

# **COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## **Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working for Social Justice**

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### ***A Word from the Pastor***

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you can remember your day of Confirmation as a youth. Once in a while it is beneficial to think back upon our spiritual journey and remember the important steps we took in the maturing of our faith.

Perhaps you didn't pass through a period of formal training in the church leading to Confirmation, but found a different path that led you to your faith and affiliation with the church. As I always say, "There are many paths that lead to God!"

My own journey did lead through Confirmation as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Center Congregational UCC in Manchester, CT. Like most youth in my class I had mixed feelings about the church, both positive and negative, both embracing and rebellious.

The thing that made the deepest impression in my thinking was when the Sr. Minister, Rev. Clifford Simpson, told us that we could grow to know God and experience God's presence in our lives. When he said it, it seemed so remote a possibility to me and yet the thought of it sounded very appealing. As I think back on my Confirmation experience, I realize that the seed of faith that was planted in me at that time had barely sprouted and was still quite vulnerable to the harsh elements of life that threatened it. Nonetheless, over time the root went deeper and the plant grew so that by the time I was

in college, my experience of God was beginning to become tangible. It has been changing and developing ever since in ways that continue to amaze me.

This year our congregation has a group of students that have been studying toward Confirmation in their Sunday School Class led by **Sue Rogge**. These youth are much like me and perhaps you too as they prepare to take this next "benchmark" step in their spiritual journey. Seeds are being planted (none of the plants are full grown yet). They are still in that sprouting stage and have a way to go toward fuller maturity. Yet they are poised to take that next important step of Confirmation as young adult members of the church. Their day of celebration will be Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Each is writing a confirmation paper and will share from it with the congregation as part of the Confirmation rite.

Please come and celebrate with them! They appreciate your support and prayers as we together grow the Body of Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Steve



## *Church Council*

Since we didn't have the 2003 Annual Reports of the Ministries and Committees collected at the January Congregational meeting, we were asked to remind our groups to turn in short reports at the office by April 23rd for printing. Copies of the collected reports will then be made available to the congregation at the back of the sanctuary.

Steve reported that CUCC had hired **Toni Maes** as the youth leader. Her job description was given as meeting with them every other week, and would take an average of approximately 2 hours planning and 2-3 hours of direct contact with the youth. We plan to pay her a flat \$100/ meeting (activity). She has already met with the Youth Council.

There will be a Minister's retreat for members of the Southern Conference on May 10-12 that Steve plans to attend. The Southern Conference Annual Meeting will be on June 10-12, Thurs-Sat., at Elon College. We want a number of our present.

Vacation time approved by the Deacons for Steve will be June 14-July 5.

Steve was enthusiastic about the possibility of a new church start in the black community. The Reverend Lenore Saunders has asked Steve to be a mentor and help guide her efforts. He also knows of a black couple, the Cleno Harrises, who also are interested in starting a new church. Our congregation would be very happy to work and partner with both of them.

**Allan Beidler** reported that we have received an estimate for replacement of the windows in the sanctuary from Custom Glass and Doors . For simple replacement of the glass only, \$8000. For complete replacement of fixtures using double glazed glass, about \$18500. We are getting other bids. Jim Smith requested that we keep the lines of any modification very simple, in keeping with the rest of the sanctuary. Several samples of glass were passed around the group. Other suggestions were: replacement of the wooden doors to the garden with heavy glass, and outside glass to cover the wood pattern on the front of the narthex.

Next meeting: 7:00 pm Monday, May 24, Pilgrim House.

--Karen Haley

### Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service

We held a very joyous and successful joint dinner on Maundy Thursday for our members and members from the Good Shepherd UCC. We were so pleased that several members of First Congregational participated as well. Over 80 people enjoyed a light meal of chicken with matzo ball soup, bread, dessert and beverages, followed by a service led by CUCC and GSUCC pastors.

