

***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.



I was afraid of the dark
(of what I did not know)
I was afraid of tomorrow
(of what I did know)

And an angel came in the night and said
Don't be afraid
God knows
You
Are safe

September 22, 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.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Paul Mastriani

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

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo* Michael Praetorius

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #458
Earth and All Stars Dexter

*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)
God of all, we confess that we live half-hearted lives. We fill our lives with distractions and don't look for deeper answers because we are afraid and lazy. We pray for strength to search our hearts and change our lives.

*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*unison*)
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM *The Falconer* Alfred Fedak

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings,
delight and need to trace.

Rise for those the gospel brings
to seek a singing place.

This will be our singing day,
word and tune will both be true.

Song, soar up, but not away
—the falconer waits for you.

Rise my song, and have no fear
of soaring wide and high,
Christ the falconer is near,
wherever you may fly.

See the human world below,
showing scars and beauty too.

In a closing circle go
the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned,
delight and need to trace.

Come to Christ's uplifted hand,
and find a resting place.

One day soaring song shall see
everything made whole and new.

Day of gladness come to be!
The falconer waits for you.

Richard Leach

FIRST LESSON Therese McCarty
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy
Spirit. **Amen.** *Psalm 91 (page 548)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Luke 12:4-7 (page 74)*

SERMON *Feelings & Faith: Fear*

*HYMN #286 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*
Sung to tune St. Thomas (*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Joyce & Ray Beland
Stepping Forward in Faith

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Paul Mastriani

*THANKSGIVING #591

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all people here below, Praise
Holy Spirit evermore, Praise Triune God
whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #306

Fairest Lord Jesus Crusaders' Hymn

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*
Dale Wood

To enjoy the Postlude please remain seated

POSTLUDE Paul Mastriani

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Music Note

Our Response of Praise is a joyful declaration
which comes to us via John Bell of Scotland, who
first heard the tune at the Sunrise Hospice in S.
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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:

*David Erwin Bain, Patricia Herman, and
Thomas Teichner*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose
name has not been noted near the anniversary of
their death, please speak with one of our ministers
or contact the church office.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the
sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving
memory of David by Audrey Bain. 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.

Post Service Refreshments

Starting today, we will return to having post service refreshments in Assembly Hall. We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. If any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887.

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.

Today: Introducing our new Covenanters;
Rev. Stacey Midge

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

Oct 6: No Forum - **please RSVP** to celebrate
Unity Sunday at the Lighthouse Restaurant **by
calling the church office**

Oct 13: Stephen Ministry: Christ caring for people
through people; Rev. Daniel Carlson and friends

Oct 20: Annual Book Fair. Appreciations to Faith
Book Shop – browse and buy for Christmas

Oct 27: Stepping Forward in Faith – An overview
of the 2014 Stewardship Campaign

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 a class on the *Feelings of Faith* and in Oct., he will lead a class on *The Challenge of Modern Parenting*. The classes will be held in the Poling Conference room

right after a quick cup of coffee and will end promptly at noon. Childcare is provided.

Today: Feelings & Faith: Fear

Sept. 29: Feelings & Faith: Love

Oct. 6: No class - **please make reservations to
celebrate Unity Sunday at the Lighthouse
Restaurant by calling the church office**

Oct. 13 The Challenge of Modern Parenting;
Dr. Levering

Oct. 20: The Challenge of Modern Parenting;
Dr. Levering

Oct. 27: The Challenge of Modern Parenting;
Dr. Levering

Small Group Meetings

The small group for folks interested in **Mission Outreach** hosted by Dan Ipsen will meet after church today from 11:15 to 12:15pm in the Walton Conference room. The small group for folks interested in **Adult Education**, hosted by Mary Jewett will also meet today from 12 to 1pm outside the church office. If either of these groups interest you please attend so that you can learn about this year's stewardship campaign.

