

May 3

ArtBeat at CUCC 2009

Bring your works of art, as you define them, by Friday, May 1st, so we can produce a program and arrange the pieces for display on Sunday, May 3 (the display will open at 9:30 am). We will keep your works very safe and secure. The scripture text for worship that day will be Psalm 23, so images of shepherds and pastoral works would tie in well, but anything will be welcomed. Be sure we have your name and the title of your piece. Last

year, ages ranged from 4 to 84, and art ranged from pottery to poetry (printed and displayed). We will have a craft for all ages as well.



Welcome Our New Friends

Grace Community Church is the Montagnard congregation that will be leasing space from us beginning Sunday, May 3, as approved at the Congregational Annual Meeting in January. They will be using space on the lower level from about 12:30 to 4:00 pm, with worship under the sanctuary (their choice) starting at 1:00 pm. The group will also use three classrooms and the Nursery. They are a congregation of about 150 people and they had been renting space at a Baptist church, but have quickly become too large to continue meeting there. They first approached us last fall and our conversations have continued so we feel ready to welcome them.

Grace Community Church will pay us \$400 per month, and we will

be providing them at least triple the space they had before.

Sharing space always presents opportunities, and opportunities always present us with a mixture of joy and challenge. A committee comprised of members of both Grace Community Church and CUCC will address any challenges that may arise. Both churches have agreed that the committee will function as the central point of communication. That said, if anyone has a concern, please talk with someone on the committee so that they can handle it. This will help avoid confusion. Committee members from CUCC include Sankey Moore-Painter, Lynn Hamilton, and Bill Barker.

The basement area is currently used during the week by Arts and Basics for Children, the preschool that has met here for years. They will store their toys on weekends, and on Saturday we will set up chairs for Grace's Sunday worship. We will need to keep the lower level neat and tidy, and make sure the restrooms are well stocked. We will also need to share parking space. Pastor Rmah will be provided a space next to the playground (he has a badly injured leg). Because our parking lot is limited, we have asked for and received permission to park at Leon's, at 1628 (the restaurant behind Leon's), and in another area connected to that lot. If you are able, we hope you will consider parking a little further away than usual, and make church good for your body as well as your soul.

We hope you will welcome our new friends from Grace Community Church!



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.

Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, May 1
Publication: Wednesday, May 6

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

April 26, 2009

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
I John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

May 3, 2009

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
I John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18



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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

Welcoming Easter



In our hurried world, we scarcely arrive at one event, one holiday, before the world tells us, "Hurry up! Time to move on

to the next big thing!" Our cool mornings and warm afternoons remind us, however, that the earth's seasons will not be rushed or manipulated.

So too, does the church practice this rather counter-cultural habit of marking seasons, not simply Holy Days. We are now in the season of Easter, having emerged from the season of Lent. In several weeks, we will begin the long season of Pentecost.

A quaint practice? Outdated? Perhaps. Or maybe it is exactly what our souls – and minds and bodies – need: time to allow the implications of each major observance to sink in. There is far too much depth, richness, and opportunity to try and contain it all in one day.

Easter is a great example of this. When all the beautiful flowers are gone, the chocolate consumed, the brass instruments put away, what of Easter remains? "Christ is risen" is joined by the distinct implication that there are consequences, repercussions. "Christ is risen," and therefore the whole equation has changed. "Christ is risen," and therefore suffering, pain, even death, are transformed. God has the last word.

What will be the Easter repercussions in our lives? Can we not dare to hope, even when times seem less than hopeful, because the times are in God's hands? Can we not choose to love extravagantly, because God has shown us how to do just that, in spite of pain and even

death? Can we not allow ourselves the freedom to discover new joy in unexpected ways and places and people, for God managed to create new joy with a rolled away stone and a few frightened followers?

Welcome this season of Easter. Like those early disciples, unlock the doors, let in the fresh air, leave the old hiding place behind. I quoted Marc Ian Barasch in last Sunday's sermon, "I want to declare an open-door policy of the heart; it gets wearisome scrutinizing everyone through the peephole before sliding the deadbolt free." What we celebrated so joyously on Easter Sunday only marked the beginning. God is set loose in the world, drawing forth new life in any way possible. Alleluia!

—Julie Peeples



Keep in Your Prayers ...

Sue Blanton (friend of Charlie & Debra Hertlein), Becky Borum, Lauren Brower, Evelyn Chamberlain, Sunny Covington, Carlene Dix, The Dollyhigh Family, Jessica Ellisor (Teresa Earles' niece), Kaye Gardiner (Midge Rasey's daughter), The Guerra Family, family and friends of Beth Haunton, Irma Hoff, Henrietta Ingram, the Jarrett-Morales family (on the death of Bill's father), The Lamberts, Marie McLennan, Bill Smith, Virginia Stricklen, Matthew Wagoner (grandson of Margaret Wagoner), Marie Williams, John David Wilson (Pam Aldridge's cousin in Iraq), All looking for employment

Education Notes

Work Trip, Camp, Film Screening, New Members



Three will be an organizing meeting on Sunday, May 17, following worship, for those interested in participating in this summer's work

trip. We'll meet for about 45 minutes in the Parlor, beginning 20 minutes after the Benediction. To refresh your memory, the work trip will be to New Orleans, from August 9-16. It is open to church participants and their friends, and to people either 16 and older, or who are reasonably mature. No particular experience or skills are necessary. Please let me know if you are interested and if you will be able to come to the meeting. —Paul Davis



For The Bible Tells Me So: Sunday, May 17, 5:00 pm

This hour and a half long documentary, as New York Magazine states, “confronts, with whimsy and hell-fire, the clash between religion and homosexuality.” Salon.com notes that it is “Powerful! A brave and noble effort to heal a gaping wound in our society.”

Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.

Following the film we will have time for discussion. Childcare will be provided and there will be light refreshments. Invite your friends and family members and join us as we continue to seek greater understanding and common ground as people of faith.

Johns River Valley Camp

Johns River Valley Camp has opportunities for children from grade 3 up to grade 12. Of particular note for us is an Intergenerational Camp for families, June 14-17, a Beginners Camp for grade 3, July 23-29, and a Grandparent/ Grandchild Camp, July 30 - August 1. Brochures are outside Paul's office. The church has some funds available to provide assistance for people to attend JRVC, a ministry of the Southern Conference. Speak with Paul.



Welcome, New Members!



On Easter Sunday, we welcomed the following as members of Congregational UCC (as pictured above):

- John and Tammy Heil,
- Trevor and Ella
- Buck Glenz
- Terri Vaughn
- Jenni Johnson
- Bobbi Johnson

We are so glad you are here!



Keep It Coming!

Our total food collection for Greensboro Urban Ministry over the past several weeks was 91 pounds. That's a big help to those in need! Keep it coming and I'll do the rest.

—Katherine Rowe

CUCC Business

Volunteers

April 26

- Lay Reader: Butch Jenkins
- Toddler Nursery: Tracie Cranford
- Coffee Hour: Debra Hertlein

April Ushers

- Joann Myrick, Sticky Burch, Clyde Humphrey, Mike Dorko

May 3

- Lay Reader: TBA
- Toddler Nursery: Krista & Tina Kohlphenson
- Coffee Hour: Katherine & Jeri Rowe

May Ushers

- E. Driver, C. Hertlein, F. Kuester, M. Shaw

Financial Reports

Weekly Income	03/29/09	04/05/09
Pledged Offering	\$2,521.00	\$6,426.00
Unpledged Offering	898.00	955.40
Memorial Fund	170.00	215.00
Use of Church	45.00	525.00
Supper Study	160.00	---
AT&T Credit Refund	66.17	---
OGHS	1,315.11	365.00
Sales Tax Refund	578.73	---
Easter Lilies	380.00	240.00
Book Sale	---	2.50
Total	\$6,134.01	\$8,728.90

Weekly Income	04/12/09	04/19/09
Pledged Offering	\$2,597.58	\$6580.00
Unpledged Offering	959.00	583.00
Memorial Fund	1,045.00	80.00
Use of Church	112.00	---
Easter Breakfast	---	165.00
Supper Study	71.00	136.00
Easter Lilies	20.00	---
Pastor's Disc. Fund	200.00	---
OGHS	---	25.00
Total	\$5,004.58	\$7,569.00

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	Apr. YTD	YTD
Income	\$24,045.59	\$113,846.32
Expense	16,045.75	87,211.15
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,999.84	\$26,635.17

Upcoming Events

Higher Ground, May Day, Church Women United & More

Our next date to serve lunch at Higher Ground is Tuesday, April 28. Food donations and volunteers are always welcomed. Please have donations at the church by 11:00 am on Tuesday, or take them directly to Higher Ground.

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



Family Labyrinth Walk

Celebrate May Day on Friday, May 1 with a family labyrinth walk, live music, streamers, balloons, leis and more! Walk anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 pm and stay as long as you wish to enjoy the festivities! This labyrinth party is free and everyone is welcome — young, old and in between.

Outdoor Labyrinth

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
607 N. Greene Street, Greensboro**

Let's have fun! Parents, bring your children and friends to walk, skip or perhaps even dance the labyrinth's winding path. Popular musician Sandy Blocker will provide a special program of music on his drums and other instruments for everyone's walking delight. Need more information? Contact Marjorie Donnelly (378-0509 or marjoriedonnelly@triad.rr.com.)



Church Women United: May Friendship Day 2009

The final meeting of the program year will be held on Saturday, May 2, at First Christian Church, 1900 West Market Street, at 10:00 am. "Building On Our Stories" is the program's theme and will be led by Doris Yeattes of Peace U.C.C.



At this May meeting, The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering is always dedicated. This fellowship is a world-wide partnership of women who commit themselves to spending individual time throughout the year in prayer for reconciliation, justice, and peace. For each prayer they set aside the least coin in their country's currency as a token of their participation. Although all monies collected are distributed to women's and children's literacy projects on all continents, the main purpose of this fellowship is to demonstrate the ecumenical solidarity of every participant without regard to nationality, denomination, race, culture, education, or economic status. As it circles the world, prayer transcends borders and creates unity.

