

# **COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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**WELCOMING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 11**

Newsletter published monthly for Community United Church of Christ (CUCC) members and friends

## **A Word from our Pastor**

Dear Friends,

As summer vacations draw to a close, we set our sights on school calendars and church calendars; and even though it is not the beginning of a new calendar year (which will not start until January 2012), it is the beginning of a new Program Year in the church that starts on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

We at CUCC are now calling this “**Welcoming Sunday**” as we offer an extravagant “welcoming” celebration that brings us all together as we begin a new year of Church School and Forum programs.

You may remember how much fun and enjoyment we experienced together last September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, when we spent most of the morning outside in the courtyard and on the lawn playing games like horse shoes and croquet, or activities like making prayer sticks and puzzles along with sitting and chatting and listening to “blue grass” and “old timey” music! Some of us even sang along to a few tunes. Then we finished up the fun with a delicious pot-luck of dishes made from local North Carolina farmed and raised foods!

What I remember best from that special “Welcoming” Sunday was the quizzical looks and big grins of the children who didn’t know that church could ever be that awesome and fun!

**YES IT CAN!!! and we’re doing it again!** So spread the word and mark your calendars so we can all be together on September 11, 2011, for another festive celebration of each other on “Welcoming Sunday”!

See you soon,

Pastor Steve

P.S. As September 11, 2011, is also the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tragic events of 9-11-01, there will be a late afternoon **9-11 Remembrance** co-sponsored by the NC Symphony and the Triangle Interfaith Alliance at Meymandi Hall. As a TIA board member, I have been involved with the planning of this event which will be televised locally. More details to come in the weeks ahead.

# Church Council

Council has met twice over the summer, with Past Moderator Edith Sylla and Moderator-Elect Skip Stoddard presiding in the absence of Moderator **Peg Hulslander**.

## June 13 Meeting

We discussed a proposal concerning the possibility of CUCC's becoming a partner of the H K on J Coalition. The Social Justice Ministry will educate the congregation in the Fall with an eye toward bringing this question before the next congregational meeting.

Ministry reports included plans for new insulation and windows (Property), schedule for Fall forum topics (Religious Ed), and proposal to change "Welcome Back" Sunday to "Welcoming Sunday" (Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth).

We discussed Pastor Steve's summer schedule.

## August 15 Meeting

We discussed a request by an outside group to use some of our daytime space often.

Ministry reports:

Property: candidates for replacement sanctuary windows are being reviewed; insulation will be installed when weather cools a bit; refrigerator leak has been repaired. The flooding problem by the Narthex has not been fixed, but is being addressed.

Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth: Get-togethers ("A Gathering of Friends") are scheduled and sign-up lists are on the Vaughan Fellowship Hall bulletin board; worship and activities for Welcoming Sunday (September 11) were presented.

Religious Ed: Forum schedule discussed; details through Oct 16 elsewhere in this newsletter

Community Outreach: The Passage Home program that we have supported the past several years has been totally modified and we will determine how to best continue supporting the revised programs. The Neighbors in Need offering is October 9; Crop Walk has been changed to October 30.

Stewardship: The wine-tasting sold at this year's auction was held in July; our annual Novemberfest (Thanksgiving Dinner and talent show) will be Saturday November 12.

Deacons: Discussing discernment process to take place during 2011-12, and how it might

possibly overlap or interface with other church activities, especially Forum.

– submitted by **Skip Stoddard**

# Deacons

## Excerpts from the Deacons Meeting Minutes

### August 11, 2011

Welcoming Sunday has been planned for Sept 11<sup>th</sup> by the Welcome and Fellowship Committee. The concept is similar to last year's. We will have a short service in the sanctuary and then will assemble outside and in the Vaughan fellowship hall for a variety of fun activities. The focus activity will be assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. A potluck of local foods will follow these activities.

Steve will be going to Hawaii on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will return October 7. **Ursula Schmitt-Pridik** will preach on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Steve will be inviting another guest for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing plans for the discernment process being considered by the Board of Deacons and the Church Council.

