



We look forward to seeing all of you at each of our special anniversary services the first **four** Sundays in May. Please pick up a reservation form in the narthex for our **May 22nd** Celebration Luncheon and return it in the offering plate or to the church office.

Sunday, May 1st, 8:15 & 10:30 Worship

Guest preacher, Rev. Robert Miles, Grandson of Dr. John Scherer
Scherer Family History Presentation by Kate Foreman, Blue Ridge PBS,
following worship

Sunday, May 8th, 8:15 & 10:30 Worship

Guest preacher, Rev. Richard Olson, Former First English Pastor

Sunday, May 15th, 8:15 & 10:30 Worship

Guest preacher, Rev. Scott Ickert, Former First English Associate Pastor
Reunion of the Confirmands, at hospitality time

Sunday, May 22nd, 10:30 Worship (there will not be an 8:15 service)

Guest preacher, Rev. James Mauney, Bishop, Virginia Synod
Celebration Luncheon & Festivities following the service (reservations required)

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From the Pastor

Well, this is the month we've been planning for since 2006: the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our church building on Monument Avenue on May 21, 1911. As we've announced who knows how many times now, we will observe this milestone with four special services on May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22, which will be the actual service of rededication.

Detailed information about these services is available on our website and also elsewhere in this issue. But I would like to take this opportunity to clarify several things about which some of our members have asked me or perhaps are not clear to everyone.

First of all, the entire year 2011 is a year of celebration. May is the month we've set aside as our "rededication month", but that doesn't mean that the centennial observation is confined to May—it goes on all year (witness our silent auction and basement flea market, both of which took place in February).

Second, improvements and repairs to our main building are only part of the program. Originally we had hoped to walk into the church on May 22 and see all the work completed. This has turned out to be a much more complicated job than anticipated, and we want to do everything right.

Third, numerous people have asked me, "When is the work going to start?" Actually it has. Tuck pointing of the outside walls of the transept which surround the two large windows has been going on for several weeks; you may have missed noticing the work on the west side because the scaffolding was hidden away in the area behind the elevator entrance at the point where the original 1911 building and the 1956 education addition come together. Did you notice the large machine parked behind the office when you arrived on Palm or Easter Sunday? This device has a bucket extension which allowed the workmen to do the pointing on the east wall at whatever height necessary without erecting scaffolding, which would have been very difficult at that spot. Now that the places where water was getting in between the granite blocks have been sealed, work on the inside walls, i.e. replastering and painting can begin.



And now a pep talk. This celebration is not just one of looking *backwards* to the past 100 years—and there's plenty of history to look back to, lots of evidence of God's work being done here, countless members being inspired to serve for Jesus' sake, and above all signs of the Lord's marvelous presence, grace and guidance every step of the way. We all

love this special place called First English Lutheran Church, and out of respect for God's house and thankfulness for His grace want to be good stewards of what has been handed down to us.

But the centennial observation is above all to be an opportunity to look *forward* to the next 100 years and to ask ourselves, "What is the Lord calling us to do at this time, in this new century of our life together as the people of God in this place?" We've built ample opportunity into the celebration to remember, to honor those saints of the past who brought us to this day. However, I would hope that the main emphasis will be on the future. There's still a lot of work remaining to be done. As Jesus says in John 4:35, "Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."

Evangelism and outreach dare not be neglected while we concentrate on building improvements, important though they are. The yet to be completely funded chapel area renovation, which will create a large room (the original Sunday School hall) where people can gather and fellowship together, before and after worship, is a great idea. I hope it will be accompanied by a renewed zeal on the part of everyone here to invite new people to church so that this space can be used to greatest advantage.

So let the celebration begin! There's an old Latin phrase from the time of the Reformation, *Ecclesia semper reformanda est*: the church always needs to be reformed. This is most certainly true here at First English! If we're not finished with all the projects by December, that doesn't mean the 2011 program didn't succeed, any more than the continued existence of imperfect people in the church means Christianity doesn't work. What this month's services are challenging us to do is to continue to celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ and strive for faithful living in God's world.

