

Service of Divine Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn

"He Lives"

Insert

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Through doors locked or open, the Risen Christ stands among us.

People: We rejoice in seeing the Lord!

Liturgist: Jesus comes to us saying, "Peace be with you."

People: Sent by God, Jesus comes in order to send us as well.

Liturgist: May all doubt be erased so that all may believe.

People: Receiving the Holy Spirit, let us confess, "My Lord and my God".

*Gloria Patri

Invocation {unison}

Redeeming God, we choose not to live behind locked doors. Instead we gather as disciples during this time of worship to hear Jesus say "Peace be with you". Renew our spirits. Refresh our faith. Join us together as a community of believers that you bless with salvation. In the name of the Risen Lord we worship and pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

God of kindness and compassion, every day we confront choices between good and evil. Every day we decide how much of ourselves we give to others. God, forgive us when we choose to hoard our time and our expressions of love, kindness and encouragement. Also forgive us, gracious God, when we give too much of ourselves in ways that injure us and bring harm to our spirit. Give us your Spirit of wisdom that we might learn to love others and ourselves more fully. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading

I Peter 1:3-9 (Page #1100 of Pew Bible)

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

The Children's Moment

Anthem

"He Leadeth Me"

McDonald

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading

John 20:19-31 (Page #989 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

"FAITH RE-CREATION?"

Prayer

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

We thank you, Gracious Creator, for the blessings you pour upon us. We celebrate every life that you touch through the love of this congregation. Give us the Spirit of Christ that in all our ministries we never tire of doing good. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 272

*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

***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.**

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tice Leonard, and my wife, Lois, by Don Leonard.

USHERS: Rich Johnson, Doug Sink, Sauni Johnson, Keith Johnson, Matthew Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Clifford Lopp

ACOLYTES: Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

GREETERS: Janie Lohr and Katherine Skipper

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Cheryl Walser

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ernie Bonner, Paul Tuck, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Ronnie Durham, Betty Potts, Sadie Bailey, Willie Ruth Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Connie Weichert (Gerri Hill's Sister), Sandra Fern (Sauni Johnson's Mother), Susan Cadwallader (Anne Fletcher's Mother), Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), and Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson'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.



The rosebud on the altar is in honor of **Emma Kathryn Hartle** daughter of Keri and Casey Hartle who was born on Thursday, April 28, 2011. Emma was also welcomed by her brother, Jacob; grandparents, Clifford and Paula Lopp; aunt, Ashlee Lopp; and great-grandparents, Cliff and Eloise Lopp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 1	9:45 a.m. ----- JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS {LESSON: WILLING WORKERS}
	10:20 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL {ANNE & ROY BEVAN AND KIVI & EDGAR MILLER}
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {REVEREND ROBIN KEATING}
Monday, May 2	6:30 p.m. ----- Board of Christian Education {Parlor}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
Tuesday, May 3	7:00 p.m. ----- Finance Committee Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, May 4	11:00 a.m. ----- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}
Thursday, May 5	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, May 8	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {BAPTISM OF WILSON WEBSTER FULTON}
Monday, May 9	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
	Men's Brotherhood Serves Meal at Shelter

4/24/11	Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
	163	\$3,897	\$5,414	\$72,199	\$92,038 (\$19,839)

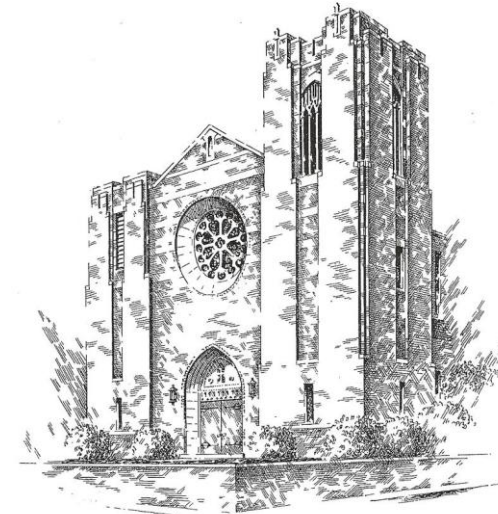
CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating

Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Ed
Lee Ann Peele, Organist

Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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*Where People Discover - - -
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

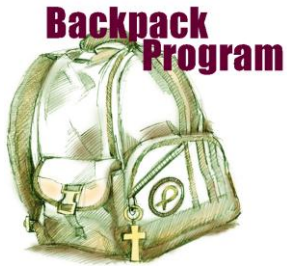
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Did you know that the Lexington City School district ranks 66th in the nation for extreme child poverty? At Lexington Senior High School alone, 75% of the student body qualifies for free/reduced lunch. That means 3 out of 4 students there may be wondering where their next meal will come from while they should be focusing in the classroom.



Communities in Schools of Lexington/Davidson County is working to implement a "Backpack" program to distribute backpacks of food to 50 Lexington Senior High School students who have little or no food in their homes over the weekend. This program is already in place at elementary schools in the City of Lexington and is being implemented at Lexington Middle School.

To allow the Backpack Program to be implemented at Lexington Senior High School, youth groups from uptown churches are working together to provide a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, May 22, 2011. Lexington Senior High Chorus students will provide entertainment and youth will serve a delicious spaghetti dinner. Laura and Katarina Strenk are representing FRUCC for this project. They are asking FRUCC members to support their efforts in two ways.

- Spaghetti Dinner tickets are available for \$10 each from Laura and Katarina. Please see them after church any Sunday between now and May 22 to purchase tickets. Or, tickets can be purchased from Paula in the church office. If you are unable to attend the dinner, donations would be welcome as well!
- Each uptown church is responsible for providing a different part of the meal on May 22. FRUCC is in charge of desserts. If any FRUCC members would be willing to bake cookies, brownies, or a cake for the 22nd, please contact Anne Fletcher at 243-1650.

Group Workcamp

There is a **Group Workcamp** (400 youth from several states) scheduled to be held in Lexington this summer, June 19—25. We are seeking the capable assistance of First Reformed UCC members again! Women's Life members will have an ice cream social on Friday evening for the group. During the week many snack items are needed. Some suggested items to donate are: canned drinks, bottled water, and individually wrapped snacks (Little Debbie's, Chips, Pretzels, and Cracker Jacks). Donations can be brought to the church. Thank you for your help and support.



He Lives

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

CHORUS:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Roads to God Mission Project

The Children's Department mission project of collecting a certain food item each week for Pastor's Pantry has been very successful so far and they ask that everyone continue to participate. Each family can bring their contribution and put it on the table in the narthex before the church service begins. On May 15th everything that has been collected will be assembled in the narthex for all to see the effects of our working together to assist a community agency. The remaining dates and food items requested are:

May 1 – 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese

May 8 – 2 boxes of rice

May 15 – 1 box of corn flakes

