

Celebrations Galore

Godspeed, Gratitude, Great Time



May 16th and 18th were busy days in the life of our church. We had The Choir Follies. We had Heritage Sunday Luncheon. And, we said goodbye to Amy Maier, our talented church musician for the past year. Amy was a rock and her leadership for the past two months was simply superb.

The Heritage Sunday Luncheon was an event to honor those members who have been with us for more than forty years. Forty-three of those people were with us Sunday (out of fifty-eight contenders), and are pictured on the back cover of this newsletter.

The Luncheon food was good, we were waited on by a group of fine volunteers, and ate some fine desserts. Then we watched two slide presentations by Ken Sell, one featuring people who gave funds that formed the basis of our Invested Funds, and the other featuring our forty-plus year members including "now" and "then" pictures. We will find a way to put both slide presentations on the web site. We also gave out Planned Giving Folders, chock full of useful information on how we can help the church financially for the next forty-plus years.

The Choir Follies was a combination Talent Show and Gong Show, with tender melodies, ster-

ling performances, and a couple numbers that belie description. Prove it? Lee Kirkman played the role of Amy; Sankey Moore-Painter was the Narrator; and several tenors and basses were featured as Sugar Plums. More of this tale cannot be told, except to say that we laughed and we cried and we had fun.



Women's Fellowship Salad Supper

The Women's Fellowship Salad Supper is Monday, June 2, 2008 at 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Biloxi Mission Trip. All women are welcome. Our offering will be for "Strengthen The Church" which is a fund that assists with new church starts.



Cyclone & Earthquake Relief

Please remember that the UCC has set up funds to assist in the relief efforts in Myanmar and in China, and you can either give directly by going to www.ucc.org/make-a-gift/ or by making a gift to our church and marking it "Relief - China" or "Relief - Myanmar." We will send the money on to our denomination. Giving money to relief efforts in either country at this time is problematic, and channeling funds through our denomination is a good way to insure our gifts are used wisely.



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Worship Schedule

General Assembly: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Refreshments: 12:00 p.m.

Our Mission

As people of Congregational United Church of Christ, we seek to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, accepting God's call to be a true community of love, compassion, and nurture.

Visitors

Congregational United Church of Christ is a warm, welcoming congregation that is always happy to receive visitors. To help you feel as comfortable and at-home as possible when you visit us, we've put together some information on what the Congregational experience is like — how to get to the church, what to wear (which is pretty much anything you'd like), nursery and Sunday school hours, and more. For details, check out our Visitor Page at our website: www.congregationalucc.com/about/visitors.php.

Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, June 6
Publication: Wednesday, June 11

News and events can be sent to office@congregationalucc.com.

Can't wait for news? Check out the Congregational UCC web site at www.congregationalucc.com. It is up-to-date, relevant, interesting, lively, and available 24 hours.

Lectionary Readings

June 1, 2008

Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 or
Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28
Psalm 46 or Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31)
Matthew 7:21-29

June 8, 2008

Genesis 12:1-9 or Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 33:1-12 or Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



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Ministries

- Bible Study
- Children & Adult Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Youth Programs
- Women's Fellowship
- Adult Fun Club

Outreach Programs

- Greensboro Urban Ministry
- Mobile Meals
- Habitat for Humanity
- Potter's House
- Higher Ground
- and many more . . .

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From the Pastor

Consider the Lilies



Last Sunday's passage from Matthew 6 reminded us to consider the lilies of the field. The Greek words there ac-

tually compel us to carefully consider the lilies of the field, to watch them closely. With summer soon upon us this seems like especially good advice.

Where will you consider the lilies (and the roses, magnolias, dragonflies, hummingbirds, crickets, etc.)? We all get into such a routine of rushing about, bearing down on our lists of tasks waiting to be checked off, that it becomes second nature to treat "down time" in the same way. Shopped for supplies for the road trip? Check. Stopped the mail? Check. Done the laundry? Made the reservations? Packed? It can be mighty hard to unwind when we finally arrive wherever it is we get to call "vacation."

What Jesus was proposing of course goes far deeper than a week at the beach, as lovely as that can be. He was speaking of an attitude, a way of life that may have once come naturally to humans but more and more needs to be relearned and cultivated. What he was suggesting can become a daily, hourly, year-round way of being in this world. Stop. Breathe. Take note of the world all around. What are we so worried about that our necks are clenched all the way up to our ears?? Let go. Let it drift off like that yellow and black butterfly drawing lazy circles in the air. What is that gnawing sense that there isn't enough: money, space, time, fill-in-the-blank-here that keeps driving us?? God can be trusted, Jesus says. Check out that daylily over there,

the one with the orange stripes. Yeah, that one. God does some seriously amazing work, right? All without the benefit of my worrying and fretting. The flower apparently has what it needs. Chances are, so do we. Seek first the things that truly matter, Jesus says. Seek the presence of the Holy One and windows will start showing up, doors will crack open, options will surface where none appeared before. It isn't magic; it is faith, and has a lot to do with uncluttering our vision.

So how are you planning to consider the lilies? Find some good books to read? Discover the wonderful hiking trails to be found in this county? Catch up on the writing/painting/knitting you've had to put aside?

