



# FIRST NEWS

February 2008

## A Tribute to Reverend Hooper

On the Occasion of his retirement from fulltime ministry

Read at the morning worship service

January 27, 2008

By: Walter Hoffman, Consistory President

When my grandfather retired a few years back after more than fifty years as a minister, he was serving Morris Chapel United Methodist Church in Walkertown. At the final service, his family and co-workers literally took over the service and turned it into an episode of THIS IS YOUR LIFE. The local television anchorman even served as the Master of Ceremonies! Mike, we aren't going to hijack your service today, but we must take a few minutes to remember and to thank you for all you have meant to us.

It is a bittersweet day. We are all (this large congregation today) very sad to lose you as our minister. We have shed many tears since you announced your retirement. And yet we are happy and excited for you and your family as you begin the next phase of your life together.

A little over 14 years ago, this fine family of four left Burlington and moved to Lexington. They immediately rolled up their sleeves, got to work and became active members of this church and a part of the fabric of this community.

Bonita took on the difficult work of teaching History and Social Studies at Lexington Senior High School. Through the years she has educated hundreds of children. More than that, she has loved them, cared for them in her special way, and become an important part of their lives. As these students grow into successful adults, Bonita will be one of the people they will remember and thank-even if they never tell her!

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Looking back, it seems as if we were just getting to know Laura when it was time for her to enroll in Duke (as her parents beamed with pride!!!) and then move on to her government work in Washington.

Will shared his talents and gifts with us. I still remember him onstage in the community production of the musical OKLAHOMA, doing a terrific job. Soon he was off to Chapel Hill (which may have been a little bit difficult for his father to swallow!), graduate school and to his work in Charlotte.

We haven't seen as much of Laura and Will in the past several years, but Mike has kept us up to speed on significant events. I think all of us have a mental image of Mike driving the U-Haul truck through the crowded streets of Washington last year when Laura moved to a new apartment! Will and Laura, even if we haven't seen you frequently, you have stayed in our thoughts and prayers.

We have celebrated these joys with the Hooper family and also suffered some sad occasions. We shared your pain and grief as Mike's mother declined and passed away from the ravages of Alzheimer Disease. And recently we have not seen much of Bonita as she has had to care for her mother on weekends during her illness. But through it all you have loved us and we have loved you.



We hope each of you know how much we all love and care for you and wish you the very best!

And of course we all well remember 14 years ago when we first met Mike Hooper. In the very first week, people throughout Lexington commented about his quick smile and always sunny disposition. And 14 years later he is still a delightfully sunny, upbeat and optimistic man! (He truly is A SUNNY DELIGHT!!)

Last week you talked on "Name Calling". This week I want to do some name calling about you. Most folks call you the PREACHER. And indeed your sermons have been consistently excellent. (You shared with me recently that you spend an average of 15 hours a week preparing the sermon). But PREACHER is just the tip of the iceberg. You have been:

Teacher	Leader	Counselor	Confidante	Comforter
Scholar	Advisor	Scolder	Encourager	Friend

In other words, you have been the consummate MINISTER.

If we had the time to ask each person here today, each one would tell you that you have touched their lives in a very special way. Each story would be different, but each person here loves you and is grateful for your ministry to us.

We heard last week during the Children's Sermon to you about your special relationship with the children, beginning with each birth and baptism. You also have a special touch in working with families at the difficult time of a death. And your funeral services are personal, touching, and uplifting as you sincerely celebrate each life.

You have a great gift as a teacher. Those of us fortunate enough to have participated in your Bible Studies will not be surprised if you are soon behind a podium in a classroom at Wake Forest University. You have opened up the meaning of so many things in our faith, if we have only listened!

Each Sunday morning you have taught us about Jesus. You have taught with a great CLARITY about what Jesus calls us to be. You regularly have CHALLENGED us to grow in our faith and to put our faith into action ("Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I, send me!") You have led us by your example as you made a large impact on the Lexington community through your work with Habitat for Humanity, the CROP Walk, and as Chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

You have been a tireless crusader for SOCIAL JUSTICE. It is quite appropriate that your final Sunday with us falls right after our community celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday. You played a very important role in helping our community and our leaders understand the significance of this holiday, and you took much satisfaction when it became a reality in our town.

