

Help Support Our Mission Trips

Hot Stock Tip

Our work trips are just about set, with eight people attending the July trip and fourteen in August. Phase Two is fund raising. We estimate it will cost around \$300 per person to go on the trip; we are asking each person to pay \$100. So we look to you, dear reader, for help. We are selling stock in our trip. Shares are available for \$100 (and fractions thereof). A share of stock in the work trips will provide you with several benefits: the personal knowledge that you are participating in a work trip without actually facing the oppressive humidity and wilting heat day after day, personal news alerts and post cards from our group while we are working on your behalf, a memento from New Orleans, and a beautiful certificate commemorating our work trips of 2008. Of course your charitable gift will also get you a tax deduction. Your gift can be combined with others, so several of you can "share in a share." We will gladly accept all contributions.



What will \$100 buy you? The knowledge that you are participating in a trip that will make a difference in the lives of a couple families whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Katrina and the

governments' response to this disaster. Trip participants will be in the Fellowship Hall selling our Stock Certificates for the next few Sundays. Thank you for your interest and support!



Guest musician, Evan Thee, and our own Cliff Karnes share special music during worship.



Great Gospel Concert on June 29

Coming up on June 29 at 6:00 pm at Shiloh Baptist Church, there will be an amazing concert of gospel music, spirituals, and metered singing. The massed choir will include singers from eight congregations which were started in the Warnersville community. This is an encore presentation of an extremely well-received concert last April during the Warnersville Community Reunion, with over 700 people in attendance. Rev. Peoples is working with Otis Hairston, Jr. to bring black and white congregations together for this special event. Shiloh Baptist is located on S. Eugene Street just past Greensboro Urban Ministry. A Love Offering will be received to help fund a scholarship for a student from the community.



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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, July 11
Publication: Wednesday, July 16

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 15, 2008
Gen. 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Mat. 9:35-10:8

June 22, 2008
Gen. 21:8-21; Mat. 10:24-39

June 29, 2008
Gen. 22:1-14; Mat. 10:40-42

July 6, 2008
Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Mat. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13, 2008
Isa. 55:10-13; Mat. 13:1-9, 18-23



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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

What's Happening This Summer?



Folks have been asking about our vacation plans. We are heading out west June 16. We'll be visiting the Grand Canyon

and Canyon de Chelly, then exploring the Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque areas, visiting with Lynne Hinton and her husband Bob for a few days, and house-sitting for them while they take off on a brief trip. We will come back just in time for the Southern Conference Annual Meeting in Virginia. That gathering will end June 27 in the evening, and we'll head back the next morning. As you know, we love to travel and are looking forward to exploring an area we don't know well. And it will be great to see Lynne and Bob again! We are very grateful for the opportunity.

Bill Smith will be leading worship on June 22 – thanks, Bill! The music being planned for the summer is going to be super. There will be a sermon series in July on the parables. So I do hope you will plan to be here for worship when you are in town. And as always, the offering plate tends to suffer a bit of summer let-down, so please remember your giving. While we are trying very hard to keep lights turned off when not in use and to otherwise be good stewards, we do need to keep the place running in the summer months!

Judy Page, our secretary/office manager/bookkeeper extraordinaire will once again be curtailing her hours for the summer so she can spend more time with her family. This worked out fine last summer, with the help of a few volunteers. Please be aware that at times, there may not be someone in the office,

so always call ahead if you need to drop something off or pick something up or see someone. The message machine will be checked often.

And of course, there are some great opportunities coming up for mission, service, education, and fun. Trips to the Gulf Coast, VBS, a baseball game, opportunities to help out in the community, Fun Club — plenty to keep us all out of trouble. Check out the details in this and upcoming newsletters/ e-news updates.

Try to stay cool in the summer heat, tell me what great reads you've discovered, send a postcard, and please travel safely, wherever you may be heading. And again, we miss you when you're not here, so be sure to join us when you can.

—Julie Peeples



Keep in Your Prayers ...

