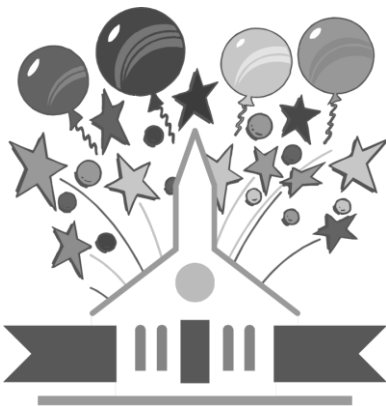


Sunday, June 4

Picnic Fun!



The Board of Christian Connections will sponsor a Spring Picnic, on Sunday, June 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The location will be the home of Katherine and Jeri Rowe. Please bring a ready-to-eat, ready-to-share dish to the Rowe house. There will be a refrigerator available if needed. And bring a lawn chair or blanket to use! If it rains, the picnic will be held in the church basement. The committee will provide drinks.



Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday is Pentecost, the “birthday” of The Church. We will celebrate with a variety of things RED! Streamers, wall hangings, stoles, paraments, shoes, and you! Please wear something red to help us get in the joyful mood. We will even have a special guest preacher!

Sanctuary Church Discussion

This Sunday, June 4, the Smith Class will host another meeting to discuss whether our church should offer humanitarian assistance to an immigrant individual or family by providing sanctuary. The meeting will be at 10:00 am in the Chapel/Parlor, and everyone is welcome to join in.



Strengthen the Church (STC)

STC is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. **We will receive the STC offering this Sunday, June 4.**

Also, for the month of June, funds collected in our Change For Change containers will be added to our church-wide offering for STC.



Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School: 10:00 am
Children's Faith Formation Classes:
9:50-10:50 am
Worship: 11:00 am
Refreshments: 12:00 pm

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.

Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, June 23
Publication: Wed., June 28

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

June 4, 2017

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor. 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

June 11, 2017

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8
2 Cor. 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

June 18, 2017

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18
Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

June 25, 2017

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42



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- Ministries**
- Bible Study
 - Children & Adult Choir
 - Handbell Choir
 - Youth Programs
 - Women's Fellowship

- Outreach Programs**
- Greensboro Urban Ministry
 - Mobile Meals
 - Faith Action International House
 - Higher Ground
 - and many more . . .

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From the Associate Pastor

Sanctuary Update



Our conversations have progressed about whether our church should offer humanitarian assistance to

an immigrant individual or family by providing sanctuary. We've found out more info, you've raised great questions that we've tried to answer, and the discussions have been good and positive. We will keep discussing the issue.

We've moved the schedule up in response to the pressing needs in the immigrant community. Next Sunday, June 4, the Smith Class will host another meeting to discuss the matter. The meeting will be at 10:00 am in the Chapel/Parlor, and everyone is welcome to join in. A subsequent meeting will be scheduled if needed. We will continue to work on our building to get ready – those efforts come under the category of good housekeeping. We will continue to organize our volunteer efforts and put together a plan that will enable us to move quickly if the decision is made to proceed. And, would you like to help? Let one of us know. We will soon have volunteer coordinators to help with the major task areas (setting up room, food, laundry, overnight volunteers, etc.).

Who is “we”? The committee that has been working on the ideas – Martha and John Nance, Tommie Arnold, Emily Stamey, Alice Franks and Rod North, Julie and myself – stay in constant contact with one another. The committee will keep the Church Council informed, and will continue to seek their wise input. If you have questions/ concerns/ comments/ suggestions, please, please contact a committee member, me, or Julie.

Julie is, of course, “on sabbatical”. Those plans have been shaped by the deaths of Fran Ditto and Frank Wheeler, the continuing ed event/preaching conference we attended in San Antonio, and these discussions about sanctuary. She led the discussion following worship this past Sunday, and she will preach this Sunday. Her feeling is she wants to be involved with our church's efforts with sanctuary, and ultimately the decision on this will be hers. The hope is following preaching Sunday, she will pick up on her reading and writing and sabbatical study for the rest of June, and leave aside her daily church responsibilities. Then we'll see what happens in July. Will her sabbatical plans change? Probably! But we are pretty flexible.

Hillary Irusta will preach on Father's Day, and Michelle Voss Roberts will preach on July 16. Hillary is a Hospice Chaplain and has been organizing our Young Adult group, and Michelle is Acting Dean of Wake Forest Divinity School. I am looking forward to hearing both of them. I plan to be in the pulpit for the rest of the Sundays in June and July.

Our church always has interesting things going on, and there are always things to work on. It is both fun and a great pleasure serve you.

— Paul.



Education and Youth

Youth Group Addressing Environmental, Food and Housing Issues This Summer!



Six of our Congregational UCC youth will be leaving on Sunday, June 11th for a Work Camp Mission Trip through Johns River Valley Camp near Blowing Rock NC. A special thanks to the Pleasants Fund for supporting this opportunity. They will join youth from other churches and be engaged in hands-on projects addressing housing, food, clothing and environmental issues.

