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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 2

A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we head into the busy month of November I want to highlight several special events that are to happen soon.

On Sunday Nov. 4 we will be welcoming 13 new members to our congregations rolls. We begin to list their bio's inside the newsletter to learn more about them. That same day we encourage you to attend the Education Sampler Potluck to learn more about our "Justice in a Changing Climate " initiative.

On Sunday Nov. 11, I will be away in Atlanta to perform the wedding of my son Janaka's best friend (going back to middle school days!) Janaka is the best man. Preaching here on that Sunday will be Rev. Rachel Smith who leads the "Vigils Against Violence" in Raleigh. She will preach on the topic: "God not Gun's."

On Sunday Nov. 18 during our 10:30am Service we will have Stewardship Sunday and dedicate our financial pledge of support to our church for the coming year 2008.

Then on Wednesday Nov. 21, Thanksgiving eve we will participate in the annual Thanksgiving Service to be held at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm. The theme this year will be giving thanks for the sacred gift of water. As happens each year there will be a massed choir

representing the five churches involved: Holy Trinity Lutheran, Fairmont United Methodist, Pullen Memorial Baptist, W. Raleigh Presbyterian, and Community UCC.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Blessings and Peace,

Steve

P.S. Also, please plan to attend our Congregational Meeting on Sunday Dec. 2 after worship. It is a very important meeting to set our budget and Ministries for 2008. We need YOU there!

Then on Wednesday Dec. 5 we will offer an Advent Event.

Church Council

Excerpts from minutes - October 15, 2007, meeting

Attending: **John Little, Moderator; Ministry Chairs; Sam Johnson, Joan McAllister and Marty Lamb; Mary Pruneau, Treasurer; Vandy Bradow, Immediate Past Moderator**

There was discussion regarding the request for a media station in the Vaughan Wing. Funding to cover the cost will come from reserves set aside by

an anonymous donor. Mary Pruneau moved that we purchase the suggested equipment. *Motion passed.*

RICH Park

There was a discussion regarding informing the congregation of the intent to sign the letter of recommitment to RICH Park. John Little will make the congregation aware of the information with a blog entry of explanatory material. This will be on the agenda of **the December 2 congregational meeting.**

Treasurer's Report—Mary Pruneau

Currently we are at 70% of receipt of pledges and 77% of our spending. The Council agreed to ask the Assistant Treasurer for letters to members regarding the status of their respective pledges. These will be made available for pick-up at church.

\$1,709.00 was collected for Neighbors in Need offering.

Deacons Report—Sam Johnson

The October 28 service will be dedicated to the green church initiative. New members will be received during worship on November 4.

Sam Johnson and Steve Halsted are planning an Advent/Hanukkah Retreat, to be held December 5.

Religious Education—Marty Lamb

A 2008 budget proposal was submitted to the Treasurer.

A candidate for the Youth Director position was identified, but she accepted another position; the search is still on.

Adult Education is interested in a "Movie Night", possibly a Saturday series.

Marty gave details about the November 4 "ESP" program. She encourages us to invite people in community.

Property—Joan McAllister

The open meeting with Atlantec to discuss the sanctuary lighting is scheduled for October 25. The drain at the furnace room area was repaired at a cost of \$530.00. The toilet by the toddler room also was repaired.

The price of a new lavelier mike is approximately \$180.00. Joan requested for purchase approval and Mary Pruneau moved to make this purchase.

Motion passed.

Joan will bring information about Narthex door repair to the next meeting.

Nancy Stoddard is leading the workday Nov 17.

Stewardship—Mary Pruneau

The Ministry is meeting October 21 to draw up the budget and discuss having a time/talent survey in the bulletin. Joan McAllister requested including skills in the areas of small repairs. This information would greatly help the Property Ministry.

Other Topics:

* The Caring Community Rolls are in need of replenishing. Sam Johnson will check on them.

* Mary Pruneau expressed concern that the the process of asking congregants for additional contributions is still not clear. She and Vandy Bradow recall that there was a process approved in the past regarding Mission Moments. Jeanne Ledbetter agreed to check the minutes from previous meetings to find results.

