

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working For Social Justice

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

As you read this newsletter I will be finishing up my vacation with a family trip back to New England. Marcy and I are excited to be hosting a wedding celebration for our daughter Elizabeth and her new husband, Matthew Black. Most of Marcy's relatives as well as mine have not yet met Matt and we expect a large gathering to welcome him and celebrate their marriage. Another great joy will be to share the wonderful news that Elizabeth and Matt are expecting their first child. Marcy and I are so excited about becoming grandparents! We've already started getting things for the baby – please remind us not to over-do it! That should be an opportunity for consumer restraint and sustainable living!

As summer draws nearer to an end, we have many new church activities to add to our calendars. Please read closely about them in this newsletter so you don't miss out. I want to add another for your consideration. This may appeal to those of you who have fond memories of church camps from long ago, or those of you excited about the new lodges built at Johns River Valley Camp UCC. I will be leading a "Fall Foliage Retreat" there on October 20-22 for adults in the Southern Conference who want to get out in the mountains and enjoy good fellowship and the wonders of nature! Weather permitting, we will have outdoor worship and songs around the campfire at night. Field trips will take us to Wilson's Gorge and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Please let me know if you'd like to attend.

Blessings & Peace,

Steve

Church Council

Excerpts from the minutes of the Council meeting
August 18, 2008.

Attending: Sam Johnson, Jane Smith, Gary Smith, Jeanne Ledbetter, Robert Parrish, Baird Alcorn, Marty Lamb and Pam Thompson

Sam opened the meeting with prayer.

Deacon's Report – Robert Parrish

Robert commented that the ushers have done a marvelous job of coordinating the services in the Vaughan fellowship hall while the sanctuary was being updated.

Social Justice and Justice in a Changing Climate – Gary Smith

Social Justice sent a letter to Bev Perdue and Robert McCrory's offices to request that a dialogue be held regarding open access to higher education for all residents regardless of immigration status. A response came from Bev Perdue's office and the committee is in the process of setting up a meeting with her campaign office. Justice in a Changing Climate held the God's Green Earth weekend. It went extremely well! A very creative, great job was done by everyone, especially Heather. The left over hand-decorated canvas bags will go to the Auction.

Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth – Jane Smith

Three items were discussed.

- 1) **Lake Wheeler picnic** - September 20th, 10:30-4. This is a BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH event, but lots of activities are anticipated. Sam will help set up and bring drinks, Marty has a game planned right at the beginning of the event, Robert will MC the blessing and scripture at the beginning of the event and will find someone to do the same for the closing.

2) September events and welcome:

* There will be national and regional ad campaigns regarding the UCC. We need to prepare for welcoming guests and reemphasizing fellowship in the church.

* Some suggestions for things to do in September are on the "Try Something New" bulletin board (see page 8 for details)

* On September 28th, wear a "Not-a-CUCC" nametag (work, volunteer activity, etc.).

* September 7, Newcomers Brunch

3) Being a more welcoming place for people plants and animals).

There is a group interested in getting the church grounds certified as a wildlife area. Will Hooker with NCSU has a class that could adopt the church grounds as a project and develop a plan for getting the church grounds certified. The Council decided that they should continue to follow up with that. The group wanted to know where and how they would fit in with the administration of the church since they would be making changes and improvements. Justice in a Changing Climate will have a property committee meeting in September. The group should come to that meeting with a little more structure, who will be on the committee, etc. There will be a property committee representative at that meeting and they will decide at that time where this group should fit in.

Religious Education – Marty Lamb

God's Green Earth went extremely well!

Adult Education Committee had a meeting. Ellen's Bible study class has been well attended, they are discussing "Who's Bible is it Anyway?"

First Sunday "Mulling it over with Marty" going well – Forum will begin again in the Fall (calendar later in newsletter)

Property – Bayard Alcorn

The Sanctuary was ready for service on August 24. The doors for the church are still being worked. The general Fall workday for the entire church has not been scheduled yet.

