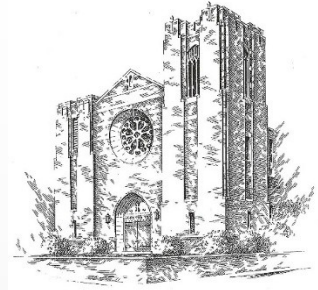


First News

First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, North Carolina



January 2010



Happy New Year, one and all! As we reflect back over 2009, we have indeed experienced a remarkable year together. Our full calendar year now of “Intentional Interim Ministry” has disclosed precisely what it should have: namely, that First Reformed UCC is an “intentional” congregation which examines its collective life with faithfully searching intelligence and discipline, conserving those elements of our life as the Body of Christ which must be conserved and rethinking those aspects of our ministry together which require such attention.

Through the thorough work of your Transition Team, great strides have been made to place FRUCC on a more productive course for the future, reminding ourselves again and again of the critical, ongoing ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation, through which we express all of our ministries with accountability, honesty, integrity and transparency. And while our Transition Team has been officially released from their “developmental studies” and the activities related to those studies, *we as a congregation have not been released from our continuing need to function “intentionally” through all the new challenges and opportunities which await this congregation.* A good example of that “intentionality” was expressed through the work of the Pastoral Search Committee in correcting and updating our church membership rolls, a work requiring sensitivity, finesse and courage and, by all accounts, a work done well. May many further instances of faithful “intentionality” find expression in 2010.

While still being retrospective, I would be remiss if I did not highlight the excellent work of our salaried staff for 2009. It has been a personal and professional pleasure to be associated with **Paula Lopp, Paul Freeman, Lee Ann Peele and Amy McNeill**, all of whom have been incredibly effective and dedicated at what they do. (*All of their spouses deserve a big round of applause for their supporting ministries with their spouses.*) We continue to be excited that Amy, while formally stepping down as our Director of Christian Education to pursue other professional options, will still be “in-there-pitching” at our Board of Christian Education meetings and at key times when our children’s ministries are being discussed and implemented. Speaking both for myself and our staff, we all appreciate deeply the Christmas gifts which we received on December 20 at our Christmas party, evidencing a thoughtfulness and care for us, on the congregation’s part, which is touching and very meaningful to us. Thank you and may God bless each of you and your families for the coming year.

And as for that new year of 2010, which is probably upon us by the time you read this, please plan now **to worship with us this Sunday, January 3, 2010 as we celebrate once again “The Covenant Service”** which is based upon the service first used by John Wesley in 1745. **We will also install our new Consistory and celebrate Holy Communion**, and get all of this done inside of one hour!! Yes, we are opening the new year with a miracle! We also expect to have our **new website** up and operational soon (thanks to **Kivi Miller**). Continue to look for new developments related to our **Community Youth Group**; the lay-lead **Stephen Ministry** opportunities; our **“Living the Questions”** study which will resume at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, January 14, to continue for the next six Thursdays, concluding on Thursday, February 25; and the wide array of ministries to and through which our gracious Lord will guide us.

Blessings and Shalom, Rev. Walt

Consistory Highlights—December 2009



Financial Report:

The average weekly offering for the month of November was \$4,020.00 for a five week period. General Fund balance is \$9,708.00 Building Fund is \$32,516.00, and Music Fund is \$7,584.00.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Patten handed out his 5-week report from November 9, 2009 to December 13, 2009:

- ◆ This report showed 5 weeks, with 165 phone calls, 18 hospital / Rehab / Rest Home visits, 91 office visits and approximately 55 hours work per week.
- ◆ Total number of people assisted by Pastor's Discretionary Fund since 4/15/08 was 108 with a balance of \$1,765.66 as of 12/11/09.
 - ◆ *Our PDF has sustained numerous hits recently and is depleting in a way that will require replenishing soon if we are to maintain our high standards of Christian stewardship in this particular ministry.*
 - ◆ Total number of people who approached us for assistance of various kinds..... 413
 - ◆ Total number of pastoral hours devoted to interviews that produced assistance... 60
- ◆ We will begin our next sequence of seven sessions of our "**Living the Questions**" series at **7:15 p.m., January 14, 2010 in our Educational Building**. This series of studies is entitled "Reclaiming the World," with the January 14 lesson entitled "Restoring Relationships." As before, we will use a stimulating DVD to prompt our discussions, along with lesson handouts for personal work. More on this later.
- ◆ Our **Community Youth Group** has wrapped up for the Christmas season, but will resume their meetings early in January. More later.
- ◆ I will be calling for a meeting in January, date TBA, of all persons who attended our **Stephen Ministry Workshop in Greensboro on November 14**. I have since met with a seasoned Stephen Ministry lay trainer who may be willing to serve as a resource for us as we think through what needs to happen next. Other people who are becoming interested in this approach to a lay caring ministry are welcome to attend as well. More later.
- ◆ I do believe that the **Madrigal Singers** were very well received here on Sunday evening, November 29. I have spoken to Marguerite Leonard about the possibility of utilizing the Thomason Endowment for another First Advent Madrigal appearance here at FRUCC on Sunday evening, November 28, 2010. Motion by Sherry Bonner, seconded by Eddie Yates, to have the First Advent Madrigal performance here at First Reformed Church on Sunday evening, November 28, 2010, was approved unanimously.
- ◆ Since our last meeting, **Adam McKerlie** (*Brian's son who joined FRUCC earlier this year*), a freshman at Elon University, has requested to be received as a member of FRUCC. This would be a Letter of Transfer from Second Reformed UCC here in Lexington.

BOARD REPORTS:

Board of Christian Education:

Vicky Gray reported that the Board of Christian Education did not have a meeting in December.

- ◆ The **Chili Cook-off** and **Advent Workshop** were held on Tuesday, December 1st. Our first annual chili cook-off was a huge success! Seven cooks, **Mike Brown, Alisa Johnson, Amy McNeill, Mike Price, Carolyn Spivey, Sylvia Walser,** and **Belinda Yates**, made delicious pots of chili. The chili with the most dollar votes was Sylvia Walser's. The votes amounted to over \$200.00 which will be used for costumes for the Children's Christmas Program and for next summer's retreat to Blowing Rock.
- ◆ The Advent Workshop was attended by around 60 people. Beth Callicutt brought names of children in the Lexington City School system who need help during the Christmas season. Those names were written on snowmen that were placed on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Almost all of the names were taken that night. Gifts are due back to the church by Wednesday, December 16.
- ◆ The **Children's Christmas play** will be on Sunday, December 20. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and eat. The play, "The Not So Silent Night," will follow. A special guest will arrive after the play and distribute gifts to the children. We hope lots of people will come and enjoy a night of food, fun, and fellowship.

Congregational Life:

- ◆ Eddie Yates reported on Sunday November 22nd, we enjoyed the **Community Thanksgiving Service**.
- ◆ On Sunday November 29th, the congregation was treated to a wonderful program of music by the **Grimsley High School Madrigal Singers** and enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to everyone who made the reception following the performance a success.
- ◆ Thanks to **John & Vicky Gray** and **Ted & Nina Smith** for the Sunday Social December 6th.
- ◆ December 13th, the congregation was treated to another musical treat with our annual **Christmas Cantata**. Thanks to our choir, the orchestra, and everyone who make this event possible.

Upcoming events:

Covered Dish Dinner and Children's Christmas program on Sunday December 20th at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service will be 9:00 p.m. Thurs. December 24th.

Catered lunch for new members on Sunday December 27th following worship.

Property Committee:

A letter will be sent to the Chamber of Commerce referencing the rental contract.

Board of Worship and Sacrament:

- Thanks went out to everyone who helped with the hanging of the greens and decorating the church for the Christmas holiday.
- Ramona thanked everyone on her committee for doing such a good job.

Evangelism Board:

Current church membership is 321. The average weekly attendance for the month of November was 122

Old Business:

- No one has shown any interest in the Farmer's Co-op building with the cost being \$250,000.
- ◆ Turlington & Company will not be able to work on a church audit until late April.

New Business:

The new officers of the Consistory for the year 2010 will be

June Grubb, President

Tom Danze, Vice President

Ramona Yarbrough, Secretary

Harriette Murphy, Treasurer

Scott Frye will serve a five year term as the new church trustee.

The Consistory's next meeting will be **Sunday, January 10th, 2010** at 7:00 p.m.

God Bless You and Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Gray, Secretary

NOTE: We regret being unable to print the biographical information for our new members who joined our church on Sunday, December 27th. We do not have pictures at this time. This information will be included in our next newsletter.

Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to receive profiles. We will resume meeting on January 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Search Committee Members:

Dawn Shaak, Chairperson

Eulene Shepherd, Chaplain

Sauni Johnson

Mark Smith, Vice Chairperson

Vicky Gray

Birke McNeill

Clifford Lopp, Recording Secretary

Walter Hoffman

Tony Peele

Women's Life Fellowship



Thank you to those who provided baked items for the reception immediately following the Community Thanksgiving Service with Second Reformed UCC, Sunday November 22nd and for the reception following the performance of the Grimsley High School Madrigal Singers, Sunday, November 29th. Special thanks to Belinda Yates and Mike Price for coordinating these two events.

We would like to thank Mike Price for hosting our annual Christmas Party. It was a great time of food, fun and fellowship.

The annual bake sale scheduled for Sunday, December 20th had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Watch for updates as we are making plans for fund raisers to help raise money to assist the many mission projects for our church and community.

As always, our meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Kids' Club meets at the same time so child care is provided during meetings. If you are interested in coming and being more active with your church family, we would love to have you! New Members are always welcome!

Women's Life Fellowship is looking forward to a successful year in 2010. Our first meeting of the new year will be **Tuesday, January 19th at 7 p.m.**

Thank you and God Bless,
Sauni Johnson, President

Morning Glory Circle

Nineteen members and guests of the Morning Glory Circle enjoyed lunch on December 21st at the home of Mike Price. Mike's beautifully decorated home made our December meeting quite festive. Heart Sisters were revealed and names were drawn for the coming year.

Lib Sink, Chairperson, reminded the group that the circle will feed the homeless at the shelter on Monday, January 11th. Plans will be completed at the January meeting.

We welcome all ladies of the church to attend the Morning Glory Circle which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor.

Mary Berrier, Secretary

Men's Brotherhood

Secretary, Clifford Lopp



The Men's Brotherhood held their Christmas Party on December 14th at Yarborough's Restaurant. 34 members and guests enjoyed good food and conversation throughout the night. Our President, Frank Leonard, led the group as we sang Christmas songs. The highlight of the night was when Eddie Yates and Ron Hutcheson were transformed, by their assistants, to

"Frosty the Snowman" and "A Christmas Tree". The competition was very close. You will have to determine the winner (pictured at the right). We would like to thank everybody for your support of our group this year and know that if you have been thinking about joining us you are always welcome. Our next meeting will be January 21. A meal will be provided. See Frank Leonard or Clifford Lopp if you can assist.



Memo to Party Planners Next Year: The lid to the eggnog jar shall be closed promptly and finally at 6:00 p.m.!

Thank you to Frank Westmoreland for the Christmas photos.

United Friendship Club

At the December meeting of the United Friendship Club the members enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared and served by the food staff of Piedmont Crossing, a UCC retirement facility in Thomasville. Several members of First Reformed UCC, who are residents at the Center, joined us for lunch.

The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27 in the fellowship hall. Our program will be a time of story telling by members of the Club. Everyone is invited to bring a personal art object (i.e., painting, pottery, or other handcrafted items) which has meaning and relates a story about people and /or places one might have experienced. It will be fun to hear from one another about our travels, our hobbies, or dreams and wishes.

Hostesses for the meeting are Joyce Price, Vicky Green and Nancy Robbins.

Angel Tree Donations

Thank you to the many people who placed Angels on the breezeway Christmas Tree in honor or memory of someone special. Your generous donations raised \$1,458.00 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

In Honor of - - -

All of Our Angels
All of Our Nieces and Nephews
All Volunteers
Ms. Nancy Barr
Betty Bates
Brad, Raeann and Holt Biesecker
The Choir, Paul and Lee Ann
Mary Crouse
Melody and Albert Evans
Family and Friends of First Reformed UCC
Anne Fletcher
First Reformed UCC Staff and Church Members
Paul Freeman
Paul and Debra Freeman
Paul and Debra Freeman
Paul and Debra Freeman
Paul and Debra Freeman
Chris and Amanda Fulton
Scott and Corinne Gray
Margaret Hodges
Walter and Ann Hoffman
Mary Jo and Lee Jessup
Jesus
Maxine Lohr
Paula Lopp
Paula Lopp
Paula and Clifford Lopp
Paula and Cliff Lopp
Paula and Clifford Lopp
Paula and Clifford Lopp
Amy McNeill
Amy McNeill
Amy and Birke McNeill
Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Lisa Nelson
Pastor Walt, Elyse and Rachael
Reverend Walter Patten and Family
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Reverend Walter and Elyse Patten
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By