You have also worked hard, and at great personal cost, for equal treatment of all persons within the community and the church, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation.

Quite simply, you have shown us how to be a CHRISTIAN! I have heard so many in this congregation say that Mike Hooper has "WALKED THE WALK" as a Christian better than anyone we have known.

I want to turn quickly to the words of a hymn to sum up my thoughts. You are all familiar with the hymn "O Young and Fearless Prophet". Please read the words of this hymn, for me, this captures Mike's ministry to us, and we are better for it.

Mike Hooper, you have walked the walk, and you have fought the good fight!

Mike, Bonita, Laura and Will—we love you and we thank you for all you have meant to us. We wish you all the best as Mike and Bonita enter retirement and the next phase of your lives. Godspeed!

# January 2008 Consistory Highlights

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Reverend Hooper's Report - - -

- ◆ Shared a letter of thanks from Father Al Gondek upon his return to Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.
- ◆ Thanked the church for the Christmas appreciation gift he received
- ◆ Thanked everyone for their kindness throughout his years at First Reformed UCC
- ◆ Presided at the installation and ordination service for the new Elders—Nancy Robbins and Cheryl Walser; and Deacons—Ramona Yarbrough and Eddie Yates
- ◆ Recognized Elders Emeriti—Vicky Green, Ralph Bailey, and Giles Crowell
- ◆ Presided at service of honor for Harrison and Robert Danze upon their receiving the Eagle Scout Award

Ted Smith, Chair of Community Outreach reported that he attended a meeting for "Touching Davidson County With Love". This is a church based community wide group and gives all churches an opportunity to work together to make a better community. The date for the event is Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. An insert asking for volunteers has been included in the bulletin.

June Grubb will be visiting the sick and talking with prospective new members during our transition period.

Upcoming Dates: January 27—Retirement Reception for Reverend Hooper 3-5 p.m.

February 3—Ladies' Sunday (Women of the Church will lead the worship service)

February 10—Congregational Lunch and Meeting

## Interim Search Committee Report

According to guidelines dictated by the United Church of Christ and guidance from Reverend Larry Walser, Western North Carolina Association Minister, the recommendation is that an interim pastor be in place prior to beginning the Search process for a full-time pastor. Therefore, upon the recommendation of the Consistory, the Executive Committee, Walter Hoffman, President; Scott Frye, Vice-President; Lisa Nelson, Secretary; and Melody Evans, Treasurer, along with the past Consistory President, Tony Peele and serving as ex-officio, Paula Lopp has begun the process of searching for an interim. This committee has met to discuss responsibilities and compensation for an interim. Also, profiles for review have been received. Please keep these committee members in prayer as the search continues for the right person to lead our congregation in the interim.

Special thanks to Reverend Lee Jessup, Reverend Banks Shepherd, Reverend Nelson Weller, Reverend June Grubb and Reverend Chris Burr, who will be filling our pulpit during the interim search. Reverend June Grubb will be on call for visitation and other daily duties as necessary.



# Women's Life Fellowship

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*Co-Chairs: Raeann Biesecker and Mary Jo Jessup*

Women's Life Fellowship met on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for a brief business meeting to discuss the meal we will be serving on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for the congregational meeting. We will serve vegetable soup, sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea. There is no set cost for the meal; however, donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Members are reminded to be at the church Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to prepare the soup and set up the fellowship hall. Then again Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. to finish meal preparations. Also, members are asked to assist with cleanup after the meal.

After discussing a couple of other future fundraiser and fellowship events, members who wished to participate drew for their Heart Sister for 2008. Lena and Sauni Johnson provided our refreshments and Doris Frye led devotions.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. Childcare is provided and all women of the church are welcome.



## Morning Glory Circle

*By: Nancy Robbins*

The Morning Glory Circle's first meeting of the new year was January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members discussed business items including plans for the Women's Church Service in February. Plans for the remainder of the year were also discussed.

Pam Garrity opened the program with a favorite poem by Lewis Carroll "Father William". She shared two readings which included an emphasis on prayer. The group then offered sentence prayers.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## United Friendship Club

*Co-Presidents: Eulene Shepherd and Camille Morgan*

The Friendship Club met in the fellowship hall at noon on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with 28 members and friends present, including two young people and our guest speakers. After a delicious covered dish meal, Banks Shepherd shared devotions with us and told about his work with the Lions Club which helps visually impaired people.

