

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 given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father and grandparents Robert H. Morris and W.G. and Ida H. Morris by Lennie and Ann Morris Cooper and Grandchildren, Ellen, Nikki, David, Jeff and their children.

USHERS: Rich Johnson, Sauni Johnson, Keith Johnson and Matthew Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Cliff Lopp

GREETERS: Mike and Lynn Brown

ACOLYTES: Kelsey Johnson and Ashley Johnson

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Amanda and Chris Fulton

PRAYER CONCERNS: Mary Rhodes, Eloise Lopp, Deanna Michael, Ronnie Durham, 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 Waitman (Cathy's Husband), Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and Steve Myers (Jan Smith's close friend). 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.

May 16, 2010 Attendance (Worship 151)
May 17, 2009 Attendance (Worship 133)

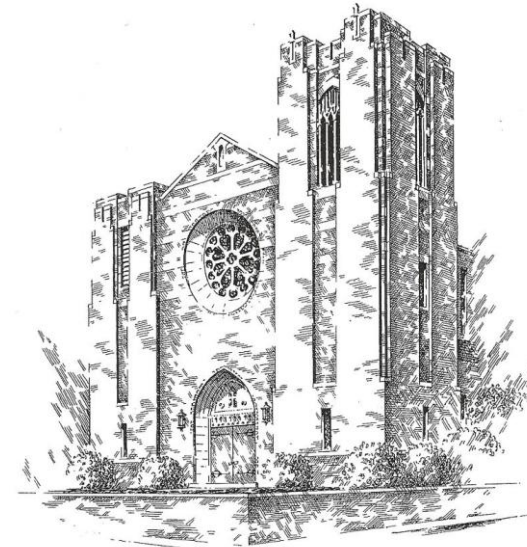
Offering Received \$3,251.72
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Church Staff

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

(Cell #336-420-2728 Home #336-632-1985)
Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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Graduation Sunday, May 23, 2010

Service of Divine Worship

Graduation Sunday

Liturgist: Keri Hartle

May 23, 2010

Silent Meditations

What if instead of building Babel, that tower rising from our common language, our easy agreement with those of like mind, we built an altar and knelt before it as we waited? What if what we waited for was the coming of the wind and fire that would be able to help us glimpse that the others, so terribly and tragically mistaken, are still our brothers and sisters, because even in these days of sun turned to darkness and moon to blood, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved"? --Michael A. King, *Christian Century*, May 18, 2010

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Ceremonial March" Wetherill
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God" No. 190
*Responsive Call to Worship
Liturgist: Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
People: All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
Liturgist: I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling:
People: O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.
*Gloria Patri
Unison Opening Prayer (Derived from Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-21) Liturgist
Gracious Lord, if you intend for us to be one people with one language, let that miracle be of your making and not our own. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us this very hour, so that we may understand one another through you and through your love; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Liturgist

Gracious God, like our ancestors of long ago, we have at times become too proud of our knowledge, our attainments, our technology, glorying in the power and advantages such gifts confer upon those in a world fraught with precarious, merciless competition. While we applaud the milestones that our graduates have achieved, through the help of their parents, families, friends, teachers, communities and churches, draw near to them and to us with your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose perspective by thinking that we can be wise and act wisely apart from you. Forgive us when we pretend to be smart apart from you, for this is the height of arrogance and folly, so burn away such dross from us in the crucible of your love. We beckon your Holy Spirit to come among us, teaching us through your Word and through such services as this one, kindling within us yet a new flame which humbles us in the presence of your majesty, quickening us to become soft and tender with one another in Christ-like compassion; that in the depths of our mutual understanding through you, we may all become one through your love. Empower us to witness to the transformations you create within us, that others without hope can sense authentic reason for hope at last; in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

Recognition of Graduates (Insert)

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

Let the Children Come

Anthem

"On Eagles Wings"

Hayes

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (Page #992 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

"PENTECOST: WHAT A CONGLOMERATED MESS!!!"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give (*Strengthen the Church Mission Offering*)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (unison) Liturgist
Recklessly generous and profligately loving God, how can we possibly thank you for the depths and the scope of your love, for the gifts of your Holy Spirit which transform us into your Church, the Body of Christ? We thank you with these offerings and with our service and praise, so we ask that you bless these gifts to your service, and that in the very blessing of our giving, we are drawn still closer to you and to each other; in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No. 193
 *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" Price

