

***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.



**We believe**

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and ought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted

-From The Belhar Confession

*October 6, 2013*



***First Reformed Church***  
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## **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.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](http://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.

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2013

PRELUDE  
*Meditation on Showalter* Naphtali Rothrock  
*Adagio from Acis & Galatea* Ben Logan  
*Nimrod from Enigma Variations* G. F. Handel  
Edward Elgar

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 *Psalm 133* Barbara Boertje  
How good it is when kindred live together in unity.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138 Nicaea  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)  
(*from the liturgy of the French Reformed Church*)

O God, we pray for the unity of your Church.  
Forgive our pride and our lack of faith,  
understanding, and charity, which are the  
causes of our divisions. Deliver us from  
narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, and  
from our prejudices. Save us from considering  
as normal that which is a scandal to the world  
and an offence to your love. Teach us to  
recognize the gifts of grace among all those  
who call upon you and confess Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

\*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*)  
(*from the Belhar Confession*)

The unity of the people of God must be  
manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

- that we love one another;
- that we experience, practice and pursue  
community with one another;
- that we are obligated to give ourselves  
willingly and joyfully to be of benefit  
and blessing to one another;
- that we share one faith, have one  
calling, are of one soul and one mind;
- that we have one God and Father, are  
filled with one Spirit are baptized with  
one baptism, eat of one bread and drink  
of one cup, confess one name, are  
obedient to one Lord, work for one  
cause, and share one hope;
- that we together come to know the  
height and the breadth and the depth of  
the love of Christ

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Make Our Church One Joyful Choir*  
Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir  
on this glad and festive day  
And by song invoke the fire  
that invites our hearts to pray:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim  
all it means to bear your name.

Bend us low by song and prayer,  
low enough to lift the cross—  
And to take the weight and bear  
love's uncounted final cost.  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim  
all it means to bear your name.

Lift us up by song and prayer  
till the way we deal with loss  
And our acts and words of care  
trace the pattern of your cross:  
Shape us, Christ, to bear your name.

Bend us, lift us, make us strong,  
send us out with wind and fire,  
So the world may hear the song  
that we offer as your choir:  
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim  
all it means to bear your name.

Thomas Troeger

FIRST LESSON James Miller  
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.** *John 17: 20-23 (page 111)*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Romans 15:1-7 (page 163)*

SERMON *One* Bill Levering

\*HYMN #504 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Joint Witness History*  
Barbara Walton

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY Orff Consort  
Gene Rowland, baritone;  
Louise Dickenson, violin

*The Lone Wild Bird* Trad., arr. Lillian Roe

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

\*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

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### 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!**

#### 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!

#### COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ruth Kuo

#### 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 #439  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

Dale Wood

POSTLUDE Naphtali Rothrock  
*Ancient of Days (Tune: Italian Hymn)*  
Paul Taylor

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### Music Note

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### Communion Class

Today we welcome our Communion Class participants to the Lord's Table. Zuri Keith and Ashley Kerwin have successfully completed their communion studies and celebrate with us on this World Communion Sunday!

### 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 Collins, Marion Lentz, Lauralee Moore, Eldon Springsted, and Gertrude Young*

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

*Jean Brown, Janet Crandall, Dolph Ebeling, Ruth George, Deleo Gravink, Betty Kleiber, Helen McCary, Tom Norton, Margaret Reed, and Elyne Schulte*

### In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of Joint Witness with First Reformed and Union Presbyterian congregation by Peg and Jim Miller. 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.

### Entered Into Eternal Rest

Loisanna Hager Veeder  
September 22, 2013

### Give the Gift of Peace

Envelopes for the *Peacemaking Offering* are in the pews today for World Communion Sunday. Please join this effort to promote peace in our troubled world. Please make checks out to UPC and note *Peacemaking Offering* in the remarks area.

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.

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.

### Unity Luncheon ~ Today

After worship service, all UPC and FRC members are invited to a special luncheon at The Waters Edge Lighthouse Restaurant where we will say nice things about each other and our God that has arranged such a wonderful match between our congregations. An offering will be taken at the event.

### **Church Facility Tour ~ Today**

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. Meet in front of the church office.

### **Forum**

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. Held after worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel. 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:** No Forum ~ Unity Luncheon

**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 adults to reflect on the theme of the service, or to delve into some new topics. In October, Dr. Levering will lead a class on *The Promise of Parenting*. The Classes will be held in Poling Conference room right after a quick cup of coffee and will end promptly at noon. Childcare will be provided.