– submitted by **Bill Lamb**

# Property

**Garden** – Congratulations to all those who have helped with the children's garden over the summer. It has been a roaring success with close to 200 pounds of fresh vegetables having been donated to the "Plant A Row" project. Veggies are turned in at Logan's and then donated to the food bank. Community wide, close to 7,000 pounds of vegetables have been donated as of early August. While Property Ministry was involved with the early stages of the project, the real success can be attributed to the adults and children who have planted, picked and turned in the food. Every fourth donation trip results in a gardening gift from Logans (fertilizer, gloves, etc.)

**Grounds** – Sprucing up your home garden and looking for a place to move some plants? CUCC is interested in plants that can be used on our church grounds – by the parking lots, around the Pilgrim house, by the children's playground. When you start moving and dividing, repot your extras and

save them for the CUCC ALL DAY workday on October 15. It will be a snap to transplant them if you have them rooted and ready to go. Let Lena know what you're planning to provide at [lena\\_gallitano@ncsu.edu](mailto:lena_gallitano@ncsu.edu) or 571-0388.

Save the dates:

**August 27 – inside work day to get CUCC ready for Welcoming Sunday.** Come prepared for window washing, cobweb cleaning, fellowship and a nice sense of accomplishment. Bring gloves, rags and cleaning supplies.

**October 15 – Fall Gardening All Day Work Day** – Come one, come all! All ages welcome, to participate. From the children's playground to the corner of Wade & Dixie, we've hours of gardening to accomplish. We'll be adding plants CUCC'ers are donating around the new parking lot, doing much needed maintenance along the banks and giving general attention to all of the grounds. We'll provide a quick lunch and then work until mid-afternoon. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other CUCC members while making a visible difference in our church home. Hope to see you there!

**Jane Smith notes:**

**Absolutely stellar, way-too-much-fun,  
ya gotta be there!**

**All ages, all hands on deck**

**Projects: gardening, plant planting,  
bank restoring**

**"No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey..."**

**Lena's got a job you'll enjoy!**

## **Religious Education**

### **Sunday School News**

#### **HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? BOUNTIFULLY!!!**

This summer the collaborative "Plant a Row for the Hungry" garden has been a huge success thanks to so many wonderful volunteers! We have harvested and donated over 184 pounds of cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, okra and eggplant. And the watermelon vine has two melons on it! The watermelon seeds were a gift to the children from the folks at Logan's Nursery so we hope to pick the watermelons and eat them one Sunday very soon.

Our study topic this summer has been "Making a Difference in God's World." In addition to the garden, we have learned about Louis Braille, Clara Barton, and the Appalachian Service Project among others. Many thanks to **Robert Parrish, Śānti Matthews and Anna Roach Howell** for sharing with us.

We also created beautiful fabric sunprints with the multi-talented **Linda Baker**. This was so much fun! All of the children who participated in this project have requested that Linda please come back and do this in the fall. Everyone who was away when we made the sunprints is begging to do it!

Welcoming Sunday will be September 11 so plan to be here for a fun day of games and fellowship. This was a huge success last year so please don't miss it!!!

This fall we will study Moses in depth. I am very excited about this study for both of our classes. In September we will also tally our offering collected for the MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION and select our next charity.

Please put these important dates on your calendar:  
September 11 - Welcoming Sunday  
December 4- Family Advent Workshop and pizza dinner (EVERYONE IS INVITED!)  
December 12- Christmas Pageant  
December 26 – No Sunday School  
– submitted by **Anne Bailey Zschau**

### **CUCC September Youth News**

The Recent Past

This summer has been full and wonderful...

- Parable Church School Curriculum: Youth have enjoyed Church School all together this summer and have experienced, studied, and discussed many parables from the Bible.
- Participation in BYC (Baptist Youth Camp) June 26-July 1: Three of our youth (**Carson, Jackson, and Erin**) attended camp for a week this summer in the NC mountains and celebrated God's Creation with many other like-minded Christian youth from all over the country.
- P2eeeeee: We stayed after worship on July 3 to enjoy juicy North Carolina watermelon,

and a CUCC tradition: P2e - church-wide annual watermelon seed spitting contest.