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 23	9:45 a.m. ---- Sunday School Classes For Everyone 11:00 a.m. ---- WORSHIP SERVICE --- GRADUATES RECOGNIZED STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH MISSION OFFERING 1:00 p.m. ---- Writer's Guild {Fellowship Hall} 4:00 p.m. ---- Gregorio Midero Concert Violinist {Heidelberg UCC}
Monday, May 24	6:30 p.m. ---- Search Committee Meeting (Parlor)
Wednesday, May 26	Noon----- United Friendship Club Covered Dish Lunch {FH} 7:00 p.m. ---- Adult Choir Practice {Education Bldg Choir Room}
Thursday, May 27	5:30 p.m. ---- YOGA Class {Parlor} 7:15 p.m. ---- Living the Questions Study Group {Parlor}
Sunday, May 30	9:45 a.m. ---- Sunday School Classes For Everyone 11:00 a.m. ---- WORSHIP SERVICE, VETERANS MEMORIAL SUNDAY KIDS' CLUB TALENT SHOW {after Children's Moment}
Monday, May 31	----- Office Holiday
Wednesday, June 2	11:00 a.m. ---- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor} 7:00 p.m. ---- Choir Ice Cream Social {Freeman Home}
Friday-Sunday, June 4-6	----- Blowing Rock Church Retreat



We offer congratulations to our college graduates and are pleased to recognize and honor them during our service of worship.

2010 College Graduates

Scott Melville Gray, son of James and Alice Gray
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - BA in Anthropology

Adam Michael Studebaker, son-in-law of Paul and Debra Freeman
 N.C. State University - BA in Electrical Engineering
 Graduated Suma Cum Laude, Valedictorian of the University Senior Class and was honored as an Outstanding Senior in Engineering School
 He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army
 He and his wife Brianne will be living in Germany for the next two years.

2010 Graduate School

Gregory Kyle Evans, son of Albert and Melody Evans
 Elon University School of Law - Juris Doctorate

Devin Christopher Odom, son of Calvin and Susan Odom
 Wake Forest University School of Medicine - MD
 Internal Medicine Residency will be at the University of Chicago in Chicago, IL

Lauren Amelia Thompson, daughter of Myra Lanning Thompson
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Master of Social Work

Sunday, June 6, 2010

The First Reformed United Church of Christ retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center is scheduled Friday, June 4th through Sunday, June 6th. Reverend Patten will lead a vesper service at Blowing Rock Sunday morning. Those unable to attend the retreat will enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing in the **Education Building Chapel starting at 11:00 a.m.** Walter Hoffman, serving as liturgist, will lead the service. Paul Freeman and Lee Ann Peele will present special music. Come be a part of your church family in whichever setting works best for you. There's something for everyone!
Note: The Sunday school social has been rescheduled for the following Sunday, June 13th.

Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry

The Board of Evangelism would like to start a Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry. This is a ministry in which an individual or group would present to a recipient a shawl or quilt that has been handmade and blessed by prayers from members of this congregation. The recipient may be someone that is ill, having surgery, or in the midst of a crisis that might be helped by receiving a special gift of love and thoughtfulness. The recipients would not be limited to members of this congregation, but could include friends, relatives, co-workers, or family members.

With that being said, the Board of Evangelism is looking for a “few good women” and even men who know how (or would like to learn how) to quilt, knit, or crochet. If you would be interested in this very meaningful and loving ministry, please contact either Janette Neal at 248-6325 or David Fulton at 956-1788 for more information.

Father’s Day Pamphlet Order Form

Women’s Life Fellowship is sponsoring a **Father’s Day Honorarium/Memorial Pamphlet** that will be provided to the congregation on Father’s Day. You can place your loved one’s name, (father, uncle, special friend, etc.) along with a comment (“to the best dad in the world, thank you for everything you do!”) for a suggested price of \$10.00 per name; any donated amount will be appreciated. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JUNE 13, 2010.**

In Honor of _____ *By* _____

COMMENT: _____

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COMMENT: _____

In Loving Memory of _____ *By* _____

COMMENT: _____

Annual Church Picnic

The theme this year is...

“Balloons and Bubbles”

The First Reformed United Church of Christ annual church picnic is scheduled ---

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Finch Park --- Shelter #1 (4 – 7 p.m.)

Bring Yard Chairs



Sunday school classes are responsible for providing the following...

- Men’s Bible Class..... Grill, Hamburger/Hotdogs, Cooking Expertise
- Willing Workers Class Assorted Sides (Fruit, Potato/Pasta Salads, Baked Beans)
- New Way Class Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Desserts
- Seekers Class Chips, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

If you are not a part of a Sunday school class and want to bring something, please contact Cathy Waitman in the church office (248-2617).

We are looking forward to a large turnout. Finch Park has much to offer so come early and enjoy walking, playing on the playground, or just visiting with friends. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all!

NOTE: Picnic will go on—rain or shine. If weather doesn’t cooperate we will still have the picnic in the church fellowship hall.