Projects include things like home paint and repair, work in thrift shops and food pantries, and F.A.R.M. (Feed Regardless of Means), helping elderly neighbors with lawn care, building trails, restoring animal habitats and performing river clean-ups.

Trish Sutter will lead our group along with JRVC camp staff to provide oversight and guide the project experience. Participants will be involved in reflective activities to share discoveries from the work. In addition to work projects on environment, food and housing (physical needs), the program incorporates a faith development component. A Chalice Press Resource for Outdoor



Ministry offers a curriculum foundation for the week. The 2017 curriculum, "Branching Out: Connecting through Christ," will remind campers they can take the camp feeling of "fun and engaging" with them everywhere they go.

We look forward to hearing about the experience upon their return! Please send your prayers and good thoughts with our youth as they serve others and represent Congregational UCC Greensboro with this outreach. You are also encouraged to send mail to the youth to show your support: Johns River Valley Camp, 1055 Niley Cook Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

—*Laura Coffee*
Youth Group Coordinator



Godspeed
Beth Magyar, daughter of Lynn and Brian, and graduate of Appalachian State University, is joining the Peace Corps,

and will be a community health volunteer in Swaziland. That nation has the highest number of people in Africa living with HIV. She will have pre-service training for three months, then be placed in a community for two years. If you google Peace Corps Swaziland, you can find a lot of good information. You will be able to follow Beth on her Facebook page, and we will share her mailing address once known as well. This Sunday during worship we will send her off with our blessing.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Harley Fleischer, son of Jo and Becky Fleischer, will graduate from Penn-Griffin School for the Arts on June 8 and will attend Appalachian State University in the fall.

Will Rowe, son of Jeri and Katherine Rowe, will graduate from Grimsley High School on June 11 and will attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall.



Board of Christian Service Ongoing Needs:

- **Tote Bags for Greensboro Urban Ministry**
A big thank you to all who are donating the nice tote bags for GUM food bank clients. This is an ongoing need, and you are continuing to give so generously.
- **Backpack Food Needed!**
We need to replenish the pantry for our Cone Elementary Backpack Program. Thank you in advance if you are able to help in any way. We need breakfast cereal (non-sugar-coated), breakfast bars, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned tuna/meat, soup or sauce/gravy, mac & cheese or pasta/rice, and snack items. NO glass containers. NO extra-large sized/very heavy items. You may place your food donations in the multipurpose stands at each entrance.

You May Give Online!

Have you tried it? Now you may support the church with our secure online system.

Go to the Church website, and under GIVE, click where indicated. You may use your credit or debit card to give to such offerings as Regular Offering, Capital Campaign, Memorials and Honorariums, and Change for Change. Just READ the instructions CAREFULLY, and GIVE in the comfort of your own home or pew.

This system of giving offers options of one time gifts, or of setting up your own form of periodic giving. Our folks like the convenience, and also if your card is designed for earning points, you can earn as you give! It is a perfect option for keeping up with your gifts while on vacation.

Also - did you know that CUCC has countless funds to which you may give Memorials and Honorariums?

You may honor or remember loved ones by giving to in house funds such as:

- Pastor’s Discretionary (helps with emergency aid)
- Memorial Fund
- Capital Campaign Fund
- Memorial Garden Fund
- Music Fund

Or to outreach funds such as:

- Mustard Seed
- Mobile Meals

Congregational Church has many funds, so if you have a special interest, just ask ... chances are “there is a fund for that!”

Pam Aldridge
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Art at CUCC

The next two exhibits will feature art from all of us. The early summer exhibit will be called, “What’s Feeding your Spirit?”, composed of favorite brief quotations that inspire/ challenge/ comfort. The late summer exhibit will feature photographs – of all of you! Submit a photo from your childhood or youth. Be sure to have your name on the back of the photo. The Art Committee will mount and display the photos, and we’ll all have the chance to guess whose photograph goes with whom.



Pssst!!

From Wheels4Hope

Have you heard? Don’t keep us a secret. Wheels4Hope needs you to talk about us!

77 vehicles have been placed through our programs serving the Triangle and the Triad areas of North Carolina so far this year! This means 201 lives (adults and their family members) have been changed and are now getting to work, daycare, school, church, and the grocery store in safe, reliable transportation increasing their ability to be self-sufficient.

Help us reach our goal of 260 placements. Currently we have a wait list of approved applications at both locations in need of transportation.

Donations are needed, spread the word! The road to success begins with your donated car. To donate your vehicle today, go to www.wheels4hope.org/donate/.

Together: Exploring Diversity, Freedom & Humanity

The Triad Pride Men’s Chorus is proud to welcome the Triad Pride Women’s Chorus to their family in their debut concert with them. This concert will explore diversity, freedom and humanity during this current time in history. The struggle is far from over, but together we can change minds. Join these groups as they energize their movement through peace hope, and love for all people.

