

# First Church News and Notes

**A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED** to all our visitors. We are glad you came today! Please join us to enjoy a time of fellowship after Morning Worship. *“Let us therefore follow the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another”* (Rom. 14:19).

**COFFEE HOUR:** Join us for coffee following Morning Worship. Children will be served at tables in the lounge; food and drink should be kept in the lounge or conference room.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** will be administered today during Morning Worship. Baptized persons who are communicant members in good standing in some true branch of the visible church are invited to partake, but we ask you to register your presence with us before the service begins by filling out a form requesting the privilege of receiving the sacrament today. Persons unknown to the session are asked not to partake of the sacrament.

**DEACON FUND COLLECTION:** A second collection will be taken today during Morning Worship for our deacon fund.

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** Classes are in recess, D.V., until Sabbath, Jan. 13.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Following Morning Worship, everyone is invited to enjoy a full-course meal provided by some of our members as an act of kindness and an expression of thankfulness to the Lord.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEETING:** Everyone is invited to our mid-week meeting for praise, Bible study and prayer, at the home of the Eshelmans, 2131 Union Avenue SE, beginning at 7:38 PM.

**PURITAN PAPERBACK BOOK STUDY:** Our monthly meetings will resume next month, D.V., on Sabbath, Jan. 27. Please read *The Christian’s Great Interest*, by Rev. William Guthrie (1620-1665), minister of Fenwick, Kilmarnock, and known in his day as “the greatest practical preacher in Scotland.”

**COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT WINTER CONFERENCE 2008:** The conference will be held, D.V., Friday thru Monday, Jan. 18 through Jan. 21, 2008, at Sangralea Valley Camp, Kokomo, IN. Speaker David Hanson will enlarge on the theme, “Triumph through Tragedy: Understanding the Book of Job.” Cost: \$55 on or before 1/11/08; after that date, \$66. Further details to follow.

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN TERMS OF COMMUNION (The Covenant of Communicant Membership)

As we partake of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper today, we renew our covenant with God and His church. Remember that as communicant members of this church:

- We have affirmed the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life.
- We have confessed our faith in the one living and true God, Father, son and Holy Ghost, as revealed in the Scriptures.
- We have promised to repent of our sin, confessing our guilt and helplessness as sinners against God, professing Jesus Christ, Son of God, as Savior and Lord, and dedicating ourselves to His service, endeavoring to forsake all sin, and to conform our lives to His teaching and example.
- We have promised to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of this church as being based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the *Constitution of the RPCNA*, recognizing our responsibility to work with others in the church and promising to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord; and should we need correction, to respect the authority and discipline of the church.
- We have promised diligently to read the Bible, engage in private prayer, keep the Lord’s Day, regularly to attend public worship, observe the appointed sacraments, and give to the Lord’s work as He shall prosper us.
- We have promised to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of this life, faithfully performing our whole duty as true servants of Jesus Christ, seeking to win others to Him.
- We have confessed to have made this profession of faith and purpose in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, even as we desire to give our account with joy at the last great day.

(Adapted from *The Covenant of Communicant Membership*)