**Today:** No class ~ Unity Luncheon

**Oct. 13, 20, 27:** The Promise of Parenting; Dr. Levering

### **Junior & 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.

**Today:** 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 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.

### **Faith Bookshop**

The sale of donated jewelry will end Sunday, Oct. 27. 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**

There's a variety of new books displayed on a table in front of the Library. The beautifully written *Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson, and *The Ages of Edison*, a historical gem of late nineteenth century inventions. Two hilarious stories for kids by Lemony Snicket, and

Richard Russo's memoir, *Elsewhere* add to the selection. We hope you'll find a few minutes to stop by.

### **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.

### **Come to the Feast!**

Join us any Wednesday for a course or two or three of this weekly Feast featuring good food for body, mind, and spirit.

**6pm:** Delicious Vegetarian Dinner

**7pm:** Engaging Faith Discussion

**8pm:** Contemplative Communion

No registration required; food donations welcome; questions: contact Daniel Carlson.

### **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.

### **Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction**

An 8-Week Meditation Course

Course Instructor: Oona Edmands, LCSW, EMDR II psychotherapist

- Reduce distress associated with chronic pain
- Reduce anxiety and pain
- Improve physical disorders associated with anxiety and stress

**Orientation Session:** Monday, October 7, 7-9:30pm in Assembly Hall

**Classes:** Mondays evenings 7-9:30pm Oct. 21 through Dec. 9

**Plus:** A full day retreat on Nov. 23 (8-4pm)

Each class in the eight-week series is 2.5 hours long. Students learn affect regulation and stress management through three main mindfulness techniques: the body scan (attending to sensations in the body), sitting meditation (being mindful of the breath, body sensations, sound and thoughts as they arise without judging or reacting to them), and very gentle yoga (mindful movement in postures that build strength and body awareness). The classes are taught in a supportive group setting where participants facilitate each other's learning through ongoing discussion, integrating the practices with everyday life. There is also a 7.5 hour silent retreat in the sixth week of class. Students are also asked to practice mindfulness at home for 45 minutes to an hour a day and are given four guided mindfulness CDs.

**Cost:** \$300 for the entire program, including materials.

**RSVP:** Please call Samaritan Counseling Center at 518-374-3514.

### **Stepping Forward in Faith Stewardship Campaign**

Our goal is to increase the number of members who pledge and to cover program costs for the year 2014. Our strategy is to invite members to a conversation in a Small Group about FRC's program, impact and needs to enhance the Holy Spirit's presence in the lives of the Congregation and Community. We've held small meetings with folks who share common interests, music, education mission etc. At a meeting, after a short

video, there will be solid conversation about our present and future, and of course refreshments. Please sign up for the remaining Groups in Assembly Hall or RSVP to hosts.

**Oct. 13:** *Stewardship and Shortbread* (miscellaneous group) from 11:15am to 12:15pm in Walton Conference room. Please sign up on the sheet in Assembly Hall, call Joan Lindsay, group hostess, 399-3153 or call the church office if you plan to attend.

**Oct. 16:** *Pillar's of the Church* (or anyone who'd like to be); hosted by Joe and Gay Doolittle, 384-1700 from 7pm to 8:15pm at their home, 112 Maplewood Drive, Glenville

**Oct. 20:** *UPC'er's group* hosted by Marilyn Leach, 374-1022 will meet from 8:45 to 9:45am at church

**Oct. 20:** *Future Pillars of the Church and others* hosted by Caroline Welch, 956-0728 will meet from 11:15 -12:15pm at church

With questions about *Stepping Forward in Faith*, please contact co-chairs Joyce and Ray Beland, hosts, or any member of the Committee, Andy Chestnut, Fred Daniels, Joe Doolittle, Bill Levering, Brad Lewis, Cathy Lewis, Joan Lindsay, and Nancy Wainwright.

### **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.

### **Walking Tour of Union College Campus**

On Sunday Oct. 13 from 1:30 to 3pm, there will be a Historical Walking Tour of Union College's campus, led by current student Richard Harris. This is a special event for local congregations or individuals who support CPM. Reservations are preferred, but not mandatory; please call 388-6618 or email [brooksv@union.edu](mailto:brooksv@union.edu) to register.

### **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**

All FRC and UPC members are invited to come to the first Men's Breakfast meeting at 8am on Saturday, Oct. 19. Meet in 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. His talk will focus on Gettysburg, Civil War re-enactments, and FRC members involved in the battle. Come and share good food and good fellowship, RSVP in Assembly Hall, or fill out a white pew card and place in the offering basket on Sunday.

### **Stewardship Breakfast**

On Sunday, Oct. 20 at 8:45am a Stewardship Breakfast for **UPC members** only will include a Special Congregational Meeting to fill the Nominating Committee.

### **Let's Talk Bells**

Join Klokken Tower Ringers for a conversation about Handbells, schedules, etc., Sunday, Oct. 20. Grab a cookie and beverage and join us back in the sanctuary at 11:20am. All ringers, curious and interested folks are all invited to join us!

