

Service of Divine Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Looking Toward the Cross" Smith
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

The Lighting of the Lenten Candle Ramona Yarbrough, Camill and Coreen Freeman

Reader 1: On this third Sunday of Lent we acknowledge that we have thirsty souls. We come like the woman at the well seeking the life that wells up from within.

Reader 2: *(Lighting the third purple candle)* God gives us living water.

All: God of life, all day and all night, we hunger and thirst for you. Help us to have compassion towards others who share this need. Amen.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 476

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Let all who seek God's face come boldly.

People: Be unafraid, for God is ever just and always forgiving.

Liturgist: Let us draw near to God who has made us.

People: Let us face God today, be remade, and reflect more closely God's Image.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

God of righteousness, we long to live without pretense. We wish to live lives so blameless and honest that we might unveil every aspect of them to you and to the world without shame or regret. But we confess to maintaining a façade to please the world.

We confess to attempts to have you see us in a better light than we deserve. We confess that it is hard at times to be honest, even with ourselves, about who we are becoming. Through your forgiving Spirit, transform us into an open people, whose inner goodness is easily visible, who mirror your glorious image. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Dedication and Blessing of Prayer Shawls Reverend June Grubb

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*

Anthem "Amazing Grace" Cooper

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Lesson John 4:5-30, 39-42 (Page #969 of Pew Bible)

Sermon **WHAT MEETING JESUS DOES TO YOU** Reverend Mike Hooper

Prayer

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Before the Cross of Jesus" No. 261

*Responsive Call to Dedication

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

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

*The Benediction

*Postlude "Pleading Saviour" Hegarty

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers. **If visitors are interested in learning more about First Reformed UCC, please contact the church office at 248-2617 or church@frucc.org.**

NOTE: To ASSIST PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI THAT STRUCK JAPAN ON MARCH 11TH, PLEASE MAKE A GIFT PAYABLE TO FIRST REFORMED UCC AND MARK "JAPAN" IN THE MEMO AREA. FUNDS WILL BE SENT THROUGH THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OFFICE FOR RELIEF EFFORTS.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gilbert and Ethel Barbee by their family.

USHERS: Steve Smith, Deanna Michael, Amy McNeill, Vicky Gray and Ted Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Roy Bevan

ACOLYTES: Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens, Griff Smith

GREETERS: Henry and Kay Crouse

NURSERY: Anne Fletcher, Laura and Katarina

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sherry Bonner, Tony Peele, Susan Odom, Paul Tuck, Mary Crouse, Callie Kepley, Kirsten Cox, Holton Davis, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Betty Potts, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Willie Ruth Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.



We extend Sympathy to and share Christian hope with Tom and Joyce Phillips, John Smith and Joy Walser, upon the death of Tom's Mother, Sara Phillips.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

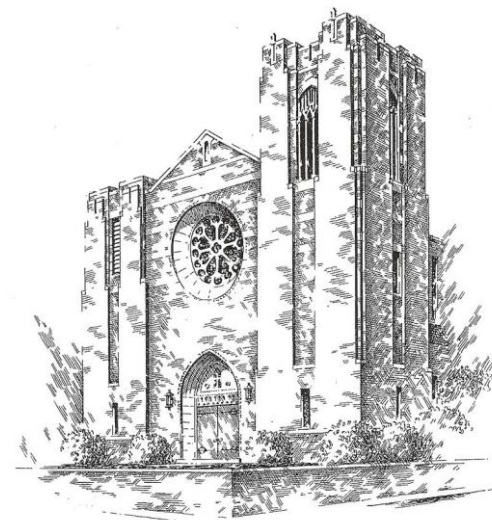
Sunday, March 27	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND MIKE HOOPER) WITH THE BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS AND KIDS' CLUB
Monday, March 28	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training Class {Downstairs}
Wednesday, March 30	Noon ----- Community Lenten Service and Lunch {First UMC}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}
	7:15 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}
Thursday, March 31	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, April 3	9:45 a.m. ----- JT. ADULT SS CLASS {LESSON: MEN'S BIBLE CLASS}
	10:20 a.m. ----- SS Social {Hosts: John & Vicky Gray and Mark & Nicole Smith}
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (REVEREND MIKE HOOPER) WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND OGHs OFFERING

3/20/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
111	\$3,589	\$5,414	\$50,397	(\$14,571)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend June Grubb, Minister-On-Call (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com; Home #248-5668; Cell #240-2503)
 Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Ed Paul Freeman, Choir Director
 Lee Ann Peele, Organist Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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Prayer Labyrinth

During the season of Lent First Reformed UCC is offering our members the opportunity to participate in a Prayer Labyrinth Experience. Beginning Wednesday, March 30th thru Sunday, April 3rd our Prayer Labyrinth will be laid out in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, March 30th, Thursday, March 31st, and Friday, April 1st the Labyrinth will be open from 10 a.m. till Noon and again from 5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd the Labyrinth will be open from 1 – 4 p.m.

Roads to God Children's Sunday School Invite the Congregation to Assist With Their New Mission Project

The children are inviting the whole church to join them with their new mission project. We are collecting a certain food item each week for Crisis Ministries. Each family can bring their contribution to the altar before the church service begins. On May 15th all of the food will be brought back to the altar so we can all see the effects of our working together to assist a community agency. The dates and food requested are:



April 10 – 2 cans of soup

April 17 – 2 cans of fruit

April 24 – 2 cans of veggies

May 1 – 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese

May 8 – 2 boxes of rice

May 15 – 1 box of corn flakes

One Great Hour of Sharing

First Reformed UCC children have been collecting money for the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. They have been using a calendar that gives them instructions to put a dime or a quarter in their "apple boxes" each day for something they have done. On **Sunday, April 3rd** they will bring their boxes to the altar for the special offering. Let's remember to bring our special offering too.



Blowing Rock Church Retreat

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD – SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

Weekend Lodging: \$157.00 (2 people in room)

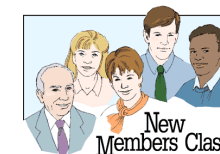
Meals for ages 13 and up: \$45.00; 5-12 years: \$28.50; 4 years and younger: Free

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND A DEPOSIT

Checks can be made payable to First Reformed UCC with **'Retreat'** written on the memo line. If you have questions or need more information, contact Amy McNeill (243-1420).

New Member Sunday April 10, 2011

First Reformed UCC will be welcoming new members Sunday, April 10th. Following the worship service a welcoming luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall.



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Women's Life Fellowship and Grill Master, Mike Brown are joining forces to provide a delicious meal of pork loin, layered salad, hash brown casserole, baked apples, and rolls, along with dessert, tea, and coffee. Free-will donations will be accepted for local mission use. Please come get to know our new members and enjoy Sunday lunch with your church family.

Easter Lily Order Form



White Easter Lilies are an ancient symbol of the resurrection and our sanctuary will be adorned with the beautiful cross of lilies on Easter Sunday morning. The cost of each plant is \$12.00. Lilies can be picked up immediately following the worship service. To purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone, fill in the appropriate spaces and place in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011.**

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