Community Outreach – Jeanne Ledbetter

This committee is working on several items.

a) An Urban Ministries representative will be doing a Ministry Moment on September 7th. They will give specific ways that the church can help at this point. The food bags that the church members provide go to Urban Ministries. Geri Bowen will do a children's story and hand out bags to the kids and have extras. The list of what is to be put in the food bag will be discussed and that list is also on the website.

b) The Committee has also maintained contact with Method Child development Center, primarily to support them as volunteers by sharing the

appropriate information with the congregation so that they can choose to volunteer.

c) The Committee is also planning to get involved in the spring with the Fan Relief effort that Helping Hand Mission works on.

d) The Crop Walk and the Walk for Hope are both scheduled for the same day this year, October 12th. Geri and Jeanne will go to an organizational meeting on September 11th and plan on walking in the event.

e) There will be a Ministry Moment done on the Walk for Hope on September 21st.

A request was made to have a running list on the calendar on which Ministry Moments were scheduled for which Sundays so that people would know what was scheduled.

Stewardship Committee – Fawn Pattison

Fawn is aware that she is the chair, but is out of town quite a bit.

Nominating committee – Jeanne Ledbetter

The nominating committee has begun their recruitment. Six Deacons will be rotating off and that is a large number to recruit. There has been discussion with Steve and others regarding reducing the number of Deacons to a number that would more closely fit the number actually needed by the church. If that were to happen then the By-Laws would need to be revised. Robert Parrish stated that eight Deacons would be a good number for the church as long as they all came to the meetings. By reducing the number, there would be more people available to serve in other capacities for the church. To change The By-Laws, the church membership needs to be notified in writing at least two weeks in advance of any vote. Since there is a congregational meeting coming up on October 5th, The Council is informing the congregation in this September newsletter that is mailed/mailed to the membership.

By-laws

Original text:

Article II. Ministries, Section 1. Deacons Ministry:

There shall be twelve Deacons elected for terms of three years. Each year a new class of four Deacons will be elected as four others complete their term. Deacons shall work in teams of three to form the core of four ministry teams to handle these functions:

- (A) Arts in Worship
- (B) Ushers
- (C) Caring
- (D) Sacraments and Chancel

One Deacon shall be Chair of the Deacons Ministry, and shall also serve as a member of the Church Council. A second Deacon shall be Vice Chair and may succeed to the Chair position the following year.

New wording:

Article II. Ministries, Section 1. Deacons Ministry:

There shall be a minimum of eight and a maximum of twelve Deacons elected for terms of three years. Each year a new class of two to four Deacons will be elected as others complete their term. Deacons shall work in teams to form the core of four ministry teams to handle these functions:

- (A) Arts in Worship
- (B) Ushers
- (C) Caring
- (D) Sacraments and Chancel

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Jane presented the motion that the Council would like to bring to the congregation the changes to Article two of the By-laws as outlined above. Robert Parrish seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sam closed the meeting with a prayer.

Deacons

Excerpts from minutes of the meeting held August 14.

Present: **Robert Parrish, Margaret Osborne, Ann McLaughlin, Sam Johnson, Skip Stoddard, Jim Smith, and Suzette Roach.**

Upcoming Services

On Labor Day Sunday, August 31, Rollin Russell will preach. Rollin is the former Southern Conference minister.

Budget Matters

There is a shortfall of funds left to pay visiting preachers. Mary Pruneau will be asked to determine where the funding can be found. Hopefully the amount needed for the rest of the year will not exceed \$300.

Committee Reports

Arts and Worship – Suzette reports that there will be some artwork changes.

Ushers – Sam reports that there is an advertising campaign that will be coming up in September and a special effort is being made by the Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth committee to welcome visitors. The Ushers are being asked to keep brochures and newsletters at three different locations – Narthex table, literature rack, and the hutch in the Vaughan fellowship hall. Renee Howard has volunteered to join the ushers. Ushers would like to have some new people join. There was some discussion about the procedure for opening doors at the end of service. Skip pointed out that, due to noise from the classroom area, it is better to wait until after the Benediction to open the doors.

Other Business

The Ordination service for Luis Alvarenga was discussed. It will probably be held in October.

