

## Board of Christian Service

### Service Opportunities Abound

#### Agents of Grace: August 23rd

Agents Of Grace is a Christian-based organization, open to all, dedicated to showing the love of God by bringing people together to serve the community in a variety of settings. CUCC will participate in this year's event on August 23rd. Please contact Fran Ditto to sign up or pick up a form on the bulletin board.

#### Lunch for Higher Ground

Our next date to serve is Tuesday, August 26th. Food donations, especially side dishes (e.g. salads vegetables, etc.) are always welcomed as well as volunteers.

Please have food at the church by 10:45am on that Tuesday.

For more info please contact Ish Whitfield 434-792-6707, 434-250-4364 or dancinchefish@msn.com.



**Congregational**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### 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](http://www.congregationalucc.com/about/visitors.php).

#### Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, August 22  
Publication: Wednesday, August 27

News and events can be sent to [office@congregationalucc.com](mailto:office@congregationalucc.com).

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

#### Lectionary Readings

##### August 17, 2008

Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

##### August 24, 2008

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

## Run for Shelter



### 8k Run/Walk

Calling all runners and walkers! Run to support the Guilford County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness on Sunday, September 14th at 3:00 pm. Registration fee is \$20 and is due by September 7th. The run is being hosted by Temple Emanuel, 713 North Greene Street, Greensboro. For more information, see [www.partnersforhomeless.org](http://www.partnersforhomeless.org). Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or obtain a registration form on the table near the Fellowship Hall. Speak with Barbara Rice if you are interested in being part of a CUCC Team.

#### Food Donations for Greensboro Urban Ministry: "You bring 'em, I'll take 'em."

In addition to our regular oatmeal project, the Board of Christian Service has begun collecting general food items at church. Bring in your canned goods, place them in the specially marked containers, and a volunteer will take our items to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Small containers of peanut butter, regular cans of vegetables, meats, and fruits are especially needed. Bring in a few cans each week to assist people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Katherine Rowe has delivered several hundred pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry just since we began this project last month. Thanks to the donors and to Katherine!

#### School Time!!!

It is that time again – school is about to start and we need to gather some supplies to share. We need pencils, paper, erasers, back packs, etc. Please place your supplies in the box in the narthex.

#### Oatmeal

August is here and we need to meet our quota of twenty-five containers of oatmeal for the Food Bank. Keep them coming.



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Judy will be in the office on  
Fridays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

### 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

## Updates from Hard Places and a New Beginning



The following contains several important and timely updates, so I encourage you to take a moment to read it through.

The first concerns something we'd all rather not have to think about, but I know has been on the "back burner" for many of us. You will notice in our bulletin and newsletter prayer lists that we have included the Dollyhigh and Guerra families. In addition to the ongoing and at times overwhelming process of grieving, they are having to deal with an enormous amount of details, including closing out Isa and Jorge's home, settling insurance matters, and so on. And then there is the matter of the man responsible for the wreck.

An initial hearing was set for May; that was delayed till August when the defense attorney asked for a continuance. As the August date approached, the hearing was again postponed, this time by the commonwealth attorney; Virginia's title for a prosecutor. The hearing will now likely be sometime in October. Virginia's laws are different from those in our state, so it is unclear at this point what the specific charges against him will be.

Needless to say, this is yet another source of pain for the families. (Jorge's family is scattered in a variety of places, and communication with them is complicated). Please keep all involved in your daily prayers.

It can be a challenge of faith to discover the positive, the grace-filled in all that has happened. Yet our faith indeed tells us God is

working through and in all for good and for healing. Which brings me to the second major update.

After very careful and conscientious work, the search committee has offered the position of Director of Music to Jimmy Buchanan. A word about process: the committee received a good number of resumes, interviewed four top candidates, and invited two very gifted musicians to have trial rehearsals with the choir, one of whom was Jimmy. There was much prayer and honest discussion involved, and the choir gave good feedback.

Jimmy stepped in at our moment of crisis and loss and beautifully led the choir, continuing Isa's legacy of enthusiasm, quality music, great conducting, humor, and warmth. The choir has responded in kind. And now we look to the future: we will continue building on the solid foundation of excellence in music, accessible to and welcoming of all, enriching our worship and spiritual life. Please offer Jimmy your prayers and loving support.

And my heartfelt gratitude goes to Tim Rains, Margery Veatch, Clif Karnes, Bill Guill, and Lynn Wright-Kernodle for their good and faithful work in this search.

There is still pain, still grief, yes. Healing will take a long time, friends. Yet God is with us, drawing forth new life and hope, amazing music and joyous laughter in the midst of it all. Thanks be to God.

—Julie Peeples

*P.S. Many thanks to all who are keeping Meghan in their prayers throughout her Beijing sojourn. She is having a marvelous time and is doing well.*

**Education Notes**

# Work Trip Support



Thanks to all who gave financial, spiritual, and moral support to the twenty Work Trip participants. Each participant gave \$100 toward

the trip, and thus far we have raised an additional \$4,873. If you are curious about the work, you can go to this link: <http://groups.google.com/group/cuccgreensboroworktrips>. There you will find pictures as well as descriptions of the work.

