cards. Profit from this project will assist with mission projects.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th. All ladies of the church are welcome!



Thank you to all who have donated funds for the purchase of yarn for the prayer shawls.

If you know of someone (doesn't have to be a church member) who would benefit by receiving a prayer shawl, please contact the church office at 248-2617.

A **NEW MEMBER CLASS** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Reformed UCC please contact the church office at 248-2617.



Men's Brotherhood

The Men's Brotherhood will meet on **Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. The evening meal will be provided by Mike Brown and crew. Come with fresh ideas as we make plans for the upcoming year. Also, new officers will be elected.

All men (all ages) are invited and welcome. We hope this new night works out for everybody.

United Friendship Club

A very informative discussion on the PACE program of the United Church Homes and Services was presented by Aimee Reimann. This new program will be housed in the old Winn-Dixie building which was recently purchased by the United Church Homes and Services of the United Church of Christ. More information will be shared as this program develops.

At our October 26th meeting of the United Friendship Club Cyndi Burns will be presenting the program as she reflects on her recent (September) trip to Israel. It has been a lifelong dream of Cyndi's to visit the Holy Lands, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, by the Sea of Galilee, to visit the Mount of Olives and other important places that trace our Jewish/Christian roots. Come join us on this great journey with Cyndi.

Devotions will be presented by June Grubb. The members of the food and decoration committee for October include Maxine Lohr, Lib Sink, Lib Hinkle and Peggy Bates.

Morning Glory Circle

Morning Glory Circle met in the church parlor on September 8, 2011. Gladys Snider opened the meeting with a reading from Thought For The Day which was about Joy.

The circle voted unanimously to change the meeting schedule and not meet in the months of July and August.

Wanda Daye presented a program beginning with a reading "A Morning Blessing". She read an article entitled "It's In the Bible-MMM-No It's Not" by Norris Burke, a Syndicated Columnist and Speaker and also author of a book titled No Small Miracles.



1ST ANNUAL GERMANFEST

PRESENTED BY
 THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM
**FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF
 CHRIST**

104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU INCLUDES:

- Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad,
 Marinated Vegetables, Bread, Dessert,
 Tea, Water & Coffee \$10.00
- Hot Dog, Drink & Dessert \$3.00
- Hot Dog only \$1.00

GERMAN MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

Corner Café Dinner Theatre

PRESENTED BY
 THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FIRST REFORMED UCC
 104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011

6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU INCLUDES:

- Choice Rib Eye, Salad, Twice Baked Potato Casserole,
 Spiced Apple Rings, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

"I Wed
 Three
 Wives"



COME ENJOY A HILARIOUS MYSTERY DINNER SHOWCASING SOME OF THE GREAT TALENT OF FIRST REFORMED UCC MEMBERS. TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. COMPETE WITH OTHER TABLES TO SEE WHO CAN WIN THE EVENING'S PRIZE.

\$30.00 TICKETS INCLUDE DINNER AND THE PLAY

FUNDS RAISED WILL ASSIST WITH BENEVOLENT PAYMENTS





CHURCH HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Mark your calendar for the annual church homecoming Sunday, November 6, 2011.

This year we will celebrate during the worship service by honoring the oldest woman present, oldest man present, and youngest child present. Also, this is the Sunday we

will have a Memorial Service for those of our congregation who have died in the past year.

The Board of Congregational Life is sponsoring a **covered dish lunch**. Plan to bring a favorite dish to share with family and friends as we enjoy lunch together immediately following the worship service. (**NOTE:** Members of Women's Life Fellowship will be in the kitchen before and after Sunday school to assist those who need to put food in the refrigerator.)

Everyone please invite former members to come be a part of this time of fellowship.

Spiritual Practices Study Group

In the coming weeks (September 22 through November 10) on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Reverend Keating is offering opportunities to explore the Spiritual Practices that have come down to us through the Church Fathers of the Early Christian Church. These are old ways to encounter Scripture that for many have fallen out of practice which, when resurrected in our lives, will add depth and meaning to our lives and our search for God. We will explore briefly the history and theology of each practice, but more importantly focus on how the particular practice is done.