### **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 Rev. 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.

## **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)**

We will meet on Oct. 20 at 12-1pm in the Walton Conference room. JAC usually focuses on one area at a time where action can be realized. 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. FRC members are free, tickets in the church office. For more information call 518/377-3623 or visit [www.musiciansofmaalywck.com](http://www.musiciansofmaalywck.com).

## **Stephen Ministry Training**

The upcoming opportunity can help you improve your relationship with God, family, friends and coworkers. 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 two additional Saturday sessions. Contact Daniel Carlson 377-2201, Vernetta Thuener 355-

2543, or Maria G. Todd 421-7931; 372-9522, if you have *any* questions. Brochures and applications are located on the Stephen Ministry bulletin board (next to Faith Bookshop). Also, for those on the web, check out [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org) and click: What is a Stephen Minister?

## **Movie Night**

Join in viewing the film *Fast Life* on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7pm at the home of Andy and Heather Chestnut (1286 Wendell Ave., Schenectady, 12308). A thought provoking film made by students from Schenectady High School, *Fast Life* depicts the tremendous challenges faced by many urban youth; rated PG-13 for violence and drugs. The trailer for *Fast Life* can be found on YouTube using the search terms *fast life Schenectady*. Bring a dessert or snack to share. RSVP to Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or [leah@upstateharpist.com](mailto:leah@upstateharpist.com).

## **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](mailto:kirkechor@earthlink.net)) or Corine Salon ([csalon@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csalon@nycap.rr.com)) to indicate your interest.

## **All Event Sign-Ups**

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](mailto:1streformedpub@gmail.com)

## A Different Way in Reading

The FIRST annual Dyslexia Dash 5k Run/Walk is Sat., Oct. 19 at Pashley Elementary School in Glenville from 9-11am. The entrance fee is \$25 before Oct. 18 or \$30 day of the race. Make checks payable to A *Different Way in Reading Center, Inc.* For more information about donations and/or for sign-up sheets see the refrigerator door by Faith Bookshop. Volunteers are also needed for race day coordination (traffic and runner direction, manning water tables, etc.). Please contact Laurie McEvoy 518-526-2853 should you be interested or have questions.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Bill Martin, Doug Todd	Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Virginia Laumeister	Veronica Bartholic
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Veronica Bartholic, Tani Breitenbach	TBA
<b>Greeters</b>	Jane & Phillip Falconer	Roberta & Richard Blackmer
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Carlson, Inge-Lise Pangburn	Sarah Bachorik, Peggy Ridgway
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Robert Dickson, Marilyn Leach, Toni Masaitis, David Mahlmann, Keith Muse, Del Pierce, Maria G. Todd, Wayne Brule	Margaret King, Keith Muse, Roberta Blackmer, Tom Lindsay, Bill Rochelle, Linda Witkowski
<b>Reader</b>	James Miller	Nancy Wainwright
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Unity Luncheon</b>	Jean Lindsay, Karen Gonda
<b>Offertory Deacons/ Usher</b>	Fred Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Doug Todd, Earl Wainwright, Kim Burgoyne, Tom Burgoyne, Darwin Brudos	Art Shultes (head usher), Jeff Cox, Sharron McCullough, Jim McCullough

## **Sunday, October 6**

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

## **Monday, October 7**

- 9:00 am ..... Mens News Group
- 7:00 pm ..... Mindfulness Class

## **Tuesday, October 8**

- 10:00 am ..... Horizons Bible Study
- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 6:00 pm ..... Archives
- 6:00 pm ..... CRTC
- 6:30 pm ..... Standing Committees
- 7:30 pm ..... Consistory

## **Wednesday, October 9**

- 9:30 am ..... Kerygma Conversations
- 1:00 pm ..... Archives
- 1:00 pm ..... Thursday Belles
- 2:00 pm ..... Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm ..... Delicious Vegetarian Dinner
- 7:00 pm ..... Engaging Faith Discussion
- 8:00 pm ..... Contemplative Communion

## **Thursday, October 10**

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

## **Sunday, September 13**

- 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 ..... Refreshments
- 11:15 pm ..... Small Group: Stewardship
- 11:15 am ..... UPC Stewardship Meeting
- 11:15 am ..... Orff Rehearsal
- 11:15 am ..... Forum and Adult Classes
- 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers
- 4:00 pm ..... Youth Orchestra
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

## **A Slice of History of Union Presbyterian Church**

During the last decade of the 19th century the population of Schenectady grew more than 60%. Residents were moving to the suburbs and First Presbyterian Church established a Mission Chapel on Nott Street at Park Place. As the 20th century dawned, 26 people gathered and resolved that it was time to establish a church in the neighborhood of Upper Union Street and Union Ave. In June 1900 with 80 members from the First Presbyterian Church, Union Presbyterian Church was declared organized.