It was a true team effort that made the dinner run smoothly. Over 20 of our members helped with preparing and serving the meal, bringing bread and/or dessert, and the always-important set-up and clean-up. Special mention goes to **Marcy Halsted Bryan** and **Vandy Bradow** who supplied and arranged the lovely floral arrangements for the tables, and to **Carolyn King** and **Susan Lane** who helped organize the event.

-- Susan Lane

## *Deacons*

At their last meeting, the Deacons evaluated the Lenten activities. These are some of the comments from folks who participated in the activities:

"It was a very spiritual day." (Lenten retreat)

"I loved how carefully it was planned." (retreat)

"For me, it was the most spiritual Lenten event."  
(retreat)

"I found studying Fritz Kunkel's book about Matthew's gospel from a psychological viewpoint very meaningful."

(Lenten study group)

"I loved hearing the Apostolic Choir sing."

(Easter Sunday)

Confirmation will take place on May 30 during the Sunday morning worship service. Following worship we will honor the confirmands with a reception in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. Cards of

congratulations for the young people being confirmed will be circulated Sunday mornings. Please take time to sign these.

-- **Peg Hulslander**, for the Deacons

### Sacraments and Chancel Committee

We want especially to thank **Vandy Bradow** for the wonderful arrangements and display of the lilies that she produced for all the services in the week leading up to and including Easter. As always, we appreciate any offerings that the congregation may wish to share for our Sunday morning services. If you want to provide an arrangement for the communion table or sanctuary, please call **Carol Clark** at the office, or **Sally Cook** who will be our coordinator from May through August.

-- **Carol Kepler**

### Arts in Worship Committee

With "Shaker Sunday" engaging the folk choir, congregational sharing of Lenten hymns, a dash of Tai Chi, a beautiful cross of Steve's at the front of the church, choir renderings, Doug's explorations in playfulness on the organ, engaging children's stories, liturgical dance, dramatic reading at Maundy Thursday service, Apostolic Voices, and on and on... there has been no shortage of arts in our worship this Lenten and Easter season. Spirits are leaping. Only some of these contributions can be attributed to the "Arts in Worship" committee, but we have been a small part of the movement.

To update you, a special event outside formal worship occurred on Saturday February 25th when **Carol Kepler** hosted the choir at her house to eat and to have an old-fashioned hymn sing together. As a special treat, three former members of our "Susie Allen Choir" who had known Susie Allen and had memories of our earlier choir days shared stories and recollections with us and joined us in the singing. Many thanks go to Mary Kilburn, Fran Cooper, and Ollie Adams for their stories and memories! Now some of the roots and heritage of our choir can be preserved through the current members! Thanks to Carol and of course to **Anne Moorman-Smith** and **Doug Barrick** as well for their musical leadership that evening.

In committee work, we met on Shrove Tuesday for our quarterly Arts in Worship Committee meeting at **Peg Hulslander's** where, in addition to our regular meeting, we made a feast of Shrove Tuesday pancakes! Thanks so much to Peg and Mac for the special treat! We brainstormed some possibilities for the future, including:

- Have a banner making workshop
- Compile Advent poetry book
- Dramatic readings in service
- Pottery workshop
- Liturgical dance workshop
- Make Christmas cards for church bulletin from children's art at Christmas time
- Volunteer art for Art Wall
- Volunteer poetry for a round of poetry on Art Wall
- Coordinate having an artist-in-residence
- Coordinate getting a group together to attend a film and discuss it afterwards
- Get a group together to read and discuss Julia Cameron's (author of *The Artist's Way*) new book *Walking in This World* for twelve weeks
- Liturgical dance at beginning of Easter service
- Present Steve's art that Steve has volunteered
- Readings at Maundy Thursday service
- Children's choir
- Plan Christmas Eve service
- Julian of Norwich reading in service
- Include rotation of art on Art Wall from volunteer from the community
- Invite other guest soloists for service from time to time

We may do all, some or NONE of these, but I thought I'd share our budding ideas here. Should any of you wish to volunteer energy to this list of possibilities or add others, feel free to contact **Marty Lamb** or one of the other members of the Arts in Worship committee: **Peg & Mac Hulslander, Nancy Callaham, Mary Matthews, Doug Barrick, Toni James, or Steve Halsted**. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 25th, 2004 at 6.