Spiritual Practices

Christian Education

Cathy Waitman, Director of Christian Education

Our new Sunday school year started with Rally Day on September 11th. There were lots of children and adults present for the Keeping Sabbath program. The Roads to God and Two By Two children set up a worship center and the new Grapplers class presented an interview with Jesus about working on the Sabbath. Some of the children were promoted to new classes and received bookmarks, Bibles, or New Testaments along with certificates.

The Grapplers were able to begin their new class with three laptop computers donated by Women's Life Fellowship. We would like to thank the ladies for their generous donation from the Rally Day luncheon and for preparing the food and the fellowship hall for the meal. Thanks also to all of the church members who donated for the cost of the meal. The teachers who have volunteered for this class are: Anne Bevan, Dave Fulton, Ann & Walter Hoffman, Robin & Trudy, Lynn Klopp, Aurelia Smith, and Sylvia Walser. The Tweens are really excited about their new program and the computer access here at church.



The Hats Off for Cancer Project in honor of all of our Sunday school teachers was also successful. We collected 81 caps which will be taken to Brenner Children's Hospital this week for the children who have lost their hair due to chemo. A wide variety of sizes, colors, and kinds of hats were donated. Thank you to all of the people who participated in donating caps and to the Grapplers for labeling the caps and putting them in the bags.

On November 13th, the Roads to God children will present their reflection lesson for Keeping Sabbath to all of the Sunday school classes. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to see what the children have learned in their rotation classes.



Keeping Sabbath



Coming up October 8th, we will visit the Corn Maze and Pumpkin Farm at High Rock Nursery at 1:00. You can meet at the church at 12:30 or at the maze at 1:00. The price is \$10.00 for adults. Kids' Club will cover the cost for the children. Come walk the maze, ride the hay wagon, and sample the apple cider made from a press. Each person will receive a small pumpkin that can be donated to Kids' Club to be decorated for the shut-ins.

Children's Christmas play practice started on Sept. 28th. Every Wednesday night (except 11/23), we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. The play, "Santa's Christmas Tree," will feature story book characters as well as the traditional manger scene. As an added bonus, we will have five little "candles" presenting an action rhyme called "Birthday Candles."



Christmas Play Practice

Keep in mind that December is just around the corner. There will be lots of activities for you to attend and enjoy. The third annual Chili



Cook-off and the Advent workshop will be November 28th. If you want to enter the Chili Cook-off, email Cathy or call the office. We will be making nostalgia door wreaths in the workshop this year. Gather all of your old, unused ornaments and little decorations to make new wreaths. We had a great time last year making the Gingerbread Village, so come to the workshop for another night of delicious chili, and lots of

fun and fellowship.

Please check out the Help Wanted Bulletin Board in the hall outside Paula's office. Also, go to the church Face Book page to talk about the community garden. We would like your comments to help the garden effort grow even bigger next year. If you have another topic you would like to discuss, email me and I'll try to get it on the page as well. Not many people are using the Face Book page and I would like for it to be a more interactive site for discussion and information.



Let's not forget the blessings God has given us individually and as a church family. Thank Him daily for his gracious goodness and for His love and peace. And as always, invite your family, friends, and neighbors to Sunday school and church.

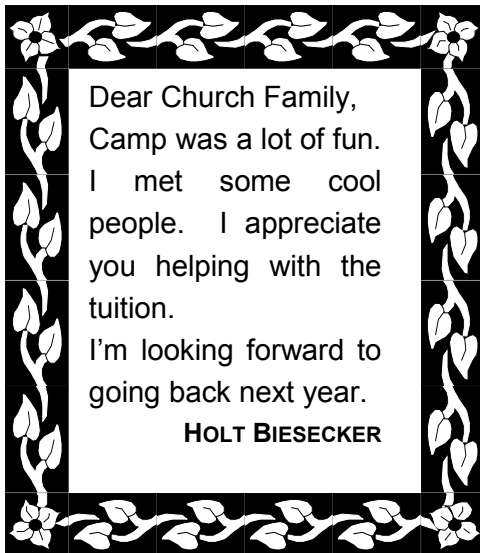
Sunday School Perfect Attendance — September 2011

Emory Smith	Nancy Robbins	Sarah Johnson	Jaedyn Keel	Haylee Hutcheson
Abigail Johnson	Molly Keel	Elliott Smith	Holt Biesecker	Emma Keel
Katie Keel	Wanda Daye	Lib Sink	J.W. Bates	Earlie Hartley
John Potts	Robin Keating	Camille Morgan	Harriette Murphy	Lena Johnson
Rich Johnson	Shery Keel	Chris Keel		

CONGRATULATIONS NANCY!

