

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the Christian season of the Advent of the Christ Spirit's becoming incarnate, we do so grounded in a spirit of hope. This is a season of hopeful preparation for better things to come from the promises of our God. We are being led toward healing and wholeness in our lives; a healing and wholeness that we all yearn for in our personal lives, our families, our community, and our world at large. We hope for nothing less than the establishment of the fullness of the Realm of God, the all-pervasive Shalom, to become our reality. It is a bold vision and requires a bold faith. In my personal preparation during this year's Advent, I have decided to re-read Jane Goodall's autobiography entitled: Reason for Hope – A Spiritual Journey. Jane is known throughout the world as an acclaimed scientist who studies chimpanzee behavior. Her studies have spiritually led her to become an animal rights advocate and an avid environmentalist. She has much to teach the world from her hopeful perspective.

I would encourage each of you, in your own way, to engage in the Advent season of hopeful preparation as we move toward the celebration of Christmas on Sunday, December 25 in the year of our Lord, 2005.

Blessings and Peace,

Steve

Church Council

Council met on November 14; Pastor Steve Halsted and Council members **Allen Beidler**, **June Bolton**, **Vandy Bradow**, and **Mary Pruneau** attended. Ministry report highlights included:

- The new high-speed Internet connection has been installed. We will drop the old dial-up service; the website address will not change.
- CUCC hosted the University Park Community Thanksgiving service on November 23.
- Pastor Steve was in Blowing Rock Nov. 18-19 for the N. C. Council of Churches Climate Connection Committee annual planning retreat.
- Council needs to appoint/reappoint members to new terms on the Pastoral Relations Committee. This committee will be asked to provide a status report in the next few months.
- 55 pledges have been received to date. Treasurer Pruneau presented to the congregational meeting of November 20 a budget based on pledges in hand.
- The next congregational meeting will be held January 15.
- The next Council meeting will be 1/16.

Results of Congregational Meeting November 20

The CUCC held its second annual meeting on November 20. The nominees for Council, Ministries, and committees were presented by Moderator/Nominating Committee Chair **Bill Bryan**, and were approved. (See **list** published at the back of the newsletter).

Treasurer **Mary Pruneau** distributed the financial report and presented a proposed budget for the year 2006. The budget was based on pledges received to date. After some discussion, an **ad hoc** committee was appointed to work on an expanded pledge campaign (see Stewardship article).

All-Ministry Kickoff Potluck

Moderator-Elect Vandy Bradow asks that if your name shows up anywhere on the 2005 or 2006 Ministries and Committees list, **CIRCLE JANUARY 22** on your calendar for a potluck after church. We will have the traditional CUCC "Meeting Night" format in which all the chairs introduce their mission and people, dates are set for major activities and events, and every committee holds a brief kickoff meeting right there and then.

Deacons

Please see the articles elsewhere in the newsletter for planned Advent and Christmas events and activities.

Property

Memorial/Meditation Garden Volunteers

If anyone would like to help "groom and maintain" the garden, please contact the following who have volunteered their time for a month:

December – **Carol Clark**

January – **Nancy Stoddard**

February – **Marge Eckels and Binks Mew**

March – **Joan Little**

April – **Linda Baker**

Chores include: keeping weeds pulled, dead branches picked up, leaves raked, checking status of plants, and watering as needed.

During the November 20 congregational meeting, a proposed budget and information on the current status of the pledge drive was presented. Expenses and salaries have increased over the last three years, and it is hoped that pledges would increase at least 5-10%. A \$3,000 pledge increased 10% would mean only an increase of \$6.00 per week.

Currently there are:

5 pledges in the \$6000-\$10,000 range	
6 pledges	4000 - 5999
10 pledges	2000 - 2999
16 pledges	1000 - 1999
23 pledges	600 - 999

Many of the pledges received have already been increased by 15%.

An **ad hoc** committee was appointed to assist the pledge drive. That committee, chaired by **Lynn Jarvis**, met immediately following the congregational meeting. They will be working on follow-up to the suggestions made at the congregational meeting, including a letter asking for an increase in pledges, and visits to members and friends of the congregation. The visits will begin Sunday, December 4.

