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Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY CUCC CHURCH COUNCIL OF A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to be held July 10 after 10:30 worship service. Business will be limited to consideration of two resolutions, one on Progressive Churches, and the other on the Iraq war. For more information, see page 8 the CUCC website. (Church Council, 6/27/05)

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Confirmation class trip to Washington D.C. was a great success! The group was composed of the following students: **Elena Briere, Angelina DeVito, Glodie Difuidi, Anna Roach-Howell, and Abby Smith.** Chaperones were **Toni and Roger Manus** with their young daughter **Katherine Lan,** and my wife **Marcy** and I.

We arrived at our host church, Westmoreland UCC in Bethesda on Monday about 3:30 p.m., and because we had a very full schedule of activities, we began soon after. We unloaded our gear and got directions on how to use the mass transit system so we could visit the National Zoo. Using the Metro proved to be a real adventure in strategizing how to get around quickly and keep 10 people together at all times! We didn't have any lost sheep!! The Zoo is fantastic and the highlight seemed to be seeing the Panda. We learned that Pandas eat 50-60 pounds of bamboo each day! We also learned that they are an endangered species and zoos are their best hope for building their population back up. The female at this zoo is thought to be pregnant and there is a lot of excitement about that recent development.

On Tuesday we visited two museums and the D.C. Visitors' Center. The Spy Museum seemed to fascinate everyone with its gadgets and stories of cold war espionage. We were each given a spy

identity and asked to memorize our new identity and keep in character. Not so easy for those of us over 50 and experiencing memory loss! Next we went to the Holocaust Museum. This was a very emotionally moving and challenging experience and some chose to view only the children's' portion of the museum which was suited to a less intense experience and yet still very educational. I found the exhibits to be very well done and expressive of the vast scope of the inhumane actions experienced in the concentration camps. We must continue to keep this painful memory alive to alert the world to its consequences and present-day applications like those in the Sudan. That evening we took a River Boat tour on the Potomac that proved to be relaxing and provided a balance to the intensity of the day.

On Wednesday we awoke early to get to the White House for an 8:15 a.m. tour. It certainly is a grand mansion! We saw the East Wing, filled with many portraits of previous presidents. The Ballroom was impressive with its chandeliers! We saw the sitting room where many foreign leaders are received and the grand dining room where a Vietnamese delegation had met with President Bush the previous day. We were told by a Secret Service agent that there was a huge crowd of protesters outside the White House gates that day. After lunch we visited with Representative Brad Miller on the Capitol steps and each of the students spoke to him about their concern with "Puppy Mills." They asked him to support current legislation that would

regulate conditions and the sale of puppies. We then had our picture taken with Rep. Miller by an official photographer and the tour of the whole Capitol building! While on the tour we saw history in the making as we sat in on a few minutes of Congress in session. Even better than C-Span! We finished our tour by taking the underground passage between the House chamber and the office building of the Representatives to Brad Miller's suite of offices. There we met members of his staff and spoke to them about the "Puppy Mill" legislation. It was a great experience for us all. That evening we were all so tired that we had pizza "in" at the church. But we soon revived enough for a spirited night of games filled with the laughter of a group that had grown and bonded together in new and significant ways!

On Thursday, we finally slept a little later, then packed up for the long trip home. But before we could make our departure, we squeezed in another trip to the zoo to enjoy the animals and experience their uniqueness and diversity and remind us of our need to be good stewards of the creatures of God's Creation!

The final episode of our trip will be a presentation to the Forum when it resumes its schedule after summer's end. In the meantime, when you see any of the students at church, ask them for their thoughts about an experience they will treasure for a lifetime!

Blessings and Peace,

Steve

Note to Members

Emergencies can happen when you're not with a family member, but with a person who knows your church and not your emergency contact. The church is a perfect place to have on file the name of a relative/friend you would like to be your emergency contact. If you would like to send your contact information to the church office, please submit it by phoning (919) 787-6422 or emailing to cucc@ipass.net, or mailing it to 814 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607. Please include your contact's name, phone number, address, and email address. A cell phone number, if available, would be useful.

