

Ministry Teams

Deacons Forming Ministry Teams

The Board of Deacons at Congregational has a rich history of serving and sustaining our church. Visiting the homebound. Serving Communion. Providing hospitality. Assisting in Worship. Greeting visitors and members. The deacons have always been an important part of what makes Congregational such a special church family for so many.



About a year ago, the Board of Deacons began a series of discussions exploring ways we could better serve our congregation. We prayerfully examined the role of deacons in our church, what we were doing well, and where we saw additional needs. Julie shared information about the Ministry Teams model that another church recently adopted, and it seemed like a good fit for our church. In this model, deacons lead teams made up not only of deacons, but anyone who wants to be involved, to carry out a variety of ministries. We believe this model will help us better serve our church, and we invite everyone in our church to become involved in ministries where you have special gifts or interests.

In some ways, Ministry Teams extend the approach we have al-

ready been using for refreshments after worship and our bereavement teams, which minister to families in their time of loss. The Board of Deacons is simply extending this approach to new areas such as visitation and worship, and adding a few new ministries.

In upcoming newsletters, you'll learn more about each of these teams. As you read them, please think about which teams you would like to join. Love to cook? Check out the Ministering Meals team! Enjoy working with power tools? The Handy Hands team is for you! Exploring ways to strengthen your spiritual life? Want to contribute to worship? Interested in helping new members get involved in our congregation? There's a team for you, too! Ministry Teams not only meet the variety of needs in our church, but also provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual and personal growth. Please join us!



Summer Office Hours

Judy Page, our secretary/office manager/bookkeeper 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.



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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 3
Publication: Wednesday, June 8

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 14, 2009

I Samuel 15:34-16:13, Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009

I Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11,19-23),32-49,
Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2009

II Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Mark 5:21-43

July 5, 2009

II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Mark 6:1-13



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10:00-11:00 am
Home Visits: Thursdays

Vacant – Coming Soon!
Nursery Director

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Summer Office Hours:
9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday

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

Spirit, Shoes, Summer and Service



On Pentecost Sunday we all took part in creating our Call to Worship. We put paper “flames” along the walls and soon we were surrounded by words and pictures of gratitude and hope. Some expressed their thanks for family, friends, and health, some for employment, a few drew beautiful pictures of nature, others gave thanks for our congregation, and some shared their hopes for the future. One child drew a picture of the earth and wrote, “I’d like to have a world without violence.” Amen! We all enjoyed the beautiful music of our choir and Jimmy’s Eastern Guilford Middle School Gospel Choir. During the sermon time a number of folk shared very powerful stories with us, times they have witnessed the healing, reconciling work of the Spirit. A very full Sunday! Thanks to all for “getting into the Spirit” of that different type of worship experience so well!

This past Sunday many participated in our offering of shoes (we collected over 150 pairs!) and enjoyed walking out of the sanctuary with our bear toes wiggling! Thanks to all who contributed.

I hope when you are in town you’ll join us for worship this summer. We will continue to have special music opportunities in the coming months. In July I will be offering a sermon series entitled “Balancing Act,” which will explore finding balance in various aspects of our lives, using a variety of Scripture passages as our basis.

If you find yourself with extra time on your hands this summer, there are plenty of opportunities to help out with our various outreach efforts. I’ll be glad to put you in

touch with the appropriate people! Curious about Mobile Meals? Eager to get to know some recent immigrants? Want to check out what Higher Ground is all about? Interested in reaching out to others in our congregation in need of a friendly visit? These are just a few of the great ways you can really, truly, make a difference in someone else’s life.

If you are traveling, send us a postcard, stay safe, don’t forget the sunscreen. And as always, I love to hear what books people are reading.
—Julie Peeples



Need A Job Or Service? Have A Job Or Service To Offer?

Don’t forget about our great community bulletin board, outside the Rowland Room on the east side of the building. It’s a great way to leave a job notice or pick one up!



Keep in Your Prayers ...

