

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we move through the season of Lent our approach is often to emphasize the sacrificial nature of the life and ministry of Jesus. This leads many people to make personal sacrifices like taking up fasting from certain foods or at certain times in order to more closely identify with Jesus. A new idea suited to the times we live in is calling for a "Fast from Carbon," that is, to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide you put into the atmosphere. To learn more and to participate you can pick up a "Prayer/Action Guide" on the table at the rear of the sanctuary or get one from the church office.

To balance our fasting, Lent can also be a time of feasting! Read below a little piece I came across in the church newsletter from our former pastor Dave Barber. It counsels:

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.
FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.
FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.
FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.
FAST from unrelenting pressures; FEAST on unceasing prayer.
FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.
FAST from personal anxiety; FEAST on eternal promises and truth.
FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on purposeful silence;
FAST from problems that overwhelm; FEAST on prayer that sustains.

Blessings and Peace,

Steve

Church Council

The CUCC Church Council met February 19; attending were Moderator John Little, Pastor Steve Halsted, Clerk Pat Young, Immediate Past Moderator Vandy Bradow, and chairs of Ministries: Allan Beidler (Property), Sam Johnson (Deacons), Carol Kepler (Stewardship), Marty Lamb (Religious Education), Gary Smith (Social Justice), and Tom Young (Community Outreach). Welcome, Fellowship and Growth was not represented.

The Council heard and approved minutes and the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Pruneau noted that a printout of expenses, or a listing of checks paid, is available on request at any time. Ministries briefed Council on recent and upcoming activities; highlighted below:

*Deacons firmed up plans for Steve's 3-month absence this summer. Nancy Callaham, assisted by Robert Parrish, will be responsible for day-to-day operations and pastoral care. Preaching will be supplied by the same, plus others (e.g. Anne McLaughlin, Hunter Thompson, N'Sumbu Puati, Maggie Stoddard, Sue Rogge). Committee representation for Caring, Ushers, Arts & Worship, Sacraments & Chancel, will be Robert Parrish, Edith Sylla, Nancy Callaham, and Mac Hulslander, respectively.

*Community Outreach (COM) advised that Marketplace will be at CUCC in 2007; observers from Fairmont and Pullen will participate. Interact will be the first "Agency of the Month" featured from the list of CUCC's financially supported organizations.

*Social Justice meets later in the week and will be discussing the Brown bequest.

*Stewardship is discussing various approaches including planned giving, building up the capital reserve fund, being more intentional re maintenance planning, and the auction.

*Religious Education reported that Youth and Children's Education and Adult Education have both met. They discussed various proposals including a 4 p.m. faith practices seminar with

supper to follow, and possibly continuing the Friday film series.

*Property has set CUCC Work Days for March 31 and November 17 (9 a.m.-noon) and is actively planning for pew upholstering. They are also reviewing service agreements for cleaning and grounds maintenance. *Ad hoc* committees are to update sanctuary lighting estimates, and replacing Vaughan Fellowship Hall sliding doors. A list of building and grounds needs will be presented at March Council.

*In other business, Council agreed that:

- > Plans for the Brown bequest should proceed at a deliberate speed. Social Justice will discuss it at the next meeting. This will be followed by a joint meeting of Social Justice and Community Outreach.
- > Budget information and ministry reports will be provided to the congregation prior to next January's first annual meeting. Submission deadlines will be moved up.
- > Lavon Page's proposal and offer to assemble two updated audiovisual carts is agreed to and expenditure of \$600 for the projector was approved. The carts will be stored in the closed room adjacent to Vaughan Fellowship Hall and a lockable metal cabinet will be procured for projector storage.
- > John Little's proposal to open the sanctuary for silent prayer from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. every Monday during Lent was approved.
- > Recurring Ministry meetings dates established to date:

Council – Third Mondays, 7 p.m., Pilgrim
Deacons – Second Thursday, 7 p.m., Pilgrim
Community Outreach – Second Tuesdays,
6:45 p.m., Pilgrim House
Social Justice – Second Wednesdays, 7 p.m.,
2712 Lochmore (G. Smith).