Next Sunday Sept. 29 the small group for **Music Lovers**, hosted by Nancy Ellen Swann will meet at church from 11 to 12pm. The small group for folks interested in **Pastoral and Congregational Care** will meet Oct. 1 at the home of Andy and Heather Chestnut from 7:30 to 9pm. Signup sheets for these and other groups are on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Paul Mastriani, piano; Linda Brown, bass;
Tom D'Andrea, drums

Sept. 29: Scott Bassinson, piano

Oct. 6: Nat Phipps, piano; Mike Lawrence, bass;
Tom D'Andrea, drums

Oct. 13: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Give the Gift of Peace

Envelopes for the *Peacemaking Offering* can be found in the pews on Sept. 29 and World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6. Please join this effort to promote peace in our troubled world.

All we have to do is look around to see that our world is in need of peace. On our streets and in our communities, within our households and in our relationships, within groups and between factions, among nations and within the whole global community, we need peace. Stark reminders of this need confront us every day in print in our newspapers and in graphic detail on our television screens.

Although the annual *Peacemaking Offering* is new to our congregation, for over 30 years Presbyterians have affirmed peacemaking as core to being a believer. Contributions to the offering provide a concrete means of supporting the work of peacemaking in our community, region, and world.

Junior High - Senior High Youth Groups

Our regular meetings will begin 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. The Senior High will also go on an annual mission trip.

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 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.

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.

Johnson Library

Make Sunday sermons more meaningful by learning more about the characters in the Bible. Check out our display tables for insights into the Old and New Testament, for children and adults. Understand how the people of ancient times are like us, and how their struggles are our own. Take a few minutes. There's more inside. Some may not be aware that the library carries fiction. You can look on the display table inside the library door for a selection or peruse the shelves in the adjoining room, marked "Fiction."

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 today, Sept. 22 in the Music Office (off of the library).

Breakfast Bible Bunch

Dr. Levering leads an early morning Bible reflection 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.

Stitch Group

Complete your *PHD with the Stitch Group. We meet every Thursday at 10am in the Poling Conference room. Join us whenever you can. For more information call Joan Lindsay at 399-3153. (*PHD - Projects Half Done)

Horizons Bible Study Is For All

All are welcome to join Horizons Bible Study class on Tuesday mornings, from 10 to 11am in the Poling Conference room. Although it is sponsored by the UPC Women's Association, we welcome ALL – men and women. The study is on *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Study book is available from the Church Office or Rev. Ruth Kuo.

Please join us for a cup of tea, interesting discussion, and an opportunity for sharing and strengthening faith.

Yoga at FRC

Douglas Goodbee, certified in Kripalu/Hatha E-RYT and athletic yoga, teaches every Thursday at 6:45pm usually in Assembly Hall. The classes cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. This class is for everyone at any level, singles, families, and seniors. Bring a mat and wear loose clothing. Questions: contact Douglas at 229-7291 or e-mail dagoods1@gmail.com.

The Evening Circle's Dining Out

All Women of UPC & FRC are welcome on Wed., Sept. 25 at 6:30pm at the Jasmine Thai Restaurant on 2717 Broadway in Schenectady.

Come fellowship together and get to know one another. Sign up at the Assembly Hall announcement board. A Menu and car pool are available. For more information, please contact Grace Hillers at gracehillers@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Knitting

We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. If any questions, please contact Ronnie at 393-7679.

Fellowship Potluck Luncheon

Union Presbyterian Church has had a Fellowship Potluck Luncheon once a month for years. That practice will continue and it is open to friends at First Reformed Church. The first luncheon will be Friday, Sept. 27 at 11:45am in Assembly Hall. If

you can join us, please bring a casserole or a salad to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided. We frequently have a program but for this first luncheon, we thought a get acquainted event would be more appropriate. We are looking forward to a good turnout – a reunion for some and a new experience for others. Although reservations are not necessary, let us know if you can make it or help out by signing-up in Assembly Hall, calling the church office, or Sally Bestgen at 346-0304.

53rd Stockade Walkabout

Our church will be open **Saturday, Sept. 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, Sept/ 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.

Bibles to Third Graders

As is our tradition, third graders will receive their Bibles during the Children's Message on September 29. If there is a third grader about who you think we may not know about, please let us know.

Creation Care Committee

Only for this September meeting will we meet on Monday, Sept. 30 at 7pm in the church office. Normally our meetings are every fourth Monday and will resume as such in October.

Klokken Tower Ringers

Our rehearsal time begins sometime in Oct. on Mondays from 7pm to 8:30pm, actual date tba. 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.

