

Church Pictures Needed

Camera Sunday: September 20th!

We are declaring this Sunday, September 20th, to be Camera Sunday at Congregational. Bring your cameras and take pictures. We are in need of some candid church shots for our stewardship materials. So click away with abandon . . . in Sunday School, in choir rehearsal, at Coffee Hour, at people coming in and going out. We'll even allow flash pictures during the announcements in worship. Then, during Coffee Hour, we will have a computer ready for you to download your pictures, or you can drop the pictures off at church next week. Thanks!



North Carolina Council of Churches Celebrating 75th Anniversary

The North Carolina Council of Churches will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary in the coming year. As part of the celebration, there will be an Open House on Sunday, September 20, at First Friends Meeting on Friendly Avenue from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.

Several in our congregation have been very involved in the

council's work over the years, including Bill Smith and Julie Peeples. The North Carolina Council of Churches is a state-wide ecumenical organization that encourages greater unity and support for a more just society. The Southern Conference of the UCC is one of the member judicatories.



Wednesday Supper Study

Supper Study programs are held the first and third Wednesdays, unless a speaker's schedule or special event requires a change. All are welcome, but we need firm reservations or cancellations by Tuesday of the week of the program. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (covered dish meals free). Childcare is provided.

October 7: The Middle East And Islam From The Eyes Of A Muslim

Masoud Awartani, active in local interfaith efforts, and owner of Zaytoon's restaurant, will share his perspective. Menu: Covered Dish.

October 21: Our Annual Political Forum - Come meet the candidates, share a meal with your elected leaders. Menu: Lasagna.

November 4: Postcard From The Environment - What are the birds, bees and butterflies telling us?

November 18: A Time To Laugh! Brush up your routine, find some new (clean) jokes, and be prepared to laugh. All ages are welcome to channel their inner comedian and have a turn at the mike.



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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. For details, check out our Visitor Page at www.congregationalucc.com.

CUCC is on Facebook!

Check us out at the following site: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Greensboro-NC/Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Greensboro/131929246449#/home.php?ref=home>.

Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, September 25
Publication: Wednesday, Sep. 30

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

September 20, 2009
Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27, 2009
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124, James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



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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

Beyond the Institution



While filling out an online form the other day, I had to click on the category indicating my profession. I scrolled down the list:

Communications? Well, yes. Mediation? Sometimes. Customer service? Often. Entertainment? I hope not!! Ah, there it was: Religious Institution. Wait a minute – religious institution? Ugh! That sounds too close to things like, correctional institution, government institution, and other such cold, grey, intimidating structures.

Institutions are good and necessary, of course. They provide some measure of stability, continuity, order in the chaos (we hope), and a bridge between past and present. But if church becomes only an institution, is it doing what it's meant to be doing? If ministers likewise are basically custodians of religious institutions, are we honoring our calling?

My real problem with the category is that it doesn't begin to describe the life, the vitality, the spirit, the energy of what we are about here. Had there been a category saying, Chief Rabble Rouser, Spiritual Leader, Preacher, Pray-er, for a Lively Group of Involved, Connected, Funny, Independent, Compassionate, Committed, Diverse, Thoughtful Men, Women and Children, I would have eagerly marked that one.

We are, of course, all that and more. And we are always on the lookout for anyone whose faith has become dormant or stale or, well, institutional. Anyone who feels their faith and their sense of belonging have been missing in action. Small groups, forty-day journeys, retreats, great Sunday School classes, wor-

ship, service opportunities – open to all, ready to welcome all takers to be part of this Lively Group. Or to simply come and find a quiet space for a while.

So if you or someone you know is feeling a bit too institutionalized and not quite spiritually alive enough, join us. Extend an invitation. Be an active part of helping us all be more than a religious institution. —Julie Peebles



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We would welcome help from other Facebook users; be in touch with Paul.



Keep in Your Prayers ...

*In order to protect the
privacy of the individuals
on our Prayer List, this
information is not
available in the online
version of our newsletter.*

Education Notes

Save These Dates, Prayer List, Higher Ground and More



Please save two dates, Sunday November 1st, when we will have a Stewardship Luncheon following worship, and Sunday,

November 8th, when, during worship, we will receive and dedicate our 2010 commitment cards.

—Paul Davis



Children's Sunday School

On Sunday, September 27th, we will have a combined Sunday School class for all children. So while some of us are at the retreat, we will be fully staffed here.



Publication of Prayer List

We will be implementing a change beginning with this newsletter. The printed version will remain the same, but the electronic version will no longer contain the Prayer List. This is out of a concern for our privacy.

