

Gearing up for Fall

As Autumn Quickly Approaches . . .



School Supplies Drive

School starts soon and we are continuing to collect school supplies to share. Some suggestions: copy paper, backpacks, notebook paper, boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, glue sticks, baby wipes, big pink erasers, gallon or quart size bags, highlighters, big boxes of Kleenex, scissors, etc. Please place the items in the Narthex. See Libby Bowles with any questions. Thanks!

Christian Ed Volunteers

We have a couple openings this fall for teachers, youth group helpers, and nursery volunteers. The pay is slight and the rewards are great. Speak with Paul or Lynn Hamilton.



All Church Retreat at Blowing Rock!

The dates for our All Church Retreat are October 1-3. The cost this year will be \$75 per adult and \$25 per child age 5-18. Children under age 5 are free. Registration forms are outside Paul's office. The retreat is always a wonderful time to be with friends and to make new friends. Join us!



Our 2010 New Orleans Work Trip Crew – see their report on page 3!



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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, August 27
Publication: Wednesday, Sep. 1

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

August 15, 2010

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 22, 2010

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



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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

Christian Education: A Sacred Duty



In a recent sermon I shared some of my experiences serving as an advisor for AnyTown, the weeklong program for high

school juniors and seniors sponsored by NCCJ (the National Conference for Community and Justice, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews). As I mentioned in the sermon it is an intense and transformative week of leadership development, with the young people (and adults) taking an up-close look at stereotypes and various forms of bigotry as they learn to build community with each other. I found it to be inspiring — simultaneously exhausting and re-energizing.

One of the things that week stirred up in me is the desire to get more people committed to our Christian Education ministry here at Congregational. We have a small number of very committed, wonderful people who work hard to provide a high quality program. We have a solid curriculum, creative ideas, plenty of space. What we don't have is a high number of volunteers and participants!

Now before you take a big step back or move on to the next page of this newsletter, hang in there with me for a moment. First, notice I did not say Christian Education program. What we're doing here is not merely a program but a ministry; indeed, it is a critical, essential part of our life together. Second, notice I said "our." Each time anyone joins this congregation, each time we baptize a child or an adult, each time we pass a budget or make a pledge, we are making a holy commitment: this is *our* ministry as Christ's body, Christ's church,

Christ's hands and feet in this world. There is no saying "been there, done that." No getting away with, "I don't have any gifts to offer for that." No cause to say "I'm too old/young/new/inexperienced." We are in this together. And our children and young people need us.

But perhaps the most important thing I want you to hear, one of the lessons I brought back from AnyTown and can't shake, is this: We are holding a sacred duty and an awesome opportunity in our hands. Our children and teens (all of us, really) are being bombarded on a daily basis with powerful messages. Buy this, fear that, depend on this, trust this drug or cosmetic, don't trust those people, and even worse, hate them. They are getting plenty of negative messages about what not to believe in!

As a community of faith, in our classes, our special programs, retreats, worship and outreach, we teach them that there is a much larger vision — God's vision. Something to believe in and belong to.

So as we enter these final weeks of summer, I urge you to ask yourselves, how can I and my family participate in the Christian Education ministry of CUCC — both as learners, and as volunteers?

Whether you teach a class, take a class, help with snacks, take a Sunday in the nursery, come on the retreat, plan a special event, you will be helping to make that wondrous vision become a bit clearer. Bring your questions, your hopes, your creative energy, invite others to join us. Together, we can make the most of this sacred duty, this awesome opportunity.

— Julie Peeples



Work Trip News



We returned from our Work Trip to New Orleans, safe and sound. The weather was extremely hot (I

guess that means warmer than usual), but the work and our time together went quite well. We divided into two work groups: "Teresa's Group" worked at two houses, one south of the city, and one on S. Laverne Street, in the New Orleans East area; "Sankey's Group" worked at three houses but all on Law Street. Both Laverne and Law are in the 7th Ward.

On Monday, "Teresa's Group" worked on completing a house, dealing with punch list issues. Then on Tuesday, the house on Laverne Street featured ceramic tile for two small rooms and a large bathroom. Fortunately, our crew was up for the task, led by a new work trip person and visitor to our church, Janie Burley, who has extensive tile installation experience. The Law Street sites required installing a dishwasher, exterior painting and upgrading a front step, repairing a screen door, interior tile work (ce-

ramic and vinyl), base-board and interior door installation, and replacing a back door. Both groups were ably staffed, and, in spite of the heat, completed the work we were asked to do.

