

***The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962***

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.



Completely Joyful
is
Completely Godful

What is left?

September 1, 2013

Welcome Union Presbyterian Church



First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street
Schenectady, New York 12305
(518) 377-2201 www.1stReformed.com

Welcome to First Reformed Church

We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.

If you are a first time visitor we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. The welcome tables at the entrance to the sanctuary and in Assembly Hall have some helpful church information.

Parking

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

Need Help?

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary; a baby changing station is in the women's bathroom.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

Elders in Worship

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

Joining the Congregation

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

Communion

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

Child Care on Sunday

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

Summer Church School

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children after worship on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

Church School On Communion Sundays

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

Children's Worship Bulletins

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

After Worship

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and refreshments in Huntley Garden (weather permitting) before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

Service Online

A recording of each of our worship services is at 1stReformed.com one or two days following the service.

Lost and Found Basket

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex at the Union St. entrance of the church. If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check there.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE John Norton, piano

Partita No. 1 in B-flat (Allemande) J.S. Bach

Partita No. 5 in G (Allemande) J.S. Bach

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Stacey Midge

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*HYMN #40 *Joy to the World!* Antioch

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Eternal God, in sovereign love you created the world good and make every human equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we forget your sustaining presence and turn from you, our Savior. Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature entrusted to our care. We deserve your condemnation. Yet in steadfast faithfulness you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we

trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING Gail Blinckmann
soprano

How Can I Keep from Singing?
arr. Alan Bullard

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn,
that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I know my Saviour liveth;
Although the darkness binds me close,
Deep in the night sweet songs he giveth.

His inner peace makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
Since love is lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

FIRST LESSON George Trimarco
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy
Spirit. **Amen.** *Psalm 16:7-11 (page 496)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *John 15:11 (page 109)*

SERMON *Feelings & Faith: Joy* Bill Levering

*HYMN #145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Labor in the Pulpit*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
Gnossienne No. 1

John Norton
Erik Satie

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #592 *Praise God...* Doxology

*HYMN #464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

To enjoy the postlude please remain seated.

INVITATION

POSTLUDE
Prelude No. 1 in C Major John Norton
J.S. Bach
from the Well Tempered Clavier, Book 2

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

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SANCTUS (*unison*) Carl Steubing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy Glo - ry!
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord, Most High!

Worship Notes

Our Need for God is drawn from The Presbyterian Church (USA) Brief Statement of Faith. The Affirmation of Faith is drawn from The Presbyterian Church (USA) Brief Statement of Faith.

Music Note

For some interesting historic notes on Bach, Satie and what was going on in Schenectady and our church during these times, feel free to pick-up an information sheet on the piano after the service.

COMMUNION

Approach from the center aisle, beginning with the FRONT pews and return by way of the side aisles. The elements will be brought to those who remain seated. Gluten-free bread is available from the minister on the chancel steps.

Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Mary Grupe and Eleanor Mae Hart

On Communion Sundays we also bear in mind those members who are unable to join us for worship, including:

Jean Brown, Dolph Ebeling, Ruth George, Deleo Gravink, Helen McCary, Tom Norton, Margaret Reed, and Elyne Schulte

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Norma Knapp Peterson from her daughter Anne. We are grateful that these flowers, which represent our prayers and praise, will be taken to church family members to recognize a special need or celebration.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can choose a date for donating chancel flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Church Facility Tour

If you are new to our church building and would like a brief tour, every Communion Sunday there will be someone to show you around immediately following a cup of coffee. Meet in front of the church office.

Faith Bookshop

Have you visited the church Bookshop which is open after Sunday services and located across from the library? It's a nice place to browse, meet new friends and purchase unique items and reasonably priced books. The Bookshop also carries Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates.

Equal Exchange Coffee and Teas

Equal Exchange coffees and teas and other surprises are currently available in the Faith Bookshop. Proceeds from sales benefit small projects of Mission and Benevolence Committee. There is a self-serve and pay display in the corner and shoppers can put cash or check in the tin. Prices are posted. If you have special suggestions on type of coffee or tea you want to see on the shelf please leave suggestions in tin. A small order

of decaf has been placed so let us know your preferences. Questions and suggestions, contact Carol DeLaMarter at 394 4725.