Our speakers were our own Lynn McCarn, Eye Care Nurse, and Sarah Palser, Social Worker, both from the North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind. They talked about services and tools available to visually impaired people and shared some magnifying glasses, pens, and tablets with the crowd. It was an informative program.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

## Men's Brotherhood

*By: Clifford Lopp*

The Men's Brotherhood met January 17<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed a delicious oyster stew prepared by J.W. Bates and John Potts. We welcomed new members along with the faithful of our group.

For his many years of dedication to First Reformed UCC and the Men's Brotherhood, Reverend Hooper was presented a gold watch from our group. He will be missed, but we wish him well in his retirement.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone.



The words "Thank you" seem inadequate to convey appreciation to all those responsible for making January 27, 2008, Reverend Mike Hooper's Retirement Service and Reception, a special day for Reverend Mike, Bonita, Laura and Wilson and in the life of First Reformed United Church of Christ.

- A tremendous round of applause goes to Walter Hoffman, Consistory President, for the wonderful tribute to the Hooper Family he wrote and presented at our morning worship service. {Copy found elsewhere in the newsletter}.
- Thank you to the Choir for selecting and sharing favorite anthems of Mike and Bonita.
- Thank you to John Walser, Mayor of Lexington for proclaiming January 27, 2008 as Mike Hooper Day!
- Thank you to Reverend Larry Walser, Western North Carolina Association Minister for his participation in the "Ending An Authorized Ministry" program.
- Special thanks to the Reception Committee, chaired by Anne Fletcher. As she organized, people volunteered. Committee members included: Walter Hoffman, Myra Thompson, Lee Jessup, and Paula Lopp.
- A bouquet to Melody Evans who with the assistance of husband, Albert; sister, Donna; son, Greg; daughter-in-law, Cassie; and a few other friends prepared and organized the delicious reception buffet.
- Thank you to Women's Life Fellowship, represented by Raeann Biesecker, President for the \$1,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity in honor of Reverend Mike and Bonita Hooper.
- Thank you to Nancy Robbins who lightened the occasion with her poem written especially for Mike.
- Special thanks to Tony Peele, Past Consistory President for his fantastic tribute to Reverend Hooper presented at the reception.
- To the reception greeters: Reverend Banks and Eulene Shepherd, Dawn Shaak and Carolyn Spivey.
- Special thanks to the setup/cleanup crew consisting of the Reception Committee plus: Clifford Lopp, Mary Jo Jessup, Roy and Anne Bevan, Laura and Katarina Strenk and Rich and Lena Johnson.
- Thank you to all the children for their special presentations of drawings and hugs.
- Thank you to the leaders responsible for the children's sermon, presented by the children on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: Amy McNeill, Sauni Johnson, Nancy Robbins and parents.

Dear Church Friends,

I want to thank each of you for the lovely fruit basket. I have enjoyed it so much. Thanks so much for all the pretty cards they do mean so much. Most of all your prayers have been there for me and with lots of love. All of you mean so much and I do think of you often. *With love and prayers, Frances Leonard*

First Reformed UCC Trustees,

Thank you for the generous scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. I will primarily be using these funds to pay for textbooks. I appreciate not only the church's monetary support, but its emotional support as well. I would also like to thank Mike Hooper for all he has done, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

*Sincerely, Allyson Frick*

First Reformed UCC Trustees and Congregation,

Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship. It will help me significantly with the costs of books and education. Thank you for all of the support. *Sincerely, Jonathan Odom*

# FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2008

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<u>2006-07-08</u>	Peggy Bates	Paul Freeman	Walter Hoffman
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<u>2008-09-10</u>	Nancy Robbins	Cheryl Walser	

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<u>2008-09-10</u>	Ramona Yarbrough	Eddie Yates	

### TRUSTEES

<u>2008</u>	Merle Hodges	<u>2009</u>	J.W. Bates	<u>2010</u>	Steve Smith
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Lohr,

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Memorial Garden: Chairpersons: Tom Danze

Peggy Bates, Carolyn Spivey

Special Gifts: Chairpersons: Tom Danze

Merle Hodges, Dawn Shaak, Mark Smith, and Carolyn Spivey

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Chairperson: Lisa Nelson

Anne Fletcher, Walter Hoffman, Buddy Lohr, and Adena Wall

# Director of Christian Education

*Amy McNeill*

I know everyone's heart is probably still a little heavy after saying goodbye to Mike and his family last weekend. It was a beautiful reception and thank you to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to put that all together. Our church has amazing members who always work hard for our church family and I know we will continue as we search for a new minister.

