

Service of Divine Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Moses, the shepherd, knew firsthand the challenges of everyday life.

People: Like Moses, we find ourselves on rough terrain with great responsibility.

Liturgist: And in the midst of our struggles, when we focus on ourselves, God calls us to look away ...

People: To find the extraordinary in the ordinary, to see the burning bush.

Liturgist: God calls us this morning to turn and look, and to experience God's presence.

People: I shall turn my heart toward God. Speak, O God, to me, to us. For we worship you now on holy ground.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation {In Unison}

Consuming God, sweep across the face of your people with your fire. Blaze through these hearts and rekindle your Spirit within us until our voices can say without fear or reservation, "Here I am, Lord". Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

Patient God, we often don't know what to say. Our tongues become twisted because our hearts are in a state of conflict. How do we witness to others about your love and tell others about holiness and justice when we fail to be motivated by your rejuvenating Spirit? We don't have the answers or the words. But as we draw nearer to you and ask for forgiveness, we are humbled and quieted by your grace. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28 (Page #894 of Pew Bible)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*

Let the Children Come

Anthem "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bock

Proclamation of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-15 (Page #49 of Pew Bible)

Sermon

"Holy Ground"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
Solo: Emily Kepley Moss

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*

Provider and Sustainer, we give back to you a small part of what you give to us. Help us to remove our sandals so that we might realize more fully your sustaining grace ... grace that even takes the form of socks and shoes. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" SLS No. 20

*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 Evelyn Bates Lanning in remembrance of her August 31st birth date, by her daughters: Myra Thompson, Laura Perry, and Carol Church.

USHERS: John Potts, Ron Hutcheson, Janette Neal, Cheryl Walser

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Walser

GREETERS: James Atkinson and Kelly Greathouse

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Keri Hartle and Ashlee Snider

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Margaret Trexler, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Lossie Knowles (Lee Ann Peele's Mother), 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

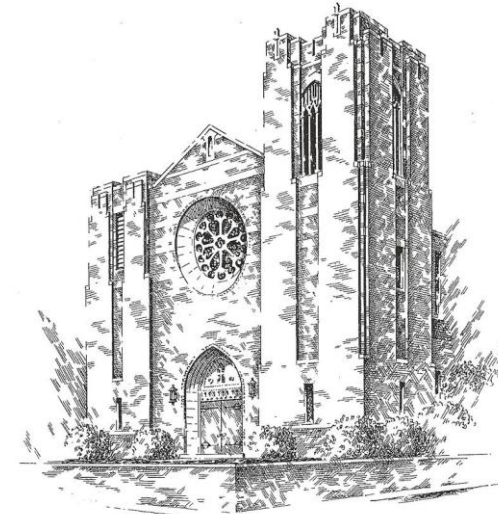
Sunday, August 28	9:45 a.m. ---SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 10:00 a.m. --- T'ween Class Meeting {PARENTS, STUDENTS, & TEACHERS} PARLOR 11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE
Monday, August 29	6:30 p.m.---Grappler Teacher's Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, September 1	5:30 p.m. ---Yoga Class {Parlor}
Friday, September 2	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, September 3	Wedding
Sunday, September 4	9:45 a.m. ---JT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL {LESSON: NEW WAY CLASS} 10:20 a.m. ---SS SOCIAL {HOST: RAEANN BIESECKER AND SAUNI & THOMAS JOHNSON} 11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE AND KIDS' CLUB
Monday, September 5	Labor Day Holiday

8/21/11 Attendance & Income		Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
111	\$3,441	\$5,621	\$164,864	\$187,595	(\$22,731)

CHURCH STAFF

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

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“Keeping Sabbath”

Rally Day

Sept. 11, 2011

9:45 a.m. Sunday School



Everyone is invited to join together for Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall. The program will include – promotions, an interview with Jesus, set up a worship center, create mandalas, and light refreshments.

Noon – Congregational Lunch

Women’s Life Fellowship members (with grilling assistance from Mike Brown) are preparing lunch for the congregation. The meal will be served immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall. There is not a set price for the meal however donations will be accepted at the door. Funds raised will assist with the purchase of computers for the new ‘Tween Sunday school class.

Special Rally Day Project:

“Hats Off for Cancer”

Bring a new child-friendly hat or cap for children with cancer who have lost their hair. All caps will go to Brenner Children’s Hospital

“Help to make a childhood cancer patient’s smile a bit brighter and their day a bit happier!”



Women’s Life Fellowship Members: There will be a brief meeting immediately following the worship service to sign-up for dishes needed for the Rally Day Lunch. Please come to the front of the sanctuary.

A new member class will begin in the early fall. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Reformed UCC please contact the church office at 248-2617 for more information.



With the Blessing of the Prayer Shawls on August 14th, the Prayer Shawl Ministry group has completed 99 shawls in 11 months. I think that is remarkable! Materials for each shawl cost approximately \$10. These ladies have out of pocket expenses of almost \$1,000 to date. That of course doesn’t include the countless hours they have spent creating these beautiful shawls that encircle each recipient with love and prayers.



The ladies haven’t requested assistance but, Women’s Life Fellowship members decided that those of us who don’t knit or crochet could donate yarn for a shawl. If you are interested in helping, the following is the type of yarn needed.

Yarn – Needs to be soft

- Lion Brand Yarn – Pound of Love (16ozs – 4 ply 100% acrylic)
- Caron 3 skeins (6ozs each – 4 ply Simply Soft 100% acrylic)

If you would like to make a monetary donation make your check payable to FRUCC and write “Yarn” on the memo line. Thank you.