- Participation in ASP (Appalachia Service Project) July 17-23: Thanks to the wonderful work of **Jane Smith**, CUCC brought together a large and enthusiastic group of 20 (including four youth and four adults from CUCC: **Abby, Anna, Carson, Jackson, Jane, Paul, Ron, and Santi**) who traveled together to Kentucky and worked well together for a week of repairing and improving homes in the Appalachian Mountains. The work was hard but rewarding, and we all received many gifts and lessons in grace, generosity, patience, inclusion, and connection. Ask us about our trip!
- Youth led ASP Children's Message on July 24
- Youth led Children's Church School on July 31.
- Youth helped with the Community Garden (see notes, above).
- Middle school youth had lunch together and went to see Harry Potter on July 31
- Youth attended church-wide Sundaes Sunday (August 7): We stayed after worship and concocted our own sundaes as we celebrated **Marge Eckels'** 90th birthday.

#### The Near Future...

- Sunday, August 21: Wright Center Meal Preparation (during church school) and Serving (6-8PM)
- Sunday, August 28: 3rd Annual Church-wide Pool Party 4:30-7:30 at Lakepark Swim Club ([www.lakeparkpool.com](http://www.lakeparkpool.com)). The address is 6333 Lakeland Drive, Raleigh 27612. Come and enjoy hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie option, foosball, basketball, volleyball, diving, and of course swimming! Bring a side dish to share. Thank you to the **Burkhardts** for hosting again this year!
- Sunday, September 4: First Sunday - share communion worship with your families. No Church School or Youth Group today.
- Sunday, September 11: Welcoming Sunday with potluck and pick-up soccer game after.

- Sunday, September 18: Technology Forum led by CUCC youth. Followed by worship and then the first day of fall Church School.
- Saturday, September 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cycle for Hope a 12-mile greenway tour; proceeds benefit the Hope Center which aids the homeless in job readiness. Great for our youth and adults who love to cycle.
- Sunday, September 25: CUCC Youth visit Binkley Church in Chapel Hill for worship and lunch.

### General Descriptions of Youth Programs and Events at CUCC:

#### Church School

Church School (Christian Education classes for 6th-12th graders) meets every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. The first Sunday of every month is reserved for families to share communion worship together.

#### Youth Group

We meet twice a month for lunch and activities after church. We'll also periodically have Youth Group service projects, lock-ins, fun nights, and additional time for planning special events such as the Novemberfest/Talent Show and the Lenten Youth-Led Worship in the spring. Please be sure to check your emails regularly. Direct any questions or ideas about youth programming to **Šanti Matthews** [forsanti@aol.com](mailto:forsanti@aol.com) or (919)961-8814.

– submitted by Šanti Matthews

#### Adult Forum

The Forum resumes Sundays at 9:15-10:15 in the Vaughan fellowship hall beginning the week AFTER Labor Day weekend. This Fall, the Forum will focus on a series of topics for multiple weeks; the first three topics address the use of social media, the school system, and environmental sustainability. Each topic is coordinated by a different Ministry.

#### September 11 – “Sharing the CUCC Message”

Have you noticed? Print media is being used less and less by both young and old. Telephone calls? Almost a thing of the past. Email? Not as effective as it used to be. Given the move to electronic communications such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs, YouTube and others, how can CUCC effectively

spread our message and be relevant to our congregation and the wider Raleigh community? Join us at Forum to hear the ups, down, ins and outs of communicating electronically. What works best? How much time does it take? How can I learn to become tech savvy and use these electronic tools?

#### September 18 – “Technology Forum”

This “ask the experts” Forum will provide a hands-on learning opportunity for those less experienced in the use of electronic media. Two of our CUCC Youth, **Jackson Kiel and Carson Roach-Howell**, will show us exactly how we can post information pertaining to CUCC activities such as social justice, economic justice, justice in a changing climate and our other ministry projects. CUCC has many, many activities yet we often fail to “let your good deeds glow for all to see” as Jesus taught in Matthew 5:14-16. Isn’t it time for all of our good deeds to shine for others to see both inside and outside CUCC? Social media is one way to do just that and Carson and Jackson are going to help us move in that direction. We hope to see you at Forum!