AT THE 50TH REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1961, MEMBERS OF THE CLASS BECAME THE FIRST INDUCTEES INTO THE BLACK AND GOLD SOCIETY OF APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

CHANCELLOR PEACOCK PRESENTED EACH HONOREE WITH A BEAUTIFUL MEDALLION ON BLACK AND GOLD LANYARD AND SPOKE TO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE.



Thank you ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl. I had my surgery August 19 and all went well! I will treasure this blessed gift that was lifted up with many prayers to our wonderful Lord!

Much love and thanks!

SHEILA SHIELDS

Thank you notes were received for benevolent donations from:
The Salvation Army and Pastor's Pantry

Opportunities for Community Service Abound This Fall

The First Reformed UCC Board of Community Outreach (BCO) has identified several opportunities for church members to serve our community and assist those struggling in these tough economic times. Below is a summary of these opportunities to help First Reformed UCC meet its current benevolences and to support those in need.

Alternative Gift Giving

In addition to the Oktoberfest being sponsored by the Board of Evangelism and the Mystery Dinner Theater sponsored by the Finance Committee to raise funds for our benevolences, BCO members will be selling “alternative gift certificates” in conjunction with the Women’s Life Fellowship Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20, and throughout the Holiday Season. Church members may make a contribution to one of the church’s existing benevolences and will receive a “gift certificate” acknowledging the contribution on behalf of the gift recipient. Please see Walter Hoffman or any BCO member to purchase an alternative gift.

Mission: 1 Campaign

This Fall we will be participating in the national UCC’s Mission: 1 Campaign, which will be conducted nationally from 11.1.11 through 11.11.11. During these eleven days, the national UCC has set the following goals.

Collect more than 1 million items of healthy food for local food banks.

Collect more than \$111,111 in on-line donations for Neighbors in Need and \$111,111 for East African Famine Relief.

Send more than 11,111 letters to Congress asking them to reform US foreign assistance to better aid hungry and poor people worldwide.

Beginning on Sunday, October 30, church members can bring non-perishable food items to drop off in the Narthex. Some suggested items include: canned stew beef, brown rice, low sodium soup, canned fruit packed in its own juice, canned tuna, multi-grain cereal with low sugar content, low sodium oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauces. BCO members will count how many items have been donated and report those numbers on-line as part of the national effort. On Stewardship Sunday, November 13th we will celebrate our Mission:1 efforts with a Service of Blessing for the donated food items. Individuals will be encouraged to make contributions on-line to the Neighbors in Need program at www.ucc.org as part of the Mission:1 Campaign. These contributions are above and beyond the annual World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need offering October 2nd. Sample letters to Members of Congress in support of foreign assistance reform to benefit the hungry and poor will be provided and a letter writing campaign will be coordinated by BCO members. Watch your bulletin for more details.

CROP Walk

The annual CROP Walk to end hunger will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 6. First Reformed UCC has always been a leader in participating and raising money for this event and we want to have our biggest year ever. Katarina Strenk has been designated our youth coordinator and Adena Wall will be coordinating our church’s participation. Please see one of these individuals to sign up and get your pledge forms.

Grace Episcopal Homeless Luncheon

Once again this year, First Reformed UCC will be providing volunteers to assist in serving lunch to the homeless at Grace Episcopal Church each Sunday in November. Please see Kathleen Danze if you would like to volunteer for one Sunday.

As always, the BCO appreciates how our church members step up each and every year to help us meet our benevolences and serve our community’s most needy citizens. Thank you for your support and financial contributions.

