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Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to Jill Rios, the new Director of the NC Interfaith Power and Light Program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. Jill follows Alice Loyd who retired in May of 2008.

As chairperson of the "NCIPL" I was privileged to be on the search committee that called Jill to this important position. She will be working as of September 11 from a new NCIPL office in Asheville while spending several days in each two week period in Raleigh. Jill is well qualified both theologically and scientifically for this work. She is the wife of an Episcopal priest and she has an M.S. in Environmental Education from Lesley Univ. (Cambridge, MA) and a B.A. in International Studies from St. Norbet College (DePere, WI) Jill grew up in Wisconsin where beautiful forests, lakes, and rolling farmland shaped her commitment to protecting God's creation at an early age. She is also well trained through the Green Faith Fellowship Program (Google to learn more), an interfaith program that prepares lay and ordained leaders for religiously based environmental leadership.

It is my hope to soon introduce Jill in person to our Justice in a Changing Climate committee so that we can develop a working relationship with her as was so fruitful with the previous Director Alice Loyd.

Blessings and Peace,

Steve

Church Council

Excerpts from the minutes of the Council meeting
September 15, 2008

Present: Steve Halsted, Dianne Koenning, Robert Parrish, Mary Pruneau, Jeanne Ledbetter, Pam Thompson, Jane Smith, Gary Smith, Bayard Alcorn

Moderator Koenning introduced the guest Presenter, Hunter Thompson, and first agenda item, "Safe Church". Since 2006, there has been an identified need to reduce risk associated with insurance coverage, particularly with regard to documentation and policies. Hunter described a three-part program comprising 1) video, 2) discussion of policies, 3) signatures and background checks. Then the Council reviewed handouts about interim policies. CUCC first needs to check with the insurance provider to determine current coverage and get a recommendation from them regarding what level of coverage is needed and what things need to be in place to meet the standards of the insurance company. Council can put interim policies in place, then decide how to move forward, using the existing covenant as a guide. Steve will check with the insurance company regarding current coverage, the council will review and adopt interim policies and set up a work group. The plan is to begin with staff coverage, then move to workers and volunteers.

Gary moved that the Council members present review the interim policy and send comments to Steve by Monday, September 22. A lack of a response will indicate agreement with the interim policy. Robert seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Pruneau

There was much discussion regarding reimbursing staff for out of town trips. Robert Parrish moved that the youth leader be reimbursed for submitted receipts for gas expenses. Jane seconded, motion passed.

Mary reported that for the first time in recorded memory, pledges are not coming in as fast as in year's past. It was decided that this was a good time to send a pledge reminder. This will include a statement to the effect that "if your situation has changed in your ability to meet your pledge, please

let us know. If you would like to speak with the pastor, please call the church.

Steve noted there will be "pass the basket" approach for the Turkey Dinner and Square Dancing Nov.8. **Mary** Pickering will do another benefit concert Friday, November 14. It is a very busy time for church fundraising activities – the above plus Walk for Hope, Crop Walk and the 2009 pledge campaign. The UCC is making an appeal for Hurricane Ike victims, as well.

Deacon's Report – Robert Parrish

The Ministry is still evaluating church personnel for 2007 performance. Steve's is complete. Those for Anne, Doug and Anne Bailey will be completed in late September-early October.

Some Deacons were not happy with the bylaws changes proposed by the Council upon recommendation of Stewardship. They plan to move amendment(s) at the October 5 congregational meeting.

Community Outreach – Jeanne Ledbetter

Crop Walk will begin October 12 with 12:30 registration and 1:45 kick off. CUCC walkers and well-wishers will gather after worship and eat lunch before the walk. Jo Perry will ask Lavon to post banner on the website. There will be a Ministry Moment on Sept. 28th. The Ministry Moment schedule is on the Website. Congo Week is the week of October 19th.