There is concern about communication breakdown within the ministries and the Council. The lack of portfolios to give to new chairs appears to contribute to the problem. Members recollected that we used to hold an orientation of ministry/committee members that come on board each year. Joan McAllister moved that the Ministries re-institute the Orientation Night and also requested that Ministries compile folders in which to keep records of activities. Vandy Bradow seconded the motion and it was passed.

--Jeanne Ledbetter, recorder

Deacons

Excerpts from minutes - October 11, 2007 Meeting

Attending: **Jo Perry, Sam Johnson, Gary Smith, Steve Halsted, Margaret Osborne, Edith Sylla, Mac Hulslander, Ann McLaughlin, Roger Manus, Robert Parrish**

UCC Peace Petition: Steve reported that the UCC peace petition with 60,000 signatures was received by the Senate and the House (See Social Justice article in this newsletter re John Thomas' and Linda Jarmillo's arrest).

Discernment of gifts. Mac Hulslander asked if we could lead the new members through a "gift identification" process. Mac envisions this would be

done in a 2 - 3 hour block of time. Mac will commit to convene a group to facilitate the effort.

Green church initiative (Justice in a Changing Climate). The steering committee met on October 2 to discuss several events.

Questionnaire. A questionnaire to gauge the mindset of the congregation will be in the bulletin, to be returned by the first Sunday in November.

Children's sermon. Gary will do a children's sermon on October 21 to introduce a new green church bulletin board.

October 28 service. The entire service will be dedicated to the green church initiative. The service will be celebratory rather than educational in nature. Steve will introduce the "joyful noise" theme with the children's story. Everyone will be asked to bring a noise maker and a plant to exchange at the end of the service. The service will start and end outside.

November 4 at 4:00PM - Education Sampler

Potluck. We will have three educational sessions to that give people a choice of presentations. These presentations will be about 20 minutes each. After the second round, we'll have a potluck dinner. This will kick off further actions starting in January.

Advent activities: Recently, family Advent events have been well received.

There will be a **First day of Hanukkah/Advent event December 5.** The gathering will start at 5:30 with a simple soup. Everyone is to bring can of corn, black beans or tomatoes; this will be combined to make the soup.

Hanging of the Greens – December 8.

Special Choir Music – December 9.

Children's pageant will be December 16.

The Caring Committee sponsored a talk by a Center for Volunteer Caregivers representative focusing on stress related to caregiving.

The next Deacons meeting will be November 8.

Stewardship

Statements providing the status of 2007 pledges were made available at the October 28 service. They will be mailed to those who have not picked them up. Next year's pledge campaign will kick off on Stewardship Sunday, November 18.

Religious Education

Adult Forum

The Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Vaughan fellowship hall.

November 4 – "People of Faith Against the Death Penalty" presents Shabaka WaQlimi, who was convicted of first-degree murder in 1974. Thirteen hours before his scheduled execution he was granted a new trial and was later released.

November 11 – Maria Riemann will conclude her review of Bertram Russell's book "Why I'm Not a Christian."

November 18 – Marty Lamb will be speaking on "Decreasing the Size of Our Carbon Footprint -- the Wanda Urbaska Connection."

November 25 – Cynthia Ball will facilitate a discussion on "What are we Thankful For."

Youth Group

November 4 - **Education Sampler Potluck**, 4:00 - 6:30 pm You can choose three events to attend: graffiti wall, nature time, Raleigh hip hop scene, on-line research, and more. Your friends are welcome!

November 18 - **Marketplace Cafe'**, 10:30 - 3:00. *Bring Secret Santa gift # 1.*

November 25 - **Children & Youth Christmas Tree Ornaments**, 10:30-11:45. *Bring Secret Santa gift #2.*

December 1 - **All Holiday Feast and Movie Night**, 5:00-9:00 pm. *Bring Secret Santa gift # 3 and your Thanksgiving dinner item.*

December 16 - **Advent Pageant**, 10:30-11:45 am. Celebrate the Christmas story as the children present the annual pageant. Who will play Jesus this year?