Church Council

Council met June 27 to hear reports and concerns of the several Ministries. Council decided unanimously to call a **July 10 special meeting of the congregation to address two resolutions, described on page 8**. Owing to the timing with regard to July newsletter production, direct your inquiries on other topics to Council members.

Deacons

On June 5th Rev. Mac Legerton preached on the ethics of how we spend our money. He also conducted communion. The service was videotaped for a documentary series.

Steve will be on vacation July 18 – August 5.

The schedule of preachers for 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services in July is as follows:

July 3 – **Cathy Tamsberg** of Pullen Baptist Church July 10 - Pastor **Steve** Halsted

July 17 – **George Reed**, Executive Director of the N.C. Council of Churches

July 24 – **Rick Edens** of United Church of Chapel Hill UCC

July 31 – **Ann McLaughlin**, CUCC

Pastor Steve reported that on September 4th Vertie Powers, the new ENC Minister, will be preaching. Steve will see **Cally Rogers-Witte** in Atlanta at the UCC General Synod meeting. At this meeting, she will be confirmed in her new position to lead the UCC's Wider Church Ministries. She also will become co-executive of the UCC/Disciples' Global Ministries and a member of the UCC's five-person Collegium of Officers. Steve has invited her to come to Raleigh and preach sometime in the fall of 2005.

Steve has been invited to be the leader of the fall retreat at Blowing Rock, October 16-20. The topic will be "The Environment and the Millenium". He will also be conducting three Pilgrimage Retreats at Franklinton Center: March 3-4, June 16-18 and in September 2006.

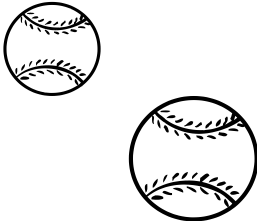
CUCC has provided \$400 to Progressive Churches, composed of 14 liberal churches in Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham and Hillsborough. The group has a website: www.progressivechurches.org

Arts and Worship –The choir is rehearsing on Sunday mornings during the summer. **Anne Moorman-Smith** is taking some time off.

We continue to enjoy **Annette Marsland's** paintings on display on the **Art Wall**.

Memorial/Meditation Garden


Thank you, **Lena Gallitano**, for caring for our garden during the month of June. If you haven't walked through the garden lately, please do! Come early and have a few moments before services, or linger to appreciate the beauty.



Let's Have a Ball!

On Wednesday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m., members of the Deacons Ministry invite you to go with them to see the Carolina Mudcats play. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00PM. and car pool to Five County stadium. If you wish to go, please contact **Robert Parrish** at 616-1606. You need to call by Wednesday, July 20th.

Come and let's have some fun!!



Religious Education

Vacation Bible School News

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 6:30 PM

The 2nd meeting will begin with a pizza dinner and ice cream for dessert!

We will view a short video about Global Climate Change hosted by Cameron Diaz. All ages will

enjoy this uplifting and hopeful video!!

Once again we will have a games time and then we are trying to make arrangements for a Raptor presentation with live birds accompanied by their trainer. Birds are being affected by humans encroachment on their habitat and by climate changes that affect their living habits.

We will close by 8:15 pm. with a song and prayer circle.

Don't forget to bring back your sunflower to show its progress in growth. And even if you missed the 1st VBS session on June 13, **all are welcome to the July 13 and August 13 events!**

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT !!!!!

Church School

The Rotation Church School committee held its annual planning retreat in mid-June. Minutes are available from the CUCC office. The full schedule through May 2006 is planned.

For all the full – and exciting details, see the separate **CUCC Church School newsletter**. **The most recent edition is dated June 2005. If you did not receive this and would like to be included on the distribution list, please contact Jane Smith (787-6559).**

Adult Forum will not meet during July and August. "See you in September," as the song goes!

Sunday Bible Study

The group will meet the Sunday after Labor Day, September 11. We will discuss books we'll study. Everyone is welcome!

