

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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A Word from our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends,

Summertime usually ushers in a time where some people travel north for less humid weather and even those who remain, amid the onset of the hurricane season, look forward to a slower pace of life. Let's face it, when the weather is hot, hot, hot, we are less likely to become highly motivated to complete or even begin new projects. With the coming of each season there is a time of transition as we shift gears from the norm. With Steve Halsted's sabbatical, coupled with his vacation, this summer may seem different from the past few years. During this time we need to remind ourselves that whether we are gathered or scattered, we are One Body of Christ.

God has a way of keeping us on course with opportunities for growth in faith and wisdom. It is comforting to know that at a time of transition it is God's heartbeat that provides us with a steady rhythm. For some people, church life may seem slower than usual, but in actuality for those involved in leadership roles, ministry is ongoing. We are grateful for the time and efforts of many people who are able to maintain the ministries of this church and move the church forward with consistency and passion.

So, this summer, please take note of the various ways you can participate in the life of our congregation. In doing so, may your human spirit become refreshed in a way that is in accordance to the uniqueness of every person. Let us remember those who are traveling or have been transplanted to other places. May they become inspired and refreshed as we look forward to their return. Finally, let us pray for the church events happening in June at UCC General Synod in Hartford, CT, and the Southern Conference Annual meeting in Elon, NC where people are gathering as UCC celebrates its 50th Anniversary. On June 24th, in our faith community, may we celebrate this anniversary by remembering that whether we are gathered or scattered, we are One in the Spirit.

Blessings and Peace

Nancy Callaham

Summer Office Hours

During June, July and August, while Steve Halsted is on Sabbatical, interim **Nancy Callaham** will be at the church on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am – 1 pm. In an emergency, please leave a message at the church (787-6422) or phone her at 859-2861. Carol Clark's office hours will remain the same: M – F 9am – 1pm. **Robert Parrish** will assist Nancy in responding to congregational needs.

Church Council

Community United Church of Christ Congregational Meeting May 20, 2007

John Little, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Steve Halsted** opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved (motion by **Vandy Bradow**, seconded by **Sam Johnson**, passed without dissent).

Gary Smith, Tom Young, and Grady McCallie made a presentation for the Social Justice and Community Outreach ministries on “Justice in a Changing Climate: A proposal for discernment and action.” They first addressed the question: Is God calling CUCC into leadership? Gary reviewed the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that have been issued this year, indicating that climate change caused by human activities is occurring. The ill effects of climate change, moreover, will disproportionately affect the poor who are least able to adapt. Many Bible texts give humans stewardship over nature and condemn those who oppress the poor.

The members of CUCC as a congregation can undergo a process of learning about climate change, can change the ways the church operates to begin a process of becoming more green, and can take a leadership role together with other faith communities. Every ministry in the congregation might take part in this focus, with each ministry determining the ways that it might want to participate. On a rough timeline, planning for the

focus would begin this summer with a broadly-based steering committee. Long-term planning would begin in September: speakers would be invited for an in-house learning process on global warming and its impact on humans with varying resources. CUCC would host a “Becoming a Greener Congregation” community event in Lent 2008.

At the end of the presentation, **Mac Hulslander** moved and **Roger Manus** seconded the following motion:

That CUCC take as a congregational focus for the near future “Justice in a changing climate.” That we lead by learning and acting. In particular, that we educate ourselves; change our practices; and provide an interfaith religious focal point and leadership on climate change and advocacy.

The process that led to this proposal was connected to earlier discussions by the Church Council and by earlier Congregational meetings of how the Congregation might best use the Helen Brown bequest of \$50,000. In earlier discussions, a preliminary division of the bequest was made into \$30,000 for the property ministry (“God’s House”), with, \$10,000 for the Social Justice and Community Outreach ministries and \$10,000 for educational activities, including speakers. The current proposal is related to the \$10,000 for the Social Justice and Community Outreach ministries. Some of the actions that might be taken within the church for energy efficiency might mesh with expenditures by the property ministry. Certain changes to the building might be expensive, but other changes, such as adjusting thermostats, might save money.