Not the Same Old Journey Church School

What do a DVD, some great graphics, and enthusiastic teachers have in common? YOU! Journey Church School meets November 4 and 11, and December 2 and 9 to go on this next phase of your Journey with "Journey."

Next Friends Service Project: Advent Pageant

Miss Anne Bailey is counting on you to help her with the younger children as they rehearse (December 2 and 9) and perform (December 16).

There will be NO JOURNEY OR FRIENDS CHURCH SCHOOL DECEMBER 23 OR 30!

Church School

The holiday season is quickly approaching and the Church School children are getting ready.

This year the Church school will be partnering with the Retirees Fellowship to collect gifts for Meals on Wheels of Wake County. We have no doubt that this intergenerational endeavor will be a grand success. As you do your Christmas shopping, consider picking up something for a needy homebound person.

The children will decorate the Christmas tree in the area outside the Bradow and Hoffmann rooms again this year. The Meals on Wheels-inspired decorations will be made on Sunday, November 25, so be sure to come to church school if you're in town over the Thanksgiving holiday!

Our annual Family Advent Festival will be held Saturday, December 1, from 9:30-11:30. Families with children of all ages, from nursery through high school, are invited to join us. We'll make advent wreaths for families to use at home, sing carols, eat cookies, and get costumes fitted for the Christmas pageant. Questions? Contact Heather Burkhardt at 846-8095.

The annual Christmas pageant will be held during worship on Sunday, December 16--so mark your calendar and invite your family and friends!!!

Submitted by Heather **Burkhardt**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Bradow Room as we "read the Bible again for the first time." There is no preparation and no homework.

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 contact for more info is **Ed Klemmer**.

Monday Lunch Group

Bring lunch and join us in the Hoffmann Room Mondays at 12:15 p.m. **Peg Hulslander** will lead the group in November in activities around the book Beyond the Sky and the Earth; a journey into Bhutan by Jamie Zeppa.

Property

Do you see something around here that could use a bit of sprucing up? Well, this is your opportunity to act! **CUCC Fall Work Day** is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. First, visit the poster in the hallway, and add to it those tasks that you would like to see accomplished. Then, plan to join us on November 17! If you have questions, contact Nancy Stoddard <nstoddard@nc.rr.com>.

Memorial/Meditation Garden

Our thanks to **Grady McCallie and Fawn Pattison** for tending our garden in October.

Volunteers needed – If you are interested in keeping our garden, please contact **Peg** to volunteer for a month: 833-7203.

Social Justice

ENERGY AUDIT

carbon reduction math

CUCC + other congregations + members' homes = significant change

Take the changes we make on the grounds of CUCC to reduce carbon footprint. Add in the changes that will be made by the other churches represented at the Energy Audit. Then add in the changes that each of the members of these congregations can make in their homes – and pretty soon it adds up to a grand total of substantial change.

Energy Audit Actionable Recommendations (Shortened version)

This list has been passed on to (but has not yet been reviewed by) the Property Ministry.

According to John Seymour who conducted the audit: the most important thing we can do to save energy is item # 16, sealing up the vents in the ceiling at the back of the sanctuary during cold months.

Outside analysis

1. Add CFLs (compact fluorescent lights) to wall sconces
2. Check spots with light sensors. They MAY be on during the day because of road dirt/pollen. Check to make sure they are not on during light hours.
3. Add French drains to reduce drainage problem
4. Check older outside fixtures. Some no longer seem to be working

Pilgrim house

5. Do a dollar test for refrigerator gaskets. Put a dollar in the door and close. If the bill comes out easily, then the seal is not efficient and may need replacement.
6. Basement: put CFLs in canned light fixtures
7. Check hot water heater – aim for 90 degree setting.

Vaughan fellowship hall

8. Could install multiple switches so that fewer lights are turned on with each one. So an entire bank of lights need not be used when only a few are needed.
9. Furnace in closet needs to have filter check.