Monday Lunch Group

Bring lunch and join us in the Hoffmann Room Mondays at 12:15 p.m. During July the group will repeat its popular series exploring spirituality. Among the choices will be music, dance, poetry, clay imagery, and drumming. In August, each Monday's discussion will be focused on a specific symbol. More information? Call **Geraldine Bryan**.

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.

Retirees Fellowship

Plan to join the retirees this fall for interesting presentations and fellowship. Beginning in September, the group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall.

The Women's Group is now the official name of the group formerly known as "Women's Support Group". Please note that there will be no meeting in July. However, look what August brings!

WOMEN'S POT LUCK!!! COME ONE, COME ALL!!

All women of the church (and female friends) are invited to come with an appetite and something delicious to share. We'll eat, chat and then use the game, "Life Stories", to get women to share tales from their memories.

Thursday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.
Hoffmann Room.

Questions? Call **Geri Bowen**, 781-3068.
Call **Sally Cook** for more information
(467-3642)

Social Justice

See Page 8 for Social Justice resolution to be discussed at the July 10 called CUCC meeting!

On the 4th of every month, a **Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East** is held at a Raleigh Church. On Monday, July 4th at 7 p.m., the Prayer Vigil will be held here at our church. We hope that you will add this to your July 4th holiday plans. The service will be quite short, so you can fit it in between your picnic and watching the fireworks at the State Fair Grounds. These prayer services have been held for over a year now and this is the second time that it will be held at CUCC. It is important to maintain the continuity and it is important for each of us to participate and to pray for peace in a troubled world.

The Haves and the Have Nots

A Christian's Dilemma

I was in Green Hill Mall shopping for designer sheets,
when a homeless child on 8th Avenue whispered,
I have no bed.

I stood at an appliance store comparing consumer reports on microwave ovens,
when a Zambian child wept,
I have no food.

I hired a decorator to remodel my kitchen and to add more cupboards,
when a Cambodian child sobbed,
I have no cup.

I dreamed of building a getaway place, a cabin in the woods, a country place.
Across the water came the cry of a refugee child,
I have no country.

I bought a new big screen TV for a loved one's pleasure,
when a war orphan murmured,
I have no loved one.

From: United Nations Development Programme, "Globalization with a Human Face." P.37 quoted in "In Search of the Good Life," by Rebecca Todd Peters, 2005.

Report on HB 330

Some 70 members and friends of CUCC signed the letter to the House Commerce Committee urging it to support the Living Wage Bill that would have raised the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.15 in 2005, to \$7.15 in 2006 and to \$8.50 in 2007. The bill failed in the House but supporters felt encouraged because this is the first time that the bill has ever made it out of Committee. It is sad that we have to feel good about that little bit of progress but that seems to be the way the legislative process works. Thanks to all of you who signed the letter and thanks for your continuing efforts to bring a little justice to "the least of these."

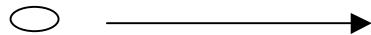
Cy King

Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT CUCC

Yummmmmmmmm! HOT DOG!!
IT's CUCC P2e time!



Not only will we have succulent watermelons, fascinating watermelon facts, a seed spitting contest complete with prizes, and just a rollicking good time, but we are also having lemonade and Nathan's all beef hot dogs with all the fixins on July 3. Everyone is welcome!! Make plans now to enjoy:

Hot dogs and watermelon in the courtyard after services JULY 3

As he has done for many years, **Everette Noland** will provide the melons!



Note: This event is a CUCC fundraiser. While we will not charge for the food or fun, a basket will be available to collect your contributions. Please help us to meet our 2005 budget goals!

Mexican Cornbread Salad

Presented at the June 13th VBS Potluck

By Maria Murray Riemann

(Salad revised from a recipe by Chris Lilly. Cornbread revised from a recipe in The Silver Palette Cookbook; if time is short, just use 4 large corn muffins from your favorite grocery store).