Sue Blanton (friend of Charlie & Debra Hertlein), Evelyn Chamberlain, The Dollyhigh Family, Jessica Ellisor (Teresa Earles’ niece), Kaye Gardiner (Midge Rasey’s daughter), The Guerra Family, Irma Hoff, Henrietta Ingram, Eileen Jarrett-Morales, Mariana Kuester (Frank Kuester’s mother), The Lamberts, Marie McLennan, Melissa Paschal (granddaughter of Margaret Wagoner), 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

Auction, Volunteers, Younger Youth and More



The Summer Work Trip to New Orleans is nearly full and if you wish to come, you must have completed forms and \$75 in my hands

to reserve your spot. Only twenty people will go. In July, the group will hold a silent auction fundraiser (separate from the retreat auction mentioned below). Be in touch with Gayle Currie if you would like to help.
—Paul Davis



Auction to Benefit All Church Family Retreat

For the next two Sundays, the CE Board will have a silent auction for the many Edward McKay credit vouchers we have from our book sales. Some vouchers are for \$10, some are for amounts like \$27.48. The voucher is good for store credit at Edward McKay on Battleground, and can be used for used books, CDs DVDs, and games. They will make perfect gifts for Father's Day, presents for teachers, even early Christmas shopping.

The rules are simple: you bid on a voucher by giving your name and your bid. The winner for that voucher will be the highest bidder, and bidding will end at the close of Fellowship Hour on June 21st.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward paying the cost of the All Church Family Retreat, which this year will be September 25-27. Sign up sheets for the retreat are located outside Paul's office.



Christian Ed. Volunteers

We are still in need of nursery volunteers, to be a part of a rotation of

helpers. If you are interested in spending a little quality time with our small children, please be in touch with Jamie Anderson.



Younger Youth Group

A few weeks ago, parents met to talk about needs and wishes for their children, and one idea to come out of the meeting is forming a younger youth group. We'll call it The Younger Youth Group. We have some leaders, and we would like to meet following worship this Sunday, June 14, with any interested parents who would like to assist in launching the group. We'll gather near the piano in Fellowship Hall.



Thank You, Regina!



Sunday we officially said thank you to Regina (and Amber) for her four years of tending our nursery. We had two cakes, and a

gift from the congregation — small tokens of our deep appreciation for her wonderful service. Amber has agreed to serve the rest of this month, and we are in the process of conducting interviews for our new Nursery Coordinator.



Baseball Game

Thirty-five rather skeptical people, and one true believer, attended the Grasshoppers' baseball game last Friday evening. After five days of rain, the sun came out around 5:00 pm, and we had a great time together. Our next event will be an

after church picnic on July 19, at Country Park, Shelter #1, near the Natural Science Center entrance and parking area. This will be a "bring your own food" gathering, and we will provide beverages and paper products and games and fun.



High School Students Needed!

The Volunteer Center of Greensboro is looking for rising 9th through 12th graders to attend a volunteer service camp called Service Learning Impacting Citizenship Camp (SLICC) that combines volunteer service with educational and reflection activities.

August 3-7 • 8:30 am-5:00 pm
NC Cooperative Ag Extension –
Guilford Cty. Office
3309 Burlington Rd., Greensboro
Cost: \$50

Applications due by June 15

Last year, Senator Kay Hagan and Mayor Yvonne Johnson visited SLICC in addition to other speakers from local nonprofits and Greensboro agencies. Campers earned thirty volunteer hours at nonprofits such as Greensboro Urban Ministry, Reading Connections, and Life-Span. This year the camp will focus on agriculture and hunger issues.

Students should not miss this opportunity to learn about their community, meet new friends, learn new skills, and earn thirty volunteer hours in one week. More details & an application are posted outside Paul's office.