Lauren Brower, Sticky Burch, Steve Camp (on the death of his mother, Naomi), 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), The Hmok Family (on the death of Gun's father), The Lamberts, Charles Stricklen, Virginia Stricklen, Matthew Wagoner (Margaret Wagoner's grandson), H. O. Williams

Education Notes

SBW, Book Group



Our summer adventure in religious education, Summer Bible Workshop, will take place July 29 through July 31.

We will explore various facets of the role of Christianity in Greensboro for the past two hundred years—a follow-up to the celebration of our city's Bicentennial. Adults and children and babies are all welcome! We will begin with dinner at 5:30 pm, and plan to end around 8:15 pm. —Paul Davis

Book Group

The next meeting of our theological book discussion group will be Sunday, June 29, following worship, in the Parlor. Our text will be, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*, by Peter Gomes.



Touring Theatre Ensemble "Family Business"

*Produced & Performed by the
Touring Theatre Ensemble*

This humorous, touching, provocative work is based on short stories by Jill McCorkle and Randal Kenan. It deals with issues of loss, love, homosexuality and divorce. Find more info at www.ttn.org.

Broach Theatre

June 25 at 8:00 pm
June 26 at 7:30 pm
June 27 & 28 at 8:00 pm
June 29 at 3:00 pm

Board of Christian Service

Potter's House, Oatmeal, Handouts

On Saturday, May 31st, we served lunch to 300 guests and contributed twenty-four hours of volunteer service. Our volunteers were: Jenny Berggren, Margaret Byrd, Mike Dorko, Ralph & Ruthann Wenger, Barbara Whitener and Bill Smith. The next date for CUCC to serve at Potter's house is Saturday, August 30th – mark your calendars!

Needed: Twenty-Two More Containers of Quick Oatmeal For The Month of June!!!!

I spoke with Valerie Marshall at Urban Ministry and was informed that they could use twenty-five containers of the 18-oz. size of Quick Oatmeal each month! So, I challenge the church members to do twenty-two more in June to give us thirty total.

Starting in July, if we could bring in twenty-five each month, it would be wonderful!!!! Thanks for all you do! —Libby Bowles

A Note on Giving Handouts

Being approached by someone in need asking for money presents each of us with a difficult decision. Whether this occurs in the church parking lot or elsewhere, we are torn between Jesus' example of always caring for the poor, and the realization that often our gift of cash will end up being put to a harmful use, such as drugs or alcohol. What is a faithful, helpful response?

If you are approached at church, I ask that you refrain from giving money. While I know it is done out of generosity and kindness, there are usually more effective ways to help. You can either direct them to me or to Paul, or simply ask them to come back during the week to speak to one of us. We can then assess what type of help might be available to them in the community, and perhaps

help them find ways to get them out of the cycle of panhandling. My response when someone comes in on Sunday morning asking for money is to respectfully tell the person that Sundays are for worship, that they are welcome to worship with us, and that if they will come back at a certain time during the week, we'll be glad to see what can be done to help then.

To offer money, though well-intentioned, can have the unwanted effect of sharply increasing the likelihood we will get more people looking for handouts on Sunday morning, and it can reinforce bad choices which some folks make when they get hold of some cash.

After years of experience with folks in need, and many discussions with ministers in other churches and agency settings, we believe that it is better to try to find longer-term assistance. At times there is a legitimate emergency need and money is the appropriate answer. We are blessed here to have the Charles Smith Fund, set up by Charles and Pauline Smith years ago. The earnings from this fund are used to help with legitimate emergencies. Though again, we rarely give out cash but usually will help the person get gas for their car, or a voucher for Harris Teeter, or will send a check to Duke Power, Piedmont Gas or a landlord.

If you feel strongly that in a particular instance giving someone cash is the right thing to do, then go with your conscience. It is often a tough call. But given what will likely be an increasing problem, if we can all work together in dealing with those who come to church looking for help, our response will hopefully be faithful to Christ's call to us, and an effective source of assistance for those truly in need.