Social Justice and Justice in a Changing Climate – Gary Smith

SJM wishes an increase of 5% for 2009. The request will be for \$6,825.00 (\$6,500 + 5% which is \$325.) Democracy North Carolina - \$200.00 Molly Beacham, Director of Development for the organization, will be invited to speak at a Ministry Moment and be available during the Fellowship Hour after the election. Social Justice for Mental Health Workers and Patients – formed to protect the health and welfare of mental health workers and patients. The Social Justice Ministry's involvement in this will be discussed. International Day of Prayer for Peace is on September 21, 2008. Follow-up on letter to institutions of higher education – letters have been sent to both McCrory and Perdue regarding the admittance of undocumented

individuals. So far, no response. Our Faith, Our Vote – an activity to encourage people to vote will be done on October 26th. Members and guests will be invited to gather, ride the bus and go vote as a group. A Ministry Moment will be done for this on October 12. Congo Week is October 19-25 – Breaking the Silence. Friends of the Congo organization is asking communities and campuses to promote activities which will raise awareness of the issues in the Congo and provide support to the people there. Legislation is in the Senate to certify the abusive groups in the Congo and prevent purchase of Coltan from those groups. A letter has been written by a UCC person which could be used and a petition signed. Jane will talk with Steve about using the liturgy focusing on the Congo on October 19th. She will also write a petition to send to the appropriate representatives and make it available after the service on October 19th for people to sign. SJM approved sending \$50.00 to the Friends of the Congo organization. Global Poverty Act – During the SJM meeting, Grady emphasized that there needs to be pressure on Senator Dole to support the bill. He will draft a letter to Kay Hagan and to Senator Dole asking them to support the legislation. Bread for the World has sent each of them a letter but has not received a response.

Stewardship Committee – Mary Pruneau

The pledge campaign will begin in October. Fawn is collecting budget requests – send in your budget requests as soon as possible.

Religious Education – Steve Halsted, reporting

Thomas Harris' eagle project was an outdoor worship space at CUCC. It is now complete! A thank you letter will be sent from the Council and then a thank you from the Church when the space is dedicated. Steve will check on putting an announcement in the paper. The Confirmation class is starting – Sue Cottle is leading. Jason Horrell, pursuing an M. Div. program at Campbell is assisting.

Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth – Jane Smith

There is a church picnic on Saturday – everyone come!! Lots of people are pitching in to make this a fun event. Several visitors came to the Newcomers Brunch, September 7. In the continuation of the September welcoming focus, everyone is to wear a

nametag from a non-CUCC organization or event on the last Sunday of September. November 17th is the newsletter deadline for Dec. is about a week earlier than normal because of the holidays. Everyone is requested to send Jane information about opportunities to place ads from CUCC (e.g. “Congratulations from your friends at CUCC”). Those volunteering to be CUCC's person to be in touch with Pastor Puati were Dianne for October, Jeanne will take November, Robert will take December.

Property – Bayard Alcorn

Work day to set up the Sanctuary went really well. About 15 people came and it all get done very quickly. The remaining priority list includes programming the light switch at the back to include an “off” selection, securing the remote, painting the front and back walls, and installing the new doors, which have been ordered.

Pastor's Report – Steve Halsted

On October 19th there will be an ordination service for Luis Alvarenga, followed by a potluck. Mary Pruneau and Jeanne Ledbetter will head up the clean-up effort. Council agreed that a stole would be an appropriate gift from the congregation.

The church has received the call for the Eastern NC Association annual meeting on October 11th. Steve is going.

Steve has been invited to participate in the MLK Day activities in Raleigh. He will give us more information later.

Deacons

Excerpts from minutes of the Deacons meeting held September 14.

Present were **Robert Parrish, Ann McLaughlin, Steve Halsted, Gary Smith, Roger Manus, Sam Johnson, Skip Stoddard, Suzette Roach, Mac Hulslander.**

After discussion of stationing a Deacon at the back door of the sanctuary to welcome those who this use this door to exit, Deacons decided to continue this for another two weeks, standing further into the Narthex.

Steve noted that Luis Alvarenga will have his ordination at our church on Sunday Oct 19. Vertie Powers will lead the ordination service, Steve will lead the worship and there will be a guest preacher. A potluck reception will follow.

We proceeded with Steve's evaluation during a long discussion regarding the strengths and weaknesses of both the church (congregation) and Steve. Robert requested that the Deacons meet with Steve twice yearly to discuss progress.

We discussed the proposal to change the bylaws to state that number of deacons will be 8 to 12 instead of the 12 required currently. It appears that there is serious contention and disagreement among the Deacons regarding the wisdom and the need to change the bylaws. Robert will take the matter to the Council Meeting.