Door Opener, Community Forum, Higher Ground & More

We hope by time you read this (or at least by this coming Sunday) we will have installed a new automatic door opener at the east entrance to the building, near Fellowship Hall. There will be a rather large button to push, both outside and inside, and the door will swing open and remain open for around 30 seconds. If the door is closing and bumps into anything (or anyone) it will automatically re-open. The door will also work the same as before if you use the door knob, and the button system will be turned off when the door is locked so that the building remains secure at other times. There will also be installed two "threshold ramps" to bridge the gap between the level of the sidewalk and the level of the door threshold, reducing the small bump. So for those who find their hands full, or who find it difficult to using the door knob to open the door, or for people who use a wheel chair, we now have some welcomed improvements to our building.

Blessing Our Offering of Shoes

O God, what we see before us are shoes of all shapes and sizes, colors and styles.

Those who shall next wear these shoes see comfort, relief, a new opportunity, a bit of hope that someone else cares.

What do you see, Holy God? Whatever that may be, we ask your blessing on our giving, and on their receiving.

Join us as one, and bless us, soul to soul.

Shared as part of our Barefoot Sunday worship service, June 7, 2009

Community Forum: Empowering 50 Plus to Make Informed Decisions

Saturday, June 27 -
9:30am - 12:30 pm

Central Library, Nussbaum Room
219 N. Church Street, Greensboro

- Health & Wellness
- Social Security Update
- Elder Law
- Safety for Seniors
- Question & Answer Booths:
AARP, Sigma Chi Chapter,
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Piedmont
Health Services, Resource
Center of Guilford, SHIP
(Senior Health Insurance)
- Health Screenings: Blood
pressure, glucose testing,
cholesterol screening

Free and open to all persons 50 years and older. Light refreshments will be provided. For more details, contact Greensboro Commission on the Status of Women at 373-2390.



Lunch for Higher Ground

Our next date to serve is Tuesday, June 23. As always, food donations and volunteers are welcomed.

Please have food at the church by 11:00 am on Tuesday, or take it directly to Higher Ground. For more info, contact Ish Whitfield at 434-792-6707, 434-250-4364, or dancinchefish@msn.com



Honoring Our Graduates

Laine Roberts, daughter of Randel and Ann Roberts, has graduated from UNC-G with a BA in Biology (with a concentration in Environmental Biology) and a Minor in Chemistry.

CUCC Business

Volunteers

June 14

Lay Reader: Katie Barton
Toddler Nursery: Becky Fleischer
Coffee Hour: M. B. Boone/ B. Williams

June 21

Lay Reader: TBA
Toddler Nursery: K. Joseph & M. Kennedy
Coffee Hour: Nancy & Chip Prairie

June 28

Lay Reader: TBA
Toddler Nursery: J. Rowe & N. Prairie
Coffee Hour: Tim Rains & Sidney Via

June Ushers

Betty & Mac Mackenzie,
Sherrill Hall, Karl Schleunes

July 5

Lay Reader: TBA
Toddler Nursery: S. Lane & S. Covington
Coffee Hour: Diane Brewer

July Ushers

Joann Myrick, Sticky Burch,
Clyde Humphrey, Mike Dorko



Financial Reports

Weekly Income	05/24/09	05/31/09
Pledged Offering	\$2,772.00	\$4,016.00
Unpledged Offering	582.00	709.50
Work Trip	300.00	300.00
Soles4Souls	10.50	10.00
Miscellaneous	40.00	192.00
Memorial Fund	---	55.00
Use of Church	---	400.00
UNICEF-Darfur	---	230.00
Book Sale	--	22.00
Total	\$3,704.50	\$5,934.50

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	May	YTD
Income	\$24,220.68	\$141,402.49
Expense	24,954.56	130,298.27
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$733.88)	\$11,104.22

H1N1 Flu Alert



Many of you have heard that H1N1, or Swine Flu, has arrived in Guilford County. **Don't panic** – here are the facts.

H1N1 is a respiratory disease caused by a flu virus. H1N1 is being passed from person to person just like the seasonal flu is passed by cough, sneezing, and touching something with flu virus and then touching your mouth or nose.