Baby Changing Stations

There is a baby changing station in the women's bathroom located across from the Johnson Library. Soon there will be changing stations in the women's and men's bathrooms located below the Union St. entrance.

Kinderwyk - Childcare

We need church members that are 18 and over to help our professional staff care for our youngest members during worship. Fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering plate to let us know you would like to be a part of this ministry. Following a required background check the church office staff will contact you to schedule the Sundays you are willing and available to serve.

Post Service Refreshments

We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. Currently, whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for preparation, cleanup, and refreshments by yourself or with a friend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall. A sheet with "how to" suggestions is also posted since the summer procedure is slightly different.

Beginning Sept. 15, post service refreshments will resume in Assembly Hall. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter and. Any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Paul Mastriani, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sept. 8: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Sept. 15: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sept. 22: Paul Mastriani, piano

Sept. 29: Scott Bassinson, piano

Forum

Held after worship each Sunday, the aim of Forum is to provide stimulus to the congregation on current events or issues important to the community and world at large through informative presentations and conversation. Suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Joe Doolittle (384-1700) or the church office by phone or e-mail 1streformedpub@gmail.com.

Sept. 1: Labor in the Pulpits

Sept. 8: Church Picnic

Sept. 15: Introduction to Orff instruments and Handbells (see article below)

Sept. 22: Welcome and Introduction of our new Covenanters; Rev. Stacey Midge

Sept. 29: What's new with our Albany Synod; Rev. Abby Norton-Levering, newly appointed Ministry Coordinator

Sunday Adult Classes

This year, in addition to Forum, there will be classes after worship for adult to reflect on the theme of the service, or to delve into some new topics. In Sept., Dr. Levering will lead an after-worship class on the Feelings of Faith, which is the worship theme of the month. The classes will be held in Poling Conference room right after a quick cup of coffee and will end promptly at noon. Childcare is provided.

Sept. 1: Feelings & Faith: Joy

Sept. 8: Church Picnic

Sept. 15: Feelings & Faith: Sadness

Sept. 22: Feelings & Faith: Fear

Sept. 29: Feelings & Faith: Love

Breakfast Bible Bunch

Dr. Levering leads an early morning Bible reflection, which will resume on Sept. 5 at 7:30am Thursday mornings in the Walton Conference room. The Bible study will review a text to be used the following Sunday, expose a little background of the passage, and mostly delve into its relevance to us. Coffee and carbs will be

served. More if you are lucky. We will be finished at 8:30am for those who work.

Chancel Choir Resumes Sept. 5

Chancel Choir is looking forward to new faces and new energy thanks to our joint venture with Union Presbyterian Church. Additional voices are always welcome. Contact Julie Panke, Director of Music at 518-370-5434, or come to a rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the downstairs choir room.

Church School

Regular Church School begins Sept. 8. We are in need of teachers and helpers. There are eight spots to choose from (see below).

You do not need to have teaching expertise or scholarly biblical knowledge, everything is provided for you - ideas, materials (even the snack). We can do a group teacher orientation or one-on-one, whichever you prefer. We have WONDERFUL kids at church and here is the perfect opportunity to get to know them!

Fall: Sept. 15 – Nov. 24

Grades: K-2; 3-5; 6-8

Winter: Dec. 1 – Feb. 23

Grades: K-2; 6-8

Spring: Mar. 2 – May 11

Grades: K-2; 3-5; 6-8

If teaching isn't your thing, there are lots of other ways for you to be involved - (look for the list posted upstairs on the bulletin board outside room 20). Contact Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 to let her know where you can best help or if you have any questions.

Welcome Back Picnic

Everyone is invited to plan on staying after worship on Sept. 8 for a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

In an effort to promote a healthier environment and eating experience, those attending the picnic are encouraged to use locally grown/locally made products in the dishes they bring to share. Organic, local hamburgers from Buckley Farm will be

served, in addition to hot dogs, veggie burgers, and drinks.