At earlier meetings a suggested congregational focus was “elder justice.” Several actions have been already been taken in this direction. However, there seems to be more enthusiasm within the congregation for the climate change focus than for the elder justice focus. **Roger Manus**, who was one of the members working on the “elder justice” focus, said that he was now willing to support the environmental justice focus, which didn’t necessarily mean that actions related to elder justice would not continue – in fact, the two concerns might in many cases be integrated. **Robert Parrish** commented that Steve Halsted’s sermons and

leadership have prepared the congregation for this decision and that this is the right time to go forward.

After further discussion the question was called and the vote was taken. The motion was passed without dissent.

The moderator then opened the floor to any other new business, but none was forthcoming.

-- Submitted by **Edith Sylla**, acting secretary

A CALL TO SERVE: CHURCH CLERK **IMMEDIATE NEED**

Please prayerfully consider filling the vacancy of church clerk. Responsibilities: taking minutes of Church Council meetings and Congregational meetings and submitting them to the church secretary.

Contact **Jeanne Ledbetter** at 851-8824 or the church office. Thank you!

Deacons

The Deacons met on May 10, 2007.

Attending: **Sam Johnson, Steve Halsted, Roger Manus, Ann McLaughlin, Margaret Osborne, and Edith Sylla.**

Ushers – **Edith Sylla** brought up the issue of greeters. It was decided that the ushers should try to serve as greeters during the summer. Since **Michael Hebert** distributes the bulletin, the usher should have some time to do the greeting. If there is a new person coming in, they might be told of the church web site, the literature rack, the location of the restrooms, etc.

Ursula Schmitt-Pridik will be in Raleigh September 25 – October 7. It was agreed that she will preach on September 30. On October 7, Steve will be preaching at Pullen Baptist and the preacher from Millbrook Baptist will be preaching at CUCC as part of a pulpit exchange on World Communion Sunday.

Caring Committee – Steve reported on the individuals of special concern to the committee. After the memorial service for **Kay Cope**, her ashes were interred in the memorial garden next to her husband's ashes.

Dani Sandor is our new person to replace Toni Maes in the nursery.

Steve has been working with the youth and in particular with the Journey class. They had a retreat at Haw River State Park on May 4-5. Saturday, May 12, the Journey class will be working on making the basement of the Pilgrim House suitable for youth activities. On May 20, the children and youth will be helping with worship. **Gary Smith** will do the children's message and the children will read the Bible.

On June 3, **Suzette Roach** will finish as head of the Sunday School and **Heather Burkhardt** will take over as head. **Anne Bailey Zschau** will be recognized for her work.

On June 24, when the 50th anniversary of the UCC is celebrated at the synod in Hartford, **Nancy Callaham** will plan a commemoration at CUCC. **N'Sumbu Puati** will be preaching.

There was a discussion of the church covenant and of the possibility of writing a separate mission statement for some particular near term focus. The consensus was that we didn't want to change the existing covenant now.

-- Taken from minutes submitted by **Edith Sylla.**

The Deacons met on June 14, 2007.

Attending: Jo Perry, Sam Johnson, Edith Sylla, Robert Parrish, Ann McLaughlin, Nancy Callaham, Margaret Osborne, Jim Smith

Summer Youth Group Leader – Deacons voted to hire **Andrew Johnson**. This is a summer position for adult leader of the junior and high school youth groups, which currently serve a maximum of 14 children. The Deacons strongly encourage the Christian Ed leadership to engage the Deacons prior to any hiring decisions in planning for a permanent leader.

Representative on the Climate Initiative Steering Committee – **Jim Smith** is interested. **Edith Sylla** is also interested as an alternate.

Kay Cope's Plaque. Kay Cope's family is requesting a peace plaque honoring her. Sam will look at that issue more carefully.

Arts in Worship. Needs more thought and

exploration on what to hang on the “art wall” in the church.

Caring Committee. Is planning a caring seminar on how to be a caregiver.

Interim Pastor’s Report.