Sam Johnson, recorder

Arts in Worship

The Art Wall will pay tribute to the late Keith Petersen with samples of his poetry, along with a painting that reminds us of "The Grandfather Poems". A long-time member of CUCC, Keith served the congregation over the years in more ways than we can ever count and this is one way in which we can say "thanks".

Stewardship

Calendar

October 5 – Congregational meeting with proposed budget for 2009

October 19 – Stewardship month begins

Turkey Dinner

November 8, 6:00 PM

No charge, but LOVE gifts will be accepted

Make your reservation thru the office 787-6422

Square Dancing after dinner

Let the office know if you are a vegetarian

Or if you would need childcare

THE TORCH AND TRAIN CAFÉ

Benefit Concert at CUCC

Mary Pickering will be presenting a concert of fourteen new songs in our sanctuary (**café**) on Friday evening November 14 at 7:30 p.m. A love offering will be taken for the church, and a reception with desserts will be held after in the Vaughan fellowship hall. Mark your calendars now for a fun and entertaining night out!

Religious Education

Church School Update

The children spent the month of September getting back into the swing of fall. **Ben Cole, Leah Jensen** and **Cammy Riemann** received personalized Bibles. Several children moved up to new classrooms and enjoyed being with new class mates. CUCC members will soon be able to view the beautiful new stepping stones they created for the garden off the Vaughan Room.

On September 21 the parents of the preschool and elementary children met before church to plan for the remainder of the fall. Highlights of the meeting included our annual Christmas ornament making session with Suzette Roach on Thanksgiving weekend during Sunday School (November 30). Once again the children will make ornaments to decorate the tree in the hallway outside the Bradow and Hoffman rooms. The theme again this year is "Meals on Wheels." The youth will purchase and set up the tree.

All children, youth and their families are invited to our Annual Family Advent event. It is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 at 4:30 pm. We will order pizza for an early dinner. Please remember to bring a plate of cookies to share.

During the afternoon we will work on our nativity blocks, sing carols and practice for the Christmas pageant. This year the parents decided we will make Chrismon ornaments and donate one to the church and take one home. We will learn about Chrismons during our Sunday School lessons prior to the advent workshop.

The Christmas pageant will be December 14 during church. Again this year, all children and youth are invited and encouraged to participate.

There will be no Sunday School on December 28.

Compassion in Action

In the month of October the children will be contributing their weekly donations from the summer to provide a micro loan to an individual in a developing country through www.Kiva.org. Kiva.org is a person-to-person lending website which empowers individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs in developing countries throughout the world.

The group has also agreed they would like the collections for the fall to go to the SPCA of Wake County. They are not only going to collect money but unopened cat and dog food as well.

Cartoons and the Bible

Next time you are in Pilgrim House, take a look at the cartoons created by the Journey class describing Jesus' calling of the apostles. You are in for a treat!

Parent-to-Parent

Steve Halsted invites the middle & high school parents at CUCC to join him for conversation on the joys and challenges we face. We'll gather in the Hoffmann room, noon-1:15, Sunday, November 9. Bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. Possible outcomes: a periodic parent supper club? A monthly check-in for parents of youth? Study & discussion of topics of our choice?

Journey Church School Schedule for October

October 5: Worship

October 12: Walk for Hope

October 19: Mark 1:21-2:12 with Jane

October 26: Journey + Parents cooking &
Early Vote + bus ride

The CUCC Youth Group

The recent past...

Fall is off to a great start.

We recently had a very few, but enthusiastic, youth to do a great job of cleaning our youth room.

There are three church school classes underway for youth, including: Journey (5-6 grade), Confirmation (7-8 grade), and Leaders (9-12 grade). Each class

has exciting curriculum led by excellent teachers and enjoyed by excellent youth.

Confirmation class youth joined in the Wrightsville Beach trip where we created a worship on the beach, walked a pier, ate in a seafood restaurant, played games, sang songs, made up a wild collaborative story, and explored dream analysis. The Confirmation and Journey Class went downtown for lunch and a walk through the groundSpark chalk art exhibit.

The near future...

Journey class will take a trip to Dorothea Dix campus for church school lesson on issues facing the mentally ill. Leaders will attend a worship at Broughton High School, led by Jay Bakker. All youth, their families, and anyone else interested, will participate in the *Walk for Hope on October 12.

Stay tuned...More social and service work plans are in the works. Contact Santi Matthews at forsanti@aol.com or (919)961-8814 with questions or ideas, or to be added to the youth mailing list.

