

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.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the First Reformed United Church of Christ Friendship Club for the beautiful roses and landscape work in front of our education building.

USHERS: Brad Biesecker, James Atkinson, Adena Wall, John Gray, and Nicole Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Scott Frye

GREETER: Doug Sink

ACOLYTES: Ashley Johnson and Griff Smith

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Anne Fletcher

PRAYER CONCERNS: Maxine Lohr, Deanna Michael, Ronnie Durham, Jitter Yarbrough, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Catherine Leonard, Velna Swing, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Steve Murdock, Nancy Daye Greene (Wanda's Daughter), Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Dave McKerlie (Brian's Brother), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Steve Myers (Jan Smith's close friend), Lisa Hinkle (Beck's Flower Shop),. To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

THANK YOU to Cathy Waitman who is filling in as organist today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 25	9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone 11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service and Children's Church
Monday, April 26	6:30 p.m. ---Search Committee Meeting (Parlor)
Tuesday, April 27	5:45 p.m. ---Basketball Game - FRUCC vs. Files Chapel {YMCA}
Wednesday, April 28	Noon-----Friendship Club Covered Dish Lunch {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 p.m. ---Adult Choir Practice {Education Bldg Choir Room}
Thursday, April 29	5:30 p.m. ---YOGA Class 6:45 p.m. ---Basketball Game - FRUCC vs. Righteous Church of God {YMCA} 7:00 p.m. ---TDCWL Prayer Service {First United Methodist Church}
Friday, April 30	-----Wedding Rehearsal {Sanctuary}
Saturday, May 1	-----Touching Davidson County With Love -----Wedding {Sanctuary}
Sunday, May 2	9:45 a.m. ---Joint Sunday School Class {Lesson: Willing Workers Class} 10:20 a.m. ---Sunday School Social {Hosts: John & Vicky Gray and Mark & Nicole Smith} 11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service and Kids' Club 6-8 p.m. ---Community Youth Meeting {Fellowship Hall}

April 18, 2010 Attendance (Worship 118)
April 19, 2009 Attendance (Worship 107)

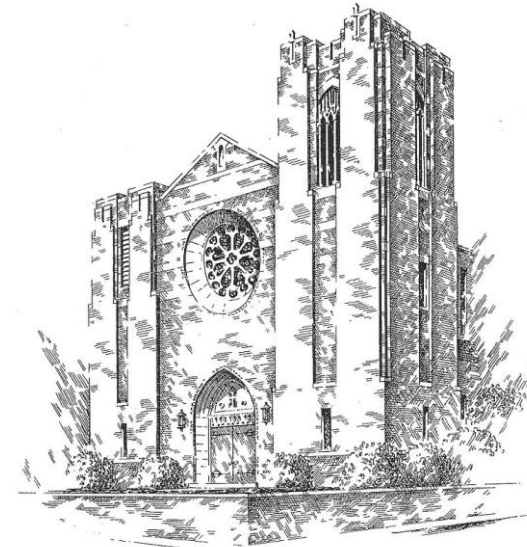
Offering Received \$7,705.00
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education
Lee Ann Peele, Organist

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Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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Sunday, April 25, 2010

Service of Divine Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Carolyn Spivey

April 25, 2010

Silent Meditations: Luke 14:28-32 and Revelation 7:9-17

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1
*Responsive Call to Worship
Liturgist: 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
People: She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Liturgist: Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
People: And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

*Gloria Patri
Unison Opening Prayer (Derived from Revelation 7:15-17) Liturgist
Gracious God, we thank you for your vision of victorious worship which is ours, despite our failings and shortcomings. We thank you for your sheltering presence, that we may neither hunger nor thirst anymore, that we may not fear the scorching heat any longer. We thank you for the Lamb in the midst of the throne, our Shepherd who will guide us to living water, and for you who will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin (Derived from Luke 14:28-32) Liturgist
Compassionate God, we ask you to forgive us for the shallowness of our faith. We confess that we have behaved thoughtlessly and immaturely, having put you to the test time and again when we should have humbly been seeking discernment and insight before great projects were undertaken. We have taken your countless blessings and liberality of gifts for granted without thinking through carefully the true, abiding costs of authentic discipleship. With good but misinformed intentions, we have ratified budgets

