

Support for Mission Trip

Cajun Silent Auction

How would you like a super deal on a get-away vacation? A free lawn mowing? A handcrafted silver/copper "God is Still Speaking" pendant from Cathy Wheeler? A homemade cake by Fran? A handcrafted wood sculpture wall hanging by Peg? A tennis or volleyball or kayaking or sailing lesson by Gayle or Teresa? A make-over from Lee? A voice/music lesson from Jimmy? A real deal on a lawn mowing by Terry? A massage by Beth? An hour of financial planning from Kate? A ride in a little red Corvette? The list goes on, but not long enough yet!

We need more items, services, and talents donated from members and non-members "who know people who know people." Do you have a connection to a business in town, or a box office that would contribute tickets for our New Orleans Work Trip fundraiser?



Julie at General Synod, at the luncheon where she received the Antoniette Brown Award. Shown are John Thomas, General Minister and President of The United Church of Christ, Irwin Smallwood, Julie, The Rev. Candita Bauzá-Mattos (who also received the award), and the Rev. José Abrahamde Jesús (who introduced Candita). More pictures and information regarding the Antoniette Brown Award are available at our website.

Bidding began on Sunday, July 5th and will continue July 12th and 19th after church in the Fellowship Hall and at the Family Day Picnic on July 19th at Country Park (see article below). Bidding will close at the end of the Family Day Picnic and winning bids will be announced.

Please contact Gayle Currie at gpcurrie@triad.rr.com to let us know what item, service, or talent you can contribute. Please help our enthusiastic workers get to the Bayou to continue repairing homes damaged from Hurricane Katrina. There are still so many displaced families and much work yet to be done. Proceeds from the auction will help with travel and food expenses to send our fifteen-member work crew to the Big Easy for seven days of hard but fulfilling labor. This is truly a wonderful outreach program provided by our church. Thanks for your participation!



Family Day Picnic: Sunday, July 19

We will meet following worship at Country Park, Shelter 1. Games, drinks, paper products, and silverware will be provided. You should bring food to share (though nothing to grill).

Parking is close by, the shelter is accessible to those with mobility issues, and there will be a shuttle service running to assist.

Plan to spend the afternoon at this beautiful setting with beautiful people!



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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 31
Publication: Wednesday, August 5

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

July 12, 2009: 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps. 24, Eph. 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 19, 2009: 2 Sam. 7:1-14a, Ps. 89:20-37, Eph. 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2009: 2 Sam. 11:1-15, Ps. 14, Eph. 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

August 2, 2009: 2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a, Ps. 51:1-12, Eph. 4:1-16, John 6:24-35



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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

Trip Report from General Synod



Some in our congregation have long been deeply involved in our denomination, the United Church of Christ. For others, the UCC

is a fairly new thing, but they are enjoying learning about the denomination, its various stands, and the resources it offers. Still others have their disagreements with the UCC but hang in there with it. And for some, our denominational ties really don't enter their radar screen.

That summary likely applies to many mainline congregations. Given all that, I think it is important that we stay informed about our wider church. In a connectional system such as ours, there are no mandates, few rules coming from the national level. In our unusual, hybrid structure, there is autonomy at each level of the church, while we are all bound together in covenant.

Throughout its fifty-year history (our predecessor bodies date back much further), the UCC has strived to live out a call to be a uniting, prophetic voice. And it is not always easy to be both! But in keeping with this rich history, a number of decisions were made at this past General Synod (our biennial gathering) which continue that heritage:

- 1) We elected the Rev. Geoffrey Black as our new General Minister and President. Rev. Black has served as a pastor and most recently as the Conference Minister for the New York Conference, and is African-American.
- 2) We passed resolutions in support of single payer health care, increased AIDS education, economic justice for all, diversity education in schools, and much more. We expressed solidarity with the state of Michigan and

other areas of our nation hit hard by the financial crises. We committed to learning more about the global food crisis and to making changes in our own lifestyles for the benefit of all God's creatures.

- 3) We offered our deepest gratitude to John Thomas, whose term as General Minister and President will end this Fall.
- 4) We voted, with much debate and some protest, to continue working toward a single governance board structure, to replace the current multiple/independent board structure we now operate with on the national level.
- 5) We did our best to "go green" throughout the gathering, restricting the use of paper, encouraging recycling.

Of course, much more happened: amazing worship, conversations on race, reunions, workshops. Synod is quite an event. And it makes beautifully clear that we are a diverse, engaged, justice-oriented, compassionate, spiritually alive, strong-willed bunch. We are in no way perfect. Yet we continue to do our best to honor God's extravagant welcome of all, and to remind ourselves and our world that God is indeed still speaking. To read more about synod and our denomination, check out the website at www.ucc.org. If you do not use the internet and would like further info, please let me know.

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in the 27th General Synod in Grand Rapids. Thank you for all the love and support I have experienced at being honored with the Antoinette Brown Award. I feel enormously blessed. And most of all, thank you for being who you are: a diverse, engaged, justice-oriented, compassionate, spiritually alive, strong-willed bunch, just like our denomination.