I hope we will pray for the Search Committee daily as they allow God to guide the right man or woman to our church. Although it is bittersweet to say goodbye, we need to stay strong and carry on just as Reverend Mike would want us too.



Everyone knows this is Valentine month when we should express our love to those closest to us. I have always loved Valentine's Day because it was a great excuse to get a sitter and go to a nice dinner...BUT, I have never thought of myself as being God's Valentine. I recently read a devotion on Valentine's Day and wanted to share with you the gift of God's love in the letters that make up the word "VALENTINE".

**VALUED**—Being God's Valentine means we are highly valued!

**ADOPTED**—The life he brings includes adoption by the Father. Adopted by his grace, we are children of the King of Kings!

**LOVED**—That is Love! You are loved! The love of God is like no other.

**ENTRUSTED**—With blessings. He has entrusted his love to our care.

**NEW CREATION**—Another of the blessings that comes with the love of God is the gift of life. In

Christ we have become new creations—the old has gone, the new has come, come to life

**TRIUMPHANT**—Part of our new lives in Christ, grounded in his love, is the triumphant victory we receive.

**INSIGHTFUL**—As we live triumphantly, we realize we want to grow deeper and deeper in his love.

He wants us to have a greater insight into just how in love with us he is!

**NEEDY**—While growing in God's love, we'll constantly see how often we fail him. We need forgiveness.

**EQUIPPED**—You are his Valentine. You share his life. He is truly in love with you. And through his perfect, unending, unconditional love, he equips you to love him and others.

I really enjoyed that devotional and it made me feel good to know that we are his Valentine and we should bask in the glory of God's love for us. His love will shine through all we do and others will notice. I hope we all keep this in mind especially now when we need to be strong and come together as a church family through this time of change. Happy Valentine's Day to ALL!!!

Just a reminder to parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, and great-grandparents...Easter is next month. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. It will be a lot of fun for all with games, snacks, prizes, and an Easter egg hunt. We usually have a special visitor hop by as well. Save the date and plan to be here!!!



# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Harrison and Robert Danze upon their accomplishment of receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, Sunday, January 13, 2008. Robert and Harrison are the sons of Tom and Kathleen Danze.



Congratulations to Kalyssa Beka Hutchens who was baptized Sunday, December 23, 2007 by Reverend Mike Hooper. Kalyssa is the daughter of Jeff Hutchens and her grandmother is Sandra Hutchens.

Congratulations to Devin Odom, Lauren Klopp, Allyson Frick, Jonathan Odom, Jordan McCarn and Scott Gray who were awarded scholarships from the First Reformed UCC Endowment Fund.



## Poem for Mike

*Written by: Nancy Robbins*

You read your favorite poems to us, to share your point of view,  
These verses are intended to somehow honor you.

You preached the Bible to us and taught with great preparations.  
Your wedding celebrations and memorials were truly inspirations.

You shared with us the simple tales from Aesop to Dr. Suess,  
To give us clearer pictures of lessons to be put to use.

We sang the good old Baptist songs which were well-know by many.  
There were also a few along the way, that were not know by any.

When we shared a hug with you, we knew it was honest, real, and true.  
We also knew your favorite color was that darker shade of blue.

One more thing before it's time for you to move along.  
Don't forget that voice from the back:  
"Your microphone isn't on!"

