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February opportunities

Second Sunday Service

February 10

Our first alternative worship service will be held on Sunday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Please come and please invite a friend to come with you.

FEAST

Friday, February 15

Fellowship Eating and Sharing Together; our monthly opportunity for groups of 10 to join Paula and Jim for fellowship and a meal at their home.

6 p.m. Please call the church office to reserve a space.

Mark your calendars now!

Mardi Gras Sunday

March 3, 2019

poetry & faith

Thank you Mary Oliver



to live in this world

*you must be able
to do three things
to love what is mortal;
to hold it*

*against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go*

— Mary Oliver, *New and Selected Poems*. Vol. 1

On January 17, America started the process - for it is always a process - of letting go of one of our most celebrated poets. She died in her home in Florida from lymphoma at the age of 83. Her name was Mary Jane Oliver. After hearing about her death, Paula and I spent the rest of the day reading her poetry both silently and to each other.

*Listen, are you breathing just a little,
and calling it a life?*

— from *Have You Ever Tried to Enter the Long Black Branches?*

It's hard to articulate everything that drew me to her poetry. While her poetry is simple, it is hardly simple. I believe the New York Times described her work as accessible. It is an open door through which many of us step to find wonder and beauty. Wild geese. Fish. The woods. And after she shares, the reader is left wondering, "Why didn't I see that before?"

*So every day
I was surrounded by the beautiful crying forth
of the ideas of God,
one of which was you.*

— from *Red Bird*

She paid attention to it all. But - and this is a really big deal - she was yet hopeful despite being awake, or, perhaps because she was awake. Even her despair was situated within a context of wonder.

*Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are headed home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.* — from *Wild Geese*



Patti Lou, Barbara, Jim, Ed and Paula after serving a Xmas meal at the Grace Episcopal Sunday soup kitchen.

Maybe it's because she understood humility. Maybe it's because she understood her place in the universe. Maybe it's because prayer & wonder & gratitude were all one in the same for her.

Praying

*It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*

— from *Thirst*

I know "poetry" comes with a lot of baggage. But if I may, in the days to come, set them aside even if but for a moment or two. And then wander down to the shore of her words and let them break over you in delight.

Shalom,

Jim



*No matter who you are or where
you are in life's
journey, you are welcome here*

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ABOUT

This newsletter is a Second Reformed United Church of Christ publication printed monthly around the 25th of the month.

To include something in next month's edition, please e-mail your article to secondreformeducc@gmail.com or drop it by the church office.

Join us each Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 am and Morning Worship at 11:00 am.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesdays @7:00

LADIES CIRCLES
1st Tuesday after the 1st Sunday

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH
3rd Wednesday @12:00

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
3rd Thursday @6:00

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays @12:30

CONSISTORY MEETING
3rd Sunday @1:30 in Alma Williams Class

CHRISTIAN ED MEETING
4th Monday @6:00

PEARLE P. LEONARD AWARD PRESENTATION
Sunday, February 10 during 11:00 service

CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING
Saturday, March 23 & 30 for those that signed up

SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
2nd Sunday @6:00 in the parlor

2nd FEAST at Jim & Paula's
Friday, February 15 @ 6:00 (Limit is 10)
RSVP by calling the OFFICE by Friday, February 8

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

"SECOND CHANCE FOOD & CLOTHING CLOSET"

1st & 3rd Saturdays 10 am to 12 pm
Located in lower level of the Burke Building



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1st - Nora Anderson & Jim Bracken
 3rd - Kris Jenkins & Tracy Leonard
 6th - William Petty
 7th - Anna Leonard, Mary T. Leonard, Ken McKinnish
 8th - Sarah Lynch & Wendell Pickett
 12th - Donna Hench
 16th - Addison Norris
 17th - Paul Cook
 18th - Steve Burkhardt, Jonathan Hench & Susan Koontz
 19th - Tiny Barnhill, Jamie Bell, Carol Loman & Frances Morgan
 21st - Camille Burkhardt & Ruby Parks*
 24th - Rachel Greene & Londa Pickett
 25th - Kassidy Usher
 27th - Teresa Kines & Lisa Royal
 28th - Mary Kivett*
 Kathryn Greene turned 18 last month on the 22nd which was not listed
 * 90 & over **100



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 5th - Eric & Margie Frazier
 Rick & Carol Weaver
 14th - Chris & Misty Ray

CONGRATULATIONS

The North Davidson girls and boys swim teams were victorious in a tri-meet with Lexington and East Davidson on Wednesday, January 9 at the J. Smith Young YMCA in Lexington. In the girls meet, first place went to **Kathryn Greene** in the 200 yard Freestyle and 500 yard Freestyle categories.

