

***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.



How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)
by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Love

Not sadness, not obsession, not fantasy, not self-pity,
not longing, not control, not desire, not not

September 29, 2013

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 Assembly Hall 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.

BIBLE SUNDAY

September 29, 2013

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

The Aspire Trio
Virginia Fossner, French horn
Nathaniel Fossner, clarinet
Kristen Tuttman, piano

Allegro from "Trio" Op. 274 Carl Reticence

10:00 a.m.

GREETING

Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Levering

INTROIT

Your Love, O God Has Called Us Here Maryton

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #531

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

*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

*PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Zuri Keith and Ashley Kerwin

ANTHEM *Set Me as a Seal* David N. Childs

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm.

For love is as strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

Song of Solomon

FIRST LESSON

Catherine deSalle

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy

Spirit. **Amen.** *1 Corinthians 13 (page 175)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON

John 13:34 (page 108)

SERMON *Feelings & Faith: Love*

*HYMN #533 *O Perfect Love* Perfect Love

O perfect love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we stand in prayer before thy throne,
That we may find a love that knows no ending
Reflecting care and peace that is your own.

O perfect life, bring forth our full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope and quiet brave endurance
With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.

Grant us the joy that brightens earthly sorrow.
Grant us the peace that calms all earthly strife.
Be with us now; help us to face tomorrow.
Show us the way to timeless love and life.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peacemaking Offering

Gene Rowland

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Prelude from The*

Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite Paul Reade

*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 #376 *Love Divine...*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

Traditional

To enjoy the Postlude please remain seated

POSTLUDE *Scherzo from "Trio" Op. 274*

Carl Reinecke

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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:

*Ethel Kiess Betka, Bernard Cain, and
Elizabeth Nickolson*

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 my Beloved son, Rodney E. Scruggs
by Lechia Russell. 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 Risseeuw,
2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Give the Gift of Peace

Envelopes for the *Peacemaking Offering* are in the pews today and again on 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.

Post Service Refreshments

Everyone is invited to have refreshments in Assembly Hall right after the service. 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.

Small Group Meetings

Today, Sept. 29 the small group for **Music Lovers**, hosted by Nancy Ellen Swann will meet in the Walton Conference room 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.

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: 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 has lead a class on the *Feelings of Faith*, in Oct., he will lead a class on *The Challenge of Modern Parenting*. Parents will gather to study and discuss the new and complex issues of raising children in the modern age. We will discuss discipline, boundaries, and emerging issues. 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: Love

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

Oct. 13, 20, 27: The Challenge of Modern Parenting; Dr. Levering

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday, 5pm

Today: Scott Bassinson, piano

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

Oct. 13: 'Azzaam Hameed, piano

Oct. 20: Peg Delaney, piano; Tom Delaney, bass;
Tom D'Andrea, drums

Oct. 27: David Gleason, piano

Junior High - Senior High Youth Groups

In a change from last year, ALL youth in grades 6-12, will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday nights unless otherwise noted, all will meet for dinner, fellowship, service, and learning activities.

Sept. 29: Meet at Home Furnishings warehouse for a service project. The warehouse is located on Centre Street (the northern arm of Broadway), just north of Union St. Pizza will be served. Any questions contact Stacey Midge at 518-533-8000.

Oct. 6: Church Tour/Scavenger Hunt, 5pm. Explore the mysterious nooks and crannies of the First Reformed Church, from bottom to top! Please wear sturdy footwear and pants/shorts (no skirts). After the regular meeting, at 7pm, there will be a brief gathering for youth who are interested in this year's mission trip and their parents.

Oct. 13: Volunteer Project, 5pm. More information will be forthcoming.

Oct. 20: Hayride/Corn Maze/Pumpkin Patch. We will depart from church at 12:30pm for an autumnal extravaganza, and return at 5pm. The cost of this activity is \$10.

Oct. 27: Bowlathon to benefit Safe Inc. Meet at Boulevard Bowl on Erie Blvd. at 1pm. Please bring \$20, which includes bowling, shoe rental, and pizza lunch. Costumes are encouraged!

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

Could you or anyone you know use a card rack? It stands on the floor, is about six feet tall, and, best of all, it's free. You can look it over in the Bookshop. If you are interested in having it, talk to the person at the Bookshop desk.

Johnson Library

Our church and community are alive with history. This is a weekend where the history of Schenectady will become relevant to visitors; and we hope you'll take a few minutes to look at the selection of books on that subject available at our Johnson Library.

Orffans

Kids are also invited to the Orff team. They 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 in the Music Office.

Heritage Sunday planning meeting

Calling all Civil War buffs! Heritage Sunday 2014 will focus on the civil war. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 30 at 12pm in the Archives room. Please contact Caroline Welch, 956-0728 with any questions or suggestions.

Creation Care Committee

Only for this Sept. 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.

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.

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)

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.

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 Begin this Week

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 this Wed.,

Oct. 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.

Come to the Feast

Each Wed. evening, everyone who is hungry is invited to partake of one or more courses of this multi-dimensional feast: **6pm** Delicious vegetarian dinner; **7pm** Engaging faith discussion (using Kerygma book noted above); **8pm** Contemplative communion service: *Good food for your body, mind, and spirit!* Those with questions may contact Daniel Carlson.