Volunteers are also needed for set up before the picnic and break down/clean up after the picnic. If you are interested in helping, please contact Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or leah@upstateharpist.com.

Small groups - Stepping Forward in Faith

Member groups, with common interests are currently being formed so that everyone can learn about this year's stewardship campaign *Stepping Forward in Faith*. This group Wise and Single (for older singles, widows, and widowers) hosted by Carol Troost, will meet Sept. 8 at 1pm in the Dirck Romeyn room. Please contact Carol at troostcarol@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet posted in Assembly Hall if you would like to attend.

Other Groups being formed are:

- Young Families
- Young (-40) Singles
- New Members,
- Pillars of the Church
- Music Lovers
- UPCers

Folks interested in:

- Mission and Outreach
- Pastoral and Congregational Care
- Adult Education

There will also be a Sunday Morning Miscellaneous Group. At these gatherings a short video will be shown followed by time for discussion and questions, and of course refreshments. Sign-up sheets are posted in Assembly Hall. These groups will usually meet in homes in the evening for dessert, a short video, and a bit of discussion. No pledges will be collected at the meetings.

Archives & Historical Concerns

The Archives and Historical Concerns Committee is looking for new members. We will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6pm before consistory.

Please contact Caroline Welch 956-0728 with any questions.

Stitch Group

Complete your *PHD with the Stitch Group. Classes meet every Thursday at 10am upstairs in Room 22. Our first meeting this year is on Thursday, Sept. 12. Join us whenever you can. For more information call Joan Lindsay at 399-3153.
**PHD - Projects Half Done*

Horizons – Women's Bible Study

For a dozen or more years the Union Church Women's Association has sponsored a weekly Bible Study that we hope to continue with new friends from First Reformed Church. Generally there are about a dozen participants, about half of whom – some clergy and but more not – agree to take a turn leading a week's discussion. Together we choose a topic – for example, Jonah or Psalms or Parables or Revelation – for ten or twelve weeks of study.

This season's Horizons study is *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*.

We will meet in the Poling Conference Room on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30am, beginning Sept. 12. Please join us for a cup of tea, interesting discussion, and an opportunity for sharing and strengthening faith.

Experience Orff and Handbells 'Hands On'

No musical training necessary! Please join us at Forum after worship on Sept. 15 for a participatory introduction to Orff instruments and handbells. This will be a chance to find out more about the wonderful world of toned percussion instruments. For more information about Orff instruments and Handbells (Klokken Tower Ringers), please see titled articles below.

Magnetic or Clip-On Name Tags

If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please indicate that on a white pew card and place it in the collection plate.

Name Tag Sunday

Since we have many new faces in worship, on Sept. 15 we will call that Sunday *Name Tag Sunday*. It would be helpful to all if we wore our name tags. Name tags can be found on the door by Poling Chapel. Don't have one? Contact the church office or let us know on a white pew card.

Memorial Services

A memorial service will be held for William Hubbard on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary with a reception in Assembly Hall.

To celebrate the life of Pieter von Herrmann who died this past July. A gathering will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 at 3pm at The Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, Ohio.

Communion Class

This class is offered to our third graders AND any older children who want to learn about the Lord's Supper. Classes will be held Sept. 15, 22 and 29 during church school. The students will help prepare the elements on Oct. 6 and will celebrate World Wide Communion with the congregation. Please contact the church office if you'd like your child to attend.

Junior High - Senior High

Youth Groups

The Youth Groups will kick off the year by participating in the North Star Peace Walk on Sept. 15. We will leave from church at 1pm. This is an interfaith, multigenerational, non-political event with stops at a synagogue, mosque, and church.

We will resume our regular meeting schedule on Sept. 22 at 5pm with a picnic for all youth in grades 6-12 and their parents. Please bring a dish to share.

In a change from last year, ALL youth will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday nights unless otherwise noted, dividing into Junior and Senior High groups for most activities.