- Nancy visited Ruby Lamb. Nancy and Sue Rogge visited Lisa Marsh. Nancy has been in contact with all folks in the church who expressed a need for TLC.

- Pastor Puati is going to preach on June 24. Nancy will serve as worship leader on June 24, which is the **50th anniversary of the UCC**. There will also be a celebration for General Synod on that day – Steve will attend.

Submitted by **Jo Perry**

Arts in Worship

Thank you to **Linda Baker** for displaying her “Finding Nemo” quilt on the Art Wall. The quilt pattern is called "One Block Wonder" because all of the blocks are the same (hexagons), and all made from one fabric, but present a unique result when all the blocks are sewn together in an artistic presentation. Linda would be happy to explain how a “One Block Wonder” quilt is made.

Stewardship

On Saturday May 19, the church resounded with raucous chuckles and belly-laugh. This was our ‘annual’ Auction fundraiser and drew a lively crowd that emptied the room of the silent auction and the biddable items by 9:00 pm, an unheard of feat for this church.

Thanks to our irrepressible auctioneer, **Karen Haley**, and doubly irrepressible **Lisa Leiser-Banks**, we earned over \$5,600 for the church’s general fund. Everything from paintings to pottery, dinners to parties, and plants and birdbaths went to the highest bidders. It was absolutely delightful.

We would like to thank the wonderful group, many from the Stewardship Committee that made this occasion so great-----**Karen Haley, Grady McCallie, Fawn Pattison, Geri Bowen, Lisa and Richard Leiser-Banks, Joan Little, Vivian Hunter, Mary Pruneau, Skip and Nancy Stoddard, Lavon Page and Vandy Bradow.** And,

thanks to the person who kept us all organized and on track, **Carol Clark**. We all look forward to a year’s worth of enjoyment and fun thanks to the ongoing parties that came out of this lovely evening.

Skip Stoddard has agreed to be Stewardship’s representative on the Climate Initiative Steering Committee.

Submitted by **Carol Kepler**

Religious Education

Adult Forum

The Forum will not meet in June, July or August.

Dogma, Doctrine, and Creeds

The final **Forum** session of the semester was a spirited discussion of: “Dogma, Doctrine, and Creeds: What Do These Have to Do with Us?” led by our own **Dr. Lavon Page**. Lavon used an interview with Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, a compiler and historian of creeds, as a basis for the discussion. The question was asked: “What creeds have been important for CUCC?” No one, not even the gray heads, could remember any creeds, Apostle’s, Nicene, or others being part of the worship at CUCC or old United Church.

In 1959, however, the General Synod of UCC adopted the “UCC Statement of Faith” that is contained in the back of the New Century Hymnal and from time to time it is read in unison as part of our morning worship service. If not a creed, this “Statement of Faith” is a pretty good substitute for one and touches most of the points contained in other creeds.

A look back at history reveals that fifty and more years ago we did not have a creed but we had “Our Aspiration,” that was printed in the Bulletin each week and that was frequently read in unison by the congregation. It still has considerable meaning for many of us.

Our Aspiration

United in our spiritual quest, we of the United Church find inspiration in the heritage of our common faiths. We believe that our lives, both collective and individual, must be guided by the law of love as revealed in Jesus Christ and as interpreted in the light of modern knowledge.

The inescapable demands of Christianity challenge us to mold our society after the pattern of the kingdom of God. This means a complete commitment on our part in building a more Christian world wherein the forces of war, racial injustice and exploitation will be steadily diminished. The religious resources for this task are found in the worship of God and the service of man (sic.).

We receive an added impetus by coupling the prophetic zeal and apostolic sympathy of the Congregational Christians with the ethical rigour and the "Inner Light" of the Friends. Anyone sharing these convictions is cordially welcomed to our fellowship, for the simplicity of our credo is matched only by its sincerity.

