

## Sanctuary Program

### Welcome to Minerva and Family!

By now, gentle reader, most of you know that we have invited Minerva Garcia, and her two children (Antonio, who is 7 on Saturday, and Mateo who will be 4 in August). They are set to arrive today (Wednesday). We are scheduled to host a press conference at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 29, to make an official announcement to the public.

We have been in touch with America Friends Service Committee, who is taking a leadership role in advocacy for Minerva. Minerva lives in Winston Salem and has good community support there, including from our sister church, Parkway UCC, and our buddy church, Green Street United Methodist Church. Here is some info about Minerva and her case, taken from the Winston Salem Chronicle.

Minerva Garcia came to the United States seventeen years ago, so her blind son, Eduardo, could

have opportunities he couldn't get in the Mexican state of Guerrero. She was allowed to come for six months but never went back, hoping that she could find a way to citizenship while working with an attorney.

Since 2013, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been granting Minerva a routine stay from removal each year. When she went to do her regular check-in on May 25, things changed. She was ordered to leave the country by June 30.

Minerva has no criminal record. Deportation would put her family in a very difficult position. She lives with her three sons, having lost one son, Diego, to cancer in 2007. Minerva's 21 year-old son Eduardo is a graduate of the Governor Morehead School, a special school for the visually impaired in Raleigh. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) protects Eduardo from deportation and allows him to work. He's currently a packer at IFB Solutions, formerly Industries for the Blind, and hopes to be able to work with computers there. He's also a talented musician who can sing and play guitar. Being blind, he depends on his mother's care and, like his mother, doesn't want to leave the country.

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#### 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](http://www.congregationalucc.com).

#### Our Next Newsletter

Deadline: Friday, July 21  
Publication: Wed., July 26

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

##### July 2, 2017

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

##### July 9, 2017

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14,  
Rom. 7:15-25a, Mat. 11:16-19, 25-30

##### July 16, 2017

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13,  
Romans 8:1-11, Mat. 13:1-9, 18-23

##### July 23, 2017

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17  
Rom. 8:12-25, Mat. 13:24-30, 36-43

##### July 30, 2017

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136,  
Rom. 8:26-39, Mat. 13:31-33, 44-52



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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**

# What Should I Say About “Sanctuary”?



We were asked to give our members and friends a statement of what you can say to someone who asks you about our church becoming a Sanctuary church. We hope you will talk to people about what we are doing, and

encourage others to get involved. What we hope you will *not* do is speak with the media, to the public, or to government authorities. When dealing with the public, we plan to have one or two people speak on behalf of the church, either Julie or Paul. Below is what you can say to people who ask. — Paul



*Our church, Congregational United Church of Christ, is taking the bold step of declaring itself to be a Sanctuary Church. We do this after many meetings, much discussion, and much prayer. We are willing to accept into protective Sanctuary an immigrant or an immigrant family who has been told by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that they must leave the country. The vast majority of folks who have been told to leave have heard this because they regularly check in with ICE. For years they have been told by ICE, “Thanks for stopping by. See you next year.” The people we will take into Sanctuary are law-abiding, hard-working, tax-paying, America-loving people. They have no “home” to go to because this is home. The people we take into Sanctuary will be those who have a reasonable chance of being told by ICE that their notice to leave will be overturned. Their case is good; they just need more time to make their appeal.*

*Our church will be doing nothing illegal. We will tell the authorities exactly what we are doing, so we will not be harboring anyone. Everything we are doing is open to the public. The people staying with us will not be hiding; they will just be temporarily staying at our church. They are brave, wonderful people.*

*Our church is doing this because we take seriously the Biblical command to welcome the stranger or the sojourner. That’s what Jesus said in Matthew. To quote Micah, God calls us “to seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.”*

*I hope you will go to our church’s website, congregationalucc.com, where you can get more information about our church. Or I hope you will come with me to church one Sunday and see for yourself what I see — our church is a special place with special people, seeking to serve God as best we are able.*

**News and Notes**

# Supplied to Succeed, Change For Change and More

A new school year will be upon us before you know it, so it's time to watch for the Back-to-School sales and begin collecting school supplies in support of Cone Elementary students. Please place supplies in the multipurpose stands at the main level entrances.

