

May 9-23

Shhhh! It's a Silent Auction!

During the month of May, we will hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for our Summer Work Trip. Items to be auctioned will be on display in Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, May 9. The Silent Auction will conclude on Sunday, May 23, following worship, when we will have a luncheon with a New Orleans theme (your generous contributions for lunch will be gladly accepted).

We need items on which to bid! If you have something to donate, be in touch with Terri Vaughn (tvaughn1@juno.com, 336-707-2522), Teresa Earles (teresaeearles3@gmail.com, 336-688-8310) or Cathy Wheeler (wheelercc@rockinghamcc.edu, 336-342-3657).

The Silent Auction was quite successful last year, and we anticipate even better things this year!



Attention Performers!

The CUCC Talent Show will take place on Sunday, May 23rd, following the Silent Auction luncheon. Be in touch with Jimmy Buchanan or Paul Davis if you would like to perform — or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall!



Change for Change

Pocket change collected in our special jars through May will be going to Street Watch. Street Watch is a group that helps to provide everyday needs to the homeless in Greensboro. In addition, this group provides support, and works to help them find permanent housing, and other services that they might need. The impact that this group has on these lives is huge, and very much works toward permanent solutions for the homeless population.

We have been given a challenge offering! Someone has agreed to match the funds we raise dollar for dollar up to \$175.00! To date we have collected \$55.68. So clean out the console of the car where you have been dumping all that change from the drive-thru. Check under those couch cushions, in the washing machine, in the bottom of your purse, and on the ground — and rise to the challenge! Then, each time you are at church, leave your pocket change in the donation jars located in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. You will be helping those in need.



UCC Video

Go to our site, www.congregationalucc.com, and you can view a new UCC advertisement called "The Language of God."

If you watch closely, you will see a handful of our members!



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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: www.tinyurl.com/CUCCFacebook.

Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, May 7
Publication: Wednesday, May 12

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

May 2, 2010

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 9, 2010

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



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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

In Search of the Early Church



For several weeks in May, the Scripture texts that will serve as a focus in worship will come from the Book of Acts,

which follows the adventures, struggles, travels, trials and triumphs of the earliest disciples and the house churches they helped to form in the months and years following the resurrection of Jesus.

On the one hand it is easy for us to envy them: no building to heat, cool and maintain, not too many other distractions competing for folks' attention on the weekends, not much in the way of committee meetings and by-laws and such. On the other hand there were the inconvenient matters of the threat of persecution, rejection by family and friends, and those pesky Roman legions.

Granted, our world is vastly different now. So what do we hold in common with the early church? Like our ancestors in faith, we come from different backgrounds, races, classes, faith traditions, regions. We are not always sure what we believe or where we are headed. Sometimes we suspect everyone else has it figured out, and we're fairly certain people suspect us of being, well, different. But mostly, we try to lift up those basic, elemental and life-giving aspects that connect faith with everyday living. We break bread together and claim it means something sacred. We allow our hearts to be broken open when any one of us is hurting, and we help each other find God's healing balm. We lift up babies and wash them with blessed water (adults, too!).

We sing, some of us haltingly and some of us with full voices. We ask God to be present with us always and everywhere, and we trust that is so. And on our good days we let God show us how to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, as one of God's saints once said.

"Love one another as I have loved you." So much comes down to these operating instructions from Jesus. Sometimes we fail miserably. Good thing we practice forgiveness and live by grace. And we keep on practicing. Just like the early church.

Join us for worship, for learning, for the singing and the praying and the doing. We need all the helping hands — and voices and hearts and minds — we can get!

— Julie Peeples



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

Nursery Director Change, Graduates, Supper Study



Again, we are sad to report that our friend and Nursery Director, Evelyn Blane, is leaving us, for reasons that seem too

legitimate to be good: she will receive her Master's degree from UNCG in May, and she became engaged in April. We don't know . . . we did see the ring, but we remain sad. We will say good by to her at Coffee Hour on Sunday May 9.

Nonetheless, life goes on, and we are happy to announce that we have hired Jessica Gudmunson to be our next Nursery Director. Jessica has filled in some for Evelyn and knows most of our children already. She is a student at UNCG, working on her PhD in Child Psychology.

—Paul Davis



Our best wishes to Evelyn and a warm welcome to Jessica!

Honoring Our Graduates

Katie Bright, granddaughter of Virginia Bright, is graduating summa cum laude from N.C. State University on Friday, May 14th with a Bachelors degree in Computer Science. She has a job working for SAS Institute in Raleigh, NC, and will continue working on her Master's Degree in Computer Science.