Submitted by **Vandy Bradow**
Immediate Past Moderator

Deacons

The Deacons met February 8, 2007

A Vice-Chair is to be named. In 2007, the Deacons will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. The next Deacons meeting will be March 8.

March 4: Steve will be in Indiana at a UCC Outdoor Ministry Conference (March 2-6). In his absence Hunter Thompson will be preaching and Sue Rogge will be worship leader.

Steve will be taking his Sabbatical next summer from May 31 to August 27. During this time period, he will also be taking vacation and study leave time. **Nancy Callaham**, assisted by **Robert Parrish**, will be responsible for day-to-day operations and pastoral care. Preaching will be supplied by the same, plus others (e.g. **Anne McLaughlin, Hunter Thompson, Nsumbu Puati, Maggie Stoddard, Sue Rogge**). Committee representation for Caring, Ushers, Arts & Worship, Sacraments & Chancel, will be **Robert Parrish, Edith Sylla, Nancy Callaham, and Mac Hulslander**, respectively.

Summer Planning

An outline of pastoral responsibilities during Steve's sabbatical has been approved by the deacons.

June Preaching Schedule

Nancy Callaham is giving the sermon the first week, **Robert Parrish** the second, and **Ann McLaughlin** the third.

Office Coverage Carol Clark will have 4 weeks of vacation, but plans no extended leave during Steve's sabbatical. Plans to cover office duties includes having volunteers to be in the office if needed.

Ushers – No work has been done on the hearing aids for the sanctuary. Edith asked what we need to do to get greeters active. Greeters are part of the Fellowship and Growth ministry. Edith will talk to Sue Rogge, who is in charge of that ministry.

Pastoral Report.

- NC Interfaith Power and Light has put out a Lenten program on "Fast from Carbon." Copies are available on the table in back of

the sanctuary. Electronic access is available through NC Council of Churches.

- March 2 – March 6. Steve will be at the Outdoor Ministries conference in Indiana.
- General Synod. Steve will attend. It will be held in Hartford, Connecticut, starting June 22. Anyone from the congregation can go as guests.

Blessing of the Animals service. April 22. Peg and Mac Hulslander have been planning. Deacons suggested this be held late afternoon (after the Congolese service has concluded).

Submitted by **Jo Perry**

2007 Lenten Activities [Move near calendar?????](#)

Lent began on Wednesday February 21 with an Ash Wednesday Taizé style service in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars ahead for a special Maundy Thursday service on April 5 at 7 p.m. Easter is April 8 and we will once again hold a sunrise service at Fletcher Park, along with our friends from Fairmont United Methodist and West Raleigh Presbyterian.

For Lenten study Steve will offer a continuation of the Bible 101 that was offered last fall. New attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend. Class began Sunday February 25 and will continue each Sunday through March. It will start at 6 p.m. with a meal and end at 7:30 p.m.

For Lenten reflection we will hold three Friday movie nights on March 2, 16 and 30, each at 7 p.m. in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. The movies will be: 1.) Desperate Crossing about the Pilgrims move to the New World seeking religious freedom, 2.) The Mission starring Robert DeNiro as a reformed slave trader, set in 18th Century South America. 3.) Brother Sun, Sister Moon about the life of St. Francis of Assisi with beautiful scenes of Umbria, Italy. Should you need child care, let the office know one week in advance!

Stewardship

Think Auction!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Stewardship Ministry wants to give you a 'heads-up' on plans for our favorite fundraiser for the church. We would love for all of you to:

– SAVE THE DATE...Saturday evening on May 19 for a truly fun evening.

– Think about all the wonderful things that you would like to auction off, parties that you can give or simply opportunities to get to know your friends better.

– Bring lots of money!!

MORE LATER.....