Greensboro: Saturday, June 3, 8:00 pm at Page High School

Burlington: Sunday, June 4, 4:00 pm at Williams High School

High Point: Tuesday, June 6 at High Point Central High School

Winston-Salem: Thursday, June 8, 8:00 pm at Salem College

Advance tickets are available at www.TriadPrideMensChorus.org



Keep in Your Prayers

Brent Appleton (Deanna Lewis’ nephew), Lib Basham, Helen Buchanan (Jimmy’s mother), Jax Carignan, Steve Cochrane (Melissa Bocci’s dad), Josephine Hall (Perry Morgan’s mother-in-law), John Harmon, Jennifer Harriss, Gun Hmok, Alejandro Jarrett-Morales, Esther Kernodle (Lynn Wright Kernodle’s mother-in-law), Lawrence Lambert, Teresa McNeill, Steveland McSwain, Gail O’Day, Jill Prior, Ken and Evelyn Sell, Winnie Smith and Family (on the death of her brother, Edmond Fitzgerald), Nelson Weller, Cathy Wheeler and Family (on the death of her husband, Frank), Fe Pia (mother of Jasmine Williams), Mabel Williams, All Looking For Employment, Our Elected Leaders: City, County, State, Federal

Sound System Assistants Needed



We are looking for sound system assistants, who can keep our sound on an even keel, who can smooth out the highs and bump up the lows, who can spin the dials and adjust the levels. Interested? Speak with Paul Davis.



Thank You!

We are grateful for all of the folks who set up, served, and brought food for the recent Memorial Service receptions for Fran Ditto and Frank Wheeler. Thank you for showing your love in this special way!

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Boards and Council: Combined June/July Meeting Night

Boards and Council will meet Tuesday, July 11, beginning at 6:15 pm for a time of prayer, followed by 6:30 board meetings, and the council at 7:45.



Volunteers

June 4

Lay Reader: Nancy Glenz
Nursery: Ben Coffee and Laura Coffee
Coffee Hour: Rod North and Alice Franks
Counters: North/Moore-Painter

June 11

Lay Reader: Tommie Arnold
Nursery: Karol and John Neufeld
Coffee Hour: Beth Hoagland
Counters: Nance

June 18

Lay Reader: Marion Gamble
Nursery: Terri Way and Jeri Rowe
Coffee Hour: Becky Fleischer
Counters: Sahr

June 25

Lay Reader: Tina Kohlphenson
Nursery: Anne Barton and Taryn Kohlphenson
Coffee Hour: Margaret Veatch
Counters: Hertlein/Rowe

June Ushers

Charlie Hertlein, Frank Kuester,
Anika Rueppell, Eli Wang

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Our Annual Plan

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total
Budgeted Income	39,400	23,289	22,978	31,008	31,077	33,148	30,329	19,913	34,422	31,885	26,135	40,611	116,675
Budgeted Expense	31,222	31,791	31,200	30,958	30,785	30,336	31,082	32,656	33,923	31,287	30,308	30,487	125,171
\$ +/-	8,178	-8,502	-8,222	50	292	2,812	-753	-12,743	499	598	-4,173	10,124	-8,496
Budgeted YTD \$ +/-	8,178	-324	-8,546	-8,496									

How We're Doing Compared to Our Plan

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total
Carry-Over		11,077	716	-5,417									
Actual Income	41,813	19,994	20,163	34,055									116,769
Actual Expense	30,735	30,354	27,041	28,415									116,546
\$ +/-	11,077	-10,361	-6,879	5,640									223
Actual YTD \$ +/-	11,077	716	-6,162	223									

Budgeted = Planned income and expenses.

Carry-Over = A cumulative shortage or surplus (income minus expenses) as we work our way through the year.

General Operating Fund = The "pot of money" to which regular giving is deposited and from which operating expenses are disbursed.



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Calendar of Events

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 9:45 am Jordan-Wisseman Sunday School Class
11:00 am Worship
5:30 pm Dinner Church at The Creative Center (900 Sixteenth Street)

Friday 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast



Upcoming Special Events

Sunday, June 4 10:00 pm Sanctuary Church Discussion: Parlor
1:00 pm Church Picnic at The Rowe Home

Wednesday, June 14 2:00 pm *Knit Us Together* Knitting Group

Thursday, June 15 9:30 am Mobile Meals at Peace Church

Wednesday, June 21 11:45 am Lunch at Friends Homes Guilford

Friday, June 23 Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 27 11:00 am Serve Lunch at Higher Ground

Wednesday, June 28 2:00 pm *Knit Us Together* Knitting Group

Tuesday, July 11 6:15 pm Boards and Council Meetings

Upcoming Birthdays

5/28 Olivia Nance	6/1 Austin Perry-Brandon	6/9 John Taylor	6/15 Jeff Shroyer
5/29 Winnie Smith	6/3 Meghan Davis	6/10 Jim Boyles	6/20 Rosemarie Miller
5/29 Jon Traurig	6/4 Erin Shroyer	6/13 Bailey Covington	6/23 Jaime Kent
5/30 Dot Ballinger	6/5 Emily Thomas	6/13 David Rice	6/28 Ben Coffee
5/31 Anna Berggren	6/6 Stephen Cromartie	6/13 Hannah Nance	6/29 Chip Simpson
5/31 Heather Garcia	6/7 Margery Veatch	6/15 Eli Wang	6/30 David Miller

If your birthday is missing from this list, please contact the office so that we may add it to our records!