It is not too late to send in your pledge, or to revise your pledge!

--**Mary Pruneau**

Religious Education

The family advent festival was great! We had 12 families attend. We made advent wreaths; practiced carols and tried on costumes for the Christmas pageant; made nativity figures, and ate cookies! Special thanks to **Bob Hazel** for making us 100 block candleholders to paint; **Suzette Roach** and **Judy Kiel** for organizing the advent wreath project, planning and cleanup; **Julia Robertson** for costume fitting; **Anne Bailey** for organizing the nativity figure project; **Lynn Davis** for serving cookies; and **Toni James Manus** for planning our Giving Tree project. I'm attaching some of our cutest pictures!

-- **Suzette Roach**

Stewardship

Church School

December 4 – Trip to the NC Museum of Art

December 18 – the children will present their Christmas Pageant as their Christmas gift to the church during worship service.

December 25 – Christmas Day, there will be no Sunday school class.

-- **Anne Bailey Zschau**

This Christmas the church school is collecting items for the residents of *Samarkand Youth Development Center*. Samarkand is a detention center for adolescents. **Toni James Manus** has gotten to know some of the girls in a specialized program called the Heart Program while working with them on a photography project. She has talked with her contacts at the program about the needs of the residents. Toni reports that many of the girls won't be able to be with their families at Christmas, and the needs of teens are often overlooked during holiday giving. The staff is excited about our project. Toni has assembled this list of suggested donations:

- journals (with no spiral or metal)
- stationery
- decorative printer paper
- envelopes
- stamps (with inspiring messages)
- cards
- bedroom slippers with animal heads
(eg. Scooby Doo) size 7, 8 or 9
- radio headphones
- Food Lion gift certificates for buying Christmas dinner

The church school children will be decorating the tree outside the Bradow Room in a heart theme. We invite you to join us in bringing gifts to place in the collection box under the tree through December 18. The facility sets limits on items the girls can have, so please use the list above. Questions? Contact **Toni James Manus**, 787-6631, or **Suzette Roach**, 460-8678.

NOTICE – HELP AVAILABLE

The high school and middle school Christmas angels will available to **wrap your Christmas gifts** on Sunday, December 4, 11, and 18. Please feel free to leave your unwrapped gifts with a member of the youth group any of these days starting at 10:00. The

gifts will be wrapped and waiting for you after the service.

Adult Forum - Join us every Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall.

Speakers for December include:

December 4 – Rev. Kathy Tamsberg, Minister of Adult Education at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church – Celebrating the Nativity with Spiritual Generosity.

December 11- Diana Koenning will lead a discussion – Shades of Charity; How our Giving Style Can Empower vs. Demean “Us & Them”

December 18 – Dr. Tommy Carter, research scientist @ US Dept. of Agriculture and NCSU geneticist, will speak on “The Science of Evolution and Darwin.”

December 25 – no program on Christmas Day

Sunday Bible Study

The group meets Sundays at 9:15 in the Bradow Room. During Advent the study focus will be the book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call **Pat Spearman, 781-0041**.

Wednesday Bible Study

This group meets at Pilgrim House at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to discuss the next week's Lectionary selections. For more information, contact **Mike Schafale, 567-1098**. Bring a bag supper.

Saturday Men's Group

The group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library. More information? Contact **Ed Klemmer, 847-7992**.

Sisters in Spirituality

SIS will not meet in December.

The January 19 gathering of SIS will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. **Lena Gallitano** will share her year 2000 birding adventure to Attu, the last island on Alaska's Aleutian Island chain. Attu was briefly occupied by the Japanese in World War II but is best known in the world of birding for the rare birds that reach the island when they are blown off course during spring migration. Join us to explore this little-known island and the birds that visit it.

Monday Lunch Group

Bring lunch and join us in the Hoffmann Room Mondays at 12:15 p.m. Our discussion about the book, An Interrupted Life, by Elle Hillesum, will be completed. The group will enjoy our traditional Advent and Christmas activities. No previous preparation necessary. Newcomers are welcome. More information? Call **Geraldine Bryan**.