- Hand Sanitizer\**
- Tissues\**
- Glue sticks\**
- Antibacterial wipes*
- Quart & Gallon Zip Lock Bags*
- #2 Pencils Erasers (big pink & pencil caps)*
- 24 pack Crayons*
- Colored Pencils*
- Highlighters*
- Child-friendly Scissors*
- Pencil pouches (NOT boxes)*
- Composition Notebooks*
- Wide-ruled Notebook Paper*

*\*Most requested by teachers*



## Change For Change

Change For Change monies in July will also benefit Cone Elementary, to purchase additional school supplies. Financial gifts in the form of checks (please print "Cone Elementary" on the memo line) will be gratefully accepted as well!



## Summer Help

The Greensboro Urban Ministry is in need of volunteers for their food bank this summer. If you are interested in serving the hungry in Greensboro in this way and can work at least one 3-hour shift a week, please call or text Nancy Prairie at 336-209-4032, or email her at nprairie@att.net for more information. The food bank is open from 9:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.



## Email Change

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## Guest Preacher

The Rev. Michelle Voss Roberts will be preaching on July 16. A correction to our mention of Michelle in the June newsletter: She is not the Dean at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, but the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. The Dean of the School of Divinity is another member of our church, Dr. Gail O'Day. Our apologies to both!

## Congratulations, Graduate!

Rebecca Moore-Painter graduated from Appalachian State University with her Masters in Social Work. She has begun working as a social worker in the inpatient psychiatric unit at the VA in Asheville, NC.



## 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. Thank you!
- **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. Have questions? Please contact Deborah Hill (thaifrogpigs@gmail.com) or George Ritchie (gdritchie@gtcc.edu).

**More News and Notes**

# Poetry, Art, Sound System and More

This Sunday we will welcome the Gate City Youth Slam Team, along with their coach and adviser, Josephus III. This poetry team is excellent and it is a treat to have them in worship once again!



### It Has Been Said ...

The Art Committee has mounted its latest exhibit – your quotes! They are wonderful! Thanks to Mary Beth Boone and Linda Fields for pulling this all together.



### Sound System Assistants

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.



### Keep in Your Prayers

Brent Appleton (Deanna Lewis' nephew), Dot Ballinger, Lib Basham, Helen Buchanan (Jimmy's mother), Steve Cochrane (Melissa Bocci's dad), Kathy Dollyhigh, Josephine Hall (Perry Morgan's mother-in-law), Gun Hmok, Anna Hooper (Teresa Earles' niece), Chris Hooper (Teresa Earles' brother), Alejandro Jarrett-Morales, Esther Kernodle (Lynn Wright Kernodle's mother-in-law), Lawrence Lambert, Teresa McNeill, Gail O'Day, Jill Prior, Fe Pia (mother of Jasmine Williams), Mabel Williams, All Looking For Employment, Our Elected Leaders: City, County, State, Federal

### A Note of Gratitude

If there is one thing I know about our Frannie it is this: She is in heaven saying “Why is it taking you so long to write a note of thanks to our wonderful church and all its wonderful members and visitors?” She was a stickler for thank you notes and of course adored CUCC and all of you. My answer is, “Frannie, it is really hard without you!” (to which she would reply “no excuse”).

So folks, here it is, THANK YOU! Never have I been so sincere and so grateful. I knew that Frannie was loved and that some of you even love me, but the response to her death has been incredible and totally comforting and appreciated. To the choir: how could you do it so beautifully and inspiringly with such short notice? Julie and Paul, you are the best there is. I cannot go into all you did during her illness, death and now. To all of you who volunteered with the food and in other ways, bless you. Fran's and my family are foodies and everyone was impressed.

And to all of you who have sent cards, who have prayed and have continued sending your love and support; THANK YOU!

—Ann Buffington



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#### How can you help?

The two rooms for Minerva and boys, and a room for CUCC Volunteer Hosts, are on the lower level west side. They are set up and look great! More than twenty-five people helped this past Sunday afternoon, Monday, and Tuesday. One item is still needed – a twin bed box spring. Otherwise, we are good for now. Thank you Lynn Wright Kernodle for leading this part of the effort.

We need volunteers to serve as Hosts (the persons between Minerva and her family and the church and the public) and to serve as Helpers (assist with regular tasks like laundry, shopping, meals, etc.). If you would like to serve as a Host, go to this SignUpGenius link: [tinyurl.com/cucchosts](http://tinyurl.com/cucchosts). If you would like to be a helper, go to this SignUpGenius link: [tinyurl.com/cucchelpers](http://tinyurl.com/cucchelpers)

And yes, Paul made a mistake with the Helper site in the e-news that went out last Sunday; he apologizes! We **promise** the above links are correct.

Finally, thank you for your amazing and thoughtful support!