Support & Care

On Tuesday, Sept. 17 the Support & Care Committee will meet at 11am in the Poling Conference Room. Thereafter they meet every third Tuesday same time and place. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact either Daniel Carlson at the church or Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

Klokken Tower Ringers

Our rehearsal time begins on Monday, Sept. 16 at 7pm to 8:30pm. We are open to change and willing to entertain other times to practice in order to accommodate additional ringers. Contact Judy Moore at Moorebells@gmail.com with questions.

What's Your Story?

A new monthly opportunity for those who would enjoy getting to know other members and friends more deeply than is usually possible on a Sunday morning; every third Monday this fall, beginning Sept. 16, we'll gather from 10 to noon in the comfortable chairs of Dirck Romeyn room and take turns sharing with attentive listeners whatever part of our particular story we choose. Those who wish to extend the blessing will go out for a lunch. Please contact group co-leaders, Ginny Laumeister 381-4201 or Daniel Carlson 377-2201, to sign up (required) or if you have any questions regarding what we anticipate will be a great experience!

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Tuesday Ladies

We will meet every third Tuesday at 7:30pm beginning Sept. 17, location to be announced. All ladies are welcome. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

Back-To-Church School Night

Your child's school has a back-to-school-night so why not church school? On Wednesday Sept. 18 from 7pm to 8pm come and hear our goals for the year. See artwork and stories scribed by your children. Experience a bit of our curriculum. Maybe ring a few chimes! Refreshments too!

Group VII

On Friday, Sept. 20 at 11:30am Group VII will meet for a luncheon at the Mohawk Golf Club at 1849 Union Street in Schenectady. If any questions, please contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

Orff Instruments

We are an intergenerational group that encourages all ages to participate. Best of all you do not have to have previous musical experience! We will show you HOW TO DO IT! Regular rehearsals will be following Sunday service from 11:15am to noon beginning Sept. 22 in the Music Office (off of the library).

A Reminder - October 20 Book Fair

It's not too early to rummage through your home library to find books that need a new home. Why not donate them to our church Book Fair? Fiction, non-fiction, children's (no college text books, please.) They maybe just the books you have been looking for. We're beginning to collect books and will store them in the Poling Conference Room, opposite our church library. If you'd like to be part of the Fair in some capacity, see or call Linda Witkowski 374-7904.

53rd Stockade Walkabout

Our church will be open **Saturday, September 28** from 11am to 5pm. Come and welcome visitors to our architectural and historical landmark.

Greeters/guides are needed for 3-hour shifts: 9:30-12:30pm, 12-3pm, 2:30-5:30pm, which includes help setting up, running taped background music, selling items, and closing. Volunteer sign-up sheets and Walkabout brochures are on bulletin

boards, information racks, in church office, or call Laura Lee Linder, 882-6866. Please let us know if you have an activity, program, display, or such, for people to do or see as they tour First Reformed Church.

During the Walkabout we also have our Hospitality Room in Assembly Hall with complimentary beverages and delicious heritage pastries. The pastry? Dutch "banket." What Scottish pastry shall we have? Please find volunteer sign-up sheets to help bake pastries on **Friday, September 27** from 3pm till evening and/or to help with hospitality during Walkabout day. Or you may contact Mary Jewett at 355-8059.

Walkabout tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on Walkabout day. They are available at Open Door Bookstore, Schenectady County Historical Society, Kulak's Nursery, and Proctor's, or online at www.historicstockade.com. Volunteers of at least 2½ hours earn a free Walkabout ticket.

Art Placement Team

The Property Committee is looking to form a group to find perfect places for some of the art that Union Presbyterian Church has brought to us and some other art that has not found a good home here. If you are interested, please make a note on a white pew card in worship and place it in the offering plate. UPC and FRC members sought.