Kerygma Conversations Books Have Arrived!

All are welcome to this ongoing and open group each Wed., 9:30 to 11am, to explore the meaning of the gospel for our lives. Beginning October 2 and concluding Dec. 18 we'll be considering four foundational community practices: gratitude, promise keeping, telling the truth, and hospitality. *Living into Community: Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us* (now available for review/purchase in the Faith Bookshop) is the beautiful book we'll use as the springboard to our lively conversations. Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

Midweek Evening Prayer

Our contemplative Wednesday evening service at 7 to 7:45pm, will resume Wednesday, October 2. The quiet, candle lit chapel, beautiful guitar preludes, gently accompanied singing, guided reflections on Scripture, Holy Communion, spoken and silent prayers are all elements of this lovely service, intended to rekindle awareness of God's loving presence abiding within us and all creation. Please contact Daniel Carlson with any questions regarding this midweek worship opportunity.

Blessing of the Pets

Bring your furry, finned, or feathered friends to church! We will be blessing our animal companions and celebrating God's creation on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 3pm. In the past we have blessed many dogs and cats (some who remained at home and were blessed from a distance), a ferret, and even a snake. Please make sure to have your pets leashed or otherwise contained for the safety of all.

Unity Festival on World Communion Sunday

To celebrate the cooperation of Union Presbyterian Church and First Reformed Church, Schenectady, Oct. 6 will be set aside for great festivities. The first Sunday in Oct. has been observed as World Communion Sunday by both churches and this year will be a great witness to God's work that calls us to new vistas.

After an exciting worship service, we will go to a special luncheon at the Lighthouse Restaurant where we will all say nice things about each other and our God that has arranged such a wonderful match between our congregations. All are invited to the luncheon and an offering will be taken at the event. It is important that we know who is coming, so please **RSVP** at any time to 377-2201. Feel free to leave a message.

Presbyterian Women Mission Dinner

On Wed., Oct. 6 at 6pm the Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church, 22 North Main Street, will hold their twelfth Annual Networking Mission Dinner. The theme will be foods found on the boardwalk at "the shore". A freewill offering will be taken and proceeds will be split between the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund and CEDECPA (Evangelical Center for Pastoral Care in Central America) an organization that Pastor Bonnie is involved with in Guatemala. For info and reservations call Christine Dahl 661-5800, Ann Mallin 773-8198, or Mary Lou Bryan 725-2041

Fall Frolic: A Walk Along the Mohawk

Do plan to join us on Sunday, Oct. 13, after worship and Form/class/conversation for a picnic lunch in Riverside Park followed by an autumn stroll with friends along this amazing waterway! This frolic is brought to you by your Fellowship Committee; those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

Group V & Group VII

Group V and Group VII will meet together for coffee, tea and talk at 10am on Friday, Oct. 18 in Assembly Hall. All Union Presbyterian Women are invited for this informal meeting. Any questions contact Ronnie Bartholic at 393-7679.

Men's Breakfast

The men of First Reformed Church and Union Presbyterian Church are invited to attend the first Men's Breakfast meeting of the Fall season, at 8am on Saturday, October 19. We will meet in the Assembly Hall for breakfast, followed by a program to be presented by Rob Dickson. Rob will tell us about the 150th Commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2 – 6 of this year. His talk will focus on Gettysburg, Civil War re-enactments, and First Reformed Church members involved in the battle. All men are welcome; come and share good food and good fellowship, sign-up in Assembly Hall, or fill out a pew card and place in the offering basket on Sunday.

Anyone wishing to suggest program topics for future meetings should contact Gene Rowland 518-370-1958 or Joe Doolittle 518-384-1700.

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.

Justice Action Council (JAC)

Organized by Consistory in 2009, to increase awareness, visibility and understanding within the congregation and locally about issues where there's a gap in social justice. JAC's next meeting is Oct. 20 at 12-1pm in the Walton Conference room. JAC usually focuses on one area at a time where action can be realized. Over the years, JAC has taken on Bullying, GLBST issues, primary and secondary education resources, and Fracking (with the Green Team). Methods have included Forum presentations, movies, exhibits, letters to the editor, workshops of writing legislators, and policy requests to Consistory.