Rachel Greene was named the 2018-19 Women's Swim Coach of the Year in the Central Carolina Conference. She is in her first year as the Men's and Women's Swimming Coach at Oak Grove High School. She also finished as the runner-up for the Men's Swim Coach of the Year.

Kathryn Greene was named to the 2018-19 All Conference Swim Team in the Central Carolina Conference. She is a senior co-captain of the Women's team at North Davidson High School and this is her first All-Conference selection.

PRAYER LIST

At Home:

Joe Bowers
 Camille Burkhardt
 Judy Charles
 Kaffee Cope
 Larry Dixon
 Anna Dorsey
 Elizabeth Everhart
 Judy Gibson
 Marlett Goodrum
 Shirley Goodrum
 Kathy Graham
 Edward Hayes
 Judy Hench
 Junie Henson
 Jimmy Leonard
 Mark Leonard
 Cliff Lopp
 Kent McCarn
 Gail Medlin
 Ken & Martha Medlin
 Marie Moncus
 Chris Myers
 Bobbie Pace
 David Parde
 Wendy Podgaysky
 Mike Ramsey
 George Walker
 Vickie Weaver
 Anthony Westmoreland
 Lillian White
 Susan Wilkerson

Adult Residence:

Dorothy Beck
 Janice Blanton
 Nora Charles
 Peggy Charles
 Doris Duffey
 Gladys Hedrick
 Virginia Hill
 Pat Lax
 Anna Leonard
 Edna McGinn
 Laura Williams
 Betty Wright

HOSPITALIZED

Shirley Goodrum was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack. She had surgery to repair a valve on Monday, January 14 at Forsyth. She was moved to Lexington Health Care on Tuesday, January 22 for rehab. Marlett has also been in Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

Worship Participants for February

Acolytes:

February 3
 February 10
 February 17
 February 24

Sophie Weaver & Luke Smith
 Emily Williams & Josie Gibson
 Caden & Jensen Leonard
 Larkin & Lawson Rabon

Liturgists:

February 3
 February 10
 February 17
 February 24

Debbie Harrison
 Jim Bracken
 Karon Morgan
 Britt Smith

Counters:

February 4 & 11
 February 18 & 25

Linda Putnam
 Beauford Kines

SUMMARY OF GIVING FOR 2018 RECEIVED VS ACTUAL EXPENSES

Month	Received Actual Per Month	Expenses Actual Per Month	Surplus(Deficit) Per Month	Worship Attendance Monthly Average	Sunday School Attendance Monthly Average
January	\$10979.50	\$12868.18	(\$1888.68)	96	53
February	\$13138.50	\$13023.47	\$115.03	110	59
March	\$11690.60	\$16306.63	(\$4616.03)	104	55
April	\$16602.90	\$11233.67	\$5368.33	103	53
May	\$13065.10	\$11034.33	\$2030.77	106	49
June	\$12373.00	\$15804.65	(\$3,431.65)	95	46
July	\$13414.57	\$11912.07	\$1502.50	88	51
August	\$12109.00	\$10716.49	\$1392.51	96	49
September	\$12199.50	\$18750.75	(\$6,551.25)	113	42
October	\$11601.40	\$12528.30	(\$926.90)	99	58
November	\$13272.00	\$10912.86	\$2359.14	116	56
December	\$21246.57	\$20730.86	\$515.71	129	59
Thru December 31	\$161691.74	\$165821.86	(\$4,130.12)	104	52

49 weeks

Total giving (Year to Date):	\$161,691.74
Total actual expenses (Year to Date):	\$165,821.86
Net gain/loss (Year to Date):	(\$4,130.12)
Average amount received each week (Year to Date):	\$3,299.83
Average amount spent each week (Year to Date):	\$3,384.12
Total giving (Year to Date) 2018 vs. 2017:	\$161,691.74 vs. \$178,511.76
Total actual expenses (Year to Date) 2018 vs. 2017:	\$165,821.86 vs. \$154,457.33

CONSISTORY MEETING

January 20, 2018

The Consistory held its January meeting on the 20th in the Alma Williams Class. Old business was discussed and Beauford Kines reported damage from our snow storm to some guttering and a couple tiles. Beauford is working to straighten the piece of guttering. New business consisted of assigning committee chairpersons. Barbara Perrell discussed the CPR/First Aid/AED classes that Richard Greene will be teaching. She has received pricing for each class and dates and will be contacting those members and outside guests that had signed up for the class here at Second to make sure that they are aware of such.

The Installation Service for Rev. Jim and Rev. Paula has been moved to Sunday, June 9 which is Pentacost Sunday. In the am service, Confirmands will go through their confirmations and Elder Emeriti will be confirmed. The installation will be at 3:00 with a reception afterwards.