-- Submitted by **Cy King**, For the Forum Committee

Nursery News

The children of the nursery have a new playmate. **Dani Sandor**, CUCC's newest staff member, has been working as the Nursery Coordinator since May. She provides our littlest members with nurturing, love, and care so parents are able to attend church service worry free. Her gifts of enthusiasm and tenderness make her a great fit for the job. Dani works full time at the Home Depot in Apex and lives in Garner. She moved to North Carolina several years ago from her native Connecticut. Having Dani in the nursery provides our infants and toddlers with the consistent and professional supervision they need.

Please stop by the nursery and meet Dani, if you haven't already. WELCOME, Dani!

Church School

June 3 the Church School celebrated the end of their school year!! A well-attended Hot Dog Cookout was held after church to celebrate the occasion. The older youth decorated the Vaughan fellowship hall with festive seaside decorations, provided by **Suzette Roach**. On May 20th, the Church School gave their official THANK YOUs to the congregation during Sunday service. They personally thanked all the teachers, field trippers, volunteers, and parents and presented them with

thoughtful gifts. Again thank you to everyone who may our 2006-07 church school year great!



Youth Summer Schedule

Get out your family calendar and mark the dates when Journey and Friends get together this summer! For more information about what to bring and whether FOOD is involved, check the schedule coming in the mail this week.

Pilgrim House Workdays

(after we worship together at the Taize' service)

Sunday, June 24

Sunday, July 15

Sunday, August 5

RSVP to **Jane Smith** two weeks ahead

Visiting Other Congregations (call **Suzette Roach** or **Judy Kiel** so they know to look for you)

July 8 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh

July 29 our Congolese friends

Aug. 12 Christ Church (Miss Anne Bailey's church)

Party after worship!!!

July 8 (Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest)

August 19 (End of Summer celebration)

Andrew Johnson has been hired as our Youth Group leader for the summer.

Sunday Morning Audio Learning Course **An Adult Christian Education Summer Program: Encountering the Wisdom Jesus**

Have you "met Jesus again for the first time"? Many of our favorite Christian writers and teachers—Marcus Borg, Barbara Brown Taylor, Elaine Pagels, to name a few--have encouraged us to understand Jesus in new and challenging ways

over the past several years. Inspired by scholarly inquiries into ancient texts as well as intellectual and social movements skeptical of traditional Christianity, they articulate an emerging vision of what it means to be a Christian. What Jesus taught is at the heart of this emerging vision.

Join us this summer as we listen to “Encountering the Wisdom Jesus,” an audio learning course by Cynthia Bourgeault, Episcopal priest and retreat leader. Bourgeault presents a surprising and provocative interpretation of Jesus’ teaching stories, sayings, and his death and resurrection. She also encourages us to take up core practices of early Christians, such as contemplative prayer and lectio divina, to learn to embody Jesus’ teaching.

We will meet weekly on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Bradow Room to listen to and discuss sessions of this audio course. Feel free to come whenever you are able: no need to read anything to prepare. **Ellen Beidler** will facilitate and post notes for each session on the CUCC website to help you catch up with the discussion.

-- Submitted by **Ellen Beidler**

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. Bring a bag supper. More information? Call **Mike Schafale**, 567-1098.

Saturday Men’s Group

The group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the library. The Saturday Men’s Group book for reading and discussion for now and July is “The Parliament of Man” now and for most of July. For more information, call **Ed Klemmer**, 847-7992.

Monday Lunch Group

Bring lunch and join us in the Hoffmann Room Mondays at 12:15 p.m. In June **Edith Sylla** is leading the discussion on “The Not So Big Life” book by Sarah Susanka. In July, **Vandy Bradow** will lead the program and discussion on “Credo”.

Property

We have new **Champion sliding glass doors** in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall! They should provide greater energy-efficiency and comfort.

Our fallen tree behind the Pilgrim House has now been removed as has the “leaning” remains of the tree hanging over a neighbor’s yard.

Memorial/Meditation Garden

Our thanks to **Heather and Chris Burkhart** for tending our garden in May.

Caretakers for upcoming months:

June – **Ann and Joe Retzer**.