*"Every artist joins a conversation that's been going on for generations, even millennia, before he or she joins the scene."* - John Barth

-- Peace, **Marty Lamb**

## Art Wall

The Art Wall has **Julia Mackintosh's** paintings displayed. She has attended CUCC and lives in the neighborhood (with the Margaret Reid Wild Flower Garden). Her paintings were displayed at a Sertoma Arts Center show in February. We appreciate her willingness to make her work available to us.

## Note from the Choir

On Sunday, May 9th, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the choir will perform selections from Mozart's "Requiem". This has been an exciting, though challenging, work for the choir to learn, and we look forward to sharing it with the congregation.

--- **Anne Moorman-Smith**

## Note from Doug Barrick on Mozart's "Requiem"

Among the numerous sacred compositions of superior quality which have become part of the universal literature in music, the "Requiem" by Mozart has a very special meaning. It is the most accomplished work of art among the Masses of this master and the only Requiem Mass of comparable beauty to give such balance to the contrasting text – the fear of death on the one hand and the hope for God's grace on the other. The seriousness of dying is expressed everywhere, even in the unusual features of the instrumentation; the terror of the Last Judgment is felt keenly in this music, but the horror is kept at a mild level which takes on an ethereal quality in many places. Mozart has subordinated the subjective style of his music to strict liturgical forms, but the effect is still one of greatest simplicity.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (born 27 January 1756 in Salzburg, died 5 December 1791 in Vienna) wrote the "Requiem" – as the mysterious commission of a Count Walsegg of Stuppach who performed the work as his own composition at a memorial service for his late wife – during the year 1791 amidst premonitions of his own death. He did not live to finish the work. The *Sanctus*, *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*, as well as the major portion of the *Lacrymosa*, were composed by Xaver S\_ssmayr, a talented pupil of Mozart who was known for several operas he had written and who had a through knowledge

of the intentions of the master, possibly even owning some sketches by Mozart which are now lost.

The first performance was arranged in 1792 by Baron van Swieten in Vienna, followed soon by performances in Munich and Prague. By the turn of the century, Mozart's "Requiem" had become well known throughout Germany, rapidly reaching all music-loving countries, even overseas, and it remained for three decades the only Requiem Mass used on solemn occasions. In Paris, where Cherubini introduced it in 1804, it served as late as 1840 as the official Requiem Mass for the interment of Napoleon. Only in more recent years have masses by other composers taken their place next to the swansong of the Salzburg master.

Translated By Kurt Hermann Kretzschmar

## *Religious Education*

### Vacation Church School

There will be a vacation church school "Family Fun Night" this summer. We plan to have it during the evenings of June 8 and July 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The ending activity will be on Sunday, August 8, after church. All are welcome for brainstorming at a planning meeting on May 5, at 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Pilgrim House. We welcome all. If you want to register your family or your child, please call me at 787-8082.

-- **Adrienne Talbot**

### Preschool, Elementary Cycles End

The **church school** classes are beginning the final rotation of the four-year cycle developed by CUCC. It will culminate with the children's participating in the May 30 service.

### Monday Lunch Group

For the month of May, the Monday Lunch Group will read *The Solace of Leaving Early* by Haven Kimmel, and other engaging and related activities. All are welcome. Call **Geraldine Bryan** (787-8494) for more information.

## Adult Forum

All are invited to meet in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m. each Sunday morning.

### **Forum Topics for May**

- May 2 Professor Cat Warren of N.C. State University on "Culture Wars and the University." Suggested reading: The Independent Weekly for March 31-April 6.
- May 9 Lena Galatano on "Audubon: Environmental Issues."
- May 16 Rachel Smith on "Million Mom March."
- May 23 Lavon Page on "Spiritual Meanderings of a Mathematician."
- May 30 To be announced

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

The group meets 9:15-10:15 on Sundays (with some exceptions); the current topic is the book of Job. Call **Pat Spearman** (781-0041) for more info.