—Julie Peeples

Education Notes

Work Trip, Church Retreat, Younger Youth, Nursery



There is still one spot available for the work trip to New Orleans. A completed form and a \$75 check, both returned to the office, will

hold your place. Be in touch with me if you have questions.

—Paul Davis



All-Church Family Retreat

The All-Church Family Retreat will be September 25-27. The cost will be \$50 per adult and \$25 per child (double occupancy). Reservations are due by August 23, but if you sign up by July 19, you will receive a \$5 discount per adult! Forms are outside Paul's office.

Checks should be made out to the church, attached to the reservation form, and left in the office.

The retreat is underwritten in part by the Board of Christian Education, by the Book Sale, and by the Silent Auction of credit vouchers that recently took place. We thank you for your kind generosity, which enables us to offer this retreat at a substantial discount – nearly \$475 was contributed! Please note: For those who have not done so, you can pick up your vouchers in the Fellowship Hall or by speaking with Paul Davis or Lynn Hamilton.



Younger Youth Group

The Younger Youth Group will have its first meeting on Friday, July 31. They will meet at church

from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and a meal will be included. The group hopes to meet twice a month (but this is the first date when the leaders will all be available). This group is for young people who are rising 5th - 7th graders. The parents have met a couple times, including following worship on Sunday, June 14, when they had a chance to meet with the leaders, Karen Ritter and Beth Hoagland. The first task of a successful youth group is to have people pray for them, so please be in prayer for the youth, the leaders, and the families, as we begin this new adventure!



Our New Nursery Coordinator

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new Nursery Coordinator,

Evelyn Blane. Over forty people responded to an ad put on Craig's List. We culled that group down to ten people and asked them to come for an interview. Eight responded; three were invited back for a second interview, and Evelyn was our clear favorite. We checked her references (glowing), we had a background check done on her (no issues). Evelyn started on July 5.

Evelyn is a graduate student at UNCG in the Developmental Psychology department. She plans to go on for her PhD at UNCG as well. Evelyn is from Memphis, and attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She has experience working in her home church's nursery. She also was goalie of the Uni-

versity of Tennessee Women's Lacrosse Club for three years.

Thanks to Randy Yardley, Michelle Kennedy, Jenny Grayer, and Ann Barton, along with Katie Barton and Jude Grayer, for their magnificent assistance.



Alzheimer's Disease

**An Update: Moving Forward
Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm
Temple Emanuel**

Learn about The Alzheimer's Solution Project:

- Who's at risk?
- Is research finding answers?
- What about treatment & diagnosis?

Join us for a discussion with Dr. Jerry Plovsky, M.D., Internist and geriatric psychiatrist. Jewish Family Services will be available to provide resources and answer questions.



The baptism of Carly Mozgai, by Julie on June 17.

UNICEF Campaign, Summer Music, Giving Statements

The campaign to collect money for humanitarian relief for the children of Darfur was a big success. As you'll remember we had a two week window in which to collect these funds. Money that was sent to the US Fund of UNICEF by June 15th was to be doubled by an anonymous donor.

I'm pleased to report that \$950 was sent to UNICEF from our church. With the contribution from the anonymous donor, our gifts resulted in almost \$2000 in aid to the children of Darfur.

Thank you for all that you do.

—Ralph Wenger
Darfur Action



Summer Worship

Each week there will be special music by members and guests while our choir is enjoying a well-earned

Keep in Your Prayers ...

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, Beth Mackenzie, Marie McLennan, Elise Norris, Melissa Paschal (granddaughter of Margaret Wagoner), Sincere (grand-nephew of the Rev. Lilton Marks), Virginia Stricklen, Matthew Wagoner (grandson of Margaret Wagoner), Marie Williams, John David Wilson (Pam Aldridge's cousin in Iraq), All looking for employment

summer hiatus. We encourage any adults, youth, or children who would like to sing or play an instrument in worship to share their talents! Please contact Jimmy Buchanan (jrbsoul@aol.com) if interested.

Also, And Julie's sermon series, "Balancing Act" continues through July.



Second Quarter Giving Statements

As we try to be responsible stewards of office supplies and equipment, the Church Council has suggested that perhaps providing four quarterly giving statements is not necessary.

In 2009 we will provide them after first, third and fourth quarters only. If you desire a copy of your second quarter statement, notify Financial Secretary Pam Aldridge and she will gladly provide it.



Boards and Council Meetings

The next board/council meeting night has been changed to Tuesday, July 21 at 6:45 pm (instead of July 14).

Despite the change in the general boards/council meeting, the Board of Christian Service will still meet on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm at the home of Fran Ditto, 110 Wedgedale Avenue.