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.

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 CEDECOPA (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 Sat., Oct. 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.

Stewardship Breakfast

On Sun., Oct. 20 at 8:45am a Stewardship Breakfast for **UPC members** only will include a special congregational meeting to fill the Nominating Committee.

New Member Class Oct 20

If you are interested in finding out more about the church or know someone who is, this is just the meeting for you! Dr. Levering and Daniel

Carlson will meet with people interested in joining and help them get to know the church. Class begins at 3pm starting in the church office.

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?

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.

Banners

The banners decorating the sanctuary were originally hung at the UPC sanctuary and are based on the creation story in Genesis 1, beginning with *formless and void*, and ending with *God's creating humankind*. The story begins on the bottom left hand side and continues clockwise to finish on the bottom right side of the second banner with human hands.

Faith for a Fair NY

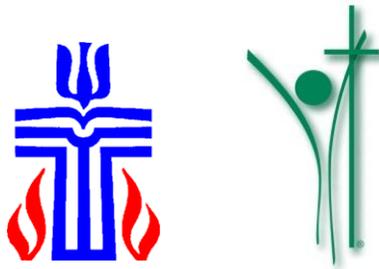
1st Annual *Faith for a Fair NY* Teach-In, Oct. 22 & 23, noon to noon at the Dominican Retreat Center, Niskayuna, NY.

Keynote speakers: Kim Bobo, Executive Director and founder of Interfaith Worker Justice
The Most Rev. Howard Hubbard, Bishop of Albany and long-time economic justice advocate

Participants will choose from workshops covering a diverse range of issues including: Quality education, Immigration Reform, The Farm Bill and SNAP, Creating living wage communities, Interfaith organizing
\$75 for commuters includes 4 meals. Questions? Please call Brooke Newell at 518-946-2573 or email at brooke@cjgreen.net.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Art Casey, Rebecca Grande	Bill Martin, Doug Todd
Faith Bookshop	Bill Clock	Virginia Laumeister
Flower Delivery	Barbara Landon & Ann Gotwals	
Greeters	Diane & Peter Ontkush	Jane & Phillip Falconer
Kinderwyk	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Russell, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik
Liturgist	Daniel Carlson	Ruth Kuo
Preacher	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Processing Elders	Joyce Griggs, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Jerry Griggs, Delbert Pierce	Veronica Bartholic, Nancy Davison, Robert Dickson, Marilyn Leach, Toni Masaitis, David Mahlmann, Del Pierce, Maria G. Todd
Reader	Catherine deSalle	James Miller
Refreshments	Loraine and Nancy Martin	Unity Luncheon – RSVP to office
Usher/ Offertory Deacon	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Hendrick Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yourno, Richard Davis, Adam Kerwin	Fred Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Bill Martin, Nancy Wainwright, Kim Burgoyne, Tom Burgoyne, Doug Todd

Unity Luncheon



To celebrate the cooperation of UPC & FRC

*All are invited to a luncheon,
after worship, on October 6
at the Lighthouse Restaurant.*

We celebrate as a great witness to God's work that calls us to new vistas

***RSVP to Church Office ~ 377-2201
Free will offering at event*

Sunday, September 29

- 10:00 am Worship – Bible Sunday
- 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

Monday, September 30

- 9:00 am Mens News Group
- 7:00 pm Creation Care Committee

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00 am Horizons Bible Study
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 1:30 pm Worship Planning Meeting
- 6:00 pm CRTC

Wednesday, October 2

- 9:30 am Kerygma
- 1:00 pm Thursday Belles
- 6:00 pm Come to the Feast; Dinner
- 7:00 pm Come to the Feast;
- 8:00 pm Contemplative Comm. Serv.

Thursday, October 3

- 7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am Stitch Group
- 4:00 pm Church Oversight Committee
- 6:45 pm Yoga
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, October 5

- 3:00 pm Blessings of Pets

Sunday, October 6

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am High School Choir
- 10:00 am Worship with Communion
- 10:15 am Church School for K-8
- 11:15 am Unity Luncheon**
- 4:00 pm Youth Orchestra
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” ~Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

We accept the love we think we deserve.
~Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.
~Elie Wiesel

Have you ever been in love? Horrible isn't it? It makes you so vulnerable. It opens your chest and it opens up your heart and it means that someone can get inside you and mess you up. ~Neil Gaiman, The Sandman, Vol. 9: The Kindly Ones

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.
~William Shakespeare, All's Well That Ends Well

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.
~Lao Tzu

Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.
~Robert A. Heinlein, Stranger in a Strange Land

I am nothing special, of this I am sure. I am a common man with common thoughts and I've led a common life. There are no monuments dedicated to me and my name will soon be forgotten, but I've loved another with all my heart and soul, and to me, this has always been enough. ~Nicholas Sparks, The Notebook

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind.
~William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream

Love never dies a natural death. It dies because we don't know how to replenish its source. It dies of blindness and errors and betrayals. It dies of illness and wounds; it dies of weariness, of witherings, of tarnishings. ~Anaïs Nin

You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not.
~ Jodi Picoult, My Sister's Keeper

Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.
~ Alfred Tennyson, In Memoriam