The Odom Family
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey
Banks and Eulene Shepherd
Darren, Betty, Cameron & Peyton Barr
Your Secret Sister
Lisa Nelson
Doris Frye
Your 2010 Heart Sister
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Jack and Lalah Frank
Lynn Klopp
Doris Frye
Steve and Cathy Waitman
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Tony and Lee Ann Peele
Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Lisa Nelson
Grandma
Mom and Dad
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Jeff Hutchens
Your Secret Sister
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Steve and Cathy Waitman
Tony and Lee Ann Peele
Paul and Debra Freeman
Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Lisa Nelson
Steve and Cathy Waitman
Brad, Raeann and Holt Biesecker
Clifford and Paula Lopp
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Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Steve and Cathy Waitman
John and Vicky Gray
Elizabeth Sink
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Tony and Lee Ann Peele
Paul and Debra Freeman

In Honor of - - -

Lee Ann Peele
Lee Ann and Tony Peele
Lee Ann and Tony Peele
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Lee Ann and Tony Peele
Joyce Price
Nancy Robbins
The Search Committee and Paula Lopp
The Search Committee and Paula Lopp
Lib Sink
Ruby Slemp
Arlene Swing
Cathy and Steve Waitman
Cathy Waitman
Wall Family
Adena Wall

In Loving Memory of - - -

George Albright
Mary Ida Albright
All of Our Angels
Ethel and Murphy Bates, Sr.
Ruby Bouchard
Marie and George Crouse
Dale Everhart
Lori Lopp Floyd
Lori Lopp Floyd
W.P. Grimes
Archie Hodges
Ed Holt
Sandra S. Hutchens
Sandra S. Hutchens
Pauline Laney
Jacob C. Leonard, Jr.
Mary Louise Leonard
Ida and Garrett Morris
Robert Morris
Robert Morris
Patrick O'Daniel
Jared Perrell
Dan Phillips, II
Vernon Price, Jr.
Vernon Price, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Raker
Mr. and Mrs. Roby Swing
Reverend William R. Yocum

By

Steve and Cathy Waitman
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Paul and Debra Freeman
Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Lisa Nelson
Your Secret Sister
Your Secret Sister
Anonymous
Raeann Biesecker
Your Secret Sister
Alisa Johnson
Jim Swing
Clifford and Paula Lopp
Lisa Nelson
Adena Wall
A Friend

By

Wanda Daye
Wanda Daye
The Odom Family
Pattie B. Everhart
Butch Bouchard
Pattie B. Everhart
Pattie B. Everhart
The Clifford Lopp Family
Tony and Lee Ann Peele
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Brad, Raeann and Holt Biesecker
Jeff and Kalyssa Hutchens
A Friend
Alisa Johnson
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Merle and Jerry Hodges
Ann and Lennie Cooper
Sarah Morris
Ann and Lennie Cooper
Wanda Daye
Harriette and Clifton Murphy
Adena Wall
Joyce and Valerie Price
John and Vicky Gray
Carolyn and Carroll Spivey
Adena Wall
Carolyn H. Yocum



Christian Education



As I step down as Director of Christian Education I would like to thank all of the Sunday school teachers, parents, and children for a wonderful four years. Thank you to the Board of Christian Education for the beautiful Jim Shore angel figurines and a special thank you to the congregation for your support. I will continue to serve on the Board of Christian Education and assist in any capacity that I can.

I wish for everyone a blessed 2010.

Amy McNeill

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone and that 2010 is here. Traditionally this is the time we make New Year's Resolutions. As we think about ways to improve, we need to include resolutions concerning our spiritual lives. Some suggestions might include attending church regularly, attending Sunday school, volunteering for a committee, and setting aside a time each day for prayer and Bible reading.

We are starting off 2010 with a new unit of Roads to God called "Jesus is Baptized." For the next eight weeks the children will use computers, art, science, storytelling, cooking, music, games, and video to study about Jesus' baptism. The three year olds will continue with their study called "Rock Solid". There are adults lined up each Sunday morning during Sunday school to look after infants and toddlers in the nursery. Please bring your little ones to church and get them in the habit of being there. There are classes for the parents to attend also, so that all age levels can participate in Sunday school.