Religious Education

Adult Forum

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

Forum schedule for March:

March 4 – Eduardo Pena, Assistant to the Director, United Food and Commercial Workers International. "An Update on the Smithfield Foods Campaign."

March 11 – Mary McMillan, Treasurer, North Carolina AFL/CIO. "The State of Organized Labor in North Carolina."

March 18 – Rev. Jimmy Creech, defrocked Methodist Minister and long time friend of CUCC. "Where we are on Gay and Lesbian Issues."

March 25 – LeRae Umfleet, N.C. Department of Archives and History. "1898 Wilmington Race Riot."

Church School

The Church School Committee has several things lined up for the children and we hope that your family will be able to participate. This year I will be transitioning to a leadership role on the church school committee. For the rest of this church school year (through June), **Suzette Roach** and I will be leading together. Suzette will continue to take the lead with curriculum and lesson planning, and I will take on some responsibilities related to the planning meetings, budget and communication. We're just beginning to figure out how we'll work together. Meanwhile, feel free to contact either one of us with your church school questions and ideas.

Heather Burkhardt

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Guatemalan Orphanage Update

After the overwhelming success of the Guatemalan Orphanage Service Project this summer, the Church School has chosen to collectively support the Orphanage through the Children of God program for the 2007.

Valentines at Morningside

The Valentine's trip to Morningside was a huge hit!! The children enjoyed passing out their handmade cards and roses to the residents. They also did a fantastic job of singing with many several residents joining in. The children were great examples of sharing love and joy to others. There were big smiles on many faces in Morningside Sunday morning. Valentines were also shared with the Caring Committee to send to homebound and sick church members. A very special thank you to **Anne Pope, Julia Robertson and Judy Kiel!!**

Church School Calendar

March 4 – Church School planning meeting, 9:15, Pilgrim House

March 18 – Church school curriculum meeting, 9:15, large church school room

April 1 – Easter Egg Hunt, BYOB (Bring your own basket)

May 19 – Stop Hunger Now – packaging

May 20 – Children will participate in Service

June 3 – Last day of Church School for the church school year

Hot Dog Cookout Celebration

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible study, meeting at 9:15 AM in the Bradow Room, continues to explore the book of Genesis. We read and discuss about one to two chapters a week. There is no preparation and no homework. Please join us! For more information, call **Gary Smith**, 787-6539.

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 is reading & discussing "House of War" by James Carroll 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 March, the group will be led by **Ann Retzer**, who will be reading and discussing the book My Grandfather's Blessing, by Rachel Remen – stories of strength, refuge and belonging.

Home remedies shared by the Monday Lunch bunch, winding up a series on healing:

- Equal parts vinegar and rubbing alcohol – put drops in ear for swimmer's ear
- Witch hazel for bug bites
- Jewelweed tea for poison ivy and/or bug bites
- Adolf's meat tenderizer for wasp stings
- Papaya – rubbed on skin to remove "unwanted skin growths."
- Equal parts hot water, lemon juice, honey, and bourbon whiskey, for upper respiratory problems, especially cough and cold
- Milk of magnesia – for intestinal distress, but also as deodorant
- Sea salt for ringworm
- Tincture of elderberry for cold prevention
- Castor oil – for whatever ails you and as preventative
- Glucosamine chondroitin – for joint pain

- Honey and vinegar – daily for general good health
- 2 oz. black cherry juice every morning and evening – for gout
- Hot salt water – for sore throat
- Yager's liniment – for aches and pains, also Apinol
- **Carolyn King** says that, according to **Cy**, with Apinol and Phillips Milk of Magnesia, you can "cure anything but a broken heart."

