

## *Service of Divine Worship*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Dave Fulton

### *We Gather To Serve God In Worship*

Prelude "Sing the Glad Song" Ritter

\*Chimes Sounding the Hour

\*Time of Greeting

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Let the Children Come

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come and worship! God brings us to this place with great power.

**People: With power and with a mighty hand, God gathers the people.**

Liturgist: From the void God created life. From Egypt God delivered the Hebrews. In love God provided a Savior.

**People: So we come to worship this God who creates, delivers and saves!**

\*Hymn "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

**Not my brother, not my sister but it's me, O Lord ...**

**Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord ...**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord ...**

**Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord ...**

### *Confession of Sin*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

**O God of the universe, we are forgetful people. We forget you made this world and we are to care for it and protect it. We forget you created each of us with wonderful talents and interests to enjoy and to use in serving others. We forget the rules you give us for good and happy lives. We forget we are your people, people with jobs to do. Sometimes we "forget on purpose". At other times we are so busy or want something so badly we really do forget. We try to go our own way, do what we want and make our own plans. Forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

## *We Proclaim The Word of God*

The First Scripture Reading Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (Page #546 of Pew Bible)

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

Anthem "How Firm A Foundation" Wood

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14 (Page #77 of Pew Bible)

Sermon ***"When the Cat's Away..."***

### *We Respond To The Word of God*

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

\*Our Response **"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving,**

**And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy!**

\*The Offertory Prayer

**Dear God, you bless us so richly. Give us wisdom as we use those blessings in this world. Receive our gifts – receive us this day. Help us discover in our offering what is really important. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.**

### *We Go Forth to Serve God*

\*Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 271

\*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 "In Thee Is Joy" Denton

**\*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](mailto:church@frucc.org).**

# Corner Café Dinner Theatre

PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FIRST REFORMED UCC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011 AT 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

**MENU INCLUDES:** Choice Rib Eye, Salad, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Spiced Apple Rings, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and Coffee



**COME ENJOY A HILARIOUS MYSTERY DINNER. TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. COMPETE WITH OTHER TABLES TO SEE WHO CAN WIN THE EVENING'S PRIZE.**



**\$30.00 TICKETS INCLUDE DINNER AND THE PLAY**

SEE A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS  
FUNDS RAISED WILL ASSIST WITH BENEVOLENT PAYMENTS

## Pennies From Heaven – Fall Campaign

Participate in the Fall Pennies from Heaven – Spare Change Changing Lives Campaign! It's a fundraiser for Crisis Ministry of Davidson County to help meet operational costs. Collectively the change of many is helping to change the lives of those served by Crisis Ministry. What can you do to help? It's simple...**collect pocket change!** Drop donations in coin bottles located in the narthex and outside the church office.



## CROP Walk

**WHAT IS THE CROP HUNGER WALK?** Sunday, November 6, 2011, neighbors from different faiths, cultures, and ages, walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies.

**WHAT DOES CROP MEAN?**



Communities  
Responding to  
Overcome  
Poverty

**WALKERS:** Signup envelopes to record pledges and collect money are located in the narthex. Please sign beside the form # you take.

## Congregational Lunch and Meeting



**TODAY, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** we are sharing a catered lunch, provided by Yarborough's Restaurant, followed by a congregational meeting. Donations for lunch will be accepted at the door.

Following lunch the 2012 proposed church budget will be presented by the Finance Committee. The Consistory members voted to recommend this budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting and add your endorsement by accepting the challenge that is being presented as we continue to provide ministry and mission in our community and beyond our church.



## Spiritual Practices Study Group



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. He will lead a group each Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. through November 10<sup>th</sup>, and again on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will encounter Scripture, through the old ways, that for many have fallen out of practice which, when resurrected, 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.

## Mission: 1 Campaign

This Fall we are participating in the national UCC's Mission: 1 Campaign, which will be conducted nationally from 11.1.11 through 11.11.11. First Reformed UCC will participate by contributing to the National UCC's goal of collecting more than 1 million items of healthy food for local food banks.

Beginning on Sunday, October 30, church members can bring non-perishable food items to drop off in the Narthex. Some suggested items include: **canned stew beef, brown rice, low sodium soup, canned fruit packed in its own juice, canned tuna, multi-grain cereal with low sugar content, low sodium oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauces.** Board of Community Outreach members will count how many items have been donated and report those numbers on-line as part of the national effort. On Stewardship Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our Mission: 1 efforts with a Service of Blessing for the donated food items.



**FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Raker and Mr. William P. Grimes by their family.

**USHERS:** Tom Danze, Susan Odom, Roy Bevan and Nicole Smith

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** J.W. Bates

**ACOLYTES:** Emma and Jaedyn Keel

**GREETERS:** Camille Morgan and Janelle Bunn

**NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}:** Kivi and Edgar Miller

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ronnie Durham, Giles Crowell, 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). 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, October 9      9:45 a.m. --- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE**  
 11:00 a.m. --- **WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**NOON ----- CONGREGATION LUNCH AND MEETING**  
 1:30 p.m. --- **CONSISTORY MEETING**

Monday, October 10      6:30 p.m. --- Stephen Ministry {Parlor}  
 7:00 p.m. --- Mayme Weaver Preaching Mission {First United Methodist Church}  
*Reverend Keating will have the Invocation*

Tuesday, October 11      10:00 a.m. --- Prayer Shaw Ministry {Parlor}  
 6:00 p.m. --- Mystery Dinner Play Practice {FH}

Wednesday, October 12      6:00 p.m. --- Children's Christmas Play Practice {Fellowship Hall}  
 6:30 p.m. --- Bell Choir Practice {Bell Room}  
 7:15 p.m. --- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, October 13      5:30 p.m. --- Yoga Class {Parlor}  
 7:00 p.m. --- Spiritual Practices {FH}

Friday, October 14      5-7 p.m. --- Hillside Pool Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser {FH}

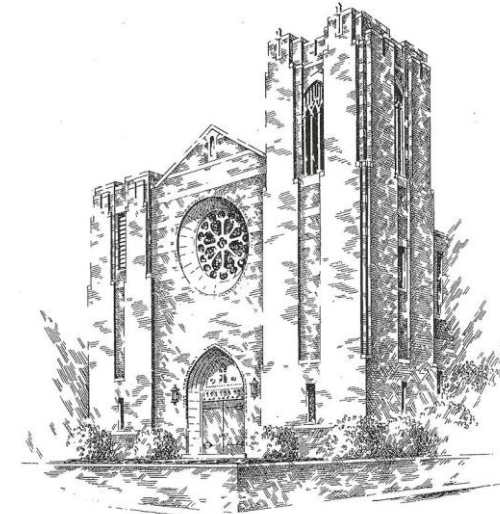
Sunday, October 16      9:45 a.m. --- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE**  
 11:00 a.m. --- **WORSHIP SERVICE {NEW MEMBERS} AND KIDS CLUB**

10/1/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
118	\$4,767	\$5,621	\$185,428	\$221,321 (\$35,893)

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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*Where People Discover - - -  
The Love of God  
The Power to Love Others  
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

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