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12 Noon Each Tuesday

March 16 FIRST BAPTIST APPLE STREET
508 Apple Street
Rev. Nora Foust, Associate Pastor
First Reformed United Church of Christ

March 23 FIRST REFORMED UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
513 W. Front Street
Rev. Peter Thompson, Associate Pastor
First Presbyterian Church

Following the service each week a light lunch will be served. The cost will be \$5.00. A special offering will be received at these services for ALLIED CHURCHES and LOAVES & FISHES ministries.

JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Mickey Efirm
Sunday evenings in March
6 - 8 PM in the Chapel
Study: The Book of Acts

Don't Forget!
Move your clocks AHEAD an hour
Saturday night, March 13th for
Day Light Savings Time!!

Thank you so very much for your wonderful gift! You are a blessing to our ministry. Please continue to help us feed the hungry.

Love,
Brenda at Loaves & Fishes

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Notes from the Pastor's Desk...

HAVE A HEART

"Son, you are always with me and all that I have is yours, but we had to celebrate..."
Luke 15:31

As a value for Christian living, compassion is a major part of the foundation. Everyone I know is in favor of compassion – until the exercise of compassion violates a cultural or moral norm. When our norms are trampled, we become indignant, angry, scornful, and mean-spirited. In other words, we become everything but compassionate.

For example, here comes that worthless brother who wasted a major portion of the family wealth. His demand for an early inheritance is much like saying to dad, "I wish you were dead!" How much compassion is due a fellow like that? Must we listen to his apology? Can't we ignore him as he ignored us?

Yet there stands the father and it's his call. When asked about the festivities, his explanation is simple: "We had to celebrate." That one son had come "back from the dead" mandates a party. When the lost are found, we rejoice.

For two thousand years, the gospel has offered compassion to everyone and not one soul deserved it. Our reason is simple – we do so because we must. The instruction from the Father is "Have a heart!" It's a core value worth living.

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Prayers and Sympathy to:

To the family of **Swanson Fulton** upon his death, February 26.

Mr. & Mrs. Curwood (Peggy) Harrison on the recent death of her nephew in Florida.

IN THE HOSPITAL NOW OR RECENTLY

John Moran
Tori Stadler
Kemp Reece

Wee Cycle

Front Street Playschool, Afterschool, and Babies' Morning Out are joining forces for a yard sale! **Wee Cycle** will be held **Saturday, April 17th**.

The profits will go towards these three childcare programs within our church. We have placed bins in the Welcome Center area where you can donate gently used items of all sorts. If you have any items too large, please contact us for pick up. We have a storage facility available for the items as well. What kind of things are we looking for, you ask? Books, furniture, linens, toys, sports equipment - just about anything! Just remember that all items donated should be gently used. If you have any questions, or have large items you wish to donate to this event, contact:

Barbara Long, 227-6603, fsplayschool@bellsouth.net
Catherine Mills, 227-6772, fsafterschool@bellsouth.net
Rebecca Hurdle, 227-6263, rebecca.hurdle@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your support of this event!

FLOWER CALENDAR

Have you thought about signing up for a Sunday to provide the Altar Flowers for the church? You can do this in honor or in memory of a loved one. What a lovely way to remember someone! Our flower calendar is located in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Check it out this Sunday, find an open Sunday, then contact Bert Mims to reserve it. You can reach Bert at 584-5443, or bert.mims@wnhplaw.com.

CALLING ALL BABIES!

Babies' Morning Out is now enrolling students for the 2010-2011 school year. You may pick up applications in the church office or by contacting Rebecca Hurdle at 227-6263 or rebecca.hurdle@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2010

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Beginning Balance	(\$10,839.97)	(\$58,487.05)
Receipts *	77,565.43	234,456.22
Disbursements	(\$109,410.47)	(\$218,654.18)
Month End Balance	(\$42,685.01)	(\$42,685.01)

Need some extra money?

Are you interested in making some extra money? We need nursery workers for church activities other than our Sunday services such as Wonderful Wednesdays, board and committee meetings. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Rebecca Hurdle at 227-6263 or rebecca.hurdle@gmail.com.

Did you know...

- * Our youth collected \$490 during our Souper Bowl Sunday event? All proceeds are going to Loaves & Fishes and Front Street's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry.
- * That our 2009 Buckner Mission Man Triathlon enabled the following contributions to missions totaling \$45,000?

Loaves & Fishes and Allied Churches	\$16,000
Habitat for Humanity (seed money for our next house)	\$10,000
Friendship Center Fund	\$ 2,750
Wheelchair Ramp Ministry	\$ 2,500
Methodist Home for Children	\$ 1,400
ALAMAP	\$ 1,400
Alamance ElderCare	\$ 1,000
Other Front Street UMC Missions Projects (disaster response, Medical Missions, etc.)	\$ 4,500
Other Local Ministries (Prison Ministry, Christian Counseling, Society of St. Andrew, etc.)	\$ 3,450
World Missions (ZOE, Missionaries)	\$ 2,000

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 24th for the 2010 Triathlon!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Make plans to join us during these special services as we commemorate Christ's final days, His death, and the Resurrection!

April 1, **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Rev. Marshall Old preaching

April 2, **Good Friday**
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Rev. Ben Alexander preaching

April 4, **Easter Sunday**
8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Rev. Ben Alexander preaching

9:00 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall
Rev. Marshall Old preaching

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Rev. Marshall Old preaching



CANNED FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14

The Burlington District UMYF annual Canned Food Drive is scheduled for March 14 in Graham. This year, Front Street's Youth Council has set **our goal at 1,200 cans**. Can you help our youth meet or surpass their goal? There are bins located throughout the church for you to place your donated items. *Thank you for supporting the Front Street youth!*

The gracious nature of Front Street United Methodist Church is beyond measure!

Thank you so much for all of the assistance the church has given Alamance ElderCare. In the few months that I have worked at Alamance ElderCare, I have witnessed our church assist our agency in several ways. First, by paying a client's power bill, enabling the client to have their power turned back on. Then we were blessed by the donation from the Mission Man Triathlon! Thank you for the many ways Front Street reaches out. Our small agency depends on the kindness of others to enable us to continue our work. It is amazing to see the love and giving nature that fills Front Street Church!

*Sincerely,
Heidi O'Neal
Program Development Coordinator
Alamance ElderCare*