July – **Skip and Nancy Stoddard**

August – **Catherine Fairbanks**

September – **Sam Johnson**

October – **Grady McCallie & Fawn Pattison**

If you are interested in keeping our garden in its supreme glory, please contact **Peg** to volunteer for a month in the future, 833-7203.

Guidelines for upkeep tasks of the garden are in the office and will be mailed to those who volunteer.

Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth



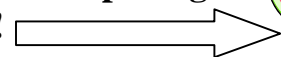
Fifth Annual P2e

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT CUCC

Make plans now to enjoy:

Hot dogs and watermelon in
the courtyard after services
JULY 8

**You may want to start
practicing your seed-spitting
technique now!**



Retirees Fellowship – The Retirees will not meet during the summer.

Links to both blogs are on the front page of the CUCC web site www.communityucc.org.

There are three steps you should take in order to be part of this blog community.

- Visit the blogs (by clicking the links to the blogs found on the church web site)
- Check the blogs a couple of times a week for new information (for example, do this when you're checking your e-mail)
- If you want to contribute information to one of the blogs, send the information to **Lavon Page** or (better yet) contact Lavon and tell him you'd like to become a contributor to the blog. This will allow you to post information yourself.

by **Lavon Page**

Social Justice

Justice in a Changing Climate, a new ministry focus for CUCC

At its regularly scheduled meeting in May, the congregation adopted the following resolution:

“That CUCC take as a congregational focus for the near future “Justice in a Changing Climate.” That we lead by learning and acting. In particular, that we educate ourselves; change our practices; and provide an interfaith religious focal point and leadership on climate change and advocacy.”

The text of the presentation leading to this resolution, entitled “Justice in a Changing Climate”, is available on the CUCC website (<http://www.communityucc.org/events/climate/index.html>). Hard copies are in the Narthex.

The implementation of the actions called for in the resolution will be guided by a Steering Committee composed of representatives from each CUCC Ministry (and one at-large member) who will have its initial meeting in June. Please indicate your interest to participate in this important committee to your ministry head or Moderator **John Little**.

Your personal thoughts about and interest in this vital subject are welcomed and should be directed to Moderator **John Little**

The next **Sisters in Spirit (SIS)** meeting will be a festive summer potluck on Thursday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hoffmann room! **Geri Bowen** is in charge and “sets a beautiful table” for fun and fellowship. All women are invited and can call Geri at 781-3068 for more details. Help will be needed for set-up and clean-up.

Communications

Two New CUCC Blogs

Two new blogs have been introduced as part of the CUCC web site to improve internal communications among members and friends. (“Blog” is an abbreviation for “weblog,” and are the most common tools on the Internet for group communications. A blog is a website to which you can post information by simply typing it into your web browser.)

The **CUCC News and Chat blog** is an additional means of fostering communications among members. It supplements the three existing communication tools: (1) printed newsletter, (2) CUCC website (which includes online newsletter), and (3) e-mail. This blog fills in a gap which is not well addressed by any of these three tools.

The address of the blog is <http://cuccinfo.blogspot.com/>, and its primary functions will be:

- Posting by members of time sensitive news in cases where the information is appropriate for a large number of CUCC members and friends.
- Posting of commentary or opinion pieces or other information for sharing with CUCC folks.

There's also a new blog dedicated to the Global Climate Initiative approved at the Congregational Meeting on May 20. See the CUCC web site for more information on the Climate Initiative and on the blog which is located at <http://cuccglobal.blogspot.com>.

exactly 45 seconds and reaching an altitude of 850 feet. The Enloe team's egg stayed aloft for 42.45

seconds reaching 849 feet. Austin's team was one of 690 from 48 states and DC that entered the challenge and one of only 100 who were invited to attend the national competition. Go to http://www.aia-aerospace.org/aianews/features/team_america/ to see his scores and photos and to learn more about what he had to do to achieve this victory!

Austin **ALSO** competed on Enloe's Environthon team (Environmental Science), which finished third among 50 regional finalists in the state Environmental Science competition on April 28th.

