

Service of Divine Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Birchwood
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 471
*Responsive Call to Worship
Liturgist: During this time of worship you will be invited to consider the Kingdom of heaven. Just what is the Kingdom of heaven?
Men: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."
Women: "The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour."
Choir: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field."
Left Side: "Or a merchant in search of fine pearls."
Right Side: "Or a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind."
Liturgist: In all of these places you will find the Kingdom of heaven. In all of these places there you will discover God.
People: In this time and place may we experience the Kingdom of heaven. May we discover God.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation (In Unison)

Amazing God, Giver of Hope, you come to us in unexpected times and places. May we see your action in the world around us. May we respond with joy and anticipation. During this time of worship fill our hearts and minds with your Holy Spirit that we continue as your faithful disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession
Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

There are times, O God, when you seem removed from our lives. As our minds fixate upon the routine of daily schedules, we forget to look for you. It's hard to see small things around us, O God, for it seems in the smallness you act. Please understand, God, that we must be aware of the gigantic challenges, the monumental struggles, and the overwhelming decisions that await us each day. Forgive us when we forget you, O God. Plant within us once again the tiny seed of faithfulness. Mix within us a mixture of love and grace to act as leaven throughout our actions, words and thoughts. Renew within us a hope that you are there with us during each and every day. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading Romans 8:26-39 (Page #1030 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*
Let the Children Come
Anthem "Down to the Water to Pray" Choplin

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (Page #890 of Pew Bible)
Sermon "Flourishing Fauna and Other Treasures"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
The Offertory
*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*
It is a joy to give, O God, out of response to your graciousness. It is in giving that we receive all the more from your abundant blessings! Bless what we give this day and lead us to discover your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus name we give. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "O Happy Day" SLS No. 31
*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 "Jesus Is Lord" Innes

*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 honor of First Reformed UCC volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels to local recipients.

USHERS: Tony Peele, Keri Hartle, Ashlee Snider, and Lena Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Joyce Price

GREETERS: Belinda and Eddie Yates

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Aurelia Smith and Sylvia Walser

PRAYER CONCERNS: Nancy Robbins, Margaret Trexler, Lauren Thompson, Sadie Bailey, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Jimmy Grubb (June's Brother), Mary John Allred (Gray Family), Ann Spivey (Carroll Spivey's Mother), Connie Weichert (Gerri Hill's Sister), Sandra Fern (Sauni Johnson'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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 24 9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes For Everyone
 11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE
 "SEND A KID TO SCHOOL" - SPIRAL BOUND ONE SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS

Monday, July 25 6:30 p.m. ---Stephen Ministry {Parlor}

Tuesday, July 26 6:00 p.m. ---Evangelism Board Meeting {Parlor}

Thursday, July 28 5:30 p.m. ---Yoga Class {Parlor}

Sunday, July 31 9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes For Everyone
 11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE

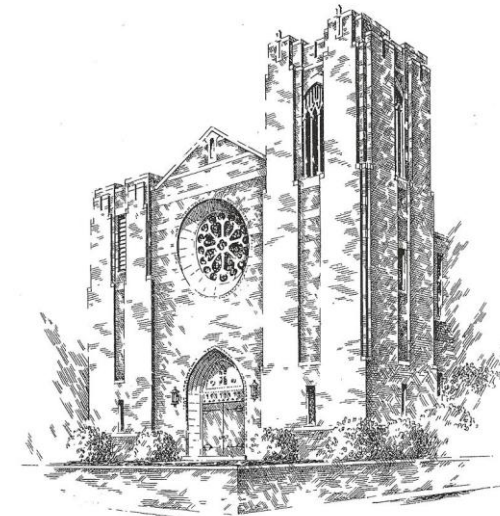
Monday, August 1 6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education {Parlor}

7/17/11 Attendance & Income		Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
114	\$9,418	\$5,621	\$142,693	\$159,490	(\$16,797)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Robin Keating (Office #336-248-2617, Cell #336-250-9554)
 Cathy Waitman, 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*

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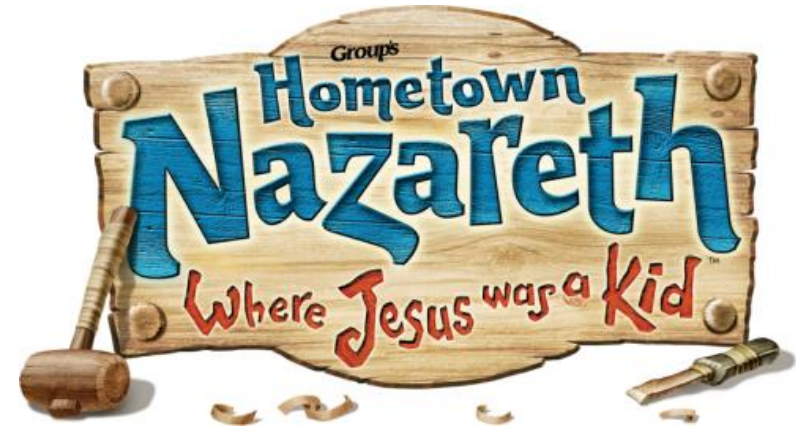
Stephen Ministers

One of the responsibilities our Stephen Ministry wants to take on is to assist our minister in the visiting those who are hospitalized. The visitation period will cover the time of hospitalization as well as whatever period of time necessary during rehabilitation. As is true of our entire ministry, care receivers do not have to be members of FRUCC.

If you, your family, or friends know of anyone currently in the hospital or who are scheduled to go there as a patient and would benefit from the loving care and support of a Stephen Minister, please contact John Barber at 336-249-4552.

You, your family, and friends are a vital part of the success of our ministry. If any of you in these three categories know of people who are hurting and would benefit from a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister, get their permission and contact John Barber who will start the ball rolling almost immediately.

Thank you for your continued support!



Mark Your
Calendars!
August 5th & 6th

Send a Kid to School

This year's **VBS community service project** is to collect back to school supplies for children in need. We have collected: pencils, erasers, wide-ruled notebook paper, crayons, glue sticks and spiral bound one subject notebooks. If you were unable to bring your items on the designated Sunday, or simply forgot, we are continuing to collect through next Sunday, July 31st. Collection boxes are outside the church office or in the narthex.



If you know of anyone in our church who needs school supplies, please contact Cathy before August 1st.

First Reformed United Church of Christ and Second Reformed United Church of Christ will have a joint Vacation Bible School again this year. We will be meeting at Second Reformed on **Friday, August 5th (5 – 7:30 pm) and Saturday, August 6th (10 am – 1:30 pm)** for preschool thru 6th grade children. We are searching for the following materials to help with decorations:

canvas tarps	old tools	a work bench
baskets	pottery	fleece
feed sacks	artificial potted ferns	

If you can loan any of these items please call the church office.

We are also in need of helpers to lead Hometown Huddle groups and to help the children move from class to class. Hometown Huddle leaders introduce the lesson and help the children learn the Bible verse. Please contact the office if you are able to help.