Whatever your plans, I encourage you to follow Jesus' advice. Consider the lilies – watch them closely till you are filled with a deep sense of Christ's peace, of being held by a loving God. Wherever your travels take you, may you find joy and renewal. And when in town, come worship with us. We can consider the lilies together.

—Julie Peeples



Recycling, UCC News



The Green Church Team has asked to remind you that our church recycles office paper, batteries, compact fluo-

rescent bulbs, plastics, glass, and ink cartridges.

Also, the Team reminds you that as you travel this summer, please consider setting your maximum cruising speed to 65 MPH or lower. You will increase your gas mileage and save energy, you will have a more relaxed trip, and you can use the extra few minutes thinking about other ways all of us can save our Earth.

—Paul Davis



Keep in Your Prayers ...

Luther & Phyllis Abbott, Virginia Bright (on the death of her sister), Lauren Brower, Sticky Burch, Evelyn Chamberlain, Mike Connelly (Clif Karnes' brother-in-law), Bob Crews (Cathy Wheeler's father), Fran Ditto, Jessica Ellisor (Teresa Earle's niece), Emily Field, Bob Foster, Kaye Gardiner (Midge Rasey's daughter), Betty Gibbs, Beth Haunton (Lorie Tyson's friend), Henrietta Ingram (on the death of her niece), The Lamberts, Will Rowe, niece), Charles Stricklen, Virginia Stricklen, Matthew Wagoner (Margaret Wagoner's grandson), H. O. Williams

UCC Cleared

Just a FYI, our denomination was investigated by the IRS concerning the speech Barack Obama gave to General Synod last summer. The IRS concluded that the UCC violated no tax laws as a result of the speech, and our denomination has been completely vindicated. A UCC News items can be found at this link, along with the IRS letter. <http://www.ucc.org/news/concluding-its-ucc-inquiry-irs-offers-complete-vindication.html>.



Conversation on Race

Our denomination recently sent forth a call for a national conversation on race, calling upon UCC congregations in particular to initiate efforts and provide opportunities for people to join in a substantive dialogue on race issues in a safe and supportive environment. Over the summer I will be designing such an opportunity for our congregation for the fall season. If there are individuals who would like to take part in the planning, please let me know.

—Julie Peeples



Southern Conference Annual Meeting: June 26 & 27

The Southern Conference will hold its Annual Meeting in Suffolk, Virginia on Thursday and Friday, June 26th and 27th. In addition to our two lay delegates, all clergy from the church are voting delegates. Featured speakers will be Reiss Potterveld, president of Lancaster Seminary, and Jeremiah Wright, former pastor of Trinity UCC in Chicago.

Congratulations To Our 2008 Graduates!



Jon Michael Aldridge is graduating from Weaver Academy for Visual and Performing Arts and has been accepted in the Music Program at Appalachian State University. He has been selected as a recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship and the Academic Excellence Scholarship. He was also selected as one of two students at Weaver most likely to save the world.

Hannah Davis will graduate from Weaver Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. She will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. She was voted as one of two students at Weaver most likely to be a politician.

Meghan Davis received her degree as a Bachelor of Arts from UNC Chapel Hill, with a double major in Journalism and in Peace, War, and Defense Studies. She plans, initially, to pursue journalism.

Christina Hall, granddaughter of Sherrill & Martha Hall, is graduating from Hoggard High School in Wilmington, NC and plans to attend UNC Asheville or Appalachian State University.

Kathryn Lindsey Hall, granddaughter of Sherrill & Martha Hall, is graduating from Elon University with a degree in communications.

Hailly Humphrey received her degree as a Doctor of Audiology from UNC Chapel Hill.

Nancy Prairie has been taking Clinical Pastoral Education at Alamance Regional Hospital. She has passed the "Basic Level" of their training.

Aaron Rice received his MBA from North Carolina State University.

Ryan Troutman, grandson of Mac & Betty MacKenzie has graduated from East Carolina University.

Jillian Weiss, granddaughter of Sherrill & Martha Hall, is graduating from the Green School in London, England. She will attend Elon University in the fall.

Office Hours, CUCC Music, Mobile Meals

Beginning the week of June 9, the office will not be open on a regular basis. Judy Page will be here most Thursdays but otherwise home with her children much of the time, and all of us will be away periodically for vacations and work trips.

If you have needs, communicate with us by phone (Julie is 202-3691 and Paul is 207-5656) or by e-mail, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. The work of the church will go on, but we may not always be ready to answer the door!



Our Heritage Sunday volunteers worked hard to provide a delicious meal and a special presentation for our honored guests.

Congratulations To Katharine Martin

At the recent meeting of the Church and Ministry Commission of the Western NC Association, UCC, Katharine Martin was officially granted “in-care” status. This is an important step in the process leading to ordination. In the coming months, Katharine will meet with a mentor, and report regularly to the commission. Congratulations, Katharine!

Update on Music

We will welcome Samee Griffith as our accompanist for the coming weeks. Samee has played piano here as a substitute on several occasions and is a very accomplished musician. We will also be welcoming various guest musicians while the choir enjoys a much-deserved break during July and early August.