Meeting closed with Peace song.

Arts in Worship

Arts in Worship Committee

In September, 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".

CHOIR NEWS

The Chancel Choir is looking for any and all singers who would enjoy singing with the group this year. Experience and good looks are not prerequisites...just a willingness to contribute to the Sunday worship experience usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Regular Wednesday evening rehearsals will begin on September 3, from 7:00- 8:30 pm in the Hoffmann Room. The warm-up rehearsal is held at 9:30 am Sunday, immediately before the worship service in which we sing.

– Submitted by **Carol Kepler**

LIBRARY UPDATE

Featured on the table in our library are new books which may interest you. Drop in and take a look!

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

"Outstanding ... a wide-ranging invitation to think through the moral ramifications of our eating habits
– "The New Yorker"

Honey from the Rock by Lawrence Kushner

A wonderful taste of Jewish mysticism!

Movements – A novella by John Hilpert

Our friend of Cedar Cross Retreat Center tells this story of how we can all-get-along!

The Yiddish Policemen's Union by Michael Chabon

A good summer read of a homicide detective investigating a murder. Very entertaining!

– Submitted by **Geraldine Bryan**

Stewardship

Calendar

September 21 – deadline for 2009 **Budget requests**

October 5 – **Congregational meeting** with proposed budget for 2009

October 19 – **Stewardship month** begins

November 8 – **Stewardship dinner**—

Save the date! There will be Turkey dinner and entertainment!

Religious Education

Church School Update

Our new Church school year will begin on August 24th. We will be using the 'Gather Round materials again this year. The children are enjoying these lessons and I have found that the multiage curriculum is easy to adapt to the different age groups.

We have a large group moving up to the Journey Class this year. Consequently, we are dividing our group into two classes for the fall.

The elementary class will meet in the large classroom. I will be leading the class with one assist (unless I have to be gone). Of course, at time to practice for the pageant, I will need you more!

I have talked with several parents who have expressed the difficulty they have attending the family advent event due to fall sports. A suggestion was made to move the advent event to the first Sunday in December at 5:00pm and order pizza for everyone. Another alternative suggested was the first Sunday from 4pm until 5:30. Let me know your thoughts.

Looking forward to another fun year with your children!

Yours truly,
Anne Bailey

Important Dates for the Fall

- September 7: 3rd/4th Graders receive Bibles
- September 14: Make stepping stones for CUCC garden
- September 21: Church School Planning Meeting at 9:15 (large class room)
- October 30: Make ornaments for CUCC Children's Christmas Tree
- December 7: 5 pm Family Advent Party
- December 14: Pageant and Christmas party
- December 28: No Sunday School

The CUCC Youth Group is looking forward to a new year of fun, fellowship, service and learning together. We begin Church School on Sunday, August 24. We are especially excited to welcome Ben, Caelan, Casey, Colleen, Erin, Hope, and Katherine Lan to our group and to their new Church School class called Journey. We now have a youth

group large enough for three classes, Journey for rising 5th and 6th graders, Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders, and the nameless group (let's call them Leaders) for 9th-12th grade.

Journey will meet every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday for Church School, usually in the Pilgrim House. Every once in a while there will be a field trip or special event. Every time there's a 5th Sunday, all youth (5th-12th grade) will share Church School and lunch. The first one will be August 31!

Confirmation and Leaders will continue with their pattern of Church School every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday, lunch together every 2nd and 3rd Sunday, and now, a youth-wide Church School and lunch every 5th Sunday.

The Recent Past...

August 1-3, we enjoyed God's Green Earth. We participated in building a trash house (inspired and lead by our own Abby), ice cream tasting, a night walk, canvas bag painting, a bus trip to Loco Pops, and finally the call to worship, poetry reading and piano playing for our wonderful Sunday Worship.

August 17, we cooked, delivered and served a homemade meal for 33 homeless women at The Wright Center. The women most definitely enjoyed our Brunswick Stew, cornbread, cucumber salad, green beans, and butterscotch brownies (not to mention the blessing we all sang together). The youth worked hard for many hours, and worked well together on this meaningful service project.

