

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

THE EASTER LILIES on the pedestals are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gilbert and Ethel Barbee by their family.

USHERS: Brad Biesecker, James Atkinson, Adena Wall, John Gray, and Nicole Smith

PLATE ATTENDANT: Scott Frye

GREETERS: Tom, Kathleen, Robert, and Harrison Danze

ACOLYTES: Ashley Johnson and Kalyssa Hutchens

NURSERY {Birth through 6 years-old}: Cheryl Walser

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Durham, Jitter Yarbrough, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Catherine Leonard, Velna Swing, John Rollins, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Steve Murdock, Jules Bliss (Banks & Eulene's Grandson), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Steve Myers (Jan Smith's close friend). To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 4	9:45 a.m. ---Joint Adult Sunday School {LESSON: SEEKERS CLASS}
	10:20 a.m. ---Easter Social {HOSTS: ANNE & ROY BEVAN AND KIVI & EDGAR MILLER}
	11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service, Easter Celebration
Tuesday, April 6	6:30 p.m. ---Board of Christian Education Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, April 7	11:00 a.m. ---Morning Glory Circle Meeting {Parlor}
Thursday, April 8	5:30 p.m. ---YOGA Class
	7:15 p.m. ---Living the Questions Study {Parlor}
Saturday, April 10	-----Bridal Shower {Parlor}
Sunday, April 11	9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone
	11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service and Holy Communion

March 28, 2010 Attendance (Worship 127)
March 29, 2009 Attendance (Worship 116)

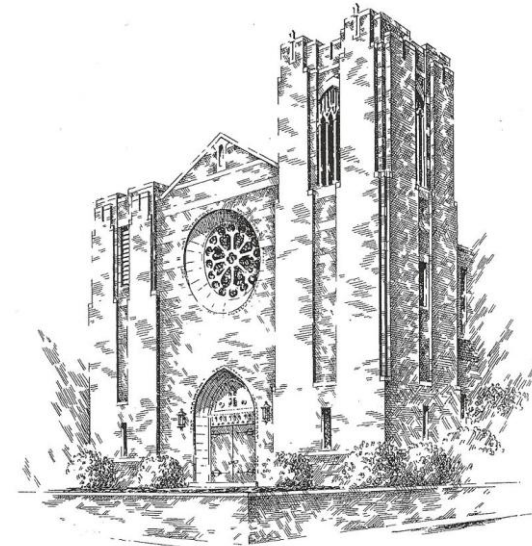
Offering Received \$2,691.00
Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Education
Lee Ann Peele, Organist

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Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst

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Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

Service of Divine Worship

Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Walter Hoffman

April 4, 2010

Silent Meditations: *The risen Lord has not moved out from earth's little hut. For as a matter of fact, he still has his body—in a definitive and glorified state, yes, but still his body. It is a part of this earth that belongs to the earth forever as a share of her reality and her destiny. He has risen in order to reveal that through his death the life of freedom and of bliss remains forever rooted in earth's narrow confines and in her grief, in the very centre of her heart. What we call his resurrection...is only the first surface indication that all reality, behind what we usually call experience...has already changed in the really decisive depth of things. His resurrection is like the first eruption of a volcano which shows that God's fire already burns in the innermost depths of the earth, and that everything shall be brought to a holy glow in his light. He rose to show that this had already begun. The new creation has already started, the new power of a transfigured earth is already being formed from the world's innermost heart, into which Christ descended by dying. Futility, sin and death are already conquered in the innermost realm of all reality, and only the 'little while' (which we call history 'AD') is needed until what has actually already happened appears everywhere in glory, and not only in the body of Jesus... For ever since Christ, through his death and resurrection, penetrated the earth for all time, her misery has become provisional and a mere test of our faith in her innermost mystery, which is the risen One himself.* --"Easter" by Karl Rahner

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

"The Holy City"

Adams

*Chimes Sounding the Hour

*Time of Greeting and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Solemn Declaration and Choral Amen

Praise to God

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

No. 167

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

People: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

Liturgist: Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;

People: Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

*Gloria Patri

*Invocation: (*Unison, reciting two "Odes of Solomon" from the ancient church.*)

Liturgist

Christ proclaims: 1) "I have opened the gates that were bolted. I have shattered the bars of iron and the iron has become red-hot; it has melted at my presence; and nothing more has been shut, because I am the gate for all beings." The People proclaim: 2) "Who can understand love but he who loves? I am united with my beloved, my soul loves him. Because I love the Son I shall become a son. To cling to him who dies no more is to become immortal. He who delights in life shall be alive."

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Celebration of Easter

Liturgist

Holy God, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this day. It is a day of joy, of singing and dancing, of feasting and proclaiming that Christ is alive and that we are free from the power of sin and death. We rejoice that because he was raised to new life, we also experience new and resurrected life through him. That which has held us back need no longer define or limit us. Those fears and anxieties that have kept us captive need no longer hold us in their grip. That which differentiates us from one another need not continue to separate us. Your resurrection power frees us to choose love over fear, reconciliation over division, forgiveness over hatred, peace over violence. By your Spirit, embolden us to live courageously and faithfully to the truth of the empty tomb, to the fullness of your life within us; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon - - - Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Lest I Forget Thy Love"

Courtney

(Words to anthem are printed on the following page.)

