

## Lenten Study & Fellowship Groups

### Soul Food

Our new groups will kick-off the week of March 6 and will meet from five to nine weeks, depending on the topic. We have a group of lay leaders who are very excited about joining with you in fellowship and exploration. Please consider the options below and plan to join us!

Sign-ups will be posted at church on February 20th and 27th (or you may call the church office).



#### **Jesus Wants to Save Christians:**

This book uses a non-traditional format with quirky titles and a free-form, easy to read writing style. At the same time it raises serious issues, reflecting on the growing differences between the meaning of the Gospel and the message of the gospel preached in many Western churches. The book provides an opportunity to explore and discuss the actions we would take if we committed to live the example of Christ. Books will be made available for the study.

*Facilitated by Ralph Wenger on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, in the church Parlor. Session will run from March 15 through April 19 (six weeks).*

**A Faith of Your Own — Naming What You Really Believe:** This book is a fine introduction of Christian Systematic Theology, which is an organized way to look at what

“we” believe about God. The “we” includes everyone: the Bible, the Church historically, great thinkers and leaders today, our hymns and prayers, the people in our church as well as the folks in the church down the street. We all have certain ideas about God; this book study will help us better understand what we believe.

*Facilitated by Paul Davis on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30, location TBA. Session will run from March 10 through May 19 (nine weeks, excl. April 21 and 28).*

**When the Heart Waits** by Sue Monk Kidd – a book study for women. We will explore those times in our lives when we are beckoned to wait, to be patient as God helps us discern our next course in life.

*Facilitated by Teresa Earles on Sundays evenings, 5:00-7:00, in the church Parlor. Session will run from February 27 through April 17 (eight weeks).*

**My Faith Journey:** Your opportunity to self-disclose as much or as little as you are comfortable sharing about your beliefs and what has shaped them. An excellent chance to get to know others in a meaningful way. Two groups/ meeting times are being offered!

**Group 1:** *Facilitated by Regina Alexander on Sunday afternoons, 1:00-2:30, in the church Parlor. Session will run from March 13 through April 17 (six weeks).*

**Group 2:** *Facilitated by Robin Dorko on Wednesday mornings, 10:00-noon, at Robin’s Home (525 Woodvale Drive, Greensboro – call her at 336-339-9303 for directions). Session will run from March 16 through April 13 (five weeks).*



## 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 — 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](http://www.congregationalucc.com/about/visitors.php).

### Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, February 25  
Publication: Wednesday, March 2

News and events can be sent to [office@congregationalucc.com](mailto:office@congregationalucc.com).

Can’t wait for news? Check out the Congregational UCC web site at [www.congregationalucc.com](http://www.congregationalucc.com). It is up-to-date, relevant, interesting, lively, and available 24 hours.

### Lectionary Readings

#### February 20, 2011

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

#### February 27, 2011

Isaiah 49:8-16a  
Psalm 131 or Psalm 62:5-12  
I Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34



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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

## Congregational Nurse: Where Do We Go From Here?



Twelve years ago, CUCC became one of the original participants in the Cone Congregational Nurse Program, funded initially by a

Duke Endowment grant. The purpose of the program, modeled on similar long-standing, highly regarded programs in the Midwest, is to create/support healing ministries to help people in faith communities be better stewards of their health. Nurses in the program are trained specifically to help people of all ages make the connections between our physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being. In recent years, much of the cost for us has been underwritten by generous bequests from members.

Through these years we have been greatly blessed with three successive nurses who have shared with us their amazing gifts and their presence. They have made countless home visits, conducted blood pressure screenings, guided people through the health care maze, assisted many in being their own best health advocates, prayed with, laughed and cried with, and accompanied people of all ages and stages here. In several instances, I am convinced they have saved lives through their timely intervention and attention to detail. They have been nurse, social worker, friend, minister, counselor, and more on any given day.

We are taking time now to step back, evaluate, find out where we've been, where we are, and what the possibilities may be for the future. And we need your participation in this process! A wonderful task force: Etta Mullikin, Sterling

Whitener, Nancy Glenz, Ellen Es-sick, and Lori Welch are at work leading this evaluation of the program in order to help set our course.

One of the ways we will ask for your input is with a brief survey about the nurse program, which you will soon receive, either by email, or by paper copy for those who do not use email. It will come with clear instructions and a clear deadline. So please, when you receive this, complete the survey!

There will be other opportunities as well, and in the meantime, if you would like to offer your input, comments, questions, ideas, please contact me.

The questions we are considering include: what needs have been met? What needs have not been met? Does the program still match our needs? What might be possible that we have not yet considered?