Kitchen

10. Check. Could pilot lights on stove be turned off since it is not used for long periods of time?

Church school rooms

11. Seals on the windows could be improved. Getting a thin gasket could create a better seal.
12. Get curtains or blinds for the windows. This would create a vapor barrier for less energy loss in the rooms.

Water fountain

13. The fountain could be turned off or at least unplugged during off usage times. (The

fountain uses energy to cool water 24 hours a day even in winter!)

Narthex

14. Replace leaky doors.

Sanctuary

15. Painting the ceiling could increase the efficiency of the reflected light.
16. Seal off these open vents at back of sanctuary (at least during winter months)
NOTE: before closing these off, make sure they are not connected to any air returns. We could see many of them were unconnected to anything from the attic, but we could not see all of them.

Other items

17. Closing off, sealing up, or completely removing the heater/ac unit in the robing room. This is a very inefficient way to heat or cool.
18. Air return to furnace is in the janitor's closet. This room should be "dry" and free of chemicals so off gassing is not in the air handling system.
19. Some exit signs are not lit. In addition, look at the bulb used – are they efficient?
20. The 2 spot lights at the back of the hallway just outside the Hoffmann and Bradow rooms should be replaced with CFLs.
21. AC units could have some insulation put on the pipes. In particular, the unit outside the Vaughan wing had some failing insulation.
22. Clean gutters outside on a work day.
23. Check on air return cleaning. Are these being cleaned on a regular basis?
24. Bulbs in the lamps of the Bradow room are not CFLs. Should be replaced with CFLs.
25. There is no insulation in the attic of the sanctuary. Adding some insulation to the floor would be good investment

Attic in hallway

26. Check air filter, which is off to the right. Is this being replaced regularly?
27. Blown-in insulation could be pulled away from the eaves to allow air circulation from the eaves to the attic.
28. A fan in the attic would be good since there is no vent at the other end of the long attic space. (Sam suggested a solar powered fan?)

29. A few leaks exist in the connection of the furnace unit to the trunk. Closing these seals would be good and prevent leaks.

Furnace room

30. Clean out old vent, removing pine needles, leaves etc.
31. Fixing insulation around the furnace unit would reduce energy loss.

Submitted by **Paul Kiel**

Justice in a Changing Climate Initiative

I will begin posting material on the new Justice in a Changing Climate bulletin board in the Vaughan fellowship hall. The first posting should be up by November 4. The material will be educational with regard to energy in general and also give specific information about our current energy use here at CUCC. Our first posting will focus on electrical usage. Later postings will focus on natural gas usage. I hope to put up new material each month including bar charts showing our actual energy use.

-- **Sam Johnson**

Quick Study + Good Food to Address Connection Between Climate Change and Poverty – Educational Potluck Sampler

Three short research sessions + a potluck (challenge: use at least one locally grown ingredient) = the basis for action to address climate change. All ages are welcome; bring your friends.

For a list of topics, go to

www.communityucc.org or check the Justice in Changing Climate bulletin board. **November 4, 4 - 6:30 pm.** Please call the office or Jane Smith if you will be bringing your children so we have enough art supplies.

Can We Create a Culture of Peace?

Few of us would dispute the fact that ours is a violent society. Not only is our nation involved in two major wars, but right here in our own country, state, and community we are surrounded by violence. This November, we will provide opportunities to learn about ways to alleviate some of the violence that afflicts our lives.

On Sunday, **November 4, at 9:15 (don't forget to set your clocks back as daylight savings ends!),** the **Adult Forum** will present a program arranged by "**People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.**" State-sanctioned murder, whether by lethal

injection, the gas chamber or firing squad, in response to a violent crime committed by an individual is yet another contributor to our violent society. Come hear the story of an individual who came within thirteen hours of losing his life for a crime he did not commit.