Greeters have been assigned beginning in February. They will be parents and their children.

The upcoming postage increase was discussed and ways to save money on mailing our newsletters going forward.

Dates to remembers: Jazz Sunday-March 3 with meal in the evening; Lent begins on March 5

CHURCH ARCHIVES

ATTENTION PLEASE!!

In an effort to get a volunteer to handle the church's Archives Room, we found a need for more storage containers. We could use one or more filing cabinets and plenty of waterproof containers. There are years worth of newsletters, bulletins and items contributed by families of deceased members that need to be protected. Any contributions from you would be greatly appreciated. Just notify the church office.



CIRCLE REPORTS

On January 8, **Rebecca Circle** members met at leader, Loretta Crotts', snow decorated home. Mary Kivett had the program based on the devotional Book *"Wake Up to the Word"* by Joyce Meyer. Mary passed slips of paper to members with the words, "please, need, hope, now, pray, and you". From each page of devotions she read, we were to listen for the word written on our slip. The meeting was closed with our usual benediction and followed with fellowship and refreshments.
Ann Lippard

The **Lydia Circle** met on December 4 for their meeting at 360 Grill. Nine members were present. A monetary gift was given to the General Fund in honor of our two shut-ins. Doris Duffey will be on our shut-in list now. For January, we met on the the 8th with 8 members present. During our business, we voted to pay our \$100 challenge. Anna Leonard was remembered with a birthday card. JoNell will have our February program.
Shirley Weaver

Circle Ruth met January with Patti Hartzog with 8 members attending. Joretta opened the meeting with prayer. Leda Everhart presented the program, "The Meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas" a Legend has it that each of the 12 gifts in the song represented a belief of or doctrine of the Christian churches and was used as a coded reference to Christianity to help Christians learn and pass on the tenets of the faith while avoiding persecution. During the business session members shared joys and concerns lifting prayers for Shirley Weaver and Shirley Goodrum who have been sick and hospitalized recently. Two of the Circle homebound, Frances Morgan and Pat Lax, have birthdays in February. Honor gifts will be made to the Workshop of Davidson County (Frances) and the Church general fund (Pat) for these ladies' birthdays. The Circle roster was undated for the 2019 Guild Directory. The meeting was adjourned to Patti's dining room for refreshments and fellowship.
Joretta Koontz

YOUNG @ HEART

Twenty eight members and guests of the Young at Heart group enjoyed our lunch on Wednesday, January 16. Our meal consisted of country style steak, cream potatoes, black eye peas, slaw and peach and strawberry cobbler. We thank Debbie and Tony Harrison for donating the black eyed peas which they cooked for us. After lunch, Tony Medlin presented our program. Thank you Tony. Our next meeting will be February 20. We look forward to seeing you then.
Shirley Weaver

A Women's Guild meeting was held on January 27, 2019 at 1:30 in the Phoebe Class. Joretta Koontz opened our meeting with prayer with 14 ladies in attendance. Our 2019 budget was discussed approved and monetary gifts will be distributed to different organizations in and around our community. Our upcoming event will be the Lenten Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 8, with a guest speaker. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$5 and may be purchased from any circle and/or guild member. Chicken pies will be made on April 28 and 30; May 6 and 7, with pies to be picked up on Saturday, May 11. Other fall events were discussed with dates to be decided at our next meeting.
Judy Rogers, Sec.

(Note: Reports may be edited to prevent adding additional pages)

THANK YOU'S

Hello everybody. Sorry it has taken so long to thank you all for the cards and gifts sent to me. My secretary (Sandra) has been on vacation and just got back. I appreciate the money given to the General Fund in my honor. Other than the fact that I can't see (which means I can't read as much as I would like), I can't hear and I can barely walk, I am doing well. I have had pneumonia and bronchitis a couple times this year, but heart and blood pressure continue to be good. Thanks again.
Peggy Charles

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the visits, cards, food and especially your prayers during Christmas, my birthday and New Years and love for being my dear friends. I appreciate you and your kindness. God bless you.
Martha Bruff

Dear Caregivers,
It is comforting to be a part of the Friendship/Pearle Peeler Class. From you I received cards, visits, food, prayers and love. I miss you and I will return when transportation is solved. Thanks again for the kind remembrances from you.
Martha Bruff

Second Reformed UCC,
Your kind-hearted gift of \$100 has arrived. Thank you! I am deeply thankful for your faithful, generous support for the Salvation Army.....Lieutenant Wayne Meads, Corps Officer