### Wednesday Bible Study

Meets at Pilgrim House at 6:30 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Bring a bag supper. Call **Joan or John Little** (781-0829) for information.

## *Property*

### **Memorial Meditation Garden Dedication**

The garden has been making great progress, thanks to **Mac and Peg Hulslander** and **their volunteers**. Steve suggested that we name it the Memorial Meditation Garden "since it should serve both purposes", and that we will provide a nice brass plaque, or plaques, commemorating members who either have their ashes placed there or who donate money for its construction and upkeep. The garden will be dedicated on Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the same day that we will hear the Mozart "Requiem" and have the ASP commissioning.

Please claim belongings from the robing room, which will soon be primarily used for choir robe and music storage. (See Announcement on P. 9)

-- **Allan Beidler**

## *Social Justice*

As the political season heats up, and there is a tendency to become disgusted and want to withdraw from the fray, these words from "The Spire" (Divinity School, Vanderbilt University), may be helpful.

"We need to affirm that politics is not a dirty word! Political processes are simply the way that communities of people organize their common life, allocate their resources, and tackle their shared problems. Politics is about the rules we make, the values we honor, the processes we follow so that large and diverse groups of people can live together with some degree of fairness, order and peace. As Disciples of Jesus Christ, we cannot possibly wash our hands of that public arena when our Scriptures so clearly show God's preoccupation with it: with honest weights and measures in the marketplace; with judges who won't take bribes; with the plight of the poor and perils of wealth; with hospitality for strangers and foreigners; with beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

"Public policy, therefore, is never merely politics. Rather it is one arena in which we are called to serve with love and compassion.... We will seldom agree on all things, but if we return again and again to the three foundation stones upon which our social ministry is built – the Gospel, the faith community, and the spirituality of the Church—we will discover the way that we should go. We will take the risk of weighing, deciding, and acting. Not to decide is to decide for the status quo.

"As the Samaritan doubtless would have learned had he kept finding victims week after week along the road: Our neighbor's needs go beyond our personal resources; at some point, private charity has to give way to social justice; beyond bandaging victims, we must work to change the situations that keep making more victims. We have to go after the robbers."

-- **Cy King**

### ROAR Reports

To find out what ROAR is doing with CUCC support, check out the ROAR REPORT on the Social Action Bulletin Board or call **Jane Smith**.

Learn about the first meeting of IAF Affiliates in North Carolina (called NC UP - NC United Power) and its statewide agenda that CUCC supported. Find out what is planned in health care and education. Get an update on the CDBG testimony before the City Council (and find out what CDBG means) and on the bus audit on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. Questions? Concerns? Call Steve or Jane. ROAR looks to us to speak for CUCC and we want to be sure we're saying what you want.

-- Jane Smith

### **"What does a Just Peace Church do When the Nation is at War?"**

One thing that the Social Justice Ministry has done is to write to our Senators and Congresspersons urging our government to leave Iraq and with "hat in hand" ask the United Nations to take over the responsibility for bringing peace and security -- and maybe democracy-- to that troubled land. It is our thought that having created such a terrible mess in Iraq, we are not in a position to clean up that mess. We also fear that our Administration may hamper the work of the U.N. by imposing "super power" wishes that will inhibit the difficult task that will face the U.N. We invite you to read the letter we sent, posted on the Social Action Bulletin Board.

-- Cy King

## ***Stewardship***

### **Not A "Turkey"**

Our Spring fund-raiser on April 17<sup>th</sup> was a real success – not only in the money raised (\$700), but in the enjoyment of all those who attended. The turkey dinner was a "let's do it again" meal, with the fellowship and movie making it a fun evening for everyone. Special thanks to **Carol Clark, Shannon Core, Geraldine Bryan, Steve Halsted, Kerma Hazel, Lisa Marsh, Joan McAllister, Ann McLaughlin, Sue Richey, and Jane Smith** for their assistance.