By the end of that year, Park Place Chapel had been transferred to the new congregation, the church was incorporated, a block of land on Park Avenue had been purchased for \$4,500, and steps were underway to engage an architect to design a church to be built in one of the most beautiful residential areas to be found in America.

In 1901 the Rev. Henry W. Maier was called as the first pastor of the new congregation, Park Place Chapel was sold, and the congregation was invited to use the Union College Chapel pending completion of the new church building. The cornerstone of the new church building was laid in November 1902 and the first service in the new building was held in March 1904.

During those early years, the congregation was involved with women's, men's and young peoples' organizations and had substantial representation in two world wars, all the time maintaining its mission outreach.

In 1939 to 1949, under the installed pastor, Rev. Willard E. Rice, the basement was remodeled to include a large Sunday school room, kitchen, hall, and completely furnished lounge. During Rev. Rice's pastorate, the church added staff including an associate pastor. Construction of a substantial addition started in 1954 and was completed in 1955. The new addition was rededicated as the Rice Building following Dr. Rice's death in 1965. Church membership grew to a peak of just over 1000 in 1963.

In 1966 the Rev. Donald W. Stake, formerly associate pastor was installed as pastor. In 1968 and 1969 the sanctuary was renovated, including a new Wicks organ and the installation of the symbolic stained glass chancel window that has become the hallmark of the church.

**A Joint Witness to the Glory of God and the  
Furtherance of the Reign of Jesus Christ  
Established by the Union Presbyterian Church of  
Schenectady and the First Reformed Church of  
Schenectady Effective July 1, 2013**

Union Presbyterian Church and First Reformed Church strive to embrace each other in a community of Christian faith aimed at sharing worship, mission, resources, and other joint endeavors that will bring us together as one body of Christ. By joining together, we hope to be an even stronger voice for mission in the community.

**Worship**

First Reformed Church (FRC) agrees to host vital and engaging worship services for both congregations. Musicians from both congregations will be involved and shared musical tastes will be celebrated. Union Presbyterian Church agrees to worship with the FRC congregation. The Session of UPC will maintain responsibility for the orderly administration of the sacraments within joint worship, but may delegate that task to FRC.

**Mission**

UPC and FRC agree to collaborate in mission efforts including, but not limited to, funding and participation in mission causes: local, national, and international.

**Education**

Adult and youth Christian education will be provided by First Reformed Church, including Church School, fellowship programs, and any opportunity currently provided by FRC. Space and resources will be provided to encourage any current UPC program to exist at FRC. UPC agrees to participate with the FRC congregation and provide leadership as requested.

**Pastoral Services**

Pastoral care to UPC members will be provided by UPC and their current pastor until January 1, 2014 after which pastoral care, funeral, wedding coverage, and other pastoral services will be provided by the staff of FRC. The session of UPC will be moderated under the jurisdiction of Albany Presbytery. The ministers of FRC will function under the authority of the consistory of FRC and the Schenectady Classis of the RCA.

**Governance**

UPC agrees to manage and retain its own assets, and to manage relevant budget and benevolence disbursements. UPC agrees to continue to have an active Session that governs its affairs including directing the ministry of the UPC Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees as long as UPC continues as

a congregation under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Albany. UPC and FRC agree to send two representatives, appointed by their governing boards, to regular meetings of the other's governing board. FRC agrees to recognize the ordination of UPC elders, deacons, and ministers. In the areas of joint worship, joint education, and joint mission projects, specifically excluding issues relating to property and finance, the efforts shall be subject to the constitution of each denomination involved. Wherever the constitutions of the denominations differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive. Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions, the congregational council shall petition the next higher councils or governing bodies to resolve the conflict.

As provided for at G-5.05 in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order, at some subsequent time, the UPC congregation may vote to request to be dismissed from the PC (USA) to the Reformed Church of America as a collegiate congregation under the jurisdiction of FRC.

**Membership**

UPC and FRC agree that members of UPC may be listed as adherent members of FRC if they so choose without change to any status of membership at UPC. FRC agrees to encourage members of UPC to become active in FRC committees and activities.

**Facilities**

FRC agrees to provide space and resources for worship, education, and mission approved by Session in the same fashion that it might provide these things for any of its own activities. FRC agrees to provide one dedicated room for archives, historical items and meetings and one office for pastoral and administrative support as needed. UPC agrees to take care of these rooms.

**Administrative Support**

FRC agrees to provide general secretarial and administrative services to UPC and any of its successors at no cost.

**Finances**

In the short term, all cash plate offerings from worship services will go to FRC. Any checks specifically made out to either congregation will go to the respective congregation. Envelopes in the offering plate will go to the respective congregations. Consultations will be held to determine appropriate collaborations in pledging and budgeting for 2014. FRC agrees to provide all the services above at no cost to UPC.