—Paul Davis



## All-Church Retreat

The all church retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center – our annual fall sojourn to the mountains – will be September 26th-28th. Our theme this year is Sacred Story: Exploring Our Calling.

We have great news concerning the costs! For the past few we held several fund raisers, the proceeds of which were set aside to help people come on the church retreat. But we have money left over from these efforts, so we are pleased to announce that the cost this year to attend the retreat will be \$50 for adults and \$25 for children 5-18, and free for children under the age of 5!

Reservations are limited, so you must act early. A completed reservation form (located outside Paul’s office) along with your check for half the amount due will hold your place. Return your completed form and your check to Paul.

Think of this as CUCC’s Economic Stimulus Package, or wise planning, or God’s abundant grace. If you always wanted to come to “BRAG Retreat,” this is the year to do it!

## Work Trip #1

# New Orleans Photo Album



Homeowner Sam Williams on his front porch.



Paul attaching the wall of the new shed.



Ken Aldridge, Lena Eyring, Jade Stoner, Gentry Ranson, Paul Davis, Alice Franks, Kathy Rice, Jennifer Chi, Jon Michael Aldridge



Jennifer prying nails from the old floor.



Kathy and Gentry insulating.



Lena and Jade, hammering and documenting. Or, if a nail is driven in an empty house, and no one sees it, does it really hold anything?



Alice, under the house, shoring up our shoring up efforts to shore the floor.



Ken and Jon working hard on the forms for the concrete footing.

# Women's Fellowship, Educator Recognition & More

The District Meeting of Guilford and Randolph UCC Women will be held at Congregational UCC on Sunday, August 17 at 3:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide program orientation for the Bible study curriculum.



## Appreciating Our Educators

On Sunday, August 24th, we will have a time during worship when we will honor and thank our teachers and administrators who work for the various school systems in the area. As these dedicated servants prepare for another school season, hold them in your thoughts and prayers.



## Boards & Council

The next meeting of our boards and council will be Tuesday, August 26th, beginning at 6:45 for a time of prayer. Boards meet at 7:00, council at 8:15.

## Keep in Your Prayers ...

The Family of Dr. James Brewer, Lauren Brower, Evelyn Chamberlain, Bob Crews (Cathy Wheeler's father), Fran Ditto, The Dollyhigh Family, Jessica Ellisor (Teresa Earle's niece), Emily Field, Bob Foster, Kaye Gardiner (Midge Rasey's daughter), The Guerra Family, Beth Haunton (Lorie Tyson's friend), Mabel Huffines, The Lamberts, Amber McKinnon, Millie Muskovin, The New Orleans Workgroup, Virginia Stricklen, Matthew Wagoner (Margaret Wagoner's grandson), H. O. Williams

## Can You Help?

There is a child who needs help. I pray that you will know someone who can help.

There is a 13 year old Pakistani boy who attends the Newcomer's School in Greensboro. The child has a very serious illness that requires him to be treated every three weeks at the NC Baptist Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem. From time to time, he requires additional treatment due to unexpected flair-ups of his medical condition.

To complicate the situation, the family lives in High Point. They do not have a car. To our knowledge the boy does not require any kind of special physical assistance.

When he suffers from a flair-up, he will need a volunteer who can first drive him from the Newcomers School to his home in High Point where his mother will be picked up and then from there the both of them would need transportation to Baptist Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem (the only NC provider equipped to service his needs).

If you or someone you know is willing to be on an "on-call" list of volunteers who can provide this transportation from time to time, please contact our Director of Volunteers, Ms. Mattie Williams at 379-0037, extension 4 or e-mail [mwilliams@faihouse.org](mailto:mwilliams@faihouse.org).

The school social worker will use this list when a volunteer is needed. If your name is on the list, you will be contacted on an "as needed" basis. If you are busy or unavailable, the social worker will call the next name on the list. Please consider being one of those on this young boy's Care Team.

Thank you very much for sharing this appeal widely!

*The Rev. Dr. Mark Sills  
Executive Director*

*FaithAction International House*



## CUCC Business

### Volunteers

#### August 17

Lay Reader: Camille Prairie  
Toddler Nursery: N. Prairie & A. Barton  
Coffee Hour: Wilbur Parrott & Bob Kingston

#### August 24

Lay Reader: Barbara Rice  
Toddler Nursery: Jon & Marie Nance  
Coffee Hour: John & Martha Nance

#### August Ushers

Frank Kuester, John Taylor,  
Charles Hertlein

### Financial Reports

Weekly Income	07/20/08	07/27/08
Pledged Offering	\$4,558.00	950.00
Unpledged Offering	795.00	1,225.12
Mission Trip	550.00	225.00
Use of Church	122.50	400.00
C. Smith Fund	5,000.00	---
BRAG Deposits	125.00	---
Christmas Fund	200.00	---
Baseball Tickets		6.00
Total	\$11,350.50	\$2,806.12