—Julie Peebles

Planned Giving, Conference Meeting

Three weeks ago our church gathered to honor our members who have been a part of this church for over forty years, and to raise the topic of Planned Giving. In the past, a few people made financial gifts to the church that now form a large portion of our invested funds, our endowment. Last year, those funds not only grew by a nice margin, but they also provided income to the church that amounted to over \$25,000 that we wisely spent to support our church's ministry. The people who left the church these "Planned Gifts" left a wonderful legacy. If you would like to talk with someone about such a gift, please feel free to be in touch with Ken Sell or Kate Larson to get the conversation going.

Planned Giving includes making gifts to the church; it also includes looking to one's own future and making plans for what could be the end of one's life. This includes talking with family and friends, consulting trusted legal and financial and medical advisers, and making sure your wishes are both stated clearly and are made known. The church office has several forms that can assist with this process, including a Confidential Funeral Form, a "Living Will" form, and a Health Care Power of Attorney. We will be glad to share copies of these forms with you.



Next Board & Council Meeting Night

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

Welcome Our Newest Member

On Sunday, June 1st, we received Robin Greenberg as a member of this congregation. Robin, we're glad you've joined!



Sympathy To The Rudd Family

We extend our sympathy to the Rudd family on the death of Clyde Rudd, Sr. The service will be held at Congregational on Saturday, June 21st at 2:00 pm; burial will be private. Dr. Smith will be leading the service.



Southern Conference Annual Meeting: June 26&27

The Southern Conference will hold its Annual Meeting in Suffolk, Virginia on Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27.

Our congregation has a number of delegates going; our two lay delegates will be Irwin Smallwood and Katharine Martin, and all clergy are counted as delegates as well. Featured speakers will be Reiss Potterveld, president of Lancaster Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, recently retired from the Riverside Church in New York City.

CUCC Business

Volunteers for June

June 15

Lay Reader: Paul Macy
 Toddler Nursery: Jon & Marie Nance
 Children's Church: Paul Davis
 Coffee Hour: A. Buffington/F. Ditto

June 22

Lay Reader: TBA
 Toddler Nursery: B. Fleischer & S. Covington
 Children's Church: Karl Schleunes
 Coffee Hour: Jon & Marie Nance

June 29

Lay Reader: TBA
 Toddler Nursery: K. Joseph/M. Kennedy
 Children's Church: TBA
 Coffee Hour: Melinda Matthews

June Ushers

Betty & Mac Mackenzie, Sherrill Hall, Karl Schleunes

Volunteers for July

July 6

Lay Reader: TBA
 Toddler Nursery: K. Rowe/S. Montanus
 Children's Church: Stephanie Shoaf
 Coffee Hour: D. & C. Humphrey

July 13

Lay Reader: TBA
 Toddler Nursery: S. Harper/S. Frye
 Children's Church: Cheryl Smith
 Coffee Hour: Beth Hoagland

July Ushers

Joann Myrick, Sticky Burch, Clyde Humphrey, Mike Dorko

Financial Reports

Weekly Income	06/01/08	06/08/08
Pledged Offering	\$6,119.00	---
Unpledged Offering	2,465.62	---
Pledged/Unpledged*	---	\$3,307.00*
Use of Church	239.00	262.50
Mission Trip	200.00	300.00
Dear Sudan Project	30.00	---
Disaster Relief	500.00	---
Total\$	\$6,853.62	\$3,869.50

*Pledged & Unpledged breakdown of total offering not yet available at time of publication.

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	May	Year-to-Date
Income	\$19,925.47	\$133,951.07
Expense	25,260.70	131,802.29
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,335.23)	\$2,148.78

Safe in the Sun: Part II



There are three major types of skin cancer:

❖ **Basal Cell**

This is a very slow growing cancer that usually begins

as a small, shiny, pearly bump on the head, neck, legs or hands. It can (but highly unusual) grow, spreading into deeper tissues.