Welcome, Fellowship & Growth

Sisters in Spirit (SIS), formerly Women's Group, SIS will have a program with slides, Birding in Bhutan, "Land of the Thunder Dragon," given by Lena Gallitano in the Vaughan fellowship hall on Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

Retirees Fellowship – (2nd Mondays, monthly)
The Retired Group will meet Monday, March 12, at 10:30 in the Vaughan fellowship hall for their annual "Game Day." Card and board games will be played – bring your favorite game to share with others. Bring a sandwich, drinks and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Enews Survey Results

The **Journey Class**, concerned about the wellbeing of the world, is polling CUCC members to see who would sign up to receive the CUCC Newsletter by email instead of by postal mail. The biggest benefit to our world is that this is more environmentally friendly. Trees, gas, paper, money, work and time will be more efficiently used.

The Journey Class has the results of our survey of CUCC members about receiving electronic or mailed newsletters. We found that 51 members would like to receive their newsletter online and 1 member would like to continue receiving a mailed paper copy.

If we had found that fewer than 26 or more than 141 households wanted to switch, the change would not have cost CUCC any additional money for the newsletter. Because the number is between those two, the decision is not simple. So to help the Deacons Ministry decide, CUCC will be sending both the electronic version AND the paper version

to those who signed up as willing to receive electronically, then in a few months a survey will be taken to verify the version choice.

Communications

What's your CUCC I.Q.?

Do you sometimes feel that you're out of the loop at CUCC? Can't keep track of who did what, or when something happened? If so, maybe you should make better use of the CUCC web site, communityucc.org. This site has been the official CUCC web site for more than 10 years, and gradually the number of active participants who supply and edit information has achieved critical mass.

Do you have a hard time keeping up with all the vital groups and projects in the church (Sunday School, Youth Group, Taize worship, various Bible Study groups, Sunday Forum, Community Outreach, Social Justice, Monday Lunch, etc.)? All these groups are described at the web site. (Such information is subject to constant change, so please send updates, names of contacts, etc. to webmaster@communityucc.org anytime you notice information that is incomplete or incorrect.) If you're part of a group or activity that does not currently have a listing and description at the web site, please write up a few paragraphs and send it to us.

Last summer I announced an expansion of the audio archives to include a number of new podcast series. This portion of the site now includes:

Recordings of the "Shaker Christmas" selections that **Marty Lamb** led in December with small children as well as teenagers and adults.

Geraldine Bryan's "An Old Crone Revisits Noah" narrative done last year, as well as her "Dreams of Christmas" from 2005.

Bernie Brown's reading of some of her recently published short stories, as well as an interview with Bernie about her writing.

Howard Miller's reflections on what his 90 years have taught him (recorded at the Sunday Forum). A reading of **Keith Petersen's** letter written to the Wednesday Bible Study group a few days before his death.

A reading of **Collins Kilburn's** 1964 sermon on "Radical Christianity."

Poetry readings by Keith Petersen and radio commentaries by **Nancy Keppel**. Many, many other things.

If you have a story to share (personal or about CUCC), please consider sharing it with everyone via a podcast. All you have to do is say "yes" and I'll take care of the rest. (If you're curious about what this "podcasting" business is all about, you can find out the details at the "How to Listen" link in the podcasts section of the web site. But you don't need to know the details. You can listen to podcasts just by clicking the link in your web browser.)

Do you sometimes need to know about something that happened a few years ago? The web site provides links to all CUCC newsletters and calendars from the past five years. (And often the newsletter is available online before you receive it in the postal mail.)

The CUCC web site belongs to everyone. Please help us think of ways to make it more useful for both internal purposes (communications among members and friends of the church) and external (our welcome mat to the world).

Submitted by **Lavon Page**



The **Communications Committee** is in the process of arranging for a new pictorial directory to be printed in the fall of 2007. We invite all Ministry and Committee chairs to submit pictures of worship, meetings, classes, study groups, other group activities, fellowship, etc. for the activity pages of the new directory. Please submit regular pictures by mail to Lavon Page or send high quality digital media via high speed internet to Lavon.

Tentative plans for photographs of individuals and families are set for the week of October 8.