Cornbread:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 cup flour | 1 egg, lightly beaten |
| 1 cup cornmeal | 6 TBsp applesauce |
| 2 ½ TBsp baking powder | 1 ¾ oz. can chopped chiles, drained |
| (yes, Tablespoons) | |

1 cup buttermilk 1/4 t salt

1/3 cup sugar

Grease or spray a 9-10 in. cast iron skillet and put it in a cold oven, preheating to 400°: this way both the oven and the skillet will be hot and ready for the cornbread batter. Combine dry ingredients.

Combine wet ingredients. Add wet to dry, stirring as little as possible until just combined. Pour into hot skillet. Bake 25 min. Cool.

Dressing:

1 pkg. ranch-style dressing mix

8 oz sour cream

1 cup mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients.

Salad:

2 16 oz cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained

3 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

3 large tomatoes, chopped

½ cup green bell pepper, chopped

½ cup green onions, chopped

1 bunch cilantro, chop, chopped

1 ½ cups bacon pieces

1 15 oz can corn, drained

Assembly:

Use a large glass bowl. You will make two layers. Crumble corn bread. Start with ½ of the crumbled cornbread. Over this, layer ½ of all of the salad ingredients as listed above. Finish with ½ of the dressing mixture. Repeat, ending this time with the chopped cilantro sprinkled over the dressing as a garnish. Chill for at least 2 hours.



Our Young People's Birthdays

7/2/01 – Greer Eckard

8/2/87 – Jessica Alcorn

8/14/92 – Glodie Difuidi

8/16/94 – Jackson Kiel

8/19/98 – Amelia Flick

8/25/95 – Anna Hase

8/30/99 – Eva Keeler

8/30/90 – Jack Alcorn

8/30/90 – Sam Alcorn

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, John Little, Ed Zschau, Anne Scott, Pat Young, Kerma Hazel, Millie & Americo Scapicchio and Vandy Bradow's parents, Ida and Roy Klages.**

We join our **Congolese community** and the Universal Church of the Twelve Apostles (EUDA) in praying for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and for the people. We especially pray for EUDA family members still at risk there.

Community Outreach

"whatever you did for one of the least of these . . . you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Will you **DONATE THREE HOURS ONCE A YEAR TO HELP FEED HOMELESS PEOPLE IN WAKE COUNTY?** Will you make one dish to feed 40 and bring it to the church on the third Sunday of a month? Or will you set aside 5:15 – 8:15 PM on a third Sunday to serve the meal at the Helen Wright Center for women in downtown Raleigh? The women at the Center are always very appreciative of the meal. Volunteers are needed to commit to doing this once a year in a particular month. March and October are already taken care of. While both cooks and servers are needed, more people are willing to serve, so if you'd be willing to cook, that's especially helpful. Individuals or groups can volunteer. Each month, three or four cooks and three or four servers are needed. If you feel called to do this, contact **Geri Bowen** at gerihb@earthlink.net or 781-3068.



Food Bags will be collected on **Sunday, July 7**, and every **first Sunday** of the month.

In June our congregation generously contributed **25** emergency food bags. As you know, it is extremely important faithfully to continue our monthly collection because so many children will not receive school lunches during the summer break. Think of your food bag as a real life-saver for families with chronic needs.

Congratulations

Abby Smith's Exploris Middle School team came in 8th out of the 800 teams that competed in the "International Odyssey of the Mind" competition held in Boulder, Colorado in May. Abby's team constructed a balsa wood structure that held up to 1,075 lbs. This turned out to be the fourth most weight in the Middle School division.

The closing ceremony was a sea of color and sound. Abby's team cheered on fellow North Carolinians who placed in the top six of their problems and divisions. It wasn't until the after-parties that the Exploris Team learned that it had placed eighth in the world. Competing against the 48 best teams from 26 states and Poland, Japan and Singapore, they were thrilled to have done so well. Congratulations to Abby and **Coach Gary Smith.**

We congratulate **Jackson Kiel and Carson Roach-Howell** for their work and colorful design of the garden bed in the wooden garden box outside the Vaughan fellowship hall and the classroom. This was a much appreciated summer project for Jackson and Carson. They also created a special CUCC garden stone to go in the box.