We are in the process of adding some new members to the Board of Christian Education. All of us are looking forward to working together to make our church grow and especially meet the needs of our children. After all, they are the future of our church family!

Cathy Waitman

Chairperson, Board of Christian Education



Sunday School—December 2009

Haylee Hutcheson	Nancy Robbins
Eulene Shepherd	Wanda Daye
Ramona Yarbrough	Betty Bates
Adena Wall	Cliff Lopp
Butch Bouchard	J.W. Bates
John Barber	Frank Leonard
Banks Shepherd	Camille Morgan
Walter Patten	Jeff Hutchens
Harriette Murphy	Cathy Waitman
Clifford Lopp	Paula Lopp

Kids' Club

Alice Gray

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Kids' Club members! We did not meet in December BUT we will meet in January. The first meeting is directly after the Children's Moment during church service on **Sunday, January 10** with leaders Cathy Waitman and Lisa Nelson. Come prepared to continue learning the importance of the 23rd Psalm.



The 2nd meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 19** at 7:00 p.m. with Alice and James Gray as leaders. We will be creating a church service project for Valentine's Day.

CHILI COOKOFF AND ADVENT WORKSHOP



Those dollars add up...the winner of the chili cook-off is: Sylvia Walser

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Thank you to Nina Smith and Larry Link for the Christmas photos.

December Memorials

LOUIS "IKE" GREEN

Martha and Robert Adams



GERTRUDE MYERS JARVIS

Frank C. Leonard, Jr.

Nancy Robbins

Dawn and Bob Shaak

GEORGE WILLIAM CROUSE

Dawn and Bob Shaak

Mickey Arnold

MARY LOUISE GREEN ROLLINS

Frank C. Leonard, Jr.

Janie Lohr

Bruce and Joan M. Cope

Martha and Robert Adams

Aurelia and Jerry Smith

Ruth Essick

Sarah Morris

Doris Frye

Rita Leonard

Mary T. Williams

HILDA DORSETT LEONARD

Don Leonard

Henry and Juanita Beck

Wanda Daye

Jack and Louise Michael

Katherine Skipper

Donald D. Leonard

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith

Doris Frye

Merle and Jerry Hodges

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith

Frank C. Leonard, Jr.

Holton Davis

ETHEL MARIE BAILEY

Don Leonard

Henry and Juanita Beck

Gladys Snider

Doris Frye

Katherine Skipper

Holton Davis

Banks and Eulene Shepherd

Janie Lohr

Merle and Jerry Hodges

Wanda Daye

Elizabeth Sink



Dear Church Family,

I appreciate all the cards and inquiries about Ethel and me during the holidays. Thank you for the very nice “throws” you gave us for Christmas. Also, thanks to Reverend Patten for his visits and solos at Ethel’s bedside, we enjoyed each visit.

Sadie Bailey

Thank you to the members of First Reformed Church for the fruit basket and lap blanket. It’s nice to be remembered.

Giles Crowell

- ◆ We extend a huge thank you to our Choir Director, Paul Freeman, Pianist, Lee Ann Peele, the choir, and orchestra for the WONDERFUL cantata presented on Sunday, December 13th.
- ◆ A special thank you to Janette Neal who sends cards to our church family throughout the year.
- ◆ Due to the generosity of First and Second UCC church members at the Sunday night Community Thanksgiving Service, an offering of \$257.00 was donated to Crisis Ministry.
- ◆ The “Veterans of the Cross” offering received for those clergy and their families who have served and continue to serve the United Church of Christ totaled \$637.00.
- ◆ Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service offering of \$987.00 was donated to Crisis Ministry.
- ◆ Because of your support we will end the year with bills and benevolences **PAID!!!** Our church continues to be a giving church. We should be very proud that we are able to support our community through our benevolent gifts.
- ◆ **Pastor’s Pantry** sent a thank you note for the efforts of the members of First Reformed UCC who donated and collected non-perishables during the Up Town Christmas Open House.

Dear Church Family,

The First Reformed UCC Staff wishes to thank all of you for your generosity during the holiday season. Your gifts of love and appreciation mean so much to all of us.