❖ **Squamous Cell**

May start as a bump or red patch on the lips, face, neck ears or hands. This type of skin cancer is more likely to invade tissues beneath the skin and spread to other parts of the body

❖ **Malignant Melanoma**

➤ This is least common type of skin cancer. However, malignant melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer. This cancer may start in or near a mole and continue to grow with irregular colors and borders. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2008 there will be 62,480 new cases of malignant melanoma in the United States with about 8,420 deaths resulting from this type of cancer. If detected early and treated before it spreads too far, melanoma can be curable.

➤ **ABCD's of Melanoma**

- **Asymmetry:** One half of the mole or spot does not match the other half
- **Border Irregularity:** The edges are ragged, notched or blurred
- **Color:** The color may have different shades, often brown or black, sometimes with patches of red, white or blue.
- **Diameter:** If the mole is big-

ger than a pencil eraser or any sudden or progressive increase in size should be of particular concern.

When having fun in the sun, remember to:

Slip – on a shirt

Slop – on sunscreen

Slap – on a hat

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



SUNSMART

A Note from Amy Maier

Dear CUCC Choir & Congregation,
Greetings from Maine! After four long days of loading, driving and unloading, I am finally “settled” in Maine. Of course, “settled” means I am staying at my parents’ house and my apartment is boxed up in storage two hours away. But regardless, it is so nice to be with my family again.

I wanted to write a note to thank you for the past two years. From my very first visit to CUCC, when I was sitting the back of the church, I felt at home. Over time, as I made my way up to the front of the church, the CUCC became my family and my foundation. My love and appreciation of the CUCC grew even stronger after Isa’s and Jorge’s deaths when I was surrounded by love and support. I have been deeply moved by everyone’s immense generosity. Nothing could

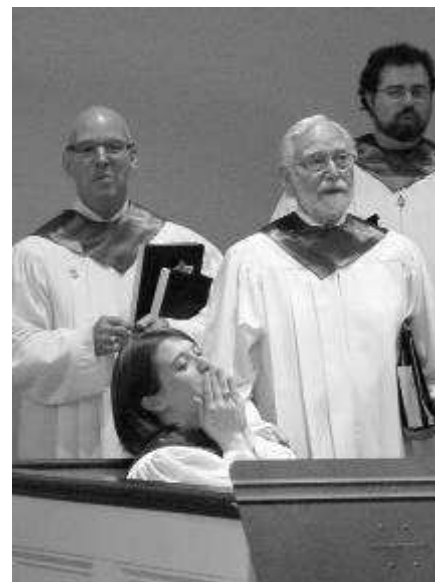
have surprised me more than the love offering. It has been a huge relief as it was able to cover the entirety of my moving costs!

To the choir, I cannot thank you enough for the Choir Follies. It was certainly a night to remember. My mom is still talking about how much fun she had! Those sugar plum fairies will forever be dancing in my head! Thank you for being my family and taking such good care of me—from taking me out to eat to helping me load my moving truck. You have always been ready and willing to lend a helping hand.

I will never forget my time spent at the CUCC. The churches here in Maine certainly have a lot to live up to!

All my love,
Amy Maier

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To date, fifty-two households have requested to be removed.

Among Our Members

July Birthday Celebrations

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|----|----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Sam Kent | 18 | Hannah Bardolph |
| 2 | Maxine Pruett | 20 | Flora Taylor |
| 2 | Brad Simpson | 21 | Mike Aiken |
| 2 | Jon Michael Aldridge | 23 | David Maddox |
| 2 | Taylor Patterson | 24 | Pam Porter |
| 3 | Katy Swofford | 26 | Stan Swofford |
| 4 | Trevor Heil | 26 | Patricia Black |
| 4 | Brandye Peterson | 27 | Amber McKinnon |
| 4 | Rosa Brown | 27 | Catherine Aiken |
| 6 | Ken Aldridge | 31 | Paul Davis |
| 6 | Anne Cary | | |
| 14 | Charles Hertlein | | |
| 16 | John Kernodle | | |
| 16 | Roger Veatch | | |
| 16 | Clyde Humphrey | | |
| 16 | Dan Kent | | |
| 18 | Barbara Hollifield | | |
| 18 | Hannah Davis | | |
| 18 | Bonnie Kuester | | |