Amanda Rae Kepler immediately wowed grandparents, **Carol and Jack.** Amanda was born on June 14. Photos emailed on request!

Ruth and Ed Klemmer celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 25th, exactly 50 years after they were married at Luther Place Memorial Church in Washington, DC. The celebration was held in Princeton, a central location for many of their relatives and friends from their 20 years of living in New Jersey. A tour of the Grounds for Sculpture in Princeton preceded the anniversary dinner.

Margot von Harten will be 75 years "young" on August 26, 2005. On June 21st, she will be spending ten days visiting her family in the New England area. Her latest grandson, Brendan, was born July 3, 2004, to Margot's son, John Harnett, and Sarah Brady Harnett. There will be a family celebration on June 25 and 26 in the Boston suburb of Foxborough, MA, hosted by Brenda Sullivan Morgan of Rhode Island. Her three young children

were “adopted” by Margot when her best childhood friend, Emilie Strube Sullivan, died.

Graduation Time

Jessica Alcorn graduated from William G. Enloe High School on May 29 as a member of the Class of 2005. She plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall. Congratulations Jessica!

Russell Williams graduated with honors from NCSU’s College of Design with a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture. Russell has a job with a Washington, D.C. firm as an intern. We wish you success and will miss you!

Among our summer travelers are **Edith Sylla** and **Marge Eckels**, off to Europe and Asia, respectively. We wish them, and our other peripatetic congregants, Godspeed!

A letter (on bulletin board recently) told of **Beth Rogers-Witte’s** Indonesian NGO relief work.

Thanks

I want to express my gratitude to members of my book club, and others, who have contributed to a tree buffer for the Memorial Garden in memory of my son, Alan. The buffer is planned for the fall.

Marge Eckels

I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers for my family. Dad is improving daily from his stroke. He is speaking more clearly, and his diet has been upgraded to include real ice cream (according to Dad, one of the major food groups!)

Vandy Bradow

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Mary Pickering email: mepickering@bellsouth.net

Change:

Rosa Saavedra’s email: rsaavedra@nc.rr.com

Correction: Lisa Leiser-Banks is a member of the Stewardship Ministry, but at this time **will not be serving as the Chair of the Ministry.**

Contact people in the day-to-day life of CUCC

Office Manager: Carol Clark
(Office hours: 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Monday-Friday)
Moderator, Bill Bryan Treasurer, Mary Pruneau;
Asst. Treasurer, Carol Kepler
Ministry Chairs (vacancies in Religious Education and Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth):
Deacons, Bill Lamb; Stewardship, Bill Bryan (Acting)(Property, Allan Beidler); Social Justice, John Little; Community Outreach, June Bolton.
Organist: Doug Barrick
Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith
Christian Education Director: Anne Bailey Zschau

Wider Community

Sam, Jessica, Jack Alcorn and Austin Osborne-Newman are presently participating in the Appalachian Service Project in Floyd County, Kentucky. We look forward to a report of their experiences this summer with this Christian home-repair ministry serving poor families in rural Appalachia.

Pancake Breakfast needs Attendees and Help

Please remember that the **pancake breakfast** fundraiser for the **Wake Federation of the Blind** is on Saturday, **July 16**. The breakfast will run from 9 until 12 noon in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. **Everyone is invited** to purchase a breakfast for **\$5.00** to help raise funds. **Help is needed in cooking, serving, and cleaning.** If you can help, please call **Robert Parrish** (832-1226).

Volunteers for Haven House This private nonprofit agency has served young people in difficult situations since 1973 (website www.havehouse.org). Opportunities include mentoring and tutoring youth, teaching a one-hour course four times a year (on budgeting, career choices, finding a job, and leadership), and helping to plan holiday events for at-risk youth. For information, call **Melissa Lenzen**, 834-1650 or email mrlenzen@havenhouse.org.