I encourage you to take part.

— Julie Peoples



### 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**

# Youth Group, Higher Ground, Newcomer's Lunch



We met this past Sunday for a regular meeting, where we talked about "LOVE," in honor of Valentine's Day.

Our next meeting will be this Sunday, when we will participate in the NCCJ Greensboro Interfaith Tour. We'll meet at our church at 1:30 pm and will tour three houses of worship: the Islamic Center of Greensboro, First Friends Meeting, and Beth David Synagogue. There will be a concluding reception and discussion, and we'll be back at our church around 5:45 pm. Youth are welcome to come — we just need your permission form. Other adults are welcome to come as well, just let me know so I can give you directions and make a reservation for the reception. *—Paul Davis*



Fella a Capella in worship on Feb. 6th.



**Work Day**

Thanks to Mike Dorko, John Nance, Paul Macy, Nancy Glenz, and Paul Davis, who spent most of Friday morning changing sanctuary light bulbs, pulling windows for glass replacement, cleaning the stage, and installing new bathroom hardware.

**Nursery Volunteers**

Paul made a tearful and heartfelt plea for new Nursery volunteers, and though several were moved to respond, we are sure the Spirit is working on your hearts and convicting your spirits to serve as well. If so, please be in touch with Jamie Anderson or Lynn Hamilton.



**Higher Ground**

Our next date to serve lunch is Tuesday, February 22nd. Food donations and volunteers are welcome. Donations should be at the church by 11:00 am on Tuesday. For more info, contact Robin Dorko.



**Nonperishable Food for Backpacks**

Our church is responsible for two backpacks of nonperishable food to Cone Elementary on Friday, February 18 and Friday, February 25. We could use such items donated as macaroni and cheese, cans of soup, cereal, fruit cups and pudding cups, to name a few. Any nonperishable item would be appreciated. Please see Ann Roberts, Beth Mulberry or Libby Bowles with any questions.



**Next Meeting Night**

Our boards and church council will meet again at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

**Newcomer's Lunch:**

**February 27th**

If you have been visiting with us and would like to learn more about our congregation, please join our ministers for lunch following worship on Sunday, February 27 in Room 201. E-mail us at office@congregationalucc.com or call the office, 274-5378, to let us know you're planning to attend.



## CUCC Business

**Volunteers**

**February 20**

- Lay Reader: Harley Fleischer
- Nursery: Beth Mulberry and Anne Barton
- Coffee Hour: Jamie Anderson and Leisa Slensby

**February 27**

- Lay Reader: Irwin Smallwood
- Nursery: Lynn Magyar and Grace Allen
- Coffee Hour: Rick and Anne Barton

**February Ushers**

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



**Financial Reports**

Weekly Income	01/30/11	02/06/11
Pledged Offering	\$7,295.50	\$2,773.00
Unpledged Offering	570.39	505.00
Use of Church	660.00	1,250.00
Pastor's Disc. Fund	150.00	150.00
Wedding Deposits	300.00	---
Memorial Fund	---	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,975.89</b>	<b>\$4,718.00</b>

**Budget Income/Expense Summary**

	January	YTD
Income	\$40,478.89	\$40,478.89
Expense	22,786.76	22,786.76
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$17,692.13	\$17,692.13

**Other News and Notes**

# Servant Leadership, Concert, Church Women United

The Servant Leadership School of Greensboro, located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, hopes to nurture a generation of Christian leadership which brings renewal to churches, creates life-giving alternatives in the workplace and home, calls forth creative new ministries to serve our local community, and helps to shape our future in accordance with God's dream.

A catalog of classes offered by the school is available at their web

site, [servantleadergreensboro.com](http://servantleadergreensboro.com)  
Hardcopies are also on the table outside the CUCC kitchen.



### Free Concert

The Triad Pride Men's Chorus, along with The Noteworthy Ensemble, will give a free concert on at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 4th, at Christ United Methodist Church.

This concert is part of the Opus Series presented by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.



### Church Women United

**Day of Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, March 5, 2011, 9:30 am**

Each year on the first Saturday of March, Christian women of many traditions demonstrate their unity by observing a common day of prayer and focusing on a particular need in the world. In Greensboro, the Church Women United's celebration will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1414 Gorrell Street, Greensboro.

At 9:30, the morning's program will begin with registration and a time of fellowship over breakfast provided by the Executive Board members.