On **November 11th** at our **morning worship** service, Rachel Smith, an ordained Baptist preacher, has chosen as her text "How Long Shall I Cry for Help?-- Gun Violence," as we join congregations around the country on this "**God Not Guns**" **Sabbath.** This will be an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual and moral ramifications of gun violence. We are incensed when a demented soul shoots 32 people on the VPI campus, but we largely ignore the epidemic of gun violence that takes the lives of some 30,000 Americans every year. Are we capable of building a culture of peace?

-- Submitted by **Cy King**

Prayer and Protest for Peace

On October 10, Rev. John Thomas, UCC General Minister and Rev. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Minister for Justice and Witness, were arrested at the White House as they tried to deliver some 60,000 signed petitions (some of them from CUCC) calling for an end to the war in Iraq. They were charged with failing to obey a police order, handcuffed and taken to the District of Columbia Police Station, fined \$100 each and released. They had sought a meeting with the White House's Public Liaison Office. Earlier they had presented the petitions to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Harry Reid and Minority leader John A. Boehner.

The petition read in part: "Along with thousands of United Church of Christ members and supporters, I call for an end to the war in Iraq, an end to our reliance on violence as the first, rather than the last resort, an end to the arrogant unilateralism of preemptive war."

Cy King

Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth

NEEDED NOW: Fellowship Hour Folk

We need many folk – a few at a time – to set out beverages and simple nibbles for fellowship hour after Sunday morning services during November.

Contact **Ed or Ruth Klemmer**, phone 847-7992 or email erklemmer@earthlink.net.

Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

On November 15, there will be a potluck at 7:00 p.m. in the Hoffmann room. SIS requests that all who attend co-host the event by researching and bringing an article to share about pre-diabetes. Questions? Call **Vivian Hunter**, 782-8100.

Retirees Fellowship – (2nd Mondays, monthly)

The Retirees will meet on Monday, November 12, at 10:30 with Nancy Olson from Quail Ridge Books. Nancy's visits are always special, so come join us. Everyone is welcome. Bring a sandwich for lunch; dessert and beverages are provided.

Gifts for Meals on Wheels

Once again, the Retired People will be collecting and wrapping Christmas gifts for Meals on Wheels recipients. The Church School children are joining us in this special effort – both collecting and wrapping – so it should be a banner year! Collection boxes will be in the narthex the latter part of November. **Remember that all gifts must be new.** We will be wrapping and delivering the second Monday in December.

The wish list from Meals on Wheels includes:

- Gloves/ Socks Scarves/hats Slipper socks
- Flashlights and batteries Battery operated radios
- Dishtowels/Potholders Bath towels/Washcloths
- Blankets/ Throws
- Cookies – packaged or home-made Soft Candy, Chocolate/Gum
- Candles – pillar, decorative
- Small denomination gift certificates
(McDonald's/Hardee's/Target/Walmart, etc.)
- Postage Stamps

Our People

NEW MEMBERS

Joining the membership of our CUCC congregation on November 4 will be **Cynthia J. Ball, Don & Shirley Birt, Frank and Carole Gailor, Lena Gallitano, Renee Howard, Joe and Ann Retzer, Warren and Elizabeth Savage, Hunter & Pam Thompson.**

Beginning in November we're beginning a series of introductions to our new members.

Cynthia J. Ball looks forward to joining CUCC as she is attracted to “our real commitment to and involvement in the ‘Community’ as well as our social justice and peace initiatives.” Cynthia was formerly affiliated with Disciples of Christ. She is a certified Mediator and her special interests are Political and social activism, animal rescue and protection, as well as supporting their welfare. She also enjoys hiking and gardening.

Don and Shirley Birt both are originally from Indiana but met in New York City. They have lived in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Vermont prior to moving to North Carolina. Shirley's background is in education and public administration. Don's background is in theology and sociology. He is retired from the U. S. District Court system. His main hobby is genealogy. They have two children. One son lives in Geneva, Switzerland with his wife, who is a Swiss citizen but originally from Tanzania. Their daughter lives in Clayton, North Carolina with her husband, who was born in England but grew up in Ireland. They have a daughter who is fourteen. Most recently they were members of Grace Congregational UCC in Rutland, Vermont. “We have appreciated the openness to people and ideas at Community United Church of Christ and the emphasis on issues of peace and justice. We look forward to becoming better acquainted with the church community.”