The Near Future...

Plans for September include a beach trip for Confirmation Class and Leaders on September 6; the church wide Lake Wheeler picnic; the Journey Youth Group tour of Dix Hill; and the completion of our fundraising note card orders.

Stay Tuned...

Please feel free to contact Šánti at forsanti@aol.com, or by phone:(919)961-8814 if you have any questions about youth group events.

- submitted by **Šánti Matthews**

Walk for Hope

October 12, 2008

The Youth Group will be participating in the 20th annual Walk for Hope on Sunday, October 12. The Walk for Hope raises money for the Foundation of Hope, a non-profit organization dedicated to

funding breakthroughs in the treatment of mental illness. To date the Foundation of Hope has given over \$2.7 million to fund local research projects and treatment programs. The Walk became a tradition for the Roach-Howells after the suicide of a family friend whose family asked that memorials be left to the Foundation. In recent years, the Walk has also become a tradition for the CUCC Youth Group.

The 6.2 mile scenic walk starts at the Angus Barn in Raleigh and continues through Umstead State Park. It begins at 10 a.m., with registration at 9 a.m. The Walk concludes with a festive lunch and celebration at the outdoor Angus Barn Shelter. Rest stops, refreshments and restrooms are available along the walk, and "Hopemobiles" can give you a lift if needed.

The Youth invite everyone to join them on the Walk, or to support them with donations to the Foundation of Hope. They will be sharing more information during a Mission Moment on September 21, and collecting donations after church on September 21 and 28. For more information, contact Suzette Roach.

– submitted by **Suzette Roach**

Adult Forum

SUNDAY FORUM RESUMES

It's time to go back to our "studies"...our Forum studies, that is! The Forum Committee announces the following schedule for a special August session and for September:

August 31- Rev. Rollin Russell, Former Southern Conference Minister and former Professor of Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary, *"Economic Justice: What is it?"*

September 7 – Mary Rider, *"Why I Went to Jail"*

September 14 – *"Conversation on Race"* continues (panel speakers to be announced)

September 21 – Karen Rindge, Executive Director of WakeUp Wake County, *"Planning for growth in rapidly growing Wake County: What WakeUP Wake County is doing."*

September 28 – Bridgette Burge, *"Heirs to a fighting tradition"*

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 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.

Monday Lunch Group

The September 8 Monday Lunch Group will be led by Lavon Page. They will be reading and discussing: Reaching Out: The Three Movements Of The Spiritual Life, by Henri J.M. Nouwen. This is the first book the Monday Lunch Group studied twenty-five years ago and is a rich classic for spiritual guidance. 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. Men's Book Club will continue Quarrels that have shaped the Constitution by John A. Garraty. The book is a history of U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The contact for more info is **Ed Klemmer**.

Social Justice

God's Green Earth

Weekend Camp for All Ages was held August 1-3 and was an overwhelming success!! Over 40 people attended over the course of the weekend, as well as, members of other congregations. The weather was beautiful and we were able to enjoy several outdoor activities such as an evening nature hike, bonfire with campfire songs, painting the Tents for Hope and building a trash house.

Those who attended participated in educational opportunities about the environment, arts and crafts and enjoyed plenty of healthy locally grown food. A wood recycling bin was made for the weekly church bulletins as well as a recycle bin for the kitchen.

Several of the sessions held “planted the seeds” for future projects related to the Justice in Climate Change (JCC) and will bear their fruits in the months to come.

A heartfelt thanks to the hardworking and dedicated JCC committee, the enthusiastic and passionate youth, and other volunteers that assisted through out the weekend.

– submitted by **Heather Burkhardt**

Editor’s note: **THANK YOU HEATHER** for the tremendous effort in making this event so meaningful!

Property

Sanctuary Lighting

The new lighting has been installed in the sanctuary and the sanctuary is now paneled in wallboard and painted a very calming shade of mint green. We are back in the sanctuary for worship and encourage you to come and witness our bright, “like new”, worship space. We will celebrate this renovation once our new Wade Ave. narthex door has been received and installed.