Following the program, there will be a fellowship luncheon. To help in planning, please make your reservation by calling Babs Gordon, 454-4277, no later than April 27th. The \$6 cost may be paid when you register on May 2nd.

The Ecumenical Action Committee requests that Friendship cards be brought which will be distributed to Mobile Meals' recipients on behalf of Church Women United.

If you have questions or need transportation, please call Eileen Stirling (852-0170).



Help Out By Eating Out: Tuesday, May 5

At a time when our economy is weak and many in our community are forced to go without, a record-breaking 130 area restaurants have pledged to do their part to feed the hungry by donating 10% of their profits on May 5th to Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House (which serves lunch to over 450 people each day). For the past seventeen years, area restaurants have joined together to help fight hunger in our area through the *Serving Greensboro Together* event, raising over \$31,000 in 2008 and \$440,000 since 1993.

Serving Greensboro Together will again be part of *A Day to Feed the Triad* by joining with sister agencies in Winston-Salem and Burlington in similar events.

Please seriously consider eating out for breakfast, lunch and dinner on May 5th and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. Perhaps, make an event of it and organize a group lunch or dinner! What better way to enjoy time with loved ones than while making a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate by doing something you enjoy? This is such a fun, easy way to make a difference in the community – don't let it pass you by!

A full list of restaurants may be found in the News & Record or at www.greensborourbanministry.org (click on the Serving Greensboro Together logo).



Tips for Preventing Falls



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement. This has been a

challenging month as I am not a patient person in allowing the healing process to take place!

My recent fall brought home in a very dramatic way, how a life can be changed in a moment. It has made me more aware about just how easy a fall can happen. We take a lot for granted when it comes to our balance and solid ground. A simple missed step, obstacles in our path or error in judgment can be costly in terms of pain and/or broken bones.

As a reminder to all of us, I want to share some tips in preventing falls.

- Improve lighting throughout the home. Use nightlights to help you see at night.
- Use non-slip bath mats in the tub or shower. Remove “throw rugs” to prevent tripping.
- Avoid the use of long robes to prevent tripping.
- Wear well-fitted shoes or slippers. Wearing loose footwear can cause you to shuffle, making you more likely to trip and fall.
- Be sure to keep all electrical cords and objects (such as shoes!) out of your paths.
- Move at a pace that is comfortable for you. For example, do not rush to answer the door bell or phone. A recent study showed that activities that are greatest for risk of falling are related to quick movements which can cause us to be off balanced.
- Exercise. Regular exercise or physical activity increase body strength and improve balance.

- Medications. Many medications can lower blood pressure and/or cause dizziness. These symptoms are most likely to occur when going from sitting to a standing position. Be aware of your body, moving slowly, allowing time for the adjustment to be made in your circulation.
- New glasses! Anyone who has just been fitted with new glasses, especially bifocals, knows how much distortion there can be with steps and uneven areas. Being aware can go a long way with prevention!
- Speaking of steps and curbs . . . pay attention to your surroundings. Falls frequently happen when we are distracted or take for granted that we know how to walk!
- Follow safety rules! These rules can save you a lot of grief!

For all of us who have fallen and experienced an injury, we would say, if only . . . !
Stay safe and healthy!
Charlotte



Notes of Appreciation

Dear Friends of GUM,
On behalf of all at Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Food Bank, we wish to express our appreciation for the time given by the volunteers of CUCC in order to make our Spring Food Drive successful. We are pleased to report that we received 70,237 pounds of food items, with 1,978 pounds collected by CUCC at the Harris Teeter on Pisgah Church Road. Due to the work of so many, we are able to continue to provide help to many who are in need.

Pat Spain,
Food Distribution Director

Know of Anyone Interested in a Part-Time Job?

Regina Hayes will be leaving us as our Nursery Attendant at the end of the school year. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with children and is available Sunday mornings, Wednesday Supper Study evenings, and for other occasional events. If you know of anyone interested in this paid position, please speak with Paul.



Kelly Hmok’s First Birthday!





May Birthdays

- 5/3 Margaret Byrd
- 5/4 Becky Fleischer
- 5/5 Joann Taylor
- 5/5 Cynthia Brewer
- 5/6 Martha Nance
- 5/6 Mike Dorko
- 5/7 Jim F. Brewer
- 5/7 Marjorie Johnson
- 5/8 Tina Kohlphenson
- 5/11 Micky Henderson
- 5/12 Ryan Troutman
- 5/16 Taryn Kohlphenson
- 5/16 Lena Mae Caveness
- 5/16 Rick Barton
- 5/24 Marilouise Tugan
- 5/29 Winnie Smith
- 5/29 Wilbur Parrott III
- 5/30 Dot Ballinger
- 5/31 Heather Langston

Maundy Thursday & Easter Memories



Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall, with the delegation from the EKU Church of the Rhineland. This is Dr. Nikolaus Schneider, the President of the Church, presenting us with a candle, to thank us for our hospitality.



Pictured top right:
Our traditional Flower Cross, this year with balloons.



Pictured bottom right:
Children sharing flowers from their baskets.

Pictured below:
Our Easter Breakfast Crew.