Please let the office know if you have a family member who is graduating by providing their name, degree/ honors earned and future plans so that we can publish the news in a future newsletter. The church will honor our graduates during worship on either Sunday, May 30 or Sunday, June 6. Please let us know which Sunday would work best for you.



Come Join Us for Wednesday Supper Study!

May 5: District Court Judge Polly Sizemore - The juvenile justice system and helping teenagers caught in the cycle of drugs, alcohol, and crime. Menu: Covered Dish.

May 12: Touring Theatre Ensemble Performance - NC's *Star Spangled Girls* is a lively and engaging presentation of the memories of women veterans of WWII. Menu: Lasagna. (Note: This is not a children's production, though older children are welcome.)

May 19: Current Topics In Family Law - Our own Bekki Perry will share with us interesting new developments in family law, including issues around same sex couples, unmarried couples, and blended families. Come join the discussion! Menu: Covered Dish.

General Supper Study Info

- Supper at 6:00 pm; Program from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- Cost - Adults: \$5, Children: \$3 (No charge for Covered Dish, but please make a reservation.)
- Make reservations by marking the Attendance Pad in worship or by calling or e-mailing the church office by noon on Tuesday.
- Child care is always provided.

Congratulations to Katharine Martin!

Katharine Martin has been approved for ordination through the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, UCC. At the October annual meeting of the association, there will be a final vote of all candidates for ordination. Assuming a positive vote, Katharine's ordination service can take place anytime after that.



Recycling News

The used ink jet cartridges you bring to church are turned in (by our Recycling Elf) to a store that offers a small bounty. For the past few months, we have turned the bounty into new office paper, both saving the environment in our own small way, as well as assisting our budget.

Also, clothing can be reused and recycled. Urban Ministry, Goodwill, and Salvation Army all will first try to reuse our cast-offs, but will then sell the material to textile "de-manufacturers" who can turn them into new materials like cleaning rags and carpet padding. Recycled cloth saves over 70% in energy costs and carbon emissions, compared with making cloth from raw materials. Recycled plastic used in manufacturing textiles saves 57% in energy compared with using new materials. So, don't dump those holey socks or sweaters you are tired of mending, recycle your clothing, and do your part to save the environment!

Sermons On-Line, Raising Funds for Cancer Research

Reminder that if you miss worship (or were distracted . . .) and want to hear the sermon, you can go to www.congregationalucc.com, and look for the sermon link. There, you will be able to listen to the sermon. If you want a CD copy of the entire worship service, contact the office and we will give you one.



Irwin Smallwood and Judy Glasgow were united in marriage on April 18th.



Support Efforts to Find a Cure For Cancer

Eileen Morales invites all to join her in the Quest for Hope, a 5k race/1 mile walk May 1st. Join her on the walk and/or sponsor her as she joins the effort to find an early test to detect breast cancer.

Also, Eileen will join others in our congregation and many in the community for the May 15 Relay for Life walk, which also supports cancer research and support for those undergoing treatment. If you would like to sponsor her for either event, you can go to the event websites or contact Eileen directly.



Disciples of Christ Women's Quadrennial Assembly to Meet In Greensboro

The United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ are partners in Global Ministries and work closely in other areas as well. The Disciples Women will be holding their national gathering, the Quadrennial Assembly, in Greensboro June 23-27 at the Koury Convention Center. For information about the event and to register for any of the programs, go to www.quadrennial.org.



In addition, there will be a pre-event gathering of 15-20 international women, and Rev. Peeples has been working with Rev. Lee Hull Moses from First Christian to plan their visit. Volunteers are needed to help June 21-23 during their visit. If you would like to help in any of the following ways, please let Julie know:

- Help with a Monday evening cookout at First Christian
- Host several women for a supper in your home Tuesday evening

- Provide some breakfast food one morning

This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome women from all over the world, and to work in partnership with our friends from First Christian and other Disciples churches in Greensboro!

CUCC Business

Volunteers

May 2

Lay Reader: David Senkus
Nursery: Krista & Tina Kohlphenson
Coffee Hour: Beth & Harold Ashworth

May 9

Lay Reader: Margery Veatch
Nursery: Tricia Sutter & Sharon Harper
Coffee Hour: Teresa Earles & Terri Vaughn

Ushers

Ed Driver, Charles Hertlein,
Frank Kuester, Milton Shaw

Financial Reports

Weekly Income	04/11/10	04/18/10
Pledged Offering	\$3,555.00	\$4,381.00
Unpledged Offering	456.00	833.00
Use of Church	550.00	35.00
Memorial Fund	170.00	100.00
Pastor's Disc. Fund	500.00	400.00
The Pleasants Fund	30.00	---
Work Trip	---	75.00
Total	\$5,261.00	\$5,824.00

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	4/1-25/10	YTD
Income	\$25,760.19	\$106,822.11
Expense	30,915.44	119,081.07
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,155.25)	(\$12,258.96)

Children's Mental Health Resource Fair, safeTALK



In conjunction with National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, a local collaborative of parents, community advocates, and health care agencies is hosting the third annual Children's Mental Health Community Resource Fair on Friday, May 7 at the Guilford County Department of Social Services building located at 1203 Maple Street in Greensboro.