~ *Pastor John Schweitzer*



Dr. Franklin Fowler graduated from Carson Newman College in East Tennessee and Vanderbilt Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. After a short internship in St. Louis, Missouri, he was inducted into the US Army Medical Corp. on January 1, 1944. He was assigned to the 110th Evac. Hospital in training at Capt Swift, Texas. He was assigned to the Third Army in the European Theater Operation, Patton's Army. Following his military service he served as a medical missionary in Paraguay, South America for 11 years as a medical consultant. He and his wife, Dorcas, have lived in Lakewood Manor since 1987.

Please join the Women of the ELCA Evening Group on **Friday, May 13th** for this interesting program. Dinner will begin at **6:00 pm**, followed by our speaker and a short business meeting.



If you are graduating from high school or college or know someone from our congregation who is, please let us know as soon as possible so that the names can be included in the June newsletter!



Volunteers Needed!

Help set-up and clean-up the Celebration Luncheon, **Saturday, May 21st 9:00 am** until noon and following the luncheon on **Sunday, May 22nd**. Please contact Joyce Smith if you are able to help. joedyandjoyce@comcast.net , 232-3566.



Schedule Change...Mark Your Calendars!

The Richmond Boys Choir will not be able to perform as originally scheduled on May 15th, but will perform at First English as part of our ongoing Centennial Celebration on **Sunday, October 9th, 2011** (exact time to be determined, but around 2:00).

Centennial Commemorative T-Shirts

Now available at church!



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Back

Adults S-XXL \$15, Children M-L \$10.
To purchase, see Lynn Heltzel or Joyce Smith.



Annual Picnic at Roslyn, **Sunday June 12th** after the 10:30 am service.



And since our Annual Picnic is occurring on the Day of Pentecost, why not purchase a First English Centennial t-shirt and wear it to the picnic!



Worship Assistants



| | May 1 – 2nd Sunday of Easter | May 8 – 3rd Sunday of Easter | May 15 – 4th Sunday of Easter | May 22 – 5th Sunday of Easter | May 29 – 6th Sunday of Easter |
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| 8:15 Lector | Kevin Murphy | Pat McAfee | Pat McAfee | | Jane Stockman |
| 10:30 Lectors | 1. Jim Johnson 2. Mary Sue Oehler | 1. Shep Rowland 2. Deborah Hubbs | 1. Bill Fenerty 2. Charlie Schumann | 1. John Oehler 2. Jackie Rowland | 1. Emmett Heltzel 2. Bill Jones |
| Crucifer | Haley Hoke | Ed Wiles | Haley Hoke | Stuart Myer | Stuart Myer |
| Acolytes | Sydney Stricker Caroline Matawaran | Cassidy Hoke Cooper Hoke | Ellie Fenerty Sydney Stricker | Cassidy Hoke Cooper Hoke | Nate Fenerty Kirk Fenerty |
| Altar Guild | Stuart Myer Brenda Myer | Polly Brickman Jackie Rowland | Emmett Heltzel Jenna Hoke | Polly Brickman Jenna Hoke | Peggy Davis Libby Riggle |
| Greeter | Roger Riggle | Bill Fenerty | Deborah Hubbs | Jim Johnson | Roger Riggle |
| Communion Assistants | Ed Wiles Mary Elizabeth Ellis | Charlie Schumann Mary Elizabeth Ellis | Carol McCue Joyce Smith | Debbie Lane Charlie Schumann | Debbie Lane Jackie Rowland Ed Wiles |
| Head Counter | | | | | |
| Counters | Betty Davidson Jennifer Gentry | Kurt Stricker Suzanne Stricker | Mary Sue Oehler John Oehler | Mary Elizabeth Ellis John Ritz | Betty Davidson John Ritz |
| Ushers | Bill Davidson Reni Gower Jeff Nelson Sheryl Finucane | Bill Davidson Reni Gower Debbie Lane Jeff Nelson | Jeff Tehovinik Lynn Heltzel Joedy Smith Jim Johnson | Sheryl Finucane Deborah Hubbs Roger Riggle Joedy Smith | Bill Davidson Lynn Heltzel |
| Hospitality | Centennial Committee | Gower/Nelson Family | Women of the ELCA | Centennial Luncheon | Oldershaw Family |
| Readings | Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31 | Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35 | Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 | Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 | Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 |

**** Please find a replacement when you cannot serve and notify the church office at 355-9185 as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and service to the Church.**

FELC People News



Beverly Crumpton Springer died on March 29, 2011 at the age of 73 years. Her funeral was held in church on Saturday, April 9 at 11 am. Next of kin is her husband Carl Springer.