Thank you, Walter, Paula, Amy, Paul, and Lee Ann



Congratulations to **Jordan McCarn** who graduated Friday, December 18, 2009 from Basic Law Enforcement Training at Forsyth Technical College.

JANUARY STEWARDS

Ushers: Chairperson: Ramona Yarbrough

Captain: J.W. Bates

Ushers: Ramona Yarbrough, Denise Durham, Sylvia Walser

Plate Attendant: Buddy Lohr

Acolytes: Laura and Katrina Strenk

Sound Tech: James Gray

Adult Joint Sunday School: Responsible for lesson - - - New Way Sunday School Class

Social: Host/Hostess: Cheryl and Bill Walser, Janette Neal and John Potts

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:20 a.m. SS Social
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

<u>Greeters:</u>	January	3	Brian and Beka McKerie
	January	10	Jerry and Aurelia Smith
	January	17	James Atkinson
	January	24	Chris and Amanda Fulton
	January	31	Darren, Betty and Peyton Barr

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY

<u>Nursery:</u>	January	3	Kay Crouse and Emily Leonard
	January	10	Betty Bates
	January	17	Heidi and Ron Hutcheson
	January	24	Amanda and Chris Fulton
	January	31	Nicole and Mark Smith



(Alston Brook) Betty Potts

(Centerclair) Jeanne Trexler

(St. Martins in the Pines) Barbara Schaeffer

(Piedmont Crossing) Henry and Ernestine Kennedy, Frances Leonard, and Rita Tussey

Elmer Morgan, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Sadie Bailey, Arlene Swing, Margaret Trexler, Joel Reece, Henry and Juanita Beck, Jacqueline Leonard, Giles Crowell, Catherine Leonard, Willie Ruth Leonard, Micki Smith, Ernie Bonner, and Velna Swing. Also, please remember Johnny Sink, Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Melvin Evans (Paul Freeman's Uncle), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Spencer Wilson, Joyce Bowie (Joyce Price's sister-in-law), Jacob Berrier (Great-grandson of Mary Berrier), Susan Cadwallader (Anne Fletcher's Mother), and Sgt. Russell Mullis, USMC (Jerri Russell's son who is serving in Afghanistan). To add a name to the prayer chain, please contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office at 248-2617.

We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with:

- ◆ **Don Leonard** and **Jane Leonard** upon the death of their mother and our friend, **Hilda Dorsett Leonard**.
- ◆ **Sadie Bailey** upon the death of her sister and our friend, **Ethel Bailey**



JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Office Holiday	
9:45 am Joint Sunday School 10:20 am SS Social (FH) 11 a.m. COVENANT SERVICE Ordain-Install Elders/Deacons HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. (Parlor) BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING	6:30 p.m. (Parlor) SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING	11 a.m. (Parlor) MORNING GLORY CIRCLE 7 p.m. Choir Practice	5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class		
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship & Kids' Club 6 p.m. NEW CONSISTORY- MEMBERS MEETING 7 p.m. CONSISTORY MTG	5:30 p.m. (P) Scrap Booking/Craft Night		7 p.m. Choir Practice	5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA 7:15 p.m. (FH) Living the Questions Study "RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS"		
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	7 p.m. (FH) Genealogical Society	7 p.m. (Parlor) WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP and KID'S CLUB	7 p.m. Choir Practice	5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA 6 p.m. (FH) MEN'S BROTHERHOOD 7:15 p.m. (FH) Living the Questions Study "THE PROPHETIC JESUS"		
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service and Children's Church	10 a.m. (P) TRUSTEE MEETING		Noon (FH) FRIENDSHIP CLUB 7 p.m. Choir Practice	5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA 7:15 p.m. (FH) Living the Questions Study "EVIL, SUFFERING, AND A GOD OF LOVE"		
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service						
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 CATERED LUNCH AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING </div>	

New Year Covenant Service

Ordination/Installation of 2010 Consistory Members and Holy Communion

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Elders and Deacons joining the Consistory in 2010 will be ordained/installed during the eleven o'clock worship service.



Elders: Harriette Murphy, Sylvia Walser, and Tom Danze (Unexpired term of Albert Evans)
 Deacons: June Grubb, Janette Neal and John Smith, III
 Trustee: Scott Frye

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 Administrative Asst.....Paula Lopp
 Choir Director Paul Freeman
 Organist..... Lee Ann Peele

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service11:00 a.m.

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