When not working, we spent time together for evening devotions, we cooked meals together, and we toured the city. You can find more information and narratives by going to our Work Trip web site. You can find a link to it from the church site, or you can go directly to <http://tinyurl.com/cucc2010>.

Thank you for your interest and support of the trip. We worked hard and had some fun as well. I'll close with a comment from a member of our group:

"Brenda (the homeowner on Laverne Street) admitted to me that she was a wee bit nervous when she saw a team of women only, but by Wednesday said the tile job looked better than her sisters' who'd hired professional tilers (all male at that!) to do her floors! I think she was actually being serious too!

"While talking to her on Monday she asked what we planned to do for fun and offered some advice: We should go to Bourbon Street!



The Great Tile Team working in the Great Room!

Then she retracted saying, 'I guess ya'll can't do that, being Christians and all . . .' When we assured her that we COULD do that AND still remain Christians, she was surprised! She talked about one of her sisters 'who was one of them Christians' who was constantly praying and never doing anything fun at all. Brenda left with a bit of curiosity, I believe, about Christianity and a widening hole in the Christian 'box' she had previously placed us into."

—Paul Davis,

On Behalf of the Group

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| <i>Nancy Bennett</i> | <i>Barbara Rice</i> |
| <i>Janie Burley</i> | <i>Karen Ritter</i> |
| <i>Gayle Currie</i> | <i>Terri Vaughn</i> |
| <i>Teresa Earles</i> | <i>Cathy Wheeler</i> |
| <i>Jane Ford</i> | <i>Bob Williams</i> |
| <i>Nancy Glenz</i> | |
| <i>Sankey Moore-Painter</i> | |



Music Ministry

Organ Work Has Begun

Work has begun on the organ repairs! Last week, several members helped make crates and pack eight ranks of organ pipes for shipment to Organ Supply Industries factory in Erie, Pa. Thanks to Mike Dorko, Paul Macy, John Nance, and Irwin Smallwood for working Tuesday - Friday to get all the pipes wrapped and crated. Bill Herndon and his helpers Ted Williams and Patrick Phelps also worked on the crating project. A total of 483 pipes ranging from 9' 3" long to those smaller than a pencil were individually wrapped, packed, and crated into a 1550 pound shipment. The largest six pipes weighed between 50 and 85 pounds apiece.

Over the next few months, the factory will repair 178 original wooden pipes (from 1929) to put them into "like new" condition. The worn stoppers used to tune the pipes will be repacked for proper fit, toes and feet will be adjusted, and any other minor problems will be corrected. The organ's reed stops will be disassembled, cleaned, and



revoiced for a smoother, more harmonious tone. The factory will take these 171 pipes apart, clean and burnish the parts, and revoice the pipes for a sound more appropriate to our room. Finally, they will repair and revoice some of the upperwork added in 1960 to make it less shrill.

Why less shrill and smoother? When the Sanctuary was built, the organ chamber was separated from the church sanctuary by a concrete block wall with "vents" that let only a small portion of the sound out into the room. The interior of the church was also finished with painted concrete block which made for very poor acoustics. To overcome the room's deficiencies, the organ builders compensated by increasing the scale and sound output of the new pipes. When the Sanctuary was redone in 1994, the chamber openings were been enlarged and the interior of the church refinished with high quality plaster. That has made the pipes too loud for the organ chorus.

While the pipes are out, the remainder of the organ will continue to play. The interior wind supply system will be cleaned and new filters for the air intake will be installed. The swell shutters for the Great and Swell will get new, more powerful motors and the chamber are will get a good cleaning. The goal is to have this first phase completed and playing in time for Advent.

Thanks to all of you for your faith and support of our music program.

—Bill Herndon, Organist



Summer Office Hours

A reminder that the office is still operating on limited hours during the summer, so please be sure to call ahead if you need to stop by.

We will return to our regular schedule, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, on Monday, August 23rd.



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.

Other News and Notes

Higher Ground, New Members, Boards & Council

Our next date to serve lunch at Higher Ground is Tuesday, August 24th. Food donations, especially side dishes (e.g. salads vegetables, etc.) are always welcomed as well as volunteers.

Please have food at the church by 10:45 am on that Tuesday. For more info, contact Robin Dorko.