-- Anne Pope and Mary Pruneau

## ***Welcoming, Fellowship, & Growth Ministry: Expecting company?***

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp

and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone on the house."  
Matthew 5:14-15.

Community United Church of Christ is, as we know, a wonderful church home for many reasons--the people, the theological perspective, the size, the mission of the church in community.... but a lot of folks don't know who we are! We are seeking to change that.

The Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth ministry focuses its efforts on:

**Welcoming** – attending to visitors and helping them feel comfortable here;

**Fellowship** – providing opportunities for the congregation to gather outside of worship to get to know each other better and to be strengthened as a community; and

**Growth** – considering ways of letting the wider community know about us and the unique fellowship we share at CUCC.

The committee worked together to create a letter that was recently mailed to 360 individuals and families who recently moved into the area near CUCC. This letter, which included the brochure "A Church for You?" will hopefully spark interest among those who have not yet found a church home. Even if five percent of these folks visit, we can expect a rather dramatic increase in attendance. The members of the WFG ministry will continue to be intentionally aware of and responsive to visitors, and we will appreciate *your* efforts to make them welcome as well.

How you can help:

- Expect company! Watch for visitors at the back as well as the front doors and direct them or walk with them to the Sanctuary. Introduce yourself! Encourage your kids to be welcoming to visiting youth.
- Show people where they can park in the future--sometimes the availability of the lot off Wade and the lot across Dixie Trail are not obvious to visitors.
- Invite them to fill out a nametag (on the table inside the back door). Encourage them to help

themselves to materials in the rack near the water fountain.

- Show families with young children where the Sunday School/Nursery map is (on the bulletin board just beyond the door from the narthex to the hall). Introduce them to Toni (nursery) or Anne Bailey (elementary age) if you see them.
- Sit with visitors, or make sure they are sitting with someone. If they would like for you to introduce them during the service, great! If not, that's fine too!
- After worship encourage visitors to come to the Vaughan Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

--Joan McAllister, Chair,  
Welcoming Fellowship, and Growth Ministry

### **Our Church Newsletter: A Work in Progress**

We trust that you are enjoying some of the changes and (we hope) improvements in our newsletter. There are more to come. One of the enhancements we will be looking at soon is increased ability to put graphics and photos into the newsletter. (If you have a Microsoft Publisher 2000 program that you can donate to the cause, this would be much appreciated.) Also, we would love to see samples of any other newsletters that you like. Just drop them off at the church office.

One of our objectives is to mail each issue so that you will receive it no later than the Saturday before the first Sunday of every month. That means that the distribution dates for the rest of the year are: May 27, June 24, July 27, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 23 and December 23.

We are also planning to produce a yearly Master Calendar. Towards that end, we would ask that all Ministries and Committees submit a list of significant events and their dates. This would cover items such as regular Ministry/Committee meetings, Annual Congregational Meetings, one-time events like Welcome Back Sunday, the start of Sunday School, etc. Please submit your list to Carol at the office.

-- Susan Lane, for the Editorial Board

### **The Women's Group**

On May 20, Priscilla Chappell will present a "life recipe poem: or how to write about life, food, and

the self. Priscilla has provided the preliminary instructions:

"Consider your life—all the experiences that have shaped your identity and molded you into the person you are now—as a *recipe*. Be finite about the ingredients and the steps (the process of the mixing, the baking, the hours of poking and kneading). Write about the key moments of your life, both the joyful and the painful. Would there be *thirty teaspoons of happiness, ten bags of sand mixed with seven drops of the essence of the ocean, or ten cups of salt-water tears*? Don't be afraid to be as abstract as possible in what you write. In class, I usually tell my students to allow themselves time to descend into the depths of their memories as long as they can pull themselves out within a forty–five minute period. Make sure 1) to record the process as exactly as you want (you may or may not have an identifiable end-product) and 2) to write a short explanation of your poem, so you can record for yourself and for us what an ingredient or a step meant to you and where it came from (what I like to call writer's commentary). Be as creative as possible, and have fun with this!"

