

Service of Divine Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "O Zion, Haste" Welch

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 80

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: In the midst of the noise of the world we gather to worship.

People: We are searching for a quiet place in our hearts and in our lives.

Liturgist: This is the place to recognize your need for the Living God.

People: We come hopeful to experience the renewing power of God.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation {In Unison}

Our God, we come into this time of worship to get away from the noise and busyness of our lives. We acknowledge our need for refreshment and that you are the only one who can truly give us what we need. May we be open to your Spirit, filling us in this time together in your presence. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

We complain, O God, and you hear us. We forget how to rely on you and then grumble because we don't have what we think we need. You offer us new life and we often turn away, thinking we just want to return to our old ways of living. Forgive us, Merciful One.

We are in need of what you offer. Help us to put our trust in you. Replenish our needs and make us grateful for all we have. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading Philippians 1:21-30 (Page #1069 of Pew Bible)

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

Let the Children Come

Anthem "Lead Me Lord" Edmundson

Proclamation of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-15 (Page #62 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Whinin' and Dinin'"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer {unison}

O God of Life, bless our humble gifts and use this offering to feed the souls of the hungry in our community and around the world. In the name of Christ the living bread we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 323

*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 March" Powell

***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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louis "Ike" Green in remembrance of his September 18th birth date. Given by his daughter Marsha Green FitzGerald.

USHERS: Birke McNeill, Scott Frye, Frank Callicutt and Thomas Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Adena Wall

ACOLYTES: Kelsey Johnson and Kaitlyn McNeill

GREETERS: Buddy and Rita Lohr

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Beth and Frank Callicutt

PRAYER CONCERNS: Carroll Spivey, Ronnie Durham, John Barber, Margaret Trexler, Sadie Bailey, Ernie Bonner, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, Willie Ruth Leonard, Juanita & Henry Beck, Ernestine & Henry Kennedy, Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's Mother), 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

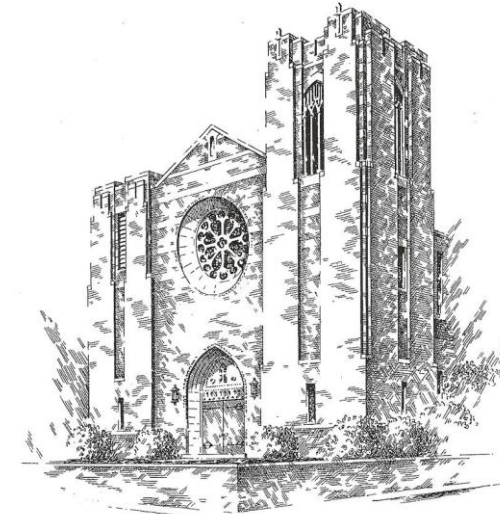
Sunday, September 18	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE AND KIDS' CLUB
Tuesday, September 20	7:00 p.m. ----- Women's Life Fellowship {Parlor}
Wednesday, September 21	6:00 p.m. ----- Mystery Dinner Theatre Play Practice {New Way Classroom}
	7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Sanctuary Choir Room}
Thursday, September 22	5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. ----- Spiritual Practices {Parlor}
Saturday, September 24	2:00 p.m. ----- Bridal Shower {Parlor}
Sunday, September 25	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9/11/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
161	\$2,601	\$5,621	\$174,987	(\$29,471)

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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Spiritual Practices Study Group



In the coming weeks (September 22 through November 10) on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the parlor, Reverend Keating is offering opportunities to explore the Spiritual Practices that have come down to us through the Church Fathers of the Early Christian Church. These are old ways to encounter Scripture that for many have fallen out of practice which, when resurrected in our lives, will add depth and meaning to our lives and our search for God. We will explore briefly the history and theology of each practice, but more importantly focus on how the particular practice is done.

The Finance Committee of First Reformed United Church of Christ will sponsor a dinner and mystery theatre fundraiser at the **Corner Café Dinner Theater** (fellowship hall) on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Proceeds from the dinner and play will assist the First Reformed UCC benevolences.



CASTING CALL... If you are interested in participating in the play please see Carolyn Spivey or contact the church office ASAP. Rehearsals will begin soon!!

Arts Academy Faculty Showcase

Arts Academy at Grace Episcopal Church is a community school of Arts for children and adults. On Sunday, September 25th at 3 p.m. they will feature a Faculty Showcase open to the public with free admission. Featured faculty include: Connie Burlison, pianist and organist; Becky Lippard, vocalist; Luke Payne, guitarist; Helen Rifas, harpist; Luci White, violinist; Vanessa Hollifield, mosaics and stained glass; and Lisa Timberlake's Students, visual art.



A **NEW MEMBER CLASS** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Reformed UCC please contact the church office at 248-2617.



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1ST ANNUAL GERMANFEST

PRESENTED BY
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104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU INCLUDES:

Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Marinated Vegetables, Bread, Dessert, Tea, Water & Coffee	\$10.00
Hot Dog, Drink & Dessert	\$3.00
Hot Dog only	\$1.00

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