CUCC Business

Volunteers

July 12

Lay Reader: Brenda Schluenes
Toddler Nursery: Jon & Marie Nance
Coffee Hour: Bill & Lesley Barker

July 19

Lay Reader: Diane Brewer
Toddler Nursery: K. & T. Kolphenson
Coffee Hour: Ann Buffington & Fran Ditto

July 26

Lay Reader: Lee Kirkman
Toddler Nursery: Tricia Sutter
Coffee Hour: Marjorie Liles

July Ushers

Joann Myrick, Sticky Burch, Clyde Humphrey, Mike Dorko

August 2

Lay Reader: TBA
Toddler Nursery: Leisa Slensby
Coffee Hour: Kate Larson & Ish Whitfield

August Ushers

Ed Driver, Charles Hertlein, Frank Kuester, Milton Shaw

Financial Reports

Weekly Income	06/14/09	06/21/09
Pledged Offering	\$4,928.94	\$1,634.00
Unpledged Offering	569.00	629.00
Use of Church	320.00	275.00
Trexler Fund	---	30.00
Work Trip	---	80.00
BRAG Trip Deposits	75.00	---
UNICEF-Sudan	245.00	---
Book Sale	10.00	---
Strengthen the Church	454.00	---
Total	\$6,601.94	\$2,648.00

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	Thru 6/27/09	YTD
Income	\$15,696.19	\$157,098.81
Expense	6,353.36	136,651.63
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 9,342.83	\$ 20,447.18

Cookie Dough Recall



On June 19th, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC) warned consumers not to eat any varieties of prepackaged Nestle Toll House refrigerated cookie dough due to the risk of contamination with “E. coli O157:H7” (a bacterium that causes foodborne illness).

What to Do

- Throw away any prepackaged, refrigerated Nestle Toll House cookie dough products you may have in your home.
- Do not cook the dough because you might get the bacteria on your hands and on other cooking surfaces.
- Contact your health care professional immediately if you or your family have recently eaten the dough and have had stomach cramps, vomiting or diarrhea, with or without bloody stools.
- If you have additional questions about the recalled products, contact Nestle consumer services at 800-559-5025 or visit their web site at www.verybestbaking.com.

What Action Has Been Taken?

- Nestle has voluntarily recalled all varieties of prepackaged, refrigerated Toll House cookie dough and is fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation by FDA and CDC.
- CDC is conducting an ongoing study with the help of several state and local health departments.

Since March 2009, there have been 66 reports of illness across 28 states.

Of twenty-five people who were hospitalized, seven have a severe complication called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome. No one has died.

About E. coli O157:H7

- The bacteria cause stomach cramping, vomiting, and diarrhea, often with bloody stools.
- Most healthy adults can recover completely within a week.
- Young children and the elderly are at highest risk for developing Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, which can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.



Safe Food Handling

FDA reminds consumers they should not eat raw food products that are intended for cooking or baking before eating. Use safe food-handling practices when preparing these products, including

- following package directions for cooking at proper temperatures
- washing hands, surfaces, and utensils after contact with these types of products
- avoiding cross-contamination
- refrigerating products properly

For more information on safe food handling practices, go to www.fda.gov/Food/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/ucm109899.htm.



Come to Your Senses: A Prayer Experience Offered by SpiritRest

An opportunity to expand your definition of prayer using your five senses — sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste.

This small group will meet weekly from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for six Monday sessions beginning July 13.

If you are unsure about a six-week commitment, please come to the initial introductory session for a taste of the experience and then decide.

After the first time, each session will follow the same format: we will gather in a circle to begin with a brief relaxation/centering time. Next will be a guided prayer experience focused on one of our 5 senses, followed by a time of silent prayer. Then you will be invited to reflect/journal on the prayer experience and to share your thoughts, if desired, with the group. We will conclude with another brief period of silent prayer.

The purpose of this group is to provide sacred time and space to explore prayer in new and creative ways. The group is open to men and women of any age or faith background. It is not associated with a particular church or denomination or set of beliefs.

The group is limited to eight participants. There is no charge, but donations will be welcome to cover expenses.

To register or ask questions, please contact Robin Dorko at 339-9303 or robin@spiritrest.





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Take Charge of Your Future: Resources for Alternative Jobs & Service

Saturday, July 11 • 10 am-2 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
607 N. Greene St., Greensboro
Ideas – Alternatives – Strategies
For Young People Who Aren't
Headed To College Right Now
For People Out Of Work
Who Aren't Sure What's Next

This is a resource fair (not a job fair) that can help you figure out where you want to go with your life, and how you can be part of creating a greener, healthier, safer planet and community for all of us.

Get information on:

- Training & Apprenticeships
- Internships, National Service, and Volunteering
- Making Change in Your Community

- Green Jobs
- Paying for College
- Next Steps and Creating the Life You Want
- Creative Ways to Make Ends Meet

To come set up a table, provide a workshop, or get involved in helping people take charge of their futures, or to volunteer or get involved in planning, or for more information, contact:

- takechargefair@gmail.com
- <http://takechargefair.wordpress.com>
- Isabell Moore: 336-209-4641

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August Birthdays

- 1 Bill Smith
- 1 Rebecca Moore-Painter
- 1 Jean Hedrick 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
- 17 Margaret Caviness
- 18 Rosa Williamson
- 18 Frank Kuester
- 23 Brenda Langston
- 24 Hailley Humphrey
- 24 Brenda Schleunes
- 25 Svea Anderson
- 26 Anne Barton
- 26 Anna Miller
- 29 Regina Hayes
- 30 Dot Darnell
- 30 Irma Hoff
- 31 Michelle Naquin
- 31 Deborah Humphrey