Any questions? Call **Sally Cook**, 467-3642

### **Retirees Group**

The CUCC Retiree's Fellowship will meet at 11 a.m. in the Vaughan Wing on Monday, May 10th. Bill Lamb will review the basic elements of the new Medicare Reform Act, including prescription drug benefits. He will also talk about the current debate and what additional changes might be considered in the future. An interesting and timely program! Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

### **Saturday Men's Group**


The group will begin discussing Glen Stassen's *Just Peace* Making on May 8. Contact **Ed Klemmer** (847-7992).

## ***Community Outreach***

### **Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts – It's a Go!**

CUCC is returning to its tradition of holding Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts this year. It's a week earlier than usual – November 14. And it's smaller, with about 10 participating groups. We will be announcing more details as the event gets closer. But if you're really curious... and if you think you

can lend a hand, get in touch with **Susan Lane, Jo Perry**, or anyone on Wider Outreach.



**Food Bags** will be collected on **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – and every **first Sunday** of the month

In April our congregation contributed 19 basic food bags to the Urban Ministry Center. That's a sizeable amount, but our goal continues to be at least 25 each month. Help us to reach that goal! Hungry folks will certainly appreciate our efforts.

### Wright Center Meal Coordination

We are looking for people who are willing to coordinate volunteers to prepare and serve the Wright Center Meals. This is not a permanent job, but would rotate to someone else every 3 or 4 months. **Marty McLean** has been the faithful coordinator for the past two years, and she needs a break. **Susan Lane** agreed to do it for the summer months. So we need a volunteer who can take over for September through November or December. Please call the office or get in touch with anyone on Wider Outreach if you can help.

### *Archives*

Our historian Cy King, pulled these “Words From the Pastor,” from the CUCC newsletter of 1979.

“Sometimes my life seems to be divided into so many different segments, each pulling at me and calling me in thousands of directions at once. It's hard to see it as a whole, and even harder to feel able to handle everything. Trying to be ‘superwoman’ is just too much to handle sometimes! There are so many things left undone: I want to set aside a time each day for meditation, reflection, and prayer, a time to bring before God my own joys and concerns, as well as petitions for people in our congregation. But when I try to do that in the early morning, my daughter Mary Ann decides that's the day to arise as early as possible. Or, I just get into some serious study in preparing a

sermon and the telephone rings, calling me to something much more pressing – a human need.

My stack of reading material gets taller each day, my list of ‘must do’ things gets longer, the spring weather and flowers invite me to take a bicycle ride...I want to write letters to ...representatives on any number of issues, and I have trouble finding time to take our huge pile of bottles to be recycled! I begin to think of certain activities – which inevitably get crowded out – as more “Christian” than others- and then I feel guilty for not praying or ministering as I want to do.

“But then, just when I can't see how it all fits together, I remember the passage from Deuteronomy 6, “Hear, O Israel, the Lord, our God, is One. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.” Faith is not set apart for only one part of us – our souls. It is for our hearts and our might. We can love our children, we can pray through our actions in society, we can teach about the Christian faith through our lifestyles, we can give praise to God for the good gifts of creation as we take a walk in our neighborhood, we can live our faith there in the middle of the dirty dishes and runny noses. Praise be to God!

--Cally Rogers-Witte (spring 1979)

### *Our People*

Congratulations to **Dominique and Deese Difuidi** on the April birth of daughter **Ashley Matonbo Difuidi**. Deese is still not able to lift heavy weights, but is recovering from the C-section satisfactorily.