Property

The Ministry met February 15, 2007. Following introductions, copies of the By-laws regarding the work of Property were distributed by **David Ledbetter** who said that a goal for the group will be to put in place a "work order system" to improve communication and responses to property needs and concerns. He spoke of meeting quarterly and making decisions as a committee except for emergency situations that might arise.

Items:

1. Work days: March 31 from 9 to 12 and a second, all-day work-day was set for November 17th.
2. Pilgrim House basement: Bayard Alcorn agreed to serve as a liaison between youth ministries (Jane Smith) and Property. Current needs include flooring, ceiling and dry wall repairs. Future use is to be determined in consultation with Youth Ministries.
3. Jani-King contract: The question of a "living wage" for our janitor has come up and it was pointed out that Willie owns a franchise with Jani-King. Dave will check with Willie prior to renewing our contract
4. Building usage: There was discussion about building use agreements, requirements and policies. Should it be based on square footage? other?
5. Lighting: A number of congregants have expressed frustration with poor lighting. After some discussion, including a look at past estimates for both ceiling lighting and windows, it was the consensus that the two should be looked at. (At least \$30,000 of the \$50,000 Brown bequest could be made available according to the church treasurer.)
6. Vaughan Fellowship Hall:
 - Sliding doors – A rental group has complained about the draft around the sliding doors and there was brief discussion about the possible use of drapes, insulated blinds, and/or replacement, including doing away with one of the present door spaces.
 - Storage room – We need better storage conditions to include closet shelving. There seems to be some good shelving material behind Pilgrim House that was removed from within.)

7. Other items:

1. Exterior lighting/path between the Wade Ave. parking lot and Pilgrim House
2. Destiny of our old, heavy and broken long tables
3. Desirability of having either a Dutch door or glass window for the nursery in place to keep youngsters in the room when the door is opened and for parental observation

Mac Hulslander, notetaker

Memorial/Meditation Garden

Thanks to **Frank Gailor** for the care they gave to our surroundings in February.

Frank Gailor has volunteered his time also for March.

Peg Hulslander will be taking over coordination of volunteers for stewarding the Memorial Meditation Garden for 2007. CUCC extends our gratitude to Carol Kepler for all the dedication and work she has done in the past for the garden's care and appearance. If you are interested in keeping our garden in its supreme glory, please contact **Peg** to volunteer for a month in the near future, 833-7203.

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

Social Justice

HK on J and More

The Social Justice Ministry endorsed HK on J (Historic Thousands on Jones Street). Rev. William Barber, State President of the NAACP and the organizer of the event said: "Our servants meet OUR House. They decide how to spend OUR taxes. But their decisions have been corrupted. Rich corporations pay to play in our House. We can't match their money, but with God's Grace and your hard work, we can sure out-number them! Please join me on February 10, 2007 in Raleigh." And a delegation from CUCC did just that. They braved the cold to join thousands of folk from all across North Carolina to present a "People's Agenda: 14 Points" to our legislators. The concerns range from "All children need high quality, well funded diverse schools," to "Health care for all," to "Abolish Racially based death penalty and

mandatory sentencing laws,” to “Bring our troops home from Iraq now.” Rev. Barber calls it a “Movement not a Moment” which means that HK on J has to be ongoing and the Social Justice Ministry plans to be part of the ongoing Movement.

Smithfield Foods. The effort to secure a modicum of justice for those who put bacon and pork chops on our tables goes on. Three members of the Justice Ministry traveled to Tar Heel to attend and news conference and show support for the workers in their effort to have the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Commercial represent them. The program to convince Harris Teeter to stop selling pork products processed by Smithfield Foods seems to having an effect. If you haven’t signed the petition it isn’t too late. See Cy King

Immigration. The Social Justice Ministry has written to our Senators and Representatives urging them to adopt comprehensive immigration reform legislation. There has been no response as yet to our plea. This issue of course impacts the Smithfield Foods situation since a number of workers were recently detained there and hundreds more live in constant fear.

