

Give the Gift of Life

Make a Donation Before Vacation

**American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, May 18 • 2:30 – 7:00 pm
Congregational UCC**

Why give? Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a lot of blood. But only 5% of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. Currently there is no substitute.

Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live.

Imagine if giving blood was part of everyone's life. Something you did on a regular basis, like eating at your favorite restaurant. What kind of difference would that make? For nearly 5 million people who receive blood transfusions every year, your donation can make the difference between life and death.

Please seriously consider donating at our church community blood drive! The need is constant. The gratification is instant.

Tips for a Positive Donation Experience

- Eat a small calcium-rich, low-fat meal prior to donation.
- Drink plenty of water or juice throughout the day.
- Bring a photo ID or American Red Cross blood donor card.
- Wear a short-sleeve shirt or one that can be comfortably raised above the elbows.
- Plan to avoid heavy lifting or exercise after donation.
- Feel free to ask questions, and please follow any additional instructions given.

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!



Silent Auction for Summer Work Trip

Items for the the Silent Auction to raise funds for our Summer Work Trip will be on display in the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, May 23. Following worship that day, we will have a luncheon with a New Orleans theme (your generous contributions for lunch will be gladly accepted).

We still need items on which to bid! If you have something to donate, be in touch with Terri Vaughn (tlvaughn1@juno.com, 707-2522), Teresa Earles (teresaearles3@gmail.com, 688-8310) or Cathy Wheeler (wheelercc@rockinghamcc.edu, 342-3657).



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. 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 21
Publication: Wednesday, May 26

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 16, 2010

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 23, 2010

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)



Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**400 West Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403
Phone: 336-274-5378/274-0838
Web: www.congregationalucc.com**

Rev. Julie Peeples
Senior Pastor
julie@congregationalucc.com

Rev. William C. Smith
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Paul Davis
Minister for Christian Education
paul@congregationalucc.com

Mr. Jimmy Buchanan
Choir Director
jrbsoul@aol.com

Ms. Edna Olayiwola
Director of Children's Music &
Bella a Cappella
olayiwe@gcsnc.com

Mr. Bill Herndon
Organist
rbill@triad.rr.com

Ms. Charlotte Evans
Congregational Nurse
opendoornc@aol.com
Drop-In Hours: 4th Sun. of the month,
10:00-11:00 am
Home Visits: Thursdays

Ms. Jessica Gudmundson
Nursery Director
jes_gud@hotmail.com

Ms. Judy Page
Office Manager
office@congregationalucc.com
Office Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday thru Wednesday & 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 . . .

Congregational News is published by
Congregational United Church of Christ,
Greensboro, North Carolina

From the Pastor

Let Us Pray . . .



One of the many things I appreciate about our congregation is that we take prayer seriously. We pray for one another, for

family members and friends, for those on the prayer list and those we mention Sunday mornings, for folks in the community and people far away.

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter a note from the Board of Deacons, encouraging all to let us know when they or someone in the congregation has a need. While the deacons, staff, and I would really love to think that we have some sort of telepathy or a crystal ball, we don't know people are ill are injured or experiencing a crisis unless someone tells us. And we can't respond unless we know! We do try to notice who is and is not around, but that, too can be hard to keep up with, since many travel on weekends, and not everyone is an every-Sunday sort of attender.

So, the absolute best way to get the pastoral care and all the prayers you need is to let a staff person or deacon know when the need arises.

You will notice for the next few weeks another addition to the prayer list, one I ask all to take as seriously as if it were someone facing major surgery: the county commissioners. I invite you to join me in praying for them daily as they make very difficult budget decisions in these trying economic times. Pray for wisdom, for integrity. Pray that they will place the good of the community above political gain. Pray for their health, strength, and for their families who sacrifice to make it possible for them to serve.

And pray for our community. Somehow we all want low taxes and maximum services, which pits good causes against one another. Look closely at the budget cuts and ask who are the people being most impacted, and if they have a voice. Ask what Jesus would do.

God makes it clear throughout Scripture we are to care about the poor, the forgotten, the sick. To care means to pray, to reach out, and to be involved in the systems that impact their lives. For me, that includes being in touch with our commissioners in this process, voting, being aware of the issues. And, praying.

I trust we will continue to be a congregation that holds one another in the light, as my Quaker friends say. And we can continue to trust that God can work God's purposes out, even through such odd vessels as commissioners and constituents – even ministers.