The electronic newsletter goes out far and wide, and we regularly get complements from people around the country. Prayer List information, however, can be sensitive, so we will keep this more guarded. But, we will make the Prayer List available in a password-protected area on our web site.

Our electronic newsletter subscribers will receive an e-mail with more instructions, and if you would like to view web site version of the Prayer List (which will be regularly updated), send the office an e-mail and we will send out instructions.

Higher Ground

Our next date to serve lunch is Tuesday, September 22nd. Food donations (especially side dishes) and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please have food donations at the church by 11:00 am on September 22nd or take them directly to Higher Ground. For more information, contact Ish Whitfield at 434-792-6707, 434-250-4364, or dancinchefish@msn.com.

Thanks to all who have donated food and/or volunteered. This project could not be done without YOU!



Building a More Just and Sustainable Greensboro

Saturday, September 26
3:00-5:00 pm
Presbyterian Church
of the Covenant
501 S. Mendenhall Street

Hear community organizers discuss their experience in creating coalitions and networks with diverse community stakeholders. Join us for engaging conversations about the power of building community.

Featuring the following speakers: Jehan Benton, Partners Ending Homelessness; Brian Higgins, Sustainable Greensboro; Signe Waller, Greensboro Currency Project; Pat McCoy, Health Care For America Now. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Network. For more information visit www.peace-justice.net or e-mail pjn@triad.rr.com



Hand Sanitizer

Our campaign to have clean hands in church seems to be catching on. Seems like everywhere you go you

see dispensers of gel or foam. O.K., we can only accept partial credit, but we will press on, literally, and ask you to use some goo when you come to church and when you leave church. To help you de-germify, we will be installing new dispensers just inside all of our entrances. And to help you remember, we are beginning our own ad campaign. Here is one idea: "Germs? Gone. Sins? Wish it was so easy. So at least wash your hands." Send in your witty sales pitches, and maybe you'll help keep us healthy.



CUCC Business

Volunteers

September 20

Lay Reader: Charles Chamberlain
 Toddler Nursery: Jon & Marie Nance
 Coffee Hour: Jamie Anderson

September 27

Lay Reader: TBA
 Toddler Nursery: Kirsten Joseph & Michelle Kennedy
 Coffee Hour: Lynn Magyar

Ushers

Betty & Mac Mackenzie, Sherrill Hall,
 Karl Schleunes



Financial Reports

Weekly Income	08/30/09	09/06/09
Pledged Offering	\$4,340.00	\$5,033.99
Unpledged Offering	717.00	559.00
Use of Church	880.00	412.50
BRAG Deposits	350.00	200.00
Pastor's Disc. Fund	100.00	250.00
Book Sale	30.00	---
Work Trip	70.00	---
Total	\$6,487.00	\$6,455.49

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	August	YTD
Income	\$23,779.07	\$222,682.53
Expense	18,815.59	204,296.29
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,963.48	\$18,386.24



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Sponsor Altar Flowers

A unique way to remember, honor or celebrate a special person or occasion in your life is to sponsor altar flowers here at CUCC! It's easy—here's how:

- On the poster outside the church office, print your name beside the date you would like to reserve.
- Write a note stating for who or what the flowers are in honor, memory or celebration and include the date (write the information exactly as you'd like it to appear in the bulletin). Leave this note in the office or slip it under the office door.
- Make arrangements with a florist. The following have keys to the church and will deliver the flowers on the Saturday before your date: Jordan's (855-5408) and Plants & Answers (274-8908).
- You are welcome to bring your own flower arrangement. Please place it

on the altar no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of our Sunday worship.



Many Thanks

Thanks so much to all who helped things go so very smoothly at the Town Hall Meeting on Immigration. What an incredible gift, to have members present who could handle any task, any situation that arose. Thanks again for your time and presence and good work!

Thank you to all who gave recently to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Because of the new contributions we have been able to help more people in and related to our congregation during this time of need!

October Birthdays

- 1 Sherrill Hall
- 2 Arnold Johnson
- 3 Sally White
- 5 Wilson Rowe
- 6 Diane Brewer
- 8 Clara Scarborough
- 9 Earl Wang
- 12 Irene Fenn
- 13 Florence Hilliard
- 13 Trish Shroyer
- 13 Zachary Hertlein
- 14 Jo Fleischer
- 14 Anika Rueppell
- 16 John Cary
- 16 Helen Core
- 17 Parker Acrey
- 18 Bernice Driver
- 19 Lorie Tyson
- 19 John Heil
- 21 Courtney Kent
- 21 Walter Burch
- 24 Laura Yountz
- 24 Jeph Patterson
- 27 Tammy Heil
- 29 Ed Shroyer
- 30 Lynn Magyar