Memorial/Meditation Garden

Our thanks to **the Burkhardts** who tended the Memorial/Meditation garden in July, and to **Sam Johnson** and **Vivian Hunter** who tended the garden in August. **Ann and Joe Retzer** will tend the garden in September.

Welcoming Fellowship and Growth

Newcomer’s Brunch Sept. 7

Would you like to learn more about CUCC? Do you have questions about who does what or ways to connect to the life and work of the congregation? Have you wondered what we believe? Enjoy a delicious brunch for newcomers to CUCC after worship on Sunday, September 7, noon - 1:30.

RSVP to the church office. Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or need childcare. We look forward to getting to know you.

LAKE WHEELER
September 20
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Plans are gelling for our all-day, inter-generational outing at Lake Wheeler. The very loosely structured agenda:

>**Begins with a welcome, then games of all sorts:** “TogetherAIR ball” led by Marty Lamb at 10:30, playground classics to teach, learn, play (e.g. jump rope, hopscotch, kick-the-can, cards)

>**Lunch (BYO – drinks, nibbles, fruit provided)** will take place mid-day after the games have come to “a stopping place.”

>**The afternoon (~1-4) will feature nature walks/talks, a singalong, and a “getting to know you, getting to know all about you” session.** This will be for long-timers and newbies, young’uns and otherwise, and will offer the opportunity to learn more about both CUCC and its members.
Lemonade and cookies will be served!

You are sure to find at least one new and interesting thing to share at our closing, as 4 p.m. nears. ALL offers of help and ideas are welcome! Contact **Vandy Bradow** or ANY Council member to share your ideas/talents. Remember, it’s OUR day.

September: Try Something New!

Visitors looking for a church home and long-time members seeking a change,

CONSIDER a September experiment...

- * Introduce yourself to someone new to you
- * Read the list of easy-entry activities that will be posted on a Try Something New hallway bulleting board. Be sure to point it out to visitors and look for possibilities for yourself, too!
- * Wear your nametag (pick up in Fellowship Hall)
- * Plan to add 10 minutes to your usual after-church time in order to savor friends old and new at Fellowship Time
- * Invite a friend to join you as you try something new at CUCC
- * Let guests know about the Newcomers Brunch

Why did you change ...?

It's a September experiment to explore

- * is it easier to wear your nametag if you pick it up at Fellowship Time?
- * do people who don't need to speak to Steve appreciate having a second receiving line with a greeting Deacon?
- * is there a more effective way to connect to people than the News and Observer Friday ad?

College Greetings

An empty mailbox is a sad thing when you are at college. Join Jane Smith as we send notes of encouragement to our college students. Tea and cookies will be on hand to inspire us as we write. Come prepared with wise sayings, witticisms, great jokes, inspiring quotations on September 24, Wednesday, 11:00 am, after Tai Chi, in the Pilgrim House. RSVP to Jane

College student parents, please send Jane your student's address at college.

September 28 is Not-a-CUCC-Nametag Sunday

Who are you when you aren't a CUCCer? Wear a nametag (real or homemade) with your name and something else you do or have done. Ideas: school or work ID, conference badge, volunteer agency tag, favorite blog address, YMCA member card. Surprise us! (Hint: grab the nametag right now and throw it in your car so you don't forget to bring it!)

Did you hear the UCC ad on the radio, too?

During the first two weeks of September, UCC congregations (including CUCC) have contracted for almost 300 ads in Times Warner's markets of Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Burlington, Elon, etc, 36 spots on WUNC-FM and 10 spots on WNCU-FM. Those two weeks will be followed by a national run of the Steeples ads on TV. Tell Jane when you see or hear the ad. Ask your friends if they heard the ad and what they thought of it. To preview the ads, go to <http://www.ucc.org/> and click the On the Air tab.

Why did CUCC contribute to the national (\$100) and regional (\$200) ad campaigns?

To paraphrase Carol Ripley-Moffitt's sermon (8/17/08):

Responding to God's "Call to Gather, ... Call to Grow" includes welcoming with open hearts and minds those God sends us. Our response causes in us the "changes that bring us to maturity and ripeness."