The Steering Committee:

The Committee's initial responsibility will be to encourage participation by, and to solicit thoughts about the Justice in a Changing Climate challenge

from, the entire congregation. In order to accomplish these objectives, the Committee will devise ways to communicate the initiative to the

congregation via website, Newsletter, Ministry Moments, flyers, etc.

Using the ideas accumulated from this initial phase, the Committee will develop plans for educating the congregation on justice and climate change, and then on to the rest of the action items in the resolution.

As we progress into action steps, which require financial support, the Committee will come to the Council for "withdrawals" from the Brown bequest. Such "withdrawals" will be announced to, and celebrated by, the congregation.

Term of service is one year (the current term of the focus), with an option to continue.


Submitted by **Gary Smith**

Our People

Prayer Requests

Please write your 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, Al Matthews, Ruby Lamb, Lisa Marsh, Mamie Scott, Geri Bowen's mother, Nancy Cross' cousins Carolyn and Jean, the family of Bill Bradow, David Ledbetter's father, Bill, June Bolton, Scottie Bell, Bobby Barnes, Rhonda Zingraff & Charlie Thomas, Dawn Pickett, Kerma Hazel, Joan Little, people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.**

Congratulations to Austin Osborne-Newman whose team at Enloe High School finished third in the nation at the Team America Rocketry Challenge! This year's challenge was to design, build, and fly a model rocket carrying a raw egg and return it safely to the ground while staying aloft for



Our Young Peoples' Birthdays

6/1/00 – Cammy Riemann
6/4/97 – Isaac Milandu
6/12/93 – Angelina DeVito
6/13/95 – Carson Roach-Howell
6/16/98 – Samuel Dubois
6/24/95 – Jonny Cookmeyer
6/27/97 – Colleen Barrick
7/2/01 – Greer Eckard
7/16/01 – Teresa Eiselt
7/26/90 – Jessica Davis
7/30/04 – Franziska Eiselt

Congratulations to Bert and Ashley Lamb who wed on June 2, 2007 in Etna, New Hampshire. Their contact information is Bert and Ashley Lamb, 1028 Broadway, Apt. 1, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143, (617) 616-7966, alamb@pobox.com.

Church Directory

Change: Catherine Fairbanks, 904 Fairlong Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587

Community Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing

The final OGHS offering totaled \$5,192.05. WOW! Congratulations to all who were a part of this effort, with special thanks to **Geri Bowen & Jeanne Ledbetter**.

CUCC's AGENCY OF THE MONTH

The Community Outreach Ministry has initiated a program through which the nonprofit agencies that CUCC supports with its treasure and the talents of its members are identified and celebrated. Each month an agency will be selected as the CUCC Agency of the Month. The agency will be introduced with a Mission Moment, with a bulletin board display, and with a Newsletter article. The agency to be honored as the CUCC Agency of the Month is – **The Women's Center of Wake County**

The Center is located at 128 E. Hargett Street, Suite 10. Its Mission Statement is the empowerment of women to lead self-directed lives, to realize economic viability, to enjoy satisfying relationships, and to strengthen their participation in their community. They support "women helping women to help themselves."

Their clients are single women and women with children, 70% of whom have chronic mental health issues, 50% who are homeless, and 45% who are at risk of becoming homeless.

A variety of services are offered to meet the objectives of their mission statement. These include **Supportive Services** which concentrate on financial assistance, legal information, HIV testing, information on safe sexual practices, a greeting card program which employs clients with disabilities, and Abbeygail's Closet, a thrift boutique which also offers employment.

Basic Needs Services provides day shelter with a light breakfast, emergency food and food referrals, lunch (2 days per week), bus tickets, clothing and lockers, personal care/hygiene items.

Housing Services include affordable rentals in property purchased by the Center. Support services are offered to ensure stability, and follow-up is maintained for the first year with clients in

permanent housing. A housing specialist assists clients in locating and securing affordable housing.

There are many ways you can keep these vital services going. See the CUCC bulletin board or consult www.wcwc.org.

Of particular interest to CUCCer's is that Phyllis Tyler, known to many old-times, started the Women's Center.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR BY BRINGING FOOD BAGS!