***Walk for Hope**

Would you like to have a good time while supporting a great cause? The youth and friends invite you to join them in supporting the **Walk for Hope**, which will be held the morning of Sunday, October 12. The Walk for Hope, a 10K walk through Umstead Park, raises money for research about and treatment of mental illness. You can support the Walk by walking with the CUCC team or sponsoring a walker. You can send your donation to CUCC's team leader, Suzette Roach, before October 12. Make your check out to the Foundation of Hope. For more information go to www.walkforhope.com or contact Suzette at 460-8678.

Adult Forum – Sundays at 9:15 in the Vaughan fellowship hall

October schedule for Adult Forum

October 5 – “**Just War Theory**” and **America’s Wars**. Maria Riemann

October 12 – “**Just War Theory**” and **America’s Wars, part 2**. Maria Riemann

October 19 – **Congo Week, October 19-26, an international campus-based initiative.** Kambai Musavuli, campus coordinator of *Friends of the Congo*
October 26 – **Update on CUCC's "Justice in a Changing Climate"**

You can also view additional information on the [CUCC News & Chat Blog](#). Please come and continue our study of social and economic justice issues that affect our communities and the lives of our fellow citizens.

If you have any questions, contact me at cball@BallMediation.com or 919.387.9479.
--**Cynthia Ball**, Forum Committee Chair

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Bradow Room. We have started a study of Jeremiah. For the next few weeks, we will be listening to a recording of Walter Brueggemann speaking about the Book of Jeremiah at a conference last winter (January Adventure in Saint Simon's Island, Georgia). Newcomers are welcome and I'll be glad to make the recordings available to anyone who wants to "catch up."

– **Ellen Beidler**

Wednesday Bible Study

This group meets at Pilgrim House at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to discuss the next week's Lectionary selections. Bring a bag supper. More information? Call **Mike Schafale**, 567-1098.

Monday Lunch Group

In October The Monday Lunch Group will be led by Sue Cottle. They will be reading and discussing *The Shack*. Bring a lunch and join us in the Hoffmann room at 12:15 p.m..

Saturday Men's Group

The group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the library. In October, the Men's Book Club will read and discuss *The World without Us* by Alan Weisman. The contact for more info is **Ed Klemmer**.

Social Justice

Want to help the people of the Congo? OR What do my hearing aid, car, cell phone, Playstation, and pacemaker have to do with the war?

October 19-26 people around the world will be joining together to assist the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. **Congo Week** brings international attention to how the sale of coltan* is funding the conflict in eastern DRC. Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ is a major partner in Congo Week which is being organized by college students under the auspices of Friends of the Congo. Here's how you can join this international effort.

- **Pray every day** during Congo Week for the people of the Congo, especially remembering our friends in the Good News Church. Consider praying *every time you use a product containing coltan**
- Have a **cell phone**? **Cell OUT, Wed., Oct. 22, noon-6pm.** This cell phone usage boycott helps you spread word of the Congo conflict over natural resources. Record a message explaining the boycott, then turn off your phone for six hours; consider it a phone fast. Suggested message: "Did you know that Congo has 80 percent of the world's reserve of coltan, a natural resource that is central to the operation of our cell phones? As we benefit from coltan, over 5 million Congolese have died in the deadliest conflict since world war two as a result of the scramble for coltan and other minerals. Join me in supporting the Congolese people and turn your phone off until 6 tonight."
- **Sign letters** to Senators Dole and Burr in support of S.3058 which prohibits importing coltan sold by combatants; the letters will be in the narthex after worship **Oct. 26.**
- **Send a card** of hope and friendship to the church in the Congo so that they will know we have not forgotten them. Postage for a standard greeting card is 94 cents. Send your card in care of our friend: The Rev. N'Sumbu Puati, B.P. 607, Kinshasa Limete, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa

- **Vote Early** because we can vote and our elected representatives have the power to act to help our friends in the Congo. *Oct. 26* after our worship service focusing on the Congo

*What is coltan? Coltan = Columbite–tantalite (**col+tan**) Coltan is "the colloquial African name for a metallic ore used to produce the elements niobium and tantalum. Mineral concentrates containing tantalum are usually referred to as tantalite." From wikipedia.org "Tantalum capacitors for electronic circuits [are found] in medical appliances such as **hearing aids, pacemakers**, also in **airbag protection systems**, ignition and motor control modules, GPS, ABS systems in automobiles, **laptop computers, cellular phones, Playstation, video cameras, digital still cameras**. High reliability characteristics and low failure rates, operation over a wide temperature range from -55 to +125°C, can withstand severe vibrational forces, small size per microfarad rating/electrical storage capability." from www.tanb.org/tantalum1.html