Congratulations



Our Young People's Birthdays

9/1/05 – Afton Eckard
9/20/04 – Maya Cobeland
9/28/90 – Thomas Harris
9/28/04 – Eli Sigmon
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

LOST – CARING ROLL TABLETS – There was a box in the closet in the back of the sanctuary containing about three years worth of tablets. Please let the office know where these can be found if they have been moved. Call Carol 787-6422.

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 Aycock's mother, Mary; Linda Rudisill's husband Sid Holmes; Karen Haley's father Byron; Anne Bailey's mother; Jane Smith's mother Alice Gretsche; 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; and Kerma Hazel who is rehabilitating from a recent fall; the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

CUCC sends our condolences

To the family of **Helen Crisp** who passed away August 1, 2008.

To **Vandy Bradow** upon the death of her father, Roy Klages, who died August 5, 2008.

To **Margaret Osborne** upon the sudden death of her brother on August 17, 2008.

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Community Outreach

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR BY BRINGING FOOD BAGS!



Understandably, our food bag count this month was really low - only **9 total!** Many faithful contributors are away on summer holidays. That explains our slippage, but it doesn't meet ongoing, urgent needs. During the summer children who typically

have breakfast at school when it is in session, miss that meal when school is out. This puts a lot of pressure on the home front to provide breakfast - particularly as food prices rise and budgets are stretched. Our emergency food bags are thus vitally important, even life-saving. Try to keep them coming. Remember, we are the Rock!

Food bags are due **September 7** and every first Sunday of the month.

Submitted by **Marge Eckels**

Agency of the month – Urban Ministries

On September 7, Laura Ridgeway from Urban Ministries will deliver a Mission Moment about this organization, which provides many and varied services to the Wake County community. CUCC, as a member of Raleigh Area Ministries (RAM), helped start Urban Ministries, whose initial mission was to provide food and limited financial assistance to keep families in their homes. Over the last 27 years, its mission and services have grown.

Today Urban Ministries provides services to nearly 15,000 people in Wake County each year, including a free health clinic, the Wright Center homeless shelter for women, an emergency food pantry, and crisis support for men, women and families to stabilize their lives in time of need. In the last year, nearly 5,000 patients used the free health clinic with over 23,000 free prescriptions filled by its pharmacy; over 200 women found help at the Wright Center; food was provided by the food pantry to prepare over 380,000 meals; and 787 families got financial assistance to prevent them from being evicted or having their utilities disconnected.

Urban Ministries has a great impact on the Wake County community. Mrs. Ridgeway will discuss some ways we can help Urban Ministries continue its long and varied service to the community.

Wright Center Meals

CUCC provided dinner on the third Sundays of July and August for 33 women at the Helen Wright Center. Cooks and servers for July were Susan and Don Lane and their neighbors Karen Huckabay and Catherine Kline and her cousin Michael. In August, the meal was done by Sally Cook and the youth group and parents: Abby Smith, Rachel Thompson, Carson Roach-Howell and Suzette Roach, Jackson and Judy Kiel, and Šánti Matthews. The youth taught the women at the center a singing grace. The women 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.

CROP Hunger Walk - October 12

Communities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty
Come one, come all! Old, young, and in-between!
Bring the kids and the dog! Sign up to walk in downtown Raleigh on Sunday afternoon, October 12, and help change the lives of hungry people locally and around the world. Last year, about 700 people from 40 congregations walked and raised \$45,000. This benefited both local agencies and Church World Service and helped hungry people grow or get food. To see a 5-minute movie on CROP, type in on Google, *YouTube From Small Seeds: CROP Hunger Walk*. More information at

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

To sign up, email Mike Schafale, schafale@lightoncandle.com.
Questions? Contact Geri Bowen, gerihb@earthlink.net, 781-3068

Meals on Wheels Information.....