Retirees Fellowship will meet December 12 at 10:30 PM in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas gathering. But this celebration will be different! In addition to the usual singing of carols and sharing of memories the Retirees will be helping Meals on Wheels of Wake County by donating and wrapping gifts for the elderly and shut-in persons served by that agency. A representative of Meals on Wheels will join the party for lunch, and pick up the gifts for delivery. Bring your gift (ask **Anne Pope** for gift item suggestions), a sandwich, and join the festive occasion - giving at Christmas time rather than receiving! Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Social Action

The Social Action held a regular meeting in November and disbursed all funds budgeted for 2005.

Following a mission moment by Grady McCallie, more than 50 of those in the congregation signed a petition to Governor Easley urging a stay of all future executions.

Submitted by **Cy King**

Our People

New Members

On Sunday, November 20, CUCC welcomed four new members.

Ruth Clark was baptized in the Episcopal Church. She is interested in social-justice issues – especially concerning the environment. She loves animals and works as a pet sitter and cleans houses. Ruth began attending our church several months ago.

Ken Davis is the husband of Lynn Davis, who joined our church back in September. Ken is interested in helping with our property ministry and

has great handyman skills. He comes to us from the Baptist tradition.

Vivian Hunter has been attending CUCC for quite some time; she attends the Sunday morning Forum before worship. She participates in many women's group activities, and was a part of this past summer's Intergenerational Vacation Bible School.

Sam Johnson has been with us for many years now. Many of you met and been greeted by Sam on Sunday mornings as he served as an usher. Sam will be a part of Deacons Ministry in 2006.

Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or in one of the prayer jars (Narthex or in Pilgrim House.) Our prayers are solicited for **Jo Lemons, Jo Banks, Carolyn King, Al Matthews, Al's grandson Blake, Ruby Lamb, Ed Zschau, Roy Klages, Millie & Americo Scapicchio, Willie Foggie's wife, Nelda, Elvah Lee Mansky, the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe**

We send our condolences to **Anne Moorman-Smith** upon the death November 22 of her father, Chaplain Julian Pierce Moorman. CUCC's choir is making a donation to Hospice in his memory.

Former CUCC member **Lyle Rogers** died recently at the age of 90. He had moved away from Raleigh to Henderson to be near his daughter.

Christmas Memories and Greetings

We heard from former member **Cindy Chalou**, who has pleasant memories of the days she, Bob, and children Becky and Carl would help decorate the sanctuary, narthex tree, outside doors, and the classrooms for Christmas. **You can create pleasant memories on December 17, 9:30 a.m. – noon**, when the decorations for Christmas 2006 will go up. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Congratulations

Erik Burkhardt has a new brother, **Ian Douglas Burkhardt**, born to **Heather and Christopher** on November 18. A rose placed on the communion table November 27 celebrated this new member of the CUCC community.

Sophia Prema Flynn has arrived from New Delhi! Nineteen months old, she is learning some English words, but can use gestures and expressions to make her wishes known to delighted grandparents **Moni and Sharda Sawhney**.

Peg and Mac Hulslander have recently been to Texas to visit their new grandson, born in mid November to their son Todd and his wife.

Church Directory

Add:

Tania Walker and Chris Johnson, and children Ellie, Elizabeth, and Anna, 1095 Vauxhall Dr., Apex, NC 27502, 363-0563, caj1956@yahoo.com

Change:

Marguerite & Fidele Binganisi, 4454 Karlbrook Lane, Raleigh, NC 27616

Everette Noland, 844-4075 (h)

Mary Pickering, 1812 Hillock Dr., Apt. F, Raleigh, NC 27612

12/2/95 – Brodie Keeler
12/8/99 – Ben Cole
12/13/92 – Fidel Vandis
12/19/91 – Anna Roach-Howell
12/22/96 – Katherine Lan Manus
1/6/98 – Caelan Eckard
1/17/94 – David Cookmeyer

Steve and Marcy Halsted were especially thankful for having both children home for Thanksgiving for the first time in years. Steve’s mother also enjoyed the company of her grandchildren !