Committees Need You

There are committees for almost anything you can think of here and FRC members, UPC members and just anyone who drifts in are welcome to join in the fun. If you would like to help make decisions or do stuff, just write a note on a white pew card in worship and someone will follow up. We particularly need Mission Schleppers to help haul food and clothing to the right places from our collection bins.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Richard Davis, Nancy Wainwright	Bill Martin, Bill Rochelle
Faith Bookshop	Roberta Blackmer	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Ellie & Darwin Brudos, Breitenbach	TBA
Greeters	Nancy & George Davidson	Mary Jewett
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik, Virginia Laumeister	Sarah Bachorik,
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Keith Muse, Katherine Trimarco, Darwin Brudos, Mary Jewett	Mary Jewett, Peggy King, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Linda Witkowski
Reader	George Trimarco	Rob Dickson
Refreshments	Katherine & George Trimarco	Church Picnic
Offertory Deacons/ Usher	Richard Davis, George Trimarco, Nancy Wainwright, Kimberly Burgoyne, Thomas Burgoyne	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Linda Stanhope

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THE CONSISTORY

Bill Levering, Senior Minister
Daniel Carlson, Associate Minister
Stacey Midge, Minister of Mission, Outreach, and Youth
Keith Muse & Mary Jewett, Senior Elders
Catherine Lewis, Treasurer
Linnea D'Andrea, Clerk

ELDERS

Veronica Bartholic
Robert Dickson
Joyce Griggs
Mary Jewett
Margaret King
Keith Muse
Katherine Trimarco
William Ward
Johnny Willis
Eugene Zeltmann

DEACONS

Linnea D'Andrea
Fred Daniels
Richard Davis
Gay Doolittle
Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Bill Martin
Victoria McGowan-Horan
William Rochelle
George Trimarco
Nancy Wainwright

COVENANTERS

Heather Charboneau
Jeremy Bork

CHURCH STAFF

Naphtali, Rothrock, Organist
Julie Panke, Director of Music
Sarah Bachorik, Director of Kinderwyk
Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Music
Jamie Ipsen, Director of Children's Ministry
Judy Moore, Director of Klokken Tower Ringers
Heather Chestnut, Hospitality Coordinator
Heather Scribner, Office Administrator
Linda Malgieri, Assistant Bookkeeper
Tani Breitenbach, Office Assistant
Lyn Gordon, Sunday Receptionist
Gary Nelson, Facility Supervisor
Maurice McKenzie, Maintenance
Diana Wahid, Housekeeper
Tom Mahan, Sexton

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. ~ Dr. Seuss

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter. ~ E.E. Cummings

When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy. ~ Rumi

To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with. ~ Mark Twain

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God. ~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

A thing of beauty is a joy forever. ~ John Keats, Endymion: A Poetic Romance

“If we can just let go and trust that things will work out the way they're supposed to, without trying to control the outcome, then we can begin to enjoy the moment more fully. The joy of the freedom it brings becomes more pleasurable than the experience itself.” ~ Goldie Hawn

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are. ~ Marianne Williamson

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy. ~ Rabindranath Tagore

There are random moments - tossing a salad, coming up the driveway to the house, ironing the seams flat on a quilt square, standing at the kitchen window and looking out at the delphiniums, hearing a burst of laughter from one of my children's rooms - when I feel a wavelike rush of joy. This is my true religion: arbitrary moments of nearly painful happiness for a life I feel privileged to lead. ~ Elizabeth Berg, The Art of Mending

Music... will help dissolve your perplexities and purify your character and sensibilities, and in time of care and sorrow, will keep a fountain of joy alive in you. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Joy is to fun what the deep sea is to a puddle. It's a feeling inside that can hardly be contained. ~ Terry Pratchett, A Hat Full of Sky

Sunday, September 1

10:00 am Worship with Communion
10:15 am Church School for K-2
11:00 am Refreshments
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer
1:00 pm Worship Planning

Wednesday, September 4

9:30 am Kerygma
7:00 pm UPC Trustees Meeting

Thursday, September 5

6:45 pm Yoga
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, September 7

All Day Stockade Art Show

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Church School for K-8
11:00 am Welcome Back Picnic
1:00 pm Small Group Meeting -
Stepping Forward in Faith
5:00 pm Jazz Vespers