Representatives from the choir, the board of management, and Rev. Peeples are working on the search process for a new director of music. Jimmy Buchanan will continue as interim for the summer. If anyone has comments or questions, your input is always welcome. Email or call Rev. Peeples or Tim Rains, chair of the Personnel Committee.

Mobile Meals

Delivering Mobile Meals is one of the outreach ministries of our church. The third Thursday of every month eighteen volunteers deliver meals on nine routes. We are part of the overall picture that is made up of thirty routes and sixty volunteers Monday through Friday.

This summer several of our regular volunteers will be unavailable to serve so that we need to find additional volunteers to meet our responsibility. To deliver Mobile Meals takes between one and two hours. We pick up the meals at Peace United Church of Christ on Market Street between 9:15 and 9:30 am.

We could really use some help! If you can volunteer for June 19, July 17, August 21, 2008 (any or all of these dates) or want to become part of the regular list — **please** contact Nancy Glenz at 282-6638 or nglenz@triad.rr.com.

Next Board & Council Meeting Night

The Boards and Church Council will have their next regular meetings on Tuesday, June 24, beginning at 6:45 pm with a time of prayer. Board meetings begin at 7:00, Council at 8:15.



CUCC Business

Volunteers

June 1

Lay Reader: Beth Hoagland
 Toddler Nursery: Susan Lane & Lynn Magyar
 Children's Church: Stephanie Shoaf
 Coffee Hour: Beth & Harold Ashworth

June 8

Lay Reader: Linda DeShazo
 Toddler Nursery: Nancy Prairie & Anne Barton
 Children's Church: Cheryl Smith
 Coffee Hour: Bob Williams & Mary Beth Boone

June Ushers

Betty & Mac Mackenzie, Sherrill Hall, Karl Schleunes

Financial Reports

Weekly Income	05/18/08	05/25/08
Pledged Offering	\$5,035.00	\$1,449.00
Unpledged Offering	1,041.03	847.00
Use of Church	---	75.00
Memorial Fund	25.00	---
Miscellaneous	1,355.00	190.00
Mission Trip	350.00	250.00
Supper Study	146.00	---
OGHS	200.00	---
Disaster Relief	50.00	100.00
Total	\$8,202.03	\$2,911.00

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	5/1-25	Year-to-Date
Income	\$19,900.03	\$133,925.63
Expense	\$6,655.41	\$113,197.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$13,244.62	\$20,728.63

Safe in the Sun - Part I

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. More than one million skin cancers are diagnosed annually. Before you pack that swimsuit and head for the beach, you might want to read this.

- About 90% of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation to the sun.
- About 65% of melanoma cases can be attributed to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- One blistering sunburn in childhood or adolescence more than doubles a person's chance of developing melanoma later in life.
- A person's risk for melanoma doubles if she or he has had five or more sunburns at any age.
- New high-pressure sunlamps emit doses of ultraviolet radiation that can be as much as twelve times that of the sun!
- Exposure to tanning beds before the age of 35 increases melanoma risk by 75%.
- People who use tanning beds are 2.5 times more likely to develop squamous cell cancer and 1.5 times more likely to develop basal cell cancer.

Prevention:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
- DO NOT burn
- Avoid tanning and ultraviolet tanning booths
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day
- Apply about 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses

- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month, looking for changes or growths
- See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

Stay safe, stay healthy,
Charlotte Evans RN, MN, CN

Look for Part II: Recognizing the Types of Skin Cancers in our next newsletter.



Among Our Members

Congratulations to Karl and Brenda Schleuners on the birth of their second grandson, Nathaniel Karl Wilson, who arrived at 12:01 pm on Monday, May 19th, weighing in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces. We extend best wishes to parents, Mike and Anna Wilson, and to proud big brother, Walker.

Funeral Consumers Alliance: Public Meeting

Advocate for families in the after-death care and disposition of our loved ones!

Interested in exploring family rights and options when it comes to after-death care and disposition of one's remains?

A public meeting to organize a Piedmont Triad chapter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance will be held Thursday, June 5th at 1:00 pm, at New Garden Friends, 801 New Garden Road in Greensboro.

Funeral Consumers Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that educates, lobbies and monitors the funeral industry through a network of local chapters to address the needs of families, whether they want to work with traditional funeral directors and crematoriums or care for their own loved ones all the way to the grave.

For more information, contact Holly Stevens at 643-5947.

Fun at the Follies





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June Birthdays

3 Midge Rasey	4 Charles Chamberlain	10 Lindsay Gibbs	15 Jeff Shroyer	27 Sterling Whitener
3 Cheryl Smith	5 Emily Thomas	10 Jim Boyles	15 Addie Bardolph	29 Chip Simpson
3 Meghan Davis	6 Margaret Dahlfues	11 Lee Huggins	17 Lori Welch	30 Betty Mackenzie
4 Erin Shroyer	7 Margery Veatch	13 David Rice	20 Rosemarie Miller	30 David Miller
	8 Ed Driver	13 Bailey Covington	20 Jackie Patterson	◇ ◇ ◇
	9 John Taylor	15 Eli Wang	23 Jaime Kent	