Hugh T. "Bubba" Emerson died on April 8, 2011 at the age of 84 years. His funeral was held in church on Monday, April 11 at 11 am. Burial was at Greenwood Memorial Park. Next of kin is his wife Virginia Emerson.

Let's Celebrate May with the Following Members of our Congregation



Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of May!



On Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 6 pm, **Mary Vaughn Smith** and **William Fernandez O'hara-Desoto** were united in marriage at our church.



Congratulations to all celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in May!



The Centennial Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the February Yard Sale. We raised approximately \$2,590. 10% of this money (\$259) will be given to the Social Ministry Committee to be donated to a worthy cause. Thanks again for your donations, purchases and help.

The Linus Project is Alive And Well!

Providing security through blankets.

This year we have received quilted blankets from **Betty Cochran**, crocheted blankets from **Juliane Riley**, and this month **Ruth Ellis** contributed four more beautifully crocheted blankets. You are supporting our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through your handmade gifts of blankets, afghans and quilts lovingly created. Thank You!



Newsletter Deadline

All submissions for the June issue need to be turned in to the church office no later than **Friday May 13**.

Thank you for your cooperation. Church Office Staff

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| <p>Sunday May 1 – Second Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – Centennial Committee 1:00 pm: Easter Egg Hunt</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 4 No Wednesdays Together 5:30 pm: Richmond Mental Health Group</p> |
| <p>Friday May 6 7:30 pm: AA</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 8 – Third Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – Gower/Nelson Family</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 11 – Wednesdays Together 5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>Friday May 13 6:00 pm: Women of the ELCA – Evening Group 7:30 pm: AA</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 15 – Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality – Women of the ELCA Reunion of the Confirmands</p> |

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| <p>Tuesday May 17 7:00 pm: Congregational Council Meeting</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 18 – Wednesdays Together 5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm: Richmond Mental Health Group 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>Friday May 20 7:30 pm: AA</p> |
| <p>Saturday May 21 Leisure Group trip to Stratford Hall Plantation and Westmoreland Berry Farm</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 22 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Centennial Celebration 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Centennial Luncheon</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 25 – Wednesdays Together 5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm: Dinner 6:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>Friday May 27 7:30 pm: AA</p> |
| <p>Sunday May 29 – Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:15 am: Service of Holy Communion 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am: Hospitality –Oldershaw Family</p> |
| <p>Monday May 30– Memorial Day Church Office Closed</p> |

Puzzle Brooch

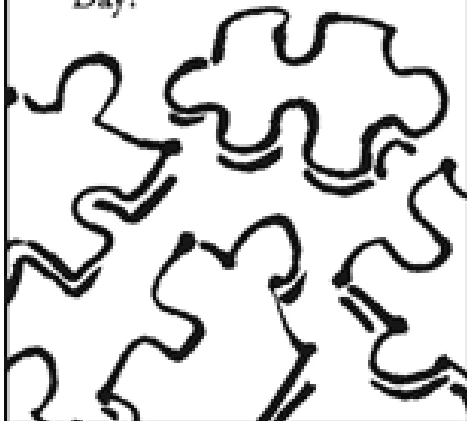
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



KID'S PAGE



Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

walk speak fathers sleep keep always
 guide awake son forsake teaching
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch

"My [] [] your []'s command
 and do not [] your []'s [].
 Bind them [] on your [];
 [] them [] your [].
 When you [], they will [] you;
 when you [], they will [] over you;
 when you [], they will [] to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."