Edgar Miller, BCO Chairman

For All the World

“For God so loved the world...” *John 3:16*

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. This day we remember that we are not the only Christians in the world; indeed American Christians are the newcomers to a Christian community that has been serving faithfully in many parts of the world for 2000 years! I’ve been privileged to witness the faithful service of Syrian Orthodox Christians in Turkey who worship in the closest modern equivalent to Aramaic. I’ve met Armenian Orthodox in Jordan, Anglicans in Jerusalem, Pentecostals in El Salvador, all seeking to be servants of Christ in challenging situations.



Christians are, by their very nature, citizens of the world. From the beginning of the church, as Paul invited the churches he formed to contribute to help the church in Jerusalem, we have shared resources with each other as any have need. Through our Neighbors in Need offerings, often received in early October, we share with kin in the U.S. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and our regular giving to Our Church’s Wider Mission we support missionaries and partner churches and relief organizations around the world. Though American churches are young by the standards of the Middle East, Africa and Europe, we also are wealthy in comparison to many of those churches. As we plan our own pledge drives and construct our church budgets this year, let us remind each other that God not only loves us but all the world.

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

October 2011



God is still speaking

SEPTEMBER 2011	
<p style="text-align: center;">FRANCES LEONARD Mary Berrier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUSAN CADWALLADER {Anne Fletcher’s Mother} Davis and Kathy Hinkle</p>	
 <p style="text-align: center;">Honorarium Gifts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELIZABETH SINK Heart Sister</p>

OCTOBER STEWARDS

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

Captain: Tom Danze

Ushers: Susan Odom, Roy Bevan, Nicole Smith

Plate Attendant: J.W. Bates

Acolytes: Ashley Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Emma Keel, Katie Keel, Jaedyn Keel

Sound Tech: Tony Peele

Adult Joint Sunday School: Class responsible for opening - - - Men's Bible Class

Social: Host/Hostess: Amy and Birke McNeill and Alisa and Keith Johnson

Greeters:

October 2	John Barber
October 9	Camille Morgan and Janelle Bunn
October 16	Betty and Darren Barr
October 23	Harriette and Clifton Murphy
October 30	June Grubb and Eulene Shepherd

Nursery:

October 2	Anne Fletcher, Laura and Katarina
October 9	Amanda and Chris Fulton
October 16	Alice and James Gray
October 23	Kivi and Edgar Miller
October 30	Heidi and Ron Hutcheson

(Alston Brook) Ernie Bonner **(Carolina House)** Micki Smith

(Lexington Health Care) Margaret Trexler

(Piedmont Crossing) Henry & Ernestine Kennedy, Rita Tussey



Ronnie Durham, Sadie Bailey, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Henry and Juanita Beck, Willie Ruth Leonard, and Giles Crowell. Also, remember Lossie Knowles (Lee Ann Peele's Mother), Jules Bliss (Banks and Eulene's Grandson), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's Mother), Mary John Allred (Gray Family), 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), and Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), . Also, please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer chain, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office at 248-2617.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOTE: Community Candlelight Group practices each Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall						1 11:30-12:30 pm OKTOBERFEST
9:45 am {Chapel} Jt Adult SS 10:20 am Sunday School Social 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING	3 6:00 pm {FH} MEN'S BROTHERHOOD 6:30 pm {Parlor} BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	4 6 pm {FH} MYSTERY PLAY PRACTICE 7 pm {Parlor} NEW MEMBER CLASS	11 am {Parlor} 5 MORNING GLORY CIRCLE 6 pm Children's Play Practice 7 pm CHOIR PRACTICE	6 5:30 pm {P} YOGA CLASS 7 pm {Parlor} SPIRITUAL PRACTICES	7	8 1:00 pm Youth Outing to High Rock Nursery Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch
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Congregational Lunch and Meeting

October 9, 2011



Congregational Meal

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 9th. Yarborough's Restaurant is serving a delicious catered lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Donations for lunch will be accepted at the door.

Following lunch the Finance Committee, co-chaired by John Smith and Doug Sink, will present the proposed budget for 2012. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of First Reformed UCC.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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