“**Richard and I** would like to give special thanks for all of the acts of kindness during my hospitalization and ongoing recovery. We so appreciated the prayers, notes, meals, calls, and visits. It is difficult to put into words how much the people of CUCC care about others. We certainly would like to reciprocate the loving gestures whenever any of you are in need. Thank you so very much. Peace to all,” **Lisa Leiser-Banks**

**James Beidler** graduates in May from Warren Wilson College with a dual major in Environmental Science and Chemistry. Congratulations!

## ***Roster***

### Address changes:

Irma Barbour – Morningside of Raleigh, 801 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607, 828-5557 (office phone).

Dawn Pickett, 212-B Simpson St., Carrboro, NC 27510.

Mark Denlinger, 16303 Big Oak Circle, Leander, TX 78641, (512) 259-0748.

Maria Riemann, 1403 Park Dr., Raleigh, NC 27605

### Name/Address additions

Julia Robertson (and John), 6425 Dixon Dr., Raleigh, 27609, 788-8824.



## ***Prayers***

The Monday Lunch Group offers prayers each week for those persons and needs of which they are aware. Please write requests on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or one of the prayer jars at the back of the sanctuary or in Pilgrim House. Our prayers are especially solicited this month for **Jo Lemons** and **Nancy Keppel**.

## ***Announcement***

**To Whom It May Concern:** Please get any belongings out of the **robing room** this month, as the Choir is taking over the room. They will use the room for storing their robes and music.

**Everette Noland** was recently elected chair of the Board of Directors of RICH (Raleigh Interchurch Housing).

**Marge Eckels** enjoyed a two-week visit from her Connecticut aunt Margaret, then a note from her two daughters, Christine and Marilyn.

**Kathy Widenhouse** is pleased to report that her son Jody has been a new job with IBM (computers!).

We welcome back travelers:

- **Ann Duffel** from a venture to the Florida Everglades with her cousin,
- **Gary, Jane, and Abby Smith** from a trip to Hawaii where they visited family on the Big Island, and
- **Jo Perry**, from an international student programming competition in Prague, where she served as judge.

### **Our Young People's Birthdays\***

5/02/02 – Elsa Viadef  
5/18/86 – Reagan Binganisi  
5/11/90 – Jospin Milandu  
5/18/89 – Carina Saavedra  
6/1/00 – Cammy Riemann  
6/4/97 – Isaac Milandu  
6/12/93 – Angelina DeVito  
6/13/95 – Carson Roach-Howell  
6/24/95 – Jonny Cookmeyer  
6/30/97 – Ernesto Rivera-Saavedra

*\*If you are missing from this list, we apologize. Please notify the office so we can update our records.*

## *Other Meetings and Events*

Capital Area Choral presents “God’s Trombones” and other spirituals, 8 p.m. May 7 at St. Michael’s Episcopal , 1520 Canterbury Rd., Raleigh (\$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors, children under 5 free)

## *The Wider Church*

Please contact the office if you would like to attend the Southern Conference annual meeting, to be held at Elon University June 10-12.

Did you know that the UCC owns and operates nine retirement facilities in the Southern Conference? Of these, eight are in North Carolina! For more information, call the **United Church Retirement Homes, Inc.** (in Newton, 828-464-8264), or check the website at [www.ucrh.org](http://www.ucrh.org).

**Have you seen** the UCC’s new TV ads? The Raleigh area is a test market – look for them on Fox.

## *The Wider Community*

**The following items support organizations and activities of which CUCC is a member or sponsor, and those associated with CUCC members’ personal ministries.**

Cedar Cross Retreat, “Creativity and Soul-Tending,” April 30-May 1, --**Mac Hulslander** or **Nancy Newell**

**Steve Halsted** represented the Christian faith at the Triangle Interfaith Alliance Earth Day observance April 22. The TIA’s annual **Alan Neely lecture** will be held soon; check the website for date and place: [www.interfaithalliance-nc.org](http://www.interfaithalliance-nc.org).

\*Contact name(s) in **bold** for more information; recurring meetings are not included.