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance-January 2008

Kaitlyn McNeill	Amy McNeill	Claire Smith	Sarah Johnson	Kalyssa Hutchens
Ashley Johnson	Nancy Robbins	Laura Strenk	Katarina Strenk	Corinne Gray
James Gray	Alice Gray	Ramona Yarbrough	Sandra Hutchens	Jo Hudson
Sandra Hutchens	Betty Bates	Gladys Snider	Wanda Daye	C.H. Bates
J.W. Bates	John Hudson	Cliff Lopp	John Potts	Mike Hooper
Jeff Hutchens	Cathy Waitman	Camille Morgan	Clifford Lopp	Paula Lopp

# FEBRUARY STEWARDS

**USHERS:** Chairperson: Peggy Bates  
 Captain: James Gray  
 Ushers: John Smith, III, Henry Crouse, Mark Smith

**PLATE ATTENDANT:** Carolyn Spivey

**SOUND TECH:** Tony Peele

**ADULT JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Responsible for lesson - - - Men's Bible Class

**SOCIAL:** Host/Hostess: Clifford and Paula Lopp and Keri and Casey Hartle

**GREETERS:**

February 3	Mary Crouse and Ruth Essick
February 10	Brad, Raeann and Holt Biesecker
February 17	Tom and Kathleen Danze
February 24	Roy and Anne Bevan

**NURSERY:** **Ages—Birth through 6 years-old**

February 3	Cheryl Walser
February 10	Anne Fletcher, Laura and Katrina
February 17	Betty Bates
February 24	Beth and Frank Callicutt



Sylvia Walser, Sadie Bailey, Ethel Bailey, Mary Louise Leonard, Frances Leonard, Ike Green, Louise Rollins, Rita Tussey, Henry and Juanita Beck

## Touching Davidson County With Love

April 19, 2008


**Goal: To glorify God; to help the needy; to build Christian fellowship**

Several churches are coming together to reach out in providing acts of love and kindness in the community as a witness to Christ. Working with local social service agencies, potential projects have been identified. Each participating church will enlist individuals to provide the many varied skills needed for these projects. You have an opportunity in many areas to participate in this wonderful day.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Projects           | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction Projects      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Assistance            | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion in Our Church        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with serving lunch         | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with assigning volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Gift Baskets            | <input type="checkbox"/> Handle Volunteer Forms         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Child Care            | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Project Ideas      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to help wherever needed |   |

If you have questions or to signup please contact  
 Birke McNeill (243-1420) or Ted Smith (243-1063).

# FEBRUARY 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Women's Week is February 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Women of the Church will lead the worship service February 3, 2008</p>					1	2
<p>3 9:45 a.m. Joint Adult Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Sunday School Social</p>	<p>4 7:00 p.m. (P) PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	<p>5 11 a.m. (P) MORNING GLORY CIRCLE Noon {FUMC} Community Lenten Service 7 pm Chapel ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</p>	<p>6 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class</p>	<p>7 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class</p>	<p>8 10 a.m. (FR) Family Services Meeting</p>	<p>9 9:00 a.m. (Kitchen) Women's Life Fellowship Prep for Sunday Lunch</p>
<p>10 Noon (FH) CATERED LUNCH CONGREGATION MTG 1:30 pm CONSISTORY</p>	<p>11 5:30 p.m. (FH) SCRAP BOOKING CLASS</p>	<p>12 7:00 p.m. (P) WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>13 Noon {FUMC} Community Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day 5:30 p.m. (P) YOGA Class</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Noon {FUMC} Community Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm (P) YOGA 6 p.m. (FH) MEN'S BROTHERHOOD</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Noon {FH} UNITED FRIENDSHIP CLUB Noon {FUMC} Community Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	

# Upcoming Events

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF IMPOSITION OF ASHES** will be held **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. The service will offer a time to lift up our hearts in confession and enter into the season of self-denial.



**Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** Women's Life Fellowship will serve a **SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH** immediately following the worship service. You do not need to make reservations. There is no set cost for the meal; however, donations will be accepted and appreciated.



Following lunch the **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** of First Reformed United Church of Christ congregation will be held. Board chairpersons, and treasurers who served during 2007 will give yearend reports. All members are encouraged to be a part of this important process in the life of our church.



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Return Service Requested

### CHURCH STAFF

Minister-on-Call ····· Reverend June Grubb  
Director of Christian Education ····· Amy McNeill  
Administrative Asst ····· Paula Lopp  
Choir Director ····· Paul Freeman  
Organist ····· Lee Ann Peele

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School ····· 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ····· 11:00 a.m.

Non-Profit Organization  
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