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Reading (Liturgist)

John 20:1-18 {Page #988 of Pew Bible}

Sermon

SUPPOSING HIM TO BE THE GARDENER

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer (unison)

Liturgist

Your risen life is in us, Gracious God, and we delight in rejoicing in what you have done in our lives and in the world. Receive these gifts and offerings, given with joyful and grateful hearts, and use them, we pray, to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn

"The Strife Is O'er"

No. 173

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*The Benediction

*Postlude

"The King of Glory"

Wells

***Those who are able please stand**

Women's Life Fellowship

Need Help With



Your Grocery Bill?

At the April 20th meeting of Women's Life Fellowship, a program called "Coupon Makeover" will be presented by Angela Newsom. She will present ideas on clipping and storing coupons as well as ways to use the ads in the newspapers. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Please ask one or two of your friends or family to join us. We ask that you call the church office by April 16th to register so that we can plan for refreshments. Mark your calendars now and come enjoy a money saving program!

Women's Life Fellowship is hosting a **Spring Silent and Live Auction Luncheon on Sunday, April 18th**. All proceeds will benefit community mission work. Please let us know about any new or gently used items you can donate. The starting bid for all items will be \$10. If you want to donate something, please email kivi@ecoscribe.com or call Kivi Miller at 336-899-0660 with the item name, and a very brief description. We will also have a live auction of special services, skills, talents, or lessons from your church family and friends.



Lest I Forget Thy love

Lest I forget Thy love...

King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Thy Love...

Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed guarded Thee while Thou slept.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.

Let me, like Mary through the gloom, come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb lead me to Calvary.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share; Thou hast borne all for me.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony,
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.
Lead me to Calvary. Lest I forget Thy love.



Touching DC
With Love

Touching Davidson County With Love

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE signup sheets are in the narthex. This year the leaders are trying to organize better by assigning set jobs to churches. The signup sheets are designed for a certain number of painters, yard workers, etc. from each church. If you have questions, please contact **Edgar Miller** at 336-899-0660 or edgarmiller@earthlink.net. **Signup deadline is TODAY.**

IF YOU ORDERED A T-SHIRT PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FIRST UMC AND GIVE TO EDGAR MILLER IN THE NARTHEX THIS MORNING.

2010 Easter Lilies

In Loving Memory Of:

Given By:

Grady Brown.....Mike and Lynn Brown and Family
 Dedra Jo Clark.....Eddie and Belinda Yates
 Norman Essick..... Ruth Essick
 Dale B. Everhart..... Pattie B. Everhart
 Hoy Lee and Ethel Hedrick Fisher..... Banks D. and Eulene F. Shepherd
 Lori Lopp Floyd..... Clifford, Paula, and Ashlee Lopp
 Lori Lopp Floyd.....Keri, Casey and Jacob Hartle
 Everette Fritts..... Ruth Fritts, and Ann and Walter Hoffman
 Louis Green Vicky Green
 Jim and Arline Grubb.....June M. Grubb
 Dwight Hinkle Elizabeth Hinkle
 Gordon Knowles..... Lee Ann and Tony Peele
 Donald W. Leonard, Jr. Don Leonard, Sr.
 Frank C. Leonard, Sr..... His Wife and Son
 Lois Leonard Don Leonard, Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Link.....Larry and Betty Link and Children
 Foil Lohr Janie Lohr, Phyllis and Martha
 Charles McCarn and Homer & Voncile Evans Johnny, Lynn, and Jordan McCarn
 and Brandi & Joe Gerew
 Patricia Frye Potts..... John Potts and Janette Neal
 Vernon Price, Jr..... Joyce and Valerie Price
 Kenneth Rhodes.....His Wife, Mary Rhodes and Family
 John Robbins.....Nancy Robbins
 Reverend Marlin T. Schaeffer Barbara Schaeffer
 Ray and Dot Shaak..... Bob and Dawn Shaak
 Howard D. and Pearl Sharp Shepherd..... Banks D. and Eulene F. Shepherd
 James and Margaret Swicegood Eddie and Jean Swicegood
 Thurman & Mozelle Walser and Hobart & Melba Yarborough Bill, Cheryl, & Hense Walser
 Eugene and Violet Washburn John and Bettie Barber
 Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams.....Larry and Betty Link and Children

2010 Easter Lilies

In Honor Of:

Given By:

Peggy Bates..... Your Secret Sister
 Dan and Nita BriggsJanette Neal and John Potts
 Sarah Brown and Matthew Watkins..... Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown
 Beth and Frank Callicutt and Nathan Jessup..... Mary Jo and Lee Jessup
 Mary Lloyd, Annabell and Abbie Callicutt Mary Jo and Lee Jessup
 Mary Crouse..... Her Family
 Katie, Shane and Callie Decker Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown
 First Reformed UCC Congregation..... Reverend Walt and Family
 Brandi & Joe Gerew and Jordan McCarn..... Johnny and Lynn McCarn
 Great-granddaughters, Katie and Abby..... Wanda Daye
 My Grandparents..... Jacob Hartle
 H.C. and Rachael Koonts..... Bob and Dawn Shaak
 Rita L. Leonard Benson and Stabler
 Adam and Becca McKerlie..... Brian McKerlie
 Our Wonderful Parents!Mark and Nicole Smith
 Joyce Price..... Your Secret Sister
 Mike Price..... Brian McKerlie
 Elizabeth Sink..... Your Secret Sister
 Arlene Swing.....Jim Swing
 Addie Walser..... John Smith

In Loving Memory Of:

Given By:

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Bailey Ruth Fritts and Ann and Walter Hoffman
 Harris and Edith Barber..... John and Bettie Barber
 Edgar Bates Peggy Bates
 Ruby BouchardHer Husband, Butch and Family
 Jake and Corky Briggs Betty Matthews and Ellen Briggs