Please contact Gay or Joe Doolittle 384-1700 for more information, and/or plan on joining us on Oct. 20.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck

The first concert of the Musicians of Ma'alwyck is our biannual Macabre Music program, scheduled for Friday Oct. 25 at 7pm here at FRC; this year features the world premiere of Jeffrey Brody's Phantasmagoria. All performers will be in costume. Please feel free to attend in costume yourself. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Call 518/377-3623 or visit www.musiciansofmaalywck for more information.

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.

Stephen Ministry Training Opportunity

The upcoming Stephen Minister Training will help you grow in so many ways! It will improve your relationship with God, family, friends and coworkers. Not only this, but the rewarding feeling of helping others after you become a Stephen Minister will change your life. Training is offered once every few years - and this is the year. Sessions will take place on Monday evenings Oct. 21 through Dec. 16, with one additional Saturday session in November. Contact Daniel Carlson 377-2201, Vernetta Thuener 355-2543, or Maria Greskovich Todd 421-7931; 372-9522, if you have *any* questions. Brochures about this important ministry and the required application are located on the Stephen Ministry bulletin board (in the hallway between the sanctuary and Assembly Hall, next to Faith Bookshop). Also, for those on the web, check out their site www.stephenministries.org and click: What is a Stephen Minister?

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.

Chancel Choir

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.

Vocal Ensembles Now Forming

Love to sing but can't commit to weekly Thursday night choir rehearsals? Our new Artistic Coordinator, Corine Salon will be forming small groups (duets, trios, quartets) to sing in Sunday worship services. If interested contact Julie Panke (kirkechor@earthlink.net) or Corine Salon (csalon@nycap.rr.com) to indicate your interest.

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*.

Groups being formed are:

- Young Families
- Young (-40) Singles
- New Members,
- Pillars of the Church
- Music Lovers
- Wise and Single
- 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.

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. The following Sunday please check the door (alpha order) by the Poling Chapel.

Sign-Ups For Church Events

All Church event sign-ups can be done by:

- The Board in Assembly Hall
- Contacting coordinator of event
- Calling the church office at 377-2201
- Filling out a white pew card
- E-mailing:
1streformedpub@gmail.com

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Linnea D’Andrea, Gay Doolittle	Fred Daniels, Rebbeca Grande
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery		TBA
Greeters	Joanne Bedell	Diane & Peter Ontkush
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Stacey Midge	Daniel Carlson
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Mary Jewett, Peggy King, Keith Muse, Darwin Brudos, Tom Lindsay, Linda Witkowski	Joyce Griggs, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Jerry Griggs, Delbert Pierce
Reader	Therese McCarty	Catherine deSalle
Refreshments	Becky Grande, Joyce Griggs	
Usher	Del Pierce (head usher), Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan-Horan	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin

Sunday, September 22

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 11:15 am Orff Rehearsal
- 11:15 am Forum and Adult Class
- 11:15 am Small Group Meetings
- 5:00 pm Opening Picnic with Parents
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, September 23

- 9:00 am Mens News Group

Tuesday, September 24

- 10:00 am Horizons Bible Study
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 6:00 pm CRTC

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 am Stockade Walkabout
- 1:00 pm Thursday Belles

Thursday, September 26

- 7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am Stitch Group
- 6:45 pm Yoga
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 27

- 12:00 pm Fellowship Luncheon
- 3:00 pm Banket Bakers

Saturday, September 28

- 11:00 am Stockade Walkabout

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am High School Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am Music Lovers-Small Group
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 11:15 am Orff Rehearsal
- 11:15 am Forum and Adult Class
- 11:15 am Kirk Ringers
- 12:00 pm Membership Committee
- 4:00 pm Youth Orchestra
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Do one thing every day that scares you.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.
~ Marianne Williamson

I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain.
~ Frank Herbert, Dune

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. ~ Meg Cabot

Don't give in to your fears. If you do, you won't be able to talk to your heart.
~ Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

There are three things all wise men fear: the sea in storm, a night with no moon, and the anger of a gentle man. ~ Patrick Rothfuss, The Wise Man's Fear

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. ~ Plato

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.
~ C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. ~ Nelson Mandela

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. ~ Marie Curie