For many years our church has supported Meals on Wheels in a number of ways: by being responsible for furnishing volunteers for four routes once a month, by providing Christmas gifts and by volunteering as spur-of-the-moment substitutes when needed. It is an excellent organization, one that is greatly appreciated by the clients that we serve, all people who have been able to remain in their homes but for some reason are unable to cope with cooking themselves a hot meal. Throughout the course of the year, our regular CUCC volunteers are responsible for delivering about 1,000 individual meals.

We are always looking for people who will be willing to help with delivery. If you do not have a partner to drive with you, we will locate one. The routes that CUCC delivers are on the second Wednesday of the month. The food to be delivered can be picked up by 11:00 am at the Meals office, located on Blair Avenue on the backside of Dix campus, near Centennial Drive. If you are willing to occasionally help with these routes, or to possibly serve as a general substitute for the main office, please notify Carol Kepler (787-7420) for further information.

Wider Community

Friends of Residents of Long Term Care

Benefit

"An Afternoon of O. Henry"

A delightful Literary Lecture by Dr. Elliot Engel is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 3:00 P.M., 5420 Deer Forest Trail, Raleigh, NC. The lecture is free, but a contribution will be expected to benefit Friends of Residents of Long Term Care. RSVP 919-676-0222.

Members and friends of CUCC are invited to an upcoming Forum to be held in the Church's facilities.

FORUM ON HEALTHCARE

Sponsored by Wake County Progressive Democrats
Saturday, **September 27, 2008**

Registration: **8:30 am**

Program: **9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

Vaughan Fellowship Hall

Panelists will discuss and take questions on projections for the current system, future trends, single payer systems, and the difference between federal and state government views. There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact President of Wake County Progressive Democrats Jesse Goslen at jessegoslen@yahoo.com or 919.522.5212.

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) 2008 "You are the salt of the earth."

Volunteers from Community UCC and The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Apex spent July 13-19 serving families in Wyoming County, WV as a part of this year's Appalachia Service Project. Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a 39-year old Christian ministry that provides vital housing services to low-income families living in Central Appalachia.

Sam Alcorn, Jack Alcorn, Austin Osborne-Newman, Abby Smith, and Jane and Gary Smith joined other youth and adult volunteers from TPOP for a week of service in Pineville, WV. The volunteers were organized into five work groups. Each day, these work groups set off to work on different homes in the area. Work included roof

repair, foundation repair, installation of underpinning and insulation, and siding replacement.

The volunteers were housed in an ASP Center where they gathered for meals and evening activities. A traditional event for every ASP week is a visit to the local Dairy Queen. Volunteers were also treated to a Culture Night which featured a blue grass band.

Youth and adults worked many months raising funds for the mission trip. Each volunteer contributed \$100 of personal funds. This week of service was a lot of fun and very memorable for the volunteers and the families that they served.

– submitted by **Sally Roberson**

Wider Church

DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS AT CUCC

Pastor: Rev. Steve Halsted

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Social Justice: Gary Smith

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Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth: no chair

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A Month of Sundays

September 7 |
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Bible Study;
WELCOME BACK
SUNDAY - 10:30
Worship (with
Communion) &
Church School;
Fellowship Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149 or
Ezek 33:7-11;
Ps 119:33-40;
Rom 13:8-14;
Matt 18:15-20**

September 14 |
Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time | **9:00 – 9:30
Taizé; 9:15 Bible
Study; 10:30
Worship Service &
Church School;
Fellowship Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 14:19-31; Ps 114
or Gen 50:15-21 or
Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Ps 103:(1-7), 8-13;
Rom 14:1-12;
Matt 18:21-35**

September 21 |
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 Taizé with
Communion; 9:15
Bible Study; 10:30
Worship) & Church
School; Fellowship
Time.
Lectionary:
Ex 16:2-15;
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or
Jon 3:10-4:11;
Ps 145:1-8;
Phil 1:21-30;
Matt 20:1-16**

September 28 |
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time |
**9:00 – 9:30 Taizé;
9:15 Bible Study;
10:30 Worship
Service & Church
School kickoff,
God's Green Earth
potluck.
Lectionary:
Ex17:1-7;
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 or
Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32;
Ps 25:1-9;
Phil 2:1-13;
Matt 21:23-32**