Lena Gallitano is retired with special interests in birding, conservation and the environment. She is active in Wake Audubon Society and Audubon NC, Carolina Bird Club and NC Beautiful - all non-profits. She also volunteers with the NC Birding

Trail. Lena is transferring from Orange United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, where she grew up. What attracted her to CUCC: “After being introduced by Lynn and Dave Barber, it was the people and the underlying philosophy of an open and welcoming congregation. This is the friendliest church I have visited in Raleigh. It reminds me very much of the church where I grew up when it was a small country church. That is no longer the case since it is now a large urban church and the

Methodist philosophy is no longer open and affirming.”

Renee Howard moved to Raleigh from Oklahoma City six years ago. Renee works at North Carolina State University in the Civil Engineering department. She has a grown daughter back in Oklahoma City and is married to Kevin Wilkins, who is a graduate student in civil engineering. Renee was attracted to CUCC because “it is a balanced congregation that is engaged with social issues that are important to making our world better as well as meeting the spiritual needs of 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 and Pilgrim House.) Our prayers are solicited for:

Jo Lemons, Jo Banks, Al Matthews, Ruby Lamb, Lisa Marsh, Mamie Scott, Nancy Cross’ cousins Carolyn and Jean, David Ledbetter’s father, Bill, June Bolton, Scottie Bell, Bobby Barnes, Rhonda Zingraff & Charlie Thomas, Roy and Ida Klages, Kerma Hazel, Joan Little, Steve’s brother Eugene and nephew Gene, Gretchen Aycock’s mother Mary, and the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

Congratulations

Fawn Pattison and Grady McCallie were married Saturday, October 20, in a private ceremony at CUCC.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to **Allan Beidler**, whose father recently passed away.



Our Young Peoples’ Birthdays

11/8/97	– Erin Kiel
11/18/05	– Ian Burkhardt
11/26/98	– Hope Davis
12/8/99	– Ben Cole
12/12/01	– Faith Davis
12/19/91	– Anna Roach Howell
12/22/96	– Katherine Lan Manus

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Community Outreach

CUCC’s Agency of the Month

FIGS (Filling in Gaps)

FIGS of Wake County, Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation operated by nondenominational volunteers. Its purpose is to provide prescription drug assistance to low-income and uninsured people in Wake County. FIGS grew from a shared perception that reductions in government funding of services for the poor could result in *gaps* in the filling of vital needs that sustain life.

Each month the FIGS board appropriates donated monies to purchase prescription medicines for qualified people. The Wake County Department of Human Services and Urban Ministries select eligible recipients, and local pharmacies fill the prescriptions.

This structure allows FIGS to operate without administrative costs; therefore, 98% of all contributions go directly to pay for essential medicines.

In its 25 years of operation, FIGS has raised over \$1,600,000 and assisted more than 28,000 of our neighbors in Wake County—people like: the minimum wage earner with no insurance benefits who was struck with a serious illness; a child with a painful ear infection whose family was awaiting Medicaid eligibility; the person with cancer and diabetes who was burned out of her home; and the elderly heart patient forced to choose between paying for medicine or food.

--Excerpt from leaflet provided by FIGS
(There are more leaflets in the literature rack beside the water fountain.)

2007 Raleigh CROP WALK

A big "Thank you!" to all of you who walked in the CROP Walk and all the many of you who sponsored walkers. Despite hot weather, it was great to join with so many other Raleigh people in this event. Around 34 churches were represented, along with several other groups. Our church raised over \$1,200 to help the poor of the world through the work of Church World Service and our Raleigh hunger organizations. Figures are still coming in, and people are still contributing, but the Raleigh walk as a whole raised at least \$25,000.

Thanks to all!

■ Mike Schafale

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR BY BRINGING FOOD BAGS!



October's contributions amounted to **19** food bags – all very welcome, but still not meeting our goal of 25! Watch the chart above the food cart in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. Let's make the numbers climb!