At 10:30, Shirley Cromwell, a nurse and member of Christ United Methodist Church, will share with us her experiences while on a medical mission trip to Kenya. The ecumenical Action Committee is asking for a love offering which will be used to purchase de-worming medicine for the children of Kenya, in addition to the regular collection of non-perishable food items for those in need locally.

Come! Take this opportunity to meet women from other Greensboro churches as we celebrate our unity by supporting this effort to improve the lives of Kenyan children.

Please call Eileen Stirling, 852-0170, if you have any questions or need transportation.



*You are cordially invited  
to the  
Service of Ordination  
for  
Katharine Humphrey Martin*

*Sunday, March 6, 2011  
three o'clock in the afternoon  
First United Church of Christ  
1912 Waughtown Street  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

*Reception to follow*

## In The Wider Community

# IMPACT Greensboro Accepting Applications

IMPACT Greensboro is a year-long program designed to build a network of community leaders. Participants are equipped to offer principle-centered leadership and promote effective action on issues faced by the community. The application process for the 2011-12 program is now open to those who are interested in applying.

IMPACT Greensboro provides the opportunity for individuals to engage in self reflection, to assess their leadership styles and to learn to effectively dialogue with others from diverse backgrounds and opinions. The program is a combination of education, skill building, and small group dialogue that allows for the thoughtful examination of the dynamics of diversity, leadership and community building. The goal of IMPACT Greensboro is to create a vibrant network of community "Change Agents" who are armed with their "personal action plans" and equipped to use inclusive processes to tackle community issues.

Participants in past years' programs are already making a difference in the community. Some of the efforts of Change Agents include developing a community supported agriculture initiative, developing individual development accounts for low income households to rapidly accelerate asset acquisition, supporting the Greensboro Historical Museum in developing exhibits that reflect and celebrate the diversity which exists in Greensboro, recommending and supporting a Parent Academy for our public schools, and numerous other individual and group effort sin our community.

IMPACT Greensboro is seeking applicants who are emerging, grassroots or current community leaders who are interested in participating in the program. These

applicants should highly value diversity and diverse opinions, see themselves making a commitment by taking personal responsibility iin addressing community issues, and believe in the value of authentic dialogue. There are five, day-long sessions that meet on Fridays every three months. In other months in between, participants engage in shorter three-hour meetings with their assigned dialogue group.

An application can be accessed and completed at [impactgreensboro.org](http://impactgreensboro.org). The deadline is February 28, 2011. For additional information about IMPACT Greensboro, contact Stephanie Walker, Project Director at 286-4258 or [impactgreensboro@gmail.com](mailto:impactgreensboro@gmail.com).



**Don't miss this fun family event!**

# Lunch by the Ladle

A soup tasting event presented by the Family Life Council with soup from some of the best restaurants in Greensboro. A fun outing for the whole family!

**Sunday, March 6, 2011 | 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**  
The Empire Room | Downtown Greensboro

Tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 18).

Order your tickets by February 28 to take advantage of our special \$20 Family Package for 2 adults and 2 children! \$25 Family Packages will be available at the door.

See participating restaurants, get more information, and order tickets online at [www.flcgo.com](http://www.flcgo.com). Call 336-333-6890, etc. 221 for more information!

Proceeds support the programs of the Family Life Council.

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## Foam Recycling Is Here!

There is good news for folks who have been storing styrofoam packaging or food containers, unwilling for the stuff to go to the landfill, but not knowing what to do with it! Our church is currently participating in a pilot project with Environmental Stewardship of Greensboro to collect foam and transport it to Dart Container Corporation in Randleman, NC to be recycled.

If you have any of this stuff, and want to get rid of it, please follow these guidelines:

- Make sure your foam is imprinted with the #6 recycle symbol.
- Place packaging foam and food service containers in separate clear plastic trash bags.
- Food service containers should be cleaned and rinsed (no straws, lids or wrap).
- No packaging peanuts (directions on these next time), or foam insulation.

OK, so far? Now bring the bags to us at church and we will store them at our home. Please let us know ahead of time, and we can do the transfer in the parking lot following worship. Call us at 336-218-1295 if you have any questions.

—*Bill and Lesley Barker*

## March Birthdays

- 1 Angie Ramsey
- 11 Krista Kolphenson
- 11 Beth Mackenzie
- 15 Robin Dorko
- 20 Rachael Patten
- 22 Evelyn Sell
- 22 Allen Gibbs
- 22 Alice Matthews
- 24 Heather Jenkins Espitia
- 28 Katie Humphrey
- 29 Martha Brewer
- 30 Lisa Driver Conlon
- 31 Marie McLennan
- 31 Terry Moore-Painter