Upcoming Birthdays

August

- 11 Chip Prairie
- 12 Alexis Brown
- 14 Kathryn Taylor
- 17 Margaret Caviness
- 18 Rosa Williamson
- 18 Frank Kuester
- 23 Brenda Langston
- 24 Brenda Schleunes
- 25 Svea Anderson
- 26 Anna Miller
- 29 Regina Alexander
- 30 Dot Darnell
- 31 Michelle Naquin
- 31 Deborah Humphrey

September

- 1 Ed Taylor
- 1 Dawn Humphrey
- 5 John Nance
- 6 Fred Cromartie
- 6 Evelyn Chamberlain
- 7 Kate Larson
- 7 Fran Ditto
- 8 Lucia Rueppell
- 10 Cathy Wheeler
- 11 Isaac Prairie
- 11 Beth Hoagland
- 11 Karen Ritter
- 15 Holly Humphrey
- 15 Austin Lane
- 19 Jay Harder
- 20 Margaret Wagoner
- 24 Ted Fields
- 24 Peter Patterson
- 26 Evelyn Ridge
- 29 Pam Aldridge



Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, August 8th, we joyfully received the following into membership at CUCC:

- Georgia Enright
- Alison Langley
- John Neufeld
- Karol Neufeld
- Margaret Veatch
- Sidney Via

A second special event at worship on August 8th was the baptism of Adaline Dayvault, daughter of Kristen and Joshua Dayvault, and grandchild of Mike and Robin Dorko.

A warm welcome to all of our new members!



Contacting Our Ministers

By the end of August, Julie and Paul will be giving up their telephone land line. If you need to reach either of them during non-office hours, please use their cell phones (which are always on and in their possession).

Julie: 336-202-3691
Paul: 336-207-5656



Boards & Council

The next meeting of our boards and council will be Tuesday, August 31st, beginning at 6:45 pm for a time of prayer. Boards meet at 7:00, Council at 8:15.



CUCC Business

Volunteers

August 15

- Lay Reader: C. P. Gause
- Nursery: Jeri Rowe & Nancy Prairie
- Coffee Hour: Jamie Anderson & Leisa Slensby

August 22

- Lay Reader: Katie Barton
- Nursery: Krista and Tina Kohlphenson
- Coffee Hour: Anne & Rick Barton

Ushers

- Ed Driver, Charles Hertlein, Frank Kuester, Milton Shaw



Financial Reports

Weekly Income	07/25/10	08/01/10
Pledged Offering	\$2,418.00	\$7,380.00
Unpledged Offering	373.00	724.25
Use of Church	360.00	400.00
BRAG Deposits	415.00	730.00
Men's Prayer Breakfast	20.00	---
Work Trip	375.00	525.00
Higher Ground	25.00	---
Change for Change	50.00	---
Total	\$4,036.00	\$9,759.25

Budget Income/Expense Summary

	July	YTD
Income	\$22,086.00	\$179,490.39
Expense	25,225.49	204,174.66
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$3,139.49)	(\$24,684.27)



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The Next Step (In Your Career Path)

Are you concerned about job loss? Do you feel that you would benefit from practical job-seeking knowledge in a faith-based group that understands your situation? Then let CUCC help you turn the corner and take *The Next Step* in your career path. Starting this Sunday, August 15, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, we will offer *The Next Step*, a program created for faith organizations by a premier Greensboro career firm, as ongoing 90-minute meetings, once a week for ten weeks (with an optional two-week extension),.

The Next Step is a down-to-earth approach that includes information, mentoring and reference materials on every aspect of the job-seeking process, including identifying your strengths and aptitudes,

preparing resumes and cover letters, interviewing and networking. Meetings will take place in a confidential, respectful setting with an emphasis on making the most of your God-given abilities and calling upon God to assist you in turning troubled times into an opportunity.

The Next Step at CUCC is open to everyone who is involved or may be involved in job-seeking – you, your neighbor, your sister, your parent or child, a friend, Christian, Jew, Muslim, whatever. (Other *Next Step* programs are being planned in other faith-based organizations; if CUCC is not just right for a particular person, we will assist you in finding a group that is.)

If you or someone you know is interested in this program, e-mail

co-facilitator and CUCC member Susan Seawolf Hayes (shayes27313@yahoo.com), or the CUCC office (office@congregationalucc.com). Include name, e-mail address, and telephone number.

Please note that there will be a one-time fee of \$8.00 to cover the cost of materials.