If you would like to assist with "no salt" food bags, which are needed and useful, buy unsalted vegetables and label your bag with the words "no salt." That will be much appreciated. Let's keep trying!

Food bags are due **November 4** and every first Sunday of the month.

Submitted by **Marge Eckels**

19th Annual Thad and Alice Eure Walk for Hope

Thirteen youth, parents, and friends formed a CUCC team at the Walk for Hope on October 14. Together they raised \$915 to fund mental illness research--and they had a great time! Thanks to everyone at CUCC who contributed so generously, and to all the participants.

Visit CUCC's website and click on "events" to see pictures from the walk.

-- **Suzette Roach**

Wider Community

The Jewish studies center, based in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences, provides scholars and students with an understanding of Judaism and the historic Jewish experience. The center brings together faculty from academic departments including American studies, English, Germanic languages, history, religious studies and Slavic languages and literatures. The fall 2008 lecture series winds up on November 16 with "Midrash as Visualization: Depicting the Binding of Isaac in Text and Image." Dr. Marc Bregman, Herman and Zelda Bernard Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, explores how Jewish biblical interpretation invites its readers to visualize the narratives of the Bible.

The lectures are co-sponsored by a variety of campus units, including the Center for the Study of the American South and the religious studies department. For more information, visit <http://cejs.unc.edu> or call (919) 962-1509.

Submitted by **Vandy Bradow**

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

Ministry Chairs:

Deacons: Sam Johnson

Stewardship: Carol Kepler, Interim chair

Property: David Ledbetter and Joan McAllister

Religious Education: Marty Lamb

Social Justice: Gary Smith

Community Outreach: Tom Young

Organist: Doug Barrick

Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith

Come
Marketplace of Meaningful Gifts

Sunday, November 18th
12:00-2:00--Vaughan Fellowship Hall

Meet
representatives of these thirteen local agencies:

Alliance of AIDS Services / Carolina
FIGS (Filling in Gaps)
Friends of Residents in Long Term Care
The Good News Message, KCC
Haven House
The Healing Place
Interact
Koinonia Partners
Loaves and Fishes
National Federation of the Blind
North Carolina Peace Action
Stop Hunger Now
Women's Center of Wake County

Learn
about their missions and the meaningful work they do

Contribute
to their causes by purchasing beautiful crafts, cards, jewelry, books, ornaments
for a friend, relative, or for yourself,

Enjoy
a snack at the Marketplace Café, served by the youth from
CUCC, Fairmont Methodist and Pullen Memorial Baptist.

Once again the youth will be serving up a selection of homemade soups, sandwiches and treats for the hungry shoppers at the Marketplace. If you would be willing to contribute a half dozen sandwiches (cut in halves and bagged separately) or a batch of "finger food" sweets (brittle, fudge, coated pretzels, cookies, brownies, etc.), please contact Jane Smith.

Save space for calendar

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The deadline for our December Newsletter is
November 19th.

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www.communityucc.org

A Month of Sundays

November 4 |

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship (with
Communion) &
Church School,
Fellowship Time
4:00 ESP**

Lectionary:

Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4;
Ps 119:137-144 or
Isa 1:10-18;
Ps 32:1-7;
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12;
Luke 19:1-10

November 11 |

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship Service
(Rev. Rachel Smith
preaching) &
Church School;
Stewardship Sunday
Fellowship Time**

Lectionary:

Hag 1:15b-2:9;
Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or
Ps 98 or Job 19:23-
27a; Ps 17:1-9;
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

November 18 |

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 Taizé with
Communion; 9:15
Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship & Church
School; Fellowship
Time Lectionary:**

Isa 65:17-25; Isa 12
or Mal 4:1-2a;
Ps 98; 2 Thess 3:6-13;
Luke 21:5-19

November 25 |

Reign of Christ |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Adult Forum &
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship Service
(Deacons lead)
& Church School,
Fellowship Time
Lectionary:**

Jer 23:1-6;
Luke 1:68-79 or
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 46;
Col 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43