Death Penalty. Judge Donnie Stevens stopped scheduled executions because of questions about the use of lethal injections. Many of us welcome his decision but realize that the effort to get the legislature to deal with this issue must continue. The Social Justice Ministry joins with “People of Faith against the Death Penalty” in the effort to get the Legislature to declare a moratorium on executions. Write your legislators!

- Submitted by **Cy King**

Social Justice Ministry Calendar

March 7 – Stop the Arms Race Vigil, 12 noon
Fayetteville Street.

March 17 – Peace March and Rally, Fayetteville
and Ft. Bragg.

March 27 – NC Council of Churches Legislative
Seminar.

April 14 – "Human Rights, An Endangered
Concept." United Nations Association,
McKimmon Center.

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, Kerma Hazel, Mamie Scott, Geri Bowen’s mother, Nancy Cross’ cousins Carolyn and Jean, David Ledbetter’s father, Bill, June Bolton, Joan McAllister, Scottie Bell, Bobby Barnes, Rhonda Zingraff & Charlie Thomas, people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.**

Edith Sylla has a new granddaughter. Her name is Meryl Curran Padua and she was born January 23, 2007. The parents are Edith’s younger daughter and her husband, Peggy and Percy Padua.

Jim Smith and Pam Troutman’s residence was featured in the January 27th N&O as part of the listing of this year’s Homes of the Month feature. The historic Walnut Hill Cotton Gin was reincarnated as a house & studio. If you missed the article, you may see it on the CUCC bulletin board. **Thanks** to **Tom DeVito** for the portable two-sided corkboard/chalkboard that CUCC can now use when making presentations.



Our Young Peoples’ Birthdays

3/24/90 – Nick DeVito

4/6/01 – David Snee

4/11/89 – Austin Osborne-Newman

4/12/98 – Casey Riemann

4/12/99 – John Robertson

4/15/90 – Z. B. Haislip

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Pat Young, [pbythy AT nc.rr.com](mailto:pbythy@nc.rr.com)

Community Outreach

Each month the congregation will learn about, and celebrate, one of the nonprofit agencies supported by CUCC's outreach budget and our congregants' services to them, thanks to a program initiated by the Community Outreach Ministry. One of the agencies will be designated the "Agency of the Month" and will be the subject of a Ministry Moment, a Newsletter article, and space on the church bulletin board. The program will begin in April and will feature **Interact**, which provides safety, support and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Wake County.

- submitted by **Tom Young**

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR BY BRINGING FOOD BAGS!



In February we contributed 21 food Bags on the first Sunday; on the Following Sunday there were at least 3 more food bags in the cart, so our total is close to our goal.

There were several bags of miscellaneous food items – cooking oil, jello, jam – which are not on the basic food bag list. If you can offer only small amounts of food, it would be helpful to choose among the basic foods. Then they can be added to the stock kept on Urban Ministry shelves. Thanks to all who contributed! Food bags are due **March 4** and every first Sunday of the month.

Wider Community

Appalachia Service Project 2007

Stock Sales in March

Several youth and adults plan to go to Fayette County, West Virginia from July 22 to 28 to participate in this year's Appalachia Service Project (ASP). ASP serves low-income residents of the region by completing home repairs such as roofing, insulation, plumbing, and carpentry. On March 11 and 18, this year's ASP participants will sell stock

after the worship service to help finance their trip. Stock can be purchased in any amount.

Please consider supporting our young people and adults who have volunteered for ASP this year.

Jack and Sam Alcorn, Austin Osborne-Newman, Ron Howell, Anna Roach-Howell, and Abby & Gary Smith will join others from the Apex Prince of Peace Episcopal Church for a week of home repair in West Virginia.

Submitted by **Sally Roberson**

May 19 REMINDER

Stop Hunger Now is counting on us to show up to meet our packaging pledge May 19, from noon until 2 p.m. We had 63 volunteers signed up when our date had to be unavoidably changed. Please do plan to meet this commitment if at all possible.

- From **Carolyn King**

Are You a Member?