OUR FAITH OUR VOTE 2008

The United Church of Christ has developed resources for nonpartisan voter education and empowerment. Included are briefings on key issues and suggestions about ways to get involved in the political process. The theme of the Our Faith Our Vote 2008 is "Imagine Another World is Possible". "The vision is to imagine and create a world free from violence, free from poverty, free from hunger and free from oppression and discrimination."

The resources provide key briefings on Health Care, Poverty, Climate Change, Immigration, the Global Economy, the War in Iraq and Media Justice. "The challenges before our nation and our world are great, and it is as important as ever that we equip ourselves to make informed, thoughtful decisions about those who will lead us into the future."

The Our Faith Our Vote materials are available at www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote.org. A printed packet can be requested from Jessie Palatucci, Policy Advocate, 100 Maryland Avenue NE, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20002 or at palatucj@ucc.org.

The briefings on key issues are also posted on the Social Justice Ministry bulletin board at the church.
– submitted by **Shirley Birt**

Justice in a Changing Climate

Early Voting + Bus Lunch, Oct. 26

Promote public transit, express your political convictions, and have fun by joining others from CUCC in voting early at the Pullen Arts Center. After a light lunch (provided), we'll board CAT bus 4 (bring \$2 exact change for the round trip) to ride to the polling station for its opening at 1:00pm. After voting, you can catch a bus back to CUCC at "any hour + 8 minutes." If the walk from the NCSU Belltower to the PAC is too far or you are on a tight schedule, carpool from the church lot to voting. Add to the fun: bring \$2 to buy a locally-grown & made Locopop. Our Faith, Our Vote!

Property

Memorial/Meditation Garden

Our thanks to **the Retzers** who tended the Memorial/Meditation garden in September. **The Littles** will tend the garden in October.

Welcoming Fellowship and Growth

Retirees Group

Race and Racism: Checking Out Our Theology

All are welcome to participate in a discussion of how theology influences our views on race. Led by Mac Hulslander, this program continues the congregation's [Sacred Conversation on Race](#). Our hosts for the event are the [Retired Peoples' Group](#). Bring your lunch; they will provide drinks and dessert. Monday, October 13, 10:30 to noon, Vaughan Fellowship Hall.

Sisters in Spirit (SIS) needs new coordinator involving women to be in charge of monthly meetings, usually potlucks and a program. She also does some publicity for the meetings. If interested, call Sally Cook, 467-3642 for more details. Meetings are held on the third Tuesdays of the months at 7 PM. The coordinator is advised to call a week ahead the women who have volunteered for that particular evening.

Belong to a community group?

Are you a member of a bookclub, community group, performing arts troupe or ensemble, school group, or team? If so, do they ever publish something for which they accept ads? Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth would like to celebrate your involvement in the community and welcome people who might be interested in a church like CUCC by buying ads in those local publications. Our budget is small (around \$25/ad). Contact Jane Smith with any information you have. This is an ongoing project.

What ideas and feelings does this quotation spark in you? Tell Jane Smith.

Are we up to the challenge of hospitality?

From Henri Nouwen's Reaching Out
Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them the space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not distrubed by dividing lines ...

It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way. The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

What ideas and feelings does this quotation spark in you? Tell Jane Smith.

Our People

Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer requests on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or one of the prayer jars (Narthex and office). Prayers are solicited for:

Jo Lemons; Ruby Lamb; Lisa Marsh; Mamie Scott; Rhonda Zingraff's husband Charlie; Gretchen Aycocock's mother, Mary; Linda

Rudisill's husband Sid Holmes; Al Matthews; Kerma Hazel; Carolyn King; Anne Bailey's mother; Jane Smith's mother Alice Gretsch; Dick Eden, Susan Lane's stepfather; Rev. Frank Preston, a friend of Nancy Cross; Mary Poole, Rev. Francis Rath, a friend of Steve's from Albuquerque; Cynthia Ball's mother, Carolyn; Vandy Bradow's mom, Ida Klages; the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

Congratulations

Marjorie and Quentin Lindsey celebrated their 60th wedding on September 6, 2008!