that we knew could not be met, staffed for services that could not be sustained, and have acted as if you are at our beck and call to save us from our own careless choices, assuming pridefully that anything we do enjoys the pleasure of your good will. Help us, Lord, not to get ahead of you. Help us not to assume your support when we have not discerned it prayerfully. Help us, rather, humbly to seek your guidance, and your will toward ministries great and small, that your very Spirit may inhabit and indwell our every action, that we will be empowered to finish that which we undertake; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Let the Children Come
Anthem "Savior More Than Life To Me" Pethel

Proclamation of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture Reading (Liturgist) Psalm 23 (Page #491 of Pew Bible)
The New Testament Reading (Reverend Patten) Acts 9:10-16 (Page #1000 of Pew Bible)
Homily "BIRTH-PANGS OF THE GOSPEL"
Report on the Southern Conference Doug Sink, Member of the SOC Board of Directors

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (unison) Liturgist
Gracious God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, we offer our gratitude for these gifts and for your guiding Spirit of Stewardship which will assist us in using them wisely and well. Let us not impatiently race ahead of you in their use, allowing you your rightful place of multiplying these gifts to your service; in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 322
*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 "Festival March" Handel

Touching Davidson County With Love Prayer Service

You are invited to a Community prayer service in preparation for **Touching Davidson County With Love**. The service will be held at First United Methodist Church Thursday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m., followed by dessert and coffee. NOTE: The Living the Questions Study Group will not meet on Thursday night to allow everyone to attend the community service.

Mother's Day Pamphlet Order Form

Women's Life Fellowship is sponsoring a **Mother's Day Honorarium/Memorial Pamphlet** that will be provided to the congregation on Mother's Day. You can place your loved one's name, (mother, aunt, special friend, etc.) along with a comment ("to the best mother in the world, thank you for everything you do!") for a suggested price of \$10.00 per name; any donated amount will be appreciated. You will also receive a carnation that can be given to your honoree. **Deadline to order is May 3, 2010.**

In Honor of _____ *By* _____

COMMENT: _____

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COMMENT: _____

In Loving Memory of _____ *By* _____

COMMENT: _____

A Word About Today's Service: The *Board of Directors of the Southern Conference* has made a number of decisions recently concerning the structure of our Conference and its three Associations. I heard the fullest account of these decisions on Tuesday morning at our monthly Davidson/Forsyth UCC Ministerium at Piedmont Crossing. After prayerful consideration--and after receiving permission from our WNCA ACM Larry Walser to share this information with you now that these were no longer confidential matters--I have become convinced that you need to hear about these decisions as soon as possible, for they are occasioned by severe financial constraints which have been gradually tightening around the life of the SOC for many years, but have now reached a critical point where "business as usual" simply cannot be sustained. I have asked our own **Doug Sink**, a member of the SOC Board of Directors for five years and a participant in the discussions/decisions that are under consideration, to prepare a brief report which will give you an accurate overview of our situation. We have placed a floor mike in the center aisle in case any of you wish to ask Doug a brief question after he has finished his presentation. I expect that we will print some version of his report in our upcoming newsletter. I do hasten to echo my homily theme today, which means that we are discussing "birth-pangs," not a "funeral"! With God's grace in Jesus Christ, we will pull through this transition period with new hope and new possibilities for ministry at every level of the UCC. Blessings and Shalom, Rev. Walt

Youth Sunday, May 16th

We are in for a treat Sunday, May 16th. Kids' Club and Children's Church participants will be leading the worship service. They have been studying the twenty-third Psalm and will be sharing some of what they have learned. Also, the "Two-By-Two" Sunday School Class will sing "Jesus Our Friend".



Following the service there will be an appreciation lunch. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, special friends, **EVERYONE** is invited to attend a luncheon, provided by Yarborough's Restaurant, in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service. There is no charge for the catered meal, but donations will be accepted.

To assist with meal planning, please fill out the reservation below and drop in the offering plate or R.S.V.P. the church office at 248-2617.

Youth Sunday Lunch Signup

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____