# Did You Know You Now Have the Option to Support CUCC Through an Online Gift?! Have You Tried It?

It's a simple process:

- Go to [www.congregationalucc.com](http://www.congregationalucc.com) and click GIVE on the top right.
- On the next screen, look for this in the middle of the page: "To give using your credit or debit card, just click **HERE**."
- You may use your credit or debit card to give to such gifts as Regular Offering, Capital Campaign, Memorials and Honorariums, Change For Change, and to support our Sanctuary efforts.

Please read the instructions carefully, and give in the comfort of your own home or pew. This system of giving offers the option of a one-time gift, or of setting up your own form of regular, periodic giving. Our folks who have already used online giving like the convenience! Also, if your card is designed for earning points, you can earn as you give!

Online giving is a perfect option for keeping up with your gifts while on vacation so that the ministries of CUCC are supported in the summer, too!

Questions? Please contact our Financial Secretary, Pam Aldridge ([paldridge29@gmail.com](mailto:paldridge29@gmail.com)).



### Summer Office Hours

Office hours are curtailed for the summer, so always call ahead if you need to drop something off, pick something up or see someone. Telephone messages will be checked often and, other than scheduled vacations, all of us will be accessible via e-mail.



### Boards and Council: Combined June/July Meeting Night

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

## Volunteers

### July 2

Lay Reader: Jude Grayer  
Nursery: Krista and Tina Kohlphenson  
Coffee Hour: Deborah Hill & Steve Styers  
Counters: North/Moore-Painter

### July 9

Lay Reader: Jenny Berggren  
Nursery: S. Haines & A. Buffington  
Coffee Hour: Jon and Mary Anne Traurig  
Counters: Nance

### July 16

Lay Reader: Bill Jarrett  
Nursery: T. Kohlphenson & M. Rueppell  
Coffee Hour: B. Jenkins & J. Register  
Counters: Sahr

### July 23

Lay Reader: Tommie Arnold  
Nursery: Ben Coffee and Laura Coffee  
Coffee Hour: Margaret Veatch  
Counters: Hertlein/Rowe

### July 30

Lay Reader: Tina Kohlphenson  
Nursery: Terri Way and Jeri Rowe  
Coffee Hour: G. Stricklen & L./J. Bowles  
Counters: Hertlein/Rowe

### July Ushers

Harley Fleischer, Sherrill Hall,  
Will Rowe, Karl Schleunes

### 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	147,752
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	155,956
\$ +/-	8,178	-8,502	-8,222	50	292	2,812	-753	-12,743	499	598	-4,173	10,124	-8,204
Budgeted YTD \$ +/-	8,178	-324	-8,546	-8,496	-8,204								

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	223								
Actual Income	41,813	19,994	20,908	34,055	21,696								138,465
Actual Expense	30,735	30,354	27,041	28,415	29,183								145,729
\$ +/-	11,077	-10,361	-6,134	5,640	-7,487								-7,264
Actual YTD \$ +/-	11,077	716	-5,417	223	-7,264								

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** 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

Tuesday, July 10 6:15 pm Boards and Council Meetings  
Wednesday, July 12 2:00 pm *Knit Us Together* Knitting Group  
Wednesday, July 19 11:45 am Lunch at Friends Homes Guilford  
Thursday, July 20 9:30 am Mobile Meals at Peace Church  
Friday, July 21 Newsletter Deadline  
Tuesday, July 27 11:00 am Serve Lunch at Higher Ground  
Wednesday, July 26 2:00 pm *Knit Us Together* Knitting Group

## Upcoming Birthdays

6/28 Ben Coffee	7/4 Brandye Peterson	7/14 Charlie Hertlein	7/21 Mary Anne Traurig
6/29 Chip Simpson	7/4 Trevor Heil	7/16 John Robert Kernodle	7/24 Pam Porter
6/30 David Miller	7/4 Olivia Cornish	7/16 Marion Gamble	7/26 Patricia Black
7/1 Sam Kent	7/5 Terri Vaughn	7/17 Dan Kent	7/27 Catherine Aiken
7/2 Maxine Pruett	7/6 Ken Aldridge	7/17 Clyde Humphrey	7/27 Amber Alexander
7/2 Brad Simpson	7/6 Anne Cary	7/18 Bonnie Kuester	7/31 Paul Davis
7/2 Jon Michael Aldridge	7/6 Valerie Nieman	7/18 Hannah Davis	8/1 Rebecca Moore-Painter
7/2 Taylor Patterson	7/7 Paula Harder	7/20 Flora Taylor	8/2 Julie Peeples
7/3 Katy Swofford	7/7 George Ritchie	7/21 Mike Aiken	

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