Signs and Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting.
- Those with H1N1 flu can infect others 1 day before they have symptoms and up to 7 days after symptoms start.



Protect yourself!

- Wash your hands.
- Try to stay in good health.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Exercise.
- Manage your stress.
- Drink plenty of fluids – especially water.
- Eat nutritious food.
- **WASH YOUR HANDS.**
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.
- Throw tissues away in the trash after you use them.
- **Wash your hands** with soap and water especially after you sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners can be used if there is no soap or water near by.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school & limit contact with others. There are prescription medicines that can treat H1N1 flu. These are only offered if you are diagnosed with H1N1 flu. There is no vaccine available to prevent H1N1 flu. If you had a flu vaccine this season it probably will not help prevent this type of flu.

Stay healthy!
Charlotte

Information adapted from www.cdc.gov.



Habitat for Humanity

Global Village Trip: Kenya

Join us on a build trip to Kenya! We will have a fabulous service-oriented vacation the first two weeks of August. What better way to spend your vacation than by helping others?

On this trip, you will have an opportunity to change your life by helping to improve the lives of others. You will experience Kenyan culture firsthand, make new friends within our team and have the chance to befriend and learn much from the

members of the community in which we will live and build.

The team will consist of adventurous, flexible, service-oriented and generous people. We all have something to give; we just need to get out there and give it! If this sounds like a trip for you, we would love to have you!

Dates: August 1–15, 2009

Trip cost: \$1,840

Team Leader: Babette Ford—a recent transplant to Greensboro, N.C. from Washington, D.C.—is a health care consultant and owns a wedding planning company. After Babette's first Global Village (GV) trip to Madagascar, she was hooked on Habitat as a way to travel. She fully believes that in order to really see and experience a culture, you must become a part of it, and GV trips allow her to do that in a way that "regular" travel does not. Since her first trip, Babette has participated (as a team member or leader) in a GV trip every year and fully intends to keep that new tradition alive. Babette loves to work hard, meet new people and have a ton of fun along the way.

For more information or to set up an interview, contact Babette via e-mail at ababette@gmail.com or cell phone at 717-682-7918.



Recognition of Graduates. Pictured are Jeffrey Karnes, Abby Myles and Emma Yardley.



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From the NC Council of Churches: Rally in Raleigh

North Carolina's budget crisis is creating a state of emergency for all working families, who face devastating cuts to vital programs.

Times are tough right now. The economy is down, unemployment is sky high, and hundreds of thousands of families are struggling. An unprecedented budget crisis threatens our state government's ability to provide even the most basic of ser-

vices. While all working families in North Carolina will feel the impact, cuts to education, health care, public safety and other crucial programs will disproportionately impact our most disadvantaged, disenfranchised, and vulnerable citizens: minority and low-income families, the disabled, older adults, and children.

Join us for a rally that says "NO" to destructive budget cuts and

"YES" to a balanced solution that is fair and progressive and includes new revenues. On **Monday, June 15 at 5:30 pm**, we'll gather between the NC Museums of History and Natural Sciences for a rally followed by a march to the NC General Assembly. We must convince lawmakers to adopt a wise, balanced approach that makes judicious cuts and raises funds equitably.

July Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sam Kent | 4 Rosa Brown | 17 Clyde Humphrey | 23 David Maddox |
| 2 Maxine Pruett | 6 Ken Aldridge | 18 Barbara Hollifield | 24 Pam Porter |
| 2 Brad Simpson | 6 Anne Cary | 18 Hannah Davis | 26 Stan Swofford |
| 2 Jon Michael Aldridge | 14 Charles Hertlein | 18 Bonnie Kuester | 26 Patricia Black |
| 3 Katy Swofford | 16 John Kernodle | 18 Hannah Bardolph | 27 Amber McKinnon |
| 4 Trevor Heil | 16 Roger Veatch | 20 Flora Taylor | 27 Catherine Aiken |
| 4 Brandye Peterson | 16 Dan Kent | 21 Mike Aiken | 31 Paul Davis |