Toni Maes and Mark Scott were married July 24, 2008, on the island of St. Lucia. Toni's email address is tonimaes@yahoo.com

Thank you

We can thank **Thomas Harris** for choosing CUCC for his Eagle Scout project – building and installing the outdoor benches in an area behind the Wade Avenue parking lot. We now have an area suitable for meditating and outdoor worship.



Our Young People's Birthdays

10/5/91 – Ferline Milandu
10/11/01 – Zenna Bryan
10/14/95 – Susie Binganisi
10/17/95 – Zack Cole
10/20/02 – Erik Burkhardt
10/21/95 – Ellen Milandu
11/8/97 – Erin Kiel
11/18/2005 – Ian Burkhardt
11/26/98 – Hope Davis

Community Outreach

2008 Raleigh CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 12th
2PM

It's not too late to sign up!

Walkers will share a bring-your-own lunch (drinks provided) in the Vaughan fellowship hall and then

go downtown to participate in the Walk.

Sign up to walk or be a Spirit Walker

– walk with us in spirit by making a donation.

Checks to CWS/CROP.

Details at <http://www.cropwalkraleigh.com/>

To sign up to walk or donate, stop at the CROP table in the narthex or contact Mike Schafale schafale@lightonecandle.com.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR BY BRINGING FOOD BAGS!



Did you hear the speaker from Urban Ministries when she spoke about how crucial our emergency food bags are? She stated that every day Urban Ministries uses their entire supply and faces bare shelves. The need is great and growing. Let's keep up our

contributions. In September we donated **19** food bags. Our **goal** is still **25!**

Food bags are due **October 5th** and every first Sunday of the month.

Submitted by **Marge Eckels**

Wright Center Meals

On September 21, 30 women at the Helen Wright Center enjoyed a Congolese dinner prepared by Lina Milandu, Margueritte Binganisi, and Antho Malonda, and served by Fernand and Ferline Milandu, Toni James-Manus and Roger and Katherine Lan Manus. The women at the center are always very grateful for the dinners we prepare. If you'd like to help cook and/or serve on some third Sunday of a month, email/call Geri Bowen, gerihb@earthlink.net, 781-3068.

Wider Community

The annual **United Nations Association** dinner will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the N.C. State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street. Check-in begins at 6 p.m., an international dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jane Roberts, author and co-founder of 34 Million Friends of the UNPFA (The United Nations Population Fund). Mrs. Roberts will discuss the role of UNPFA in family planning in developing countries and how UNPFA promotes the rights of women and the elimination of gender-based violence.

Reservations **before** October 19 will cost \$30 adults, \$15 students. Reservations after October 19 will cost \$35 adults, \$20 students.

Make checks payable to UNA-Wake and mail to: UNA-Wake, 1307 Sycamore Dr., Garner, NC 27529

For more information see Sally Cook, Dinner chairperson or I. T. Littleton, Wake County UNA Board of Directors

Wider Church

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The deadline for our November Newsletter is
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The Newsletter can be found on our web page:
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A Month of Sundays

October 5 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time |
9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Bible Study;
9:15 Forum; 10:30
Worship Service
(with Communion)
& Church School;
Fellowship Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;
Ps 19 or Isa 5:1-7;
Ps 80:7-15;
Phil 3:4b-14;
Matt 21:33-46

October 12 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Bible Study;
9:15 Forum; 10:30
Worship Service &
Church School;
Fellowship Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 32:1-14;
Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 or
Isa 25:1-9; Ps 23;
Phil 4:1-9,
Matt 22:1-14

October 19 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
9:00 Taizé with
Communion;
9:15 Bible Study;
9:15 Forum; 10:30
Worship (Luis
Alvarenga
Ordination) &
Church School;
Fellowship Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 33:12-23; Ps 99 or
Isa 45:1-7;
Ps 96: 1-9, (10-13);
1 Thess 1:1-10;
Matt 22:15-22

October 26 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | **9:00 – 9:30**
Taizé; 9:15 Bible
Study; 9:15 Forum;
10:30 Worship
Service & Church
School kickoff,
God's Green Earth
potluck.
Lectionary:
Deut 34:1-12;
Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 or
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18;
Ps 1; 1 Thess 2:1-8;
Matt 22:34-46