If you are a member of one of the following organizations, would you contact **Jane Smith**? Don't worry; she is simply looking for some information about them. They are part of her new "portfolio" for the Social Justice Ministry.

Amnesty International or a local affiliate
Friends of Residents in Long-Term Care
Human Rights Coalition of NC
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee
Planned Parenthood
Southern Poverty Law Center

Resource for School Teachers

"Teaching Tolerance" is a journal of resources for teachers. CUCC receives a copy twice a year through its support of the Southern Poverty Law Center. There are lesson ideas for all grades which could connect to WCPSS Character Education themes. We'd like to pass it along to someone who could use it. If you'd like to see if it would be a valuable resource for your classroom, call **Jane Smith**.

Wider Church

Vivian Hunter drove passengers **Carolyn King and Vandy Bradow** to Hillsborough UCC to attend "God is Still Speaking! Are You Listening?" The gathering sponsored by the Eastern NC Association

included a talk on the history and purpose of ENCA Church Women, an organization that continued after the 1957 formation of UCC. Carolyn noted that she was the last president of CUCC's women's organization, which disbanded at that time, though several of its constituent "Circles" continued informally for many years. The ENCA group is unique in the UCC not only because of its longevity but also because of its biracial membership. It is further distinguished by the number of women participating in the Pastoral Leadership Development (PLD) program, an alternative path to ordination for licensed pastors.

The day's program included workshops, lunch, a liturgical dance performance by Hillsborough UCC youth, a worship service including a message by Cheryl Bell (PLD) and communion led by ENCA Associate Minister Vertie Powers. At the closing, participants were asked to choose a partner "different from yourselves" to continue the networking begun at the meeting. The CUCC delegation declared the day a success, and look forward to joining other CUCC women to attend at future gatherings. These two were announced:

SAVE THE DATES:

June 15, 5:00pm – June 16, 5:00 pm

A 24-Hour Retreat, "Stand and Give Thanks: a Gathering of Gratitude," led by Rev. Lynne Hinton, UCC ordained minister and novelist (*Friendship Cake*, *Garden of Faith*, and other novels) will be held. The retreat will be at The Summit Retreat and Conference Center, Haw River State Park in Browns Summit, NC, 15 minutes north of Greensboro. Cost for full program, lodging, and all meals is \$85; Day-only registration with meals is \$25. More registration information will be available soon.

October 26-October 28

The UCC Southern Regional Women's Meeting will be held at Blowing Rock Conference Center, Blowing Rock, NC. The theme is "In the Fullness of God's Creation...Renewing Spirit...Building Community...Doing Justice," and the keynote speaker will be the Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson, former UCC Executive Minister for Justice and Witness. Cost and other registration information is to be announced.

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: Pat Young

Ministry Chairs:

Deacons: Sam Johnson
Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth: Sue Rogge
Stewardship: Carol Kepler, Interim chair
Property: David Ledbetter, Allan Beidler Jan.-June,
and Joan McAllister July-Dec., all co-chairs
Religious Education: Marty Lamb
Social Justice: Gary Smith
Community Outreach: Tom Young
Organist: Doug Barrick
Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith

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The deadline for our April Newsletter is
March 19th.

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A Month of Sundays

March 4 | Second
Sunday in Lent |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship Service
with Communion
(Hunter Thompson
preaching and Sue
Rogge worship
leader) & Church
School; Fellowship
Time**
Lectionary:
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18;
Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13:31-35

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Church School;
Fellowship Time;**
Lectionary:
Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8;
1 Cor 10:1-13;
Luke 13:1-9

March 18 | Fourth
Sunday in Lent |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé
with Communion;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship Service &
Church School
Fellowship Time**
Lectionary:
Joshua 5:9-12; Ps 32;
2 Cor 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 25 | Fifth
Sunday in Lent |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship Service &
Church School;
Fellowship Time;**
Lectionary:
Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126;
Phil 3:4b-14;
John 12:1-8