Betty Anne Ford and **Nancy Newell** received the 2005 Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for personal service from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation at a November 19 ceremony in Greensboro. This award is given to unsung heroes who have responded to unmet community needs, to injustice and inequality, and who have made a difference through their service. Betty Anne and Nancy were recognized for their nearly 20 year’s of work with Loaves and Fishes, the program they founded in 1984. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation provided a grant for startup; the Faith to Focus discernment experience was a major influence in their decision. The year-round program serves children at risk from kindergarten through high school and beyond. The program serves not only the children, but also their families. Betty Anne and Nancy have given leadership selflessly for more than twenty years, and are now enjoying semi-retirement. All of us at CUCC who have been involved with Loaves and Fishes know how richly deserved is this award. CONGRATULATIONS, Betty and Nancy! The N&O published an excellent article, “2 From Raleigh Win State Award,” 11/20/05 in its City and State section. Posted on the CUCC bulletin board, it can be accessed online via the N&O website, www.newsobserver.com

Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth

CUCC Adult Christmas Gathering December 10

The CUCC **Adult** Christmas Party this year will feature food, film, and festivity. The festivity begins at 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall with a wine and cheese social. At 7:30 Geraldine Bryan and I will introduce the “Dreams of Christmas” project that evolved this fall as an outgrowth of Geraldine’s dream-based Christmas narrative. Following that will be the big-screen premiere showing of this new video. At 8:30 after the video, we’ll have cake and coffee and sing a few Christmas carols.

The “Dreams of Christmas” narrative grew out of a series of Christmas stories that Geraldine offered to children (and some adults) last year. At the time I talked with Geraldine about possibly recording or filming the stories, but Geraldine felt encumbered by the challenge of engaging all age groups simultaneously. “I’d really like to do an adult version of the Christmas story,” she said.

This idea marinated over the course of this last summer, and in late August Geraldine and I had a recording session which resulted in a superlative audio narrative of Gerald’s vision. Our intent was to use the results of that recording session to produce an audio CD version of Geraldine’s Christmas narrative. Anyone who knows Geraldine well, however, knows also that the power of her visions is overwhelming. And after she left my house that day, as I re-listened to her narrative, I was overcome by a desire to find visual images which (for me) match the narrative images that she paints so vividly. This led to several days of browsing for images and letting my own imagination run wild. Soon Jo was seduced by the project and began helping, and finally we let Geraldine back in on what we were doing. Which of course opened yet another door as Geraldine began influencing the search.

By this time the project had developed a life of its own, and adding music was inevitable. The result is what it is. It is not the result of any plan. It is not the product of a single mind. Nor do I even know how to describe it since it doesn’t fit a genre of work that I’ve been previously a part of.

But I like it. I like it a lot. We’ll have DVDs available at the party if you want one. Technically, they’re not “for sale,” but we’ll suggest a \$15 donation to CUCC for each DVD, and a \$10 donation for an audio CD. So come planning to have some fun, share food and fellowship, and see what resulted from combining Geraldine’s vision and insight with my left brain perspective and some help from Jo.

Lavon Page

Fellowship Time

We still need people to assist by bring Sunday snacks, making coffee, setting up and/or clean-up afterwards.

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. Questions? Call **Ed Klemmer** at 847-7992.

Community Outreach



Food Bags will be collected on **Sunday, December 4**, and every **first Sunday** of the month.

In the month of November, **18** food bags were delivered to Urban Ministries. This number is far below our goal, so we need to work hard to contribute enough in December to make up for this shortfall! Remember – hunger doesn't take a holiday!

THIS YEAR'S "MARKETPLACE" A BIG SUCCESS!

CUCC members and friends welcomed "Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts". The event, which was held Sunday, November 13, hosted 11 agencies that came and displayed information about their work. These agencies collected over \$3,300 in donations, which made the event very productive for them. The Marketplace Café, which was planned and run by our Youth members, brought in over \$198.