#### **In preparation for our voting in the October 11 election for five seats on the School Board, we will begin a 3-session discussion on the status of Wake County Schools.**

September 25 – “What does 'Back to School' mean for Wake County?”

**Neil Riemann** will provide an update on the assignment policy controversy, review of the first six months of Superintendent Tony Tata’s tenure, and effects of state and county budget cuts.

October 2 – “Improving Student Achievement”  
Marvin Pittman, Education Consultant and retired DPI Director of the Division of School Improvement.

October 9 – Review of previous two sessions and open discussion on the status of Wake County Schools.

#### **Beginning October 16, Forum will focus on environmental sustainability and related issues.**

October 16 – “Green” presentation: “Qu'est que c'est? Does THIS Contribute to Sustainability of the Planet?” **Marty Lamb** will present pictures taken in Belgium, France and Spain this summer, of different objects and we’ll determine: Does the item contribute to sustainability of the planet? If so, how?

## *Social Justice*

### Economic Justice Task Force

#### ***WASTED POWER USAGE SAVING ENERGY***

Did you know...

That many of the electronic gizmos we use draw a significant amount of power when they are **not turned on??!!**

Manufacturers have designed these devices to stay warm and ready for instant activation (the glow of those little LED lights is an indication). Apparently the reason for this design concept is because the manufacturers believe that American consumers are too impatient to wait a couple minutes for things to boot and warm up. According to an article reprinted in the N&O recently, this impatience of ours is wasting as much energy as the entire state of Delaware uses annually.

At our house, we measured the power consumption of some of our gizmos, and discovered to our surprise that our TV and cable box together:  
a) consumed more power than our refrigerator; and  
b) constituted as much as 20% of our monthly power usage.

If you use a flat-screen TV and subscribe to cable, you can plug the cable box and TV (plus DVR, etc.) into a power strip and switch that off when not in use. If we all did that, it would make a difference. But perhaps more importantly, how do we pressure companies that make these devices to include energy efficiency as a top priority in their designs? We need to expect and require more intelligence from the American consumer. Europe is way ahead – they already save 95% of this wasted energy because of different designs there. (For more, see: <http://www.nrdc.org/energy/files/settopboxes.pdf>)  
– submitted by **Skip Stoddard**


#### ***Remembering Cesar Chavez***

Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers of America, died eighteen years ago on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was born in Arizona in 1927, and he dedicated his life to organizing farm workers. In his lifetime he never owned a house or earned more than \$6,000 a year. When he died in 1993, 40,000 people marched behind his casket.

Words from Chavez: "We can choose to use our lives to bring about a better and more just world for our children. Working for a just world sometimes means speaking truth not only to power, but to our friends. But if you give yourself totally to the nonviolent struggle for peace and justice you also find that people give you their hearts and you will never go hungry and never be alone. And in giving of yourself you will discover a whole new life full of meaning and love."

But it isn't easy and it won't put a dollar in your 401-K.

– submitted by Cy King



Now is your chance to talk about  
**PEACE**  
to others at the State Fair.  
CUCC's day at the State Fair Peace Booth  
is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.  
We need volunteers to work two-hour shifts,  
**9 to 11, 11 to 1 and 1 to 3**  
There will be training before you go, so you will  
know what to expect. Call Sue Cottle at 772-8288  
if this sounds like something you would be  
interested in doing. We will be there on "can day".  
Bring in cans of food and you get in free. Stand up  
for peace and have a great time at the fair.  
Peace, Sue Cottle

## Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth

### Pool Party and Lunch

4:30 - 7:30 - Lake Park Swim Club in Raleigh  
The event is open to all ages...so come one come  
all. Hamburgers, hot dogs (and vegetarian options)  
will be provided. We just ask that you folks bring a  
side or dessert to share. Swimming is optional...fun  
and fellowship are mandatory.

RSVP to **Heather Burkhardt** 818-0911  
([heather.burkhardt@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:heather.burkhardt@dhhs.nc.gov))

**NEW!!!!