

Service of Divine Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Mansfield
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 461

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: We are an Easter people who see the empty grave and share bread with the resurrected Christ.

People: We are an Easter community of faith that longs to shout "Alleluia!" and tell others of the refreshment and rebirth we find here.

Liturgist: We are a faithful Easter community that joins with our sisters and brothers around the world in being instruments of God's peace and healing.

People: For we were all going astray like sheep, but now we return to Jesus, the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Liturgist: For by the power of God, Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lives and reigns forever more.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation {unison}

God of new life and new beginnings, may this season of resurrection joy unite us with the whole people of God. Indeed, it is the same Spirit who gives life to the Church and empowers us all to service. And it is the same Good Shepherd who holds us safe in the fold that none of us should be lost. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Like small children set free from the restraints of adult hands, we set out, O God. We wander from the Way, which is set before us. We follow our own whims. And we are lost. Our lives look good from the outside, but we know our brokenness. With the Easter alleluias still echoing, we know the choices we make for death, rather than life. With the cock's crow still in our hearing, we know the deceit, the cover-ups, the lies.

And we know the silences kept when a word could heal. The eyes averted when a look would claim. The harmony unsung when it might make us stand out of the crowd. Turn us around. Reclaim us as your own children, desired and named, eager to follow where you will lead. We pray in the name of Christ, the Great Shepherd. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 (Page #977 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer {we pray debts}
The Children's Moment
Anthem "Surely the Presence" Wolfe

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading I Peter 2:19-25 (Page #1105 of Pew Bible)
Sermon "HOW FAR ASTRAY?"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer
O God, accept these symbols, that through them others might hear the Good News, and experience abundant life. We pray as disciples of the Christ. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 472
*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 "Marion" Messiter

***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 Evelyn Harriet Bates Lanning by her daughter and granddaughter, Myra and Lauren Thompson.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Clifford Lopp

ACOLYTES: Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

GREETERS: Mike and Lynn Brown

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Dawn Shaak

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.

SPRING STORMS...The United Church of Christ has established a fund designated to assist with the devastation brought about by the spring storms across the southern United States. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to First Reformed UCC and designate "spring storms" on the memo line.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

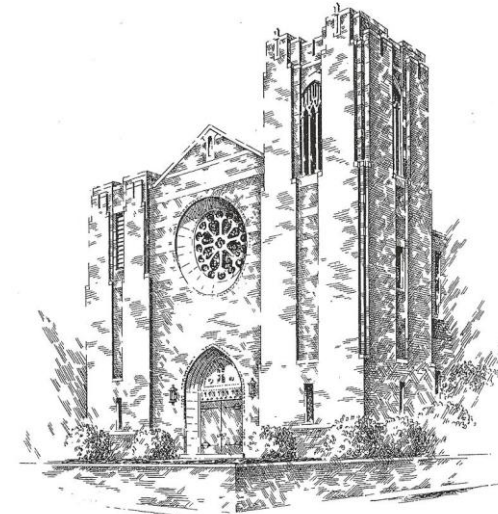
Sunday, May 15	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (BLESSING OF FOOD FOR PASTOR'S PANTRY)
	----- KID'S CLUB "PAINT AND PLANT" IN COMMUNITY GARDEN
	6:00 p.m. ----- Consistory Meeting {Willing Workers Classroom}
Tuesday, May 17	6:30 p.m. ----- Pictorial Directory Committee Meeting {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. ----- Women's Life Fellowship {Parlor}
Wednesday, May 18	6:30 p.m. ----- Choir Practice {Sanctuary Choir Room}
Thursday, May 19	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Saturday, May 21	6:00 p.m. ----- Lopp/Snider Wedding
Sunday, May 22	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES) KID'S CLUB
	2:00 p.m. ----- Winston-Salem Dash Ballgame

<i>5/8/11 Attendance & Income</i>	<i>Needed Weekly</i>	<i>YTD Received</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
162	\$5,699	\$5,414	\$87,734	(\$15,132)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)	Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Ed	Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst
Lee Ann Peele, Organist	

First Reformed United Church of Christ



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

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

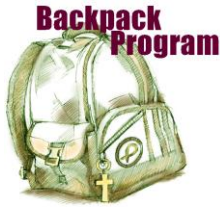
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Did you know that the Lexington City School district ranks 66th in the nation for extreme child poverty? At Lexington Senior High School alone, 75% of the student body qualifies for free/reduced lunch. That means 3 out of 4 students there may be wondering 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 our members to support their efforts in two ways.

- **Spaghetti Dinner tickets are available for \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased in the narthex after worship today and May 22nd.** 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 you would like to make a donation to assist with purchasing sheet cakes, please designate in the memo line on your check, or see Paula in the church office.

Graduation Sunday

First Reformed United Church of Christ will honor our graduates Sunday, May 22nd. Please contact the church office with the following information by tomorrow, Monday, May 16th.

High School Students:

- School you are graduating from
- College/University you plan to attend

College/University Students:

- School you are graduating from
- Degree Earned

Who's Graduating?



Following the children’s moment today Kid’s Club members will be participating in a “Paint and Plant” time in the Community Garden. They will be painting the tool shed and planting seedlings/seeds.

The Board of Community Outreach invites church members and other community volunteers to participate throughout the summer to help with weeding, watering, and harvesting. **Aurelia Smith is coordinating the volunteer schedule. She can be contacted at (336) 249-9795 or by email (arsmith27292@lexcominc.net).**



Community Garden



RETREAT PARTICIPANTS...The remaining balance for the Blowing Rock Retreat weekend (lodging and food) is due **by May 31st**. If you are unsure of your balance please check with Amy. Checks can be made payable to the church with “retreat” written in the memo line.

The annual church picnic will be on Sunday, June 12th from 4 – 7 p.m. at Finch Park -- weather permitting – at Shelter #1. Be sure to bring your lawn chair and join in the fun. Men’s Bible Class will be our chefs, Willing Workers class is bringing desserts, and the New Way class will bring fruit, potato/pasta salad, baked beans, and condiments. A signup sheet is in the Narthex for those who are not members of a Sunday school class. The items listed are the things that we still need, but feel free to bring whatever you wish. Hope to see you there!



MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD LOPP, JR. AND MR. AND MRS. ERIC SNIDER

INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY

OF THE MARRIAGE UNITING THEIR CHILDREN

Ashlee Dawn and Grant Eric

ON SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF MAY

AT SIX O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST