

Service of Divine Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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 "O Spirit of the Living God" No. 190
*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are the recipients of good news!

People: We heard it and want to proclaim it to all who will listen.

Liturgist: The promise is for everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

People: And we will be the ones through whom God's promise is spoken.

Liturgist: Let us begin our worship this day, inviting God's Spirit.

*Gloria Patri
Invocation {unison}

God of the promise, you call us while we are far away. Our presence here is a part of our response to your call. Meet us, O God, and bless our worship. Place your will in our hearts and minds so that we may know what we should do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

O God, we participate in the death of Jesus by failing to acknowledge Him as part of our lives. We say that he is the Messiah, yet we place other things above him. Our hearts are cut, too, when we recall the sacrifice he made on our part. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to renew our baptismal covenant. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35 (Page #964 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer {we pray debts}
The Children's Moment
Anthem "Devotion" Beck

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (Page #992 of Pew Bible)
Sermon **THE "EMMAUS EXPERIENCE"**

Response Through Dedication

Infant Dedication
Our Mother's Day Prayer
Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer
Reconciling God, accept these gifts as a sign of our willingness to be in partnership with you throughout the world. May they be used to bring your good news wherever and to whomever it is most needed. And may the good these gifts bring come back to bless us in ways we cannot imagine. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls" No. 390
*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 Fannie Green and Fred Green by Beverly, Bob, Jennifer, Caroline, Jillian and Jarrod.

THE FLOWERS on the pedestal are in honor of Wilson Webster "Webb" Fulton, and his parents, Chris and Amanda Fulton, with love from Dave and Glenyce Fulton.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Clifford Lopp

ACOLYTES: Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

GREETERS: Wanda Daye and Gladys Snider

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Joy Walser and John Smith

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.



As a congregation we rejoice with Chris and Amanda Fulton upon the dedication of their son, **Wilson Webster "Webb" Fulton**. Grandparents are Dave and Glenyce Fulton and Harriett Zimmerman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

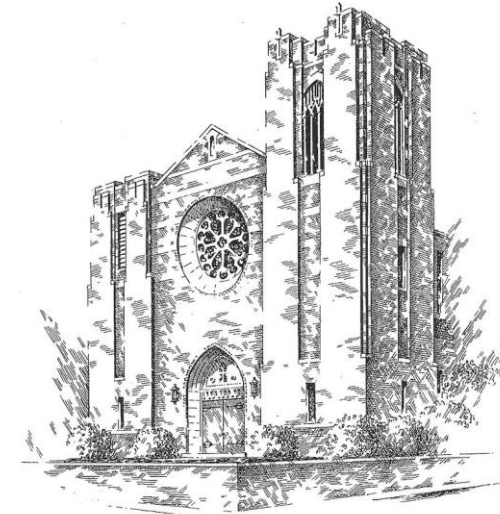
Sunday, May 8	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {DEDICATION OF WILSON WEBSTER FULTON}
Monday, May 9	6:30 p.m. ----- Stephen Ministry Training {Downstairs}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Men's Brotherhood Serves Meal at Shelter
Tuesday, May 10	10:00 a.m. ----- Prayer Shawl Ministry {Parlor}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Evangelism Committee Meeting {Sanctuary Choir Room}
	6:30 p.m. ----- Uptown Lexington Community Vision Forum {Fellowship Hall}
Thursday, May 12	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
Sunday, May 15	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE
	6:00 p.m. ----- Consistory Meeting {Willing Workers Classroom}

5/1/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
149	\$9,836	\$5,414	\$82,035	\$97,452 (\$15,417)

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

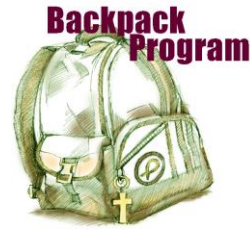
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Mother's Day, May 8, 2011

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 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 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.

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.

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.



We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with Don and Deanna Michael Beck upon the death of Don’s Mother, Daisy Brown.

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 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



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 8** (2 boxes of rice); **May 15** (1 box of corn flakes).