CUCC's called congregational meeting

on **July 10** will address two agenda items only: a resolution to support the progressive churches organization, brought by Moderator Bill Bryan for the Council, and a resolution concerning the war in Iraq, brought by Social Justice Ministry Chair John Little. Preliminary information is provided in this newsletter (see below); more will be available on CUCC's website, www.communityucc.org.

Progressive Churches Unite

As mentioned in previous newsletters, CUCC's Church Council has voted financial support to an advertising campaign by sixteen area churches (listed below) under the banner of "Progressive Churches." Clergy representatives of the churches were brought together initially by Rev. Cathy Tamsberg of Pullen Memorial Baptist, who will be our guest preacher on July 3. Pastor Steve is serving as our representative to the group, which has no affiliation with the national organization of the same name. As Pastor Steve observes, it's hard to find a term that is both descriptive and unique. Ads have run recently in the News and Observer and in the Independent. You will hear more about the work of the churches, currently including:

Raleigh

Community United Church of Christ
North Raleigh United Church of Christ
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh

Durham

Calvary UMC
Imami Metropolitan Community Church
Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Chapel Hill

Binkley Memorial Baptist Church
Chapel Hill Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
The Chapel of the Cross
The Church of Reconciliation(Presbyterian USA)
The Episcopal Church of the Advocate
United Church of Chapel Hill UCC

Cary

Covenant Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Hillsborough

Hillsborough UCC
Get more information at the website, www.progressivechurches.org, CUCC's website, Pastor Steve, and at the July 10 meeting.

The Iraq STEP Resolution

The second resolution for CUCC consideration originated with FCNL, a Society of Friends affiliate. STEP is an acronym for "Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace." The full text is available at www.fcnl.org. Key language reads, "**Therefore, be it resolved** that this congregation holds in our prayers the people of Iraq, the U.S. troops and international troops and humanitarian workers in Iraq, the leaders of Iraq and the United States, and all others affected by this war; Be it also resolved that this congregation calls on the United States Congress to adopt a sense of the Congress resolution declaring: "**It is the policy of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq.**"

Be it also resolved that this congregation will present a copy of this resolution to the members of Congress who represent the district(s) in which the congregation is based;

And be it also resolved that this congregation will send a copy of this resolution to the local media."

Wider Church

Pastor Steve summarizes the events of the Southern Conference meeting he attended:

"At the 40th **Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference UCC** held June 3-5 in Norfolk, new bridges were built toward a brighter future.

Four resolutions were put forth, three of which were strongly supported and passed. They were:

1. A Resolution to Renew the Spirit of Unity in our Conference
2. A Resolution on Getting Our Priorities Right (to find common ground on ministry and mission that we can all support)
3. A Resolution Affirming that Jesus is Lord (meaning head of the church) and we must not forget or lose sight of his teachings)

The fourth resolution, not passed but wisely tabled, was "A Resolution Concerning Marriage" (as between a man and a woman). By rejecting this resolution, the Southern Conference, in the thoughts of Conference Minister Steve Camp, as he expressed them to me, has turned the corner and is ready to cross new bridges and embrace a brighter and better future."

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A Month of Sundays

July 3, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – **9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Rev. Cathy Tamsberg, Guest Preacher; Fellowship Time & Fundraiser (hotdogs and watermelon)**
Lectionary: Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45:10-17 OR Song of Sol 2:8-13 OR Zech 9:9-12; Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – **9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following services**
Lectionary: Gen 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112 OR Isa 55:10-13; Ps 65:(1-8), 9-13; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – **9:00 – 9:30 Taizé with Communion; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; George Reed, Guest Preacher; Fellowship Time**
Lectionary: Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-12, 23-24 OR Wisd of Sol 12:13, 16-19 or Isa 44:6-8; Ps 86:11-17; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – **9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Rev. Rick Edens, Guest Preacher; Fellowship Time**
Lectionary: Gen 29:15-18; Ps 105:1-11; 45b or Ps 128 OR 1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps 119:129-136; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – **9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Ann McLaughlin, Guest Preacher; Fellowship Time**
Lectionary: Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15 OR Isa 55:1-5; Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21