The team that helped plan, organize and manage this year's Marketplace was put together by the Community Outreach Ministry. They were assisted by numerous volunteers. We wish to thank everyone who made this such a successful and positive event for the agencies and for those who attended.

One of the "agencies" at the market was our sister Universal Church of the Twelve Apostles. They ran out of CDs but took orders for donations and will be happy for those not attending Marketplace to call **Fernand Milandu** to get a copy.

The name of the indigenous African "mother" church has been changed; initials are KCC; the English translation is Good New Message Church.

-- **Susan Lane**

The youth also want to thank the congregation for their generous food and monetary donations for the Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts. You are awesome! Thanks also to **Abby Smith, Anna**

Roach-Howell, Angelina DeVito, Sam Alcorn, Jack Alcorn, Austin Osborne-Newman, Sue Rogge, Ron Howell, Jane Smith (big help), and **Suzette Roach** (huge help). It is really wonderful to see a congregation pull together like Community always does. The youth and I GREATLY appreciate all of your support!

--**Toni Maes**

Thanks to the cooks and servers for the **Wright Center** dinner November 20: **Allan and Ellen Beidler, Vandy Bradow, Carol Clark, Sue Cottle, and Sue Rogge**. The crew reported it was a joy to see how the residents appreciated the food. You can share this joy every 3rd Sunday; call **Geri Bowen!**

Wider Community

Loaves and Fishes Chili sales alert!! The dates are January 27th and 28th, 2006 for pickup at Hudson Memorial Church. Please consider ordering meat or veggie chili for \$8.00 per quart in time for the Super-bowl game weekend. More details will follow this ALERT. Info?-- call **Shannon Core**

Community Thanksgiving Service

Pastor Steve was the perfect host as CUCC welcomed the University Park churches to the annual Thanksgiving Eve service. It was a very good crowd: we ran out of the 150 bulletins printed, and collected \$502 for Urban Ministries during the offering! **Doug Barrick** and **Ann Moorman-Smith**

(who had just lost her father the previous day), led the ~40-member combined choirs to an inspirational performance. **Geraldine Bryan's** communion table was a visual feast, the several clergy contributions were memorable, and we enjoyed visiting with our "neighbor" congregations at the reception. **Carolyn King** baked, decorated, and presided at the cider bowl. **Thanks to all** who contributed cookies, sushi, and other noshes, and helped to serve and clean up!

--**Vandy Bradow**

Christmas Eve

5:00 Family Service – similar to last year where babies, children and extended family and friends are all welcome.

11:00 Service – Candlelight, carols, and scripture.

Christmas Sunday Celebration

Since Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, we are making special adjustments on Sunday morning December 25.

There will be a potluck breakfast at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:30 worship. Bring your favorite festive baked goods to share. The church will provide coffee and juice.

During the Christmas morning worship service, we will share Christmas stories or memories.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After Worship, Sunday, January 15

Ministry and Committee reports are due prior to this meeting. Please submit your annual reports to the office no later than January 9

Wider Church

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) reminds us (in UCC News) that the UCC's Southern Region Youth Event will be held June 22-25 at Elon University. More information? Check the website:

www.godsaysitstime.net

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A Month of Sundays

December 4

Second Sunday of
Advent
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study;
10:30 Worship Service
with Communion &
Church School.
Fellowship Time
Lectionary:**
Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2,
8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a;
Mark 1:1-8

December 11

Third Sunday of Advent
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 9:15
Adult Forum & Bible
Study; 10:30 Worship
Service & Church
School;
Lectionary:**
Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126
or Luke 1:47-55;
1 Thess 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18

Fourth Sunday of
Advent
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé with
Communion; 9:15
Adult Forum & Bible
Study;
10:30 Worship Service
featuring the
Children's Christmas
Pageant;
Fellowship Time
Lectionary:**
2 Sam 7:1-11, 16;
Luke 1:47-55 or
Ps 89:1-4, 19-26;
Rom 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

December 25

**Christmas Day
9:30 Potluck Breakfast
10:30 Worship Service
Lectionary:**
Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98;
Heb 1:1-4, (5-12);
John 1:1-14