Weekly Income	08/03/08	08/10/08
Pledged Offering	\$5,450.00	\$2,945.00
Unpledged Offering	1,333.10	477.00
Memorial Fund	90.00	25.00
Mission Trip	1,080.00	750.00
Baseball Tickets	32.00	192.00
Sales Tax Refund	---	398.27
Pleasants Fund	---	50.00
BRAG Deposits	---	125.00
Total	\$8,210.10	\$4,962.27

### Budget Income/Expense Summary

	July	Year-to-Date
Income	\$27,175.20	\$187,215.80
Expense	28,578.37	184,802.87
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,403.17)	\$2,412.93

## Health Fair Coming to CUCC ... and Other News



- **Health Fair.** Coming this fall! In conjunction with our flu shot clinic we will be offering several op-

portunities for health awareness. We will be offering screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure. There will also be a special emphasis for children and teens.

- **Meet our Health Care Council!!!**

Beth Ashworth, Nancy Prairie, Etta Mullikin, Lib Basham and Lori Welch

- A very productive Health Care Council meeting yielded the following activities for our fall calendar. Stayed turned for dates and times!!!
  - An educational presentation on "End of Life Decisions."
  - Presentations geared to our children.
  - An educational presentation on Substance Abuse Awareness.
  - Flu shot clinic to include an expanded Health Fair.

- **Moses Cone is providing private personalized Web pages that help you keep in touch with family and friends. CarePages help you:**

- Receive support from friends and family. Visitors to your CarePage send you messages of encouragement, giving hope and strength even in the most difficult situations.
- Update your friends and family at the same time without repeated phone calls
- Control the flow of information. You share news at a time that's right for you. Friends and fam-

ily receive automatic e-mails when you post a new update.

- Keep in touch before, during and after hospitalization. CarePages do not have an expiration date. Your CarePage works for you as long as you want it.
- To set up your CarePage: Visit [www.mosescone.com](http://www.mosescone.com) and click the "CarePages" button.

Be Healthy,  
*Charlotte Evans RN, MN, CN*



### Notes of Appreciation

Dear CUCC,

I just wanted to thank the congregation for giving the graduates a moment of recognition and making our next step in life all the more special. I also appreciate the exciting book we were given, and, of course, all the wonderful love and support the church always offers to us.

With much gratitude,  
*Jon Michael Aldridge*

Dear Bereavement Committee Members,

I wish to extend a word of thanks to those who served the reception following Jim's service. You did a fantastic job, and we were truly delighted with the number of people who attended. The casual setting was perfect.

Sincerely,  
*Martha Brewer*

### Orientation to Servant Leadership

**Tuesday, September 9th**  
5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Thursday, September 11th**  
11:00 am to noon

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Broome Hall**  
**607 N. Greene Street, Greensboro**  
**336-275-0447**

### Come and See and Learn about the Servant Leadership School of Greensboro

An informational session on the basic principles and spiritual practices of servant leadership as well as a basic orientation to The Servant Leadership School of Greensboro's courses and curriculum and faculty.

### Outlining Basic Ideas in Core Courses:

- Servant Leadership I:** Foundation for Growth and Transformation
- Communion:** Prayer & the Practice of Presence
- Community:** Relationships Transformed and Transforming
- Compassion:** Awakening the Heart to Humanity
- Call:** Discerning Our Piece of God's Dream
- Money:** From Cultural Addition to Spiritual Freedom
- Power Redefined:** The Practice of a Third Way



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

## A Neighbor in Need is Helped

Dear Mrs. Brewer & Church Family,

Thanks to everyone . . . it was so nice of all of you. We were so surprised and thankful for your thoughtfulness and unselfish acts of kindness. May God bless you all abundantly forever!

Love,  
*Michelle, Nick,  
Shae & Ty Simmons*

*Michelle Simmons is the secretary/ treasurer at Cone Elementary School where Diane Brewer will be teaching this year. Michelle's family experienced a fire in their home and members of CUCC assisted them in the form of gift certificates and cash.*

## August Birthdays

- 1 Bill Smith
- 1 Rebecca Moore-Painter
- 1 Jean Clendenin
- 2 Julie Peeples
- 7 Paula Harder
- 7 Peg Stephenson
- 8 Mark Matthews
- 9 Andrew Swofford
- 11 Chip Prairie
- 12 Alexis Brown
- 14 Kathryn Taylor
- 15 John Porter
- 16 Alana Patterson
- 17 Margaret Caviness
- 18 Rosa Williamson
- 18 Frank Kuester
- 23 Brenda Langston
- 24 Brenda Schleunes
- 24 Hailley Humphrey
- 25 Svea Anderson
- 26 Anna Miller
- 26 Anne Barton
- 29 Regina Hayes
- 30 Dot Darnell
- 31 Michelle Naquin
- 31 Deborah Humphrey