— 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

Church Picnic, Supper Study, Barefoot Sunday & More



The Boards of Deacons and Christian Education will have a Church Picnic, on Sunday, June 13. We will gather at 1:00 pm at Coun-

try Park, and the large picnic shelter closest to the Natural Science Center. Bring food to share, we'll provide everything else. Join us!

—Paul Davis



CUCC Business

Volunteers

May 16

Lay Reader: Clif Kames
Nursery: B. Mulberry & A. Barton
Coffee Hour: S. Shoaf & T. Sutter

May 23

Lay Reader: TBA
Nursery: L. Magyar & G. Allen
Coffee Hour: L. Welch & P. Stephenson

Ushers

Ed Driver, Charles Hertlein,
Frank Kuester, Milton Shaw



Financial Reports

Weekly Income	04/25/10	05/02/10
Pledged Offering	\$3,654.00	\$5,043.00
Unpledged Offering	462.25	388.00
Use of Church	200.00	445.00
Pastor's Disc. Fund	20.00	---
Church Meals Fund	30.00	---
Memorial Fund	--	60.00
Rachel Pleasants Fund	---	100.00
Total	\$4,366.25	\$6,036.00

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	April 2010	YTD
Income	\$25,760.19	\$106,822.11
Expense	32,708.86	120,874.49
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,948.67)	(\$14,052.38)



Barefoot Sunday: May 23rd

CUCC has begun collecting pairs of shoes to donate to Soles4Souls and will continue until *Barefoot Sunday* on May 23rd. All shoes donated will be taken to First Lutheran Church where one-quarter will be given to Greensboro Urban Ministry and the remainder will be shipped (free of charge) to Soles4Souls who will then ship the shoes 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!



Join Us For These Special Sundays — Invite A Friend!

This Sunday, May 16, Sue Parsons, daughter of Anne Cary, will be playing flute along with two other flautists in worship. Sue is a very accomplished musician and is a member of the "Trinity Flutes" in her home church in Tallahassee Florida.

Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday. Following worship we will

have our Silent Auction, luncheon and talent show – see further details in this newsletter!

Sunday, May 30, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. James Kidd to our pulpit. Dr. Kidd is a retired UCC minister who served as pastor of Asylum Hill UCC in Hartford, Connecticut, and Wellington Ave. UCC in Chicago, and is a highly-respected preacher and writer.



Join Us for Supper Study!

Wednesday, 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! The covered dish supper will begin at 6:00 pm with the program from 6:30 to 7:30. Please make reservations by marking the Attendance Pad in worship or by calling or emailing the church office by noon on Tuesday. Child care will be available.



We bid a fond farewell to our Nursery Director, Evelyn Blane, on Sunday, May 9.



Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Congregational United Church of Christ
400 West Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

May 12, 2010

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GREENSBORO, NC
PERMIT NO. 44

Important Message From the Board of Deacons

One of the jobs of the Board of Deacons is to be the eyes and ears of the church for Julie. Julie and the Deacons genuinely care about the people of this church. We want to be able to assist if someone is going through a difficult time. The Deacons need your help. If you or someone you know is sick, planning surgery or dealing with some of life's stressors please let one of us know. We can hold you in prayer and check to see if anything else would be helpful. Also if you notice that someone who is usually at church has been absent for awhile you could check in with them and/or let one of us or Julie know as well. You may contact Julie by e-mail or calling her at the church, speaking to her after church or contacting any of the Deacons in the same way. We

greatly appreciate your help in this very important matter of staying in touch with the people of this church.

The Board of Deacons

Harold Ashworth	Nancy Prairie
Diane Brewer	Barbara Rice
Ann Buffington	Milton Shaw
Sticky Burch	Lorie Tyson
Beth Davis	Lori Welch
Charles Hertlein	Ralph Wenger
Lee Kirkman	Cathy Wheeler
Susan Lane	Barbara Whitener
John Nance	Ishmael Whitfield



Honoring Our Graduates

Billy Humphrey will graduate from Western Guilford High School in June. His college plans are to major in Economics at Wake Forest University.

Please let us know if you have a graduate in the family and provide their name, degree/ honors earned and future plans so that we can publish the news. The church will honor our graduates during worship on either Sunday, May 30 or Sunday, June 6. Please let us know which date works best for you.



Women's Fellowship Spring Salad Supper

Monday, June 7th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy fellowship and a message from Katharine Martin. We will have our traditional "Strengthen the Church" offering. All women are invited.