This FREE, family event begins at 1:00 pm and lasts until 6:00 pm. Parents, guardians, other caregivers, child care workers, teachers and community members who want to know more about children's mental health issues are welcome to attend. The fair will include exhibits by local service providers and community resource agencies as well as the following panel discussions by child mental health experts:

- **Cyberbullying and Sexting, 1:00-2:00 pm** - Dr. Andria Shipp from Alamance County Schools and Det. C. L. Overcash with the Guilford County Sheriff's Department will talk about the stresses and mental anguish associated with social networking on the Internet.
- **Navigating Child Serving Systems, 3:00-4:00 pm** – Sarah Glanville from the Guilford Center will explain current changes to the mental health system in North Carolina. Tonya Thompson and Susan Toney will share their expertise as parents and caregivers on working with Guilford County's child serving systems for the best results.

- **Suicide Risk Factors and Prevention, 4:00-5:00 pm** – A panel of local experts including Guilford Center Child psychiatrist, Dr. Michael Clark; Annie Hodgkiss from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Karen Roberts from the Department of Public Health; and Sherri Toney from the Department of Social Services will address the most serious of all mental health concerns: suicide prevention.

Light refreshments and activities for children will also be provided including a book reading and craft session with Beth Almy, local author and Educational Resource Coordinator at Greensboro's Natural Science Center.

For more information about the Children's Mental Health Community Resource Fair, call Lisa Salo at 389-6091.

The Children's Mental Health Community Collaborative is an advisory committee to the Guilford Center. It focuses on identifying barriers and gaps in service for children up to 18 years old with mental health issues and includes representatives from Guilford County's child-serving systems include the Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health, Guilford County Schools, and the Department of Juvenile Justice.



Suicide Prevention Training

Do you want to learn signs to help identify someone who might be having thoughts of suicide? Would you like to feel more confident in your ability to help someone considering suicide?

The Mental Health Association in Greensboro invites you to attend safeTALK (**Suicide Alertness For Everyone**), a three-hour suicide prevention training. The objectives of safeTALK are as follows:

- Challenge attitudes that inhibit open talk about suicide.
- Recognize a person who might be having thoughts of suicide.
- Engage them in direct and open talk about suicide.
- Listen to their feelings about suicide to show that they are taken seriously.
- Move quickly to connect them with someone trained in suicide prevention.

Attendees must be 15 years or older, or be accompanied by a parent. Training will be offered on three separate dates at Wesley Long Community Hospital, Classroom 1:

- Thursday, May 13, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- Monday, May 17, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- Thursday, May 27, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Why attend safeTALK? Because you may be in the position to save a life one day. If that day comes, we want you to be prepared.

Training sessions are held free of charge through the generous support of the Moses Cone/Wesley Long Community Health Foundation Training, but an RSVP is required! Space is limited, so reserve your place today by contacting the Mental Health Association in Greensboro at (336) 373-1402, ext. 207, or jstephens@mhag.org.



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Barefoot Sunday: May 23rd



CUCC will begin collecting pairs of shoes to donate to Soles4Souls this Sunday, May 2nd, and will continue until *Barefoot Sunday* on May 23rd. All shoes donated will be taken to First Lutheran Church where 25% will be given to Greensboro Urban Ministry and the remainder will be shipped (free of charge) to the

Soles4Souls headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. From there, the shoes will be shipped worldwide to individuals in need.

Please bring your gently used shoes, in pairs tied or rubber banded together, to church and place them in the collection boxes. You may also purchase new shoes to donate.

On *Barefoot Sunday*, you are invited to wear the shoes you are donating to the altar, band them and leave them there, returning to your pew barefooted (or sock-footed!).

Please consider giving to this worthy cause. Thank you!



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
- 5/12 Ryan Troutman
- 5/16 Taryn Kohlphenson
- 5/16 Lena Mae Caveness
- 5/16 Rick Barton
- 5/29 Winnie Smith
- 5/29 Wilbur Parrott III
- 5/30 Dot Ballinger
- 5/31 Heather Langston