

THE FLOWERS on the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Ella Wade Williams in remembrance of her September 25th birth date; and in loving memory of my sister, Colleen W. Curry who died September 25, 2010. Given by Betty and Larry Link.

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

PLATE ATTENDANT: Adena Wall

ACOLYTES: Kelsey Johnson and Kaitlyn McNeill

GREETERS: Peggy Bates and Ruth Essick

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Betty Bates

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, 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.

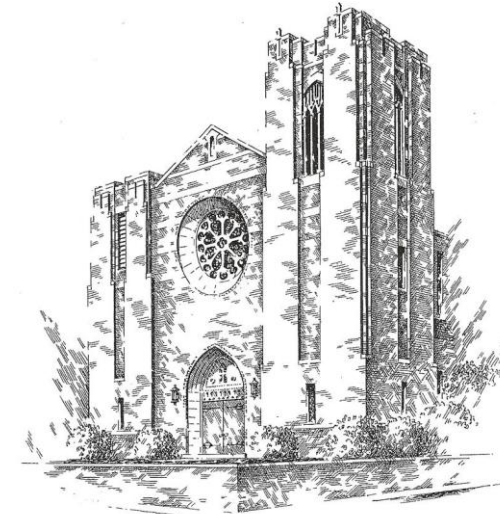
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 25	9:45 a.m. --- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE 11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Monday, September 26	6:30 p.m. --- Stephen Ministry {Parlor}
Tuesday, September 27	7:00 p.m. --- Prayer Shawl Ministry {Parlor}
Wednesday, September 28	Noon ----- Friendship Club Covered Dish Luncheon {FH} Guest Speaker, Aimee Reimann 6:00 p.m. --- Children's Christmas Play Practice {Fellowship Hall} 7:00 p.m. --- Adult Choir Practice {Sanctuary Choir Room}
Thursday, September 29	5:30 p.m. --- Yoga Class {Parlor} 7:00 p.m. --- Spiritual Practices {Parlor}
Saturday, October 1	11:30 a.m. --- OKTOBERFEST {Fellowship Hall}
Sunday, October 2	9:45 a.m. --- JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS {LESSON: MEN'S BIBLE CLASS} 10:20 a.m. --- SS SOCIAL {HOSTS: AMY & BIRKE MCNEILL AND ALISA & KEITH JOHNSON} 11:00 a.m. --- WORSHIP SERVICE, COMMUNION & NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

CHURCH STAFF

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

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September 25, 2011

Service of Divine Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Allegro" Scarlatti
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" No. 63
*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: As we journey through life's wildernesses, we come here and now to God's House with God's people to worship.

People: We stop here, as if camping, for rest and renewal. Here we seek inspiration and information. We need insight and encouragement.

Liturgist: We all bring a great variety of individual needs, desires and expectations.

People: We differ. We prove daily to be unique. Even and especially as we come to worship, we declare our peculiarities.

Liturgist: God made us all, loves us, cares for us and calls us together for this experience of worship. So, let us worship God.

*Gloria Patri

Invocation (In Unison)

God of life and presence, how glorious it is to offer you our worship and praise! In this time of prayer and song, ritual and story, our desire is to draw closer to you. May we remember your wondrous deeds both past and present, and may we never doubt that you are always with us. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

O God, do you get tired of our quarreling and testing? At times we must seem more trouble than we're worth. At least we wouldn't blame you if that thought passed through your mind from time to time. It's hard to confess to be believers who don't always believe. It's troubling to admit when we doubt you or the leaders whom you

call and we choose. Forgive us, renew us, and restore within us strength of spirit and strength of faith. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1-13 (Page #1069 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*
Let the Children Come
Anthem "Blessing and Honor" Butler

Proclamation of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 (Page #63 of Pew Bible)
Sermon "**Inconvenient Amnesia**"

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer *{unison}*

God of Moses and Israel and us, thank you for inviting us to share in the ministry of Jesus in the world. As you answer so many of our prayers, may our offering this day be an answer for others. Bless all who will be touched by what we give. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "I've Got Peace Like a River" Insert
*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 "Be Thou My Vision" Broughton

*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.**

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.

Children’s Christmas Program Practice Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 – 7:00 Fellowship Hall



Children's Christmas Program Practice

If you are interested in your child/children being in the Christmas Program, please be at this practice session. If you are unable to attend, contact Cathy by email – dce@frucc.org – or by calling the church office at 248-2617.



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.

“Peace Like a River”

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like a river, I’ve got love like a river,
I’ve got love like a river in my soul;
I’ve got love like a river, I’ve got love like a river,
I’ve got love like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a river, I’ve got joy like a river,
I’ve got joy like a river in my soul;
I’ve got joy like a river, I’ve got joy like a river,
I’ve got joy like a river in my soul.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



OKTOBERFEST

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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