For the second month in a row our congregation has surpassed its goal of 25 emergency food bags per month! In **May** we contributed **26**, a goodly number. Thanks to all who helped to achieve this level of giving. In **June** our emergency food bag donations fell off to **18**. Urban Ministries is grateful for our faithfulness. Please remember that during the summer months, eligible children do not have access to school breakfast or lunch. Therefore food bags are more needed than usual. Hunger doesn't take a holiday! Keep the commitment during the summer months.

Food bags are due **July 1** and every first Sunday of the month.

Submitted by **Marge Eckels**

Wider Church

Southern Conference Calendar:

Mailing address for the new location of the Southern Conference is 252-B West Fifth Street, Burlington, North Carolina 27215. All telephone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same.

- June 21-26 : Youth Bus Trip to General Synod 26, Hartford, CT (Contact Franklinton Center or Conference Office)
- June 22-26 : General Synod 26 meets in Hartford, CT.

“There It Lay Gone”

Forty four years ago when **Mwangi Mathai** (aka Andrew) of Nairobi, Kenya was a student at Shaw he attended United Church on the corner of Hillsborough and Dawson Streets. But when he went looking for it several weeks ago, “there it lay gone”, replaced by a parking lot. But a helpful nun at Sacred Heart Cathedral helped him search the telephone directory and together they determined that he was now looking for Community United Church of Christ on the corner of Wade Avenue and Dixie Trail. Mwangi, now Chairman of Kirloskar Kenya Ltd., walked from the downtown Clarion Hotel, where he was staying, to our church office. He found **Carol Clark** and explained to her that he was in Raleigh on vacation and that he wanted to reestablish contact with the church that had supported him financially and spiritually forty-four years ago. He showed her a tattered handwritten letter that he had received from **Dr. Richard A. King**, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons and a crumbling directory of the church membership from 1962. He told her that every week the church would give him money that enabled him to continue his studies at Shaw and at N.C. State College, as it was then known.

The next Sunday Mwangi attended our Forum and worship service and after being introduced in church presented a beautiful plaque to the church expressing his appreciation of the church’s support forty four years ago. Several members of the congregation had lunch with him and two of his delightful sons who are studying in Philadelphia.

Among other interesting things that we learned about Mwangi was that his former wife, and the mother of the two boys we met, is Wangari Maathai, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work with the “Green Belt Movement,” (planting trees in Kenya and other African countries.)

How wonderful it was to have a visit from a successful business man and former member of Kenya’s Parliament who remembers our church so fondly.

Submitted by **Cy King**

DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS AT CUCC

Pastor: Rev, Steve Halsted

Office Manager: Carol Clark

(Office hours: 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Monday-Friday)

Moderator: John Little

Treasurer: Mary Pruneau

Asst. Treasurer: Carol Kepler

Clerk: vacant

Ministry Chairs:

Deacons: Sam Johnson

Welcome, Fellowship, and Growth: Vacant

Stewardship: Carol Kepler, Interim chair

Property: David Ledbetter, Allan Beidler Jan.-June, and Joan McAllister July-Dec.

Religious Education: Marty Lamb

Social Justice: Gary Smith

Community Outreach: Tom Young

Organist: Doug Barrick

Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith

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July 23rd.

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1 ½ Months of Sundays

June 24 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship & Church School, N'Sumbu Puati preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Ps 42 and 43 OR Isa 65:1-9; Ps 22:19-28; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

July 1 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service (with Communion) & Church School, Nancy Callaham preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps 77:1-2, 11-20 OR 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 8 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship with Communion) & Church School, Sue Rogge preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 30 OR Isa 66:10-14, 19-21; Ps 66:1-9; Gal 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 15 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé with Communion; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School, Hunter Thompson preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: Amos 7:7-17; Ps 82 OR Deut 30:9-14; Ps 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 22 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School, Robert Parrish preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: Amos 8:1-12; Ps 52 OR Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 29 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School, Hunter Thompson preaching; Fellowship Time**

Lectionary: Hos 1:2-10; Ps 85 OR Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13