Second Reformed UCC,
Dear friends, accept this note of thanks for your contribution of \$125 on December 16, 2018. The Camp Board and I value the bonds that connect us amidst the outdoors and bind us in covenant around the waters of the Johns River. Peace and blessings!
Phil Hardy, Director John's River Valley Camp

Thank you to all the volunteers at Second UCC for their dedication to Grace Food Ministries! We could not continue our mission without you! Barbara, thanks for your work and perseverance with all of us!
Libby O'Shea

Thank you to Circle Ruth and Second Reformed for the Christmas gifts and treats you gave to my mom, Virginia Hill. She really appreciated your thoughts, prayers and gifts.
Cathy Waitman

On behalf of the family of Jim Thomason, our thanks for the memorial gift to the Guild. The outpouring of kindness from our church family has been tremendous. Your generosity is appreciated.
Judy Rogers

SCO BURKHART CLASS

Birthday wishes to Wendell Pickett & anniversary wishes to Ed and Barbara Perrell and Rick and Carol Weaver. We continue to pray for Mark Leonard and his family, Vickie Weaver and her family and Marlett and Shirley Goodrum as she recovers from recent heart surgery. Brotherhood will meet on February 21 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited and can bring a friend for good food and fellowship. Come join us.
Rick Weaver

In Honor Of

Kay Billings

Ed & Barbara Perrell

Gloria Brooks

Ed & Barbara Perrell

Marlett Goodrum

Ed & Barbara Perrell

Shirley Goodrum

Terry & Karen Holder
Ed & Barbara Perrell
Jerry & Ronda Welch

Rob & Betty Kepley

Ron & Patti Hartzog

JoAnn Koontz

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Rev. Jim & Rev. Paula

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Ron McGinn

Ron & Patti Hartzog

New Consistory Members-Ann House, Judy Rogers, Beauford

Kines & Britt Smith

Ed & Barbara Perrell

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Ron & Patti Hartzog

Prissie Podgaysky

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Blake & Lindsay Ray

Lindsey & Linda Leonard

Judy Rogers

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Ronda Welch

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Gwen Younts

Retta Kepley

In Memory Of

Norma Jean Cable

Garray, Roland & Melren Cable

Joe Calloway

Jerry & Ronda Welch

Lamar Clark

Marlett & Shirley Goodrum

Howard Cox

Ron & Patti Hartzog

Randy Crotts

Raymond & Erlene Crotts

Don Koontz

Dennis, Marilyn & Anjelicia Everhart

Hun Lowe

Marlett & Shirley Goodrum

Rachel Potts

Women's Guild

Tommy Sherrell

Ron & Patti Hartzog

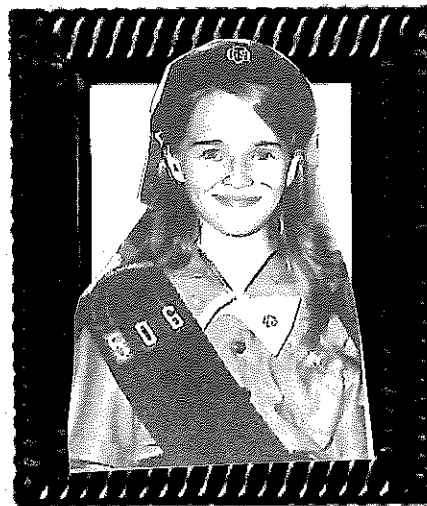
Jim Thomason

Leonard & Cindy Beck
Raymond & Erlene Crotts
Doug & Linda Duffey
Marlett & Shirley Goodrum
Ron & Patti Hartzog
Tabitha Lambe
Mr. & Mrs. Haynes Sherron, Jr.
Women's Guild

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

We are putting an old photo in the newsletter each month to see if you can guess who they are. Here is our February pic.

FYI -Last month's pic was of Rev. Jim.



SECOND CHANCE FOOD PANTRY


Barbara Perrell would like to thank the congregation & the kids for their generous contributions of food and gently worn warm winter clothes to the Food Pantry. At this time, no food or clothing is needed but they still need personal hygiene items.



ATTENTION

As you all know, there has been a significant increase in postage, especially for bulk mail. This will be the last month that newsletters will be mailed. They will be available for pickup at church & hand delivered to the nursing homes. They will not be mailed out of town. We will also email them at your request. The cost for mailing has gone up over \$30 per month to +\$100. PLEASE let the office know if you want them emailed.

February 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rev. Caitie Smith here						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pearle P. Leonard Award Presentation 6:00 Second Sun- day Service					2 nd FEAST @ Jim & Paula's 6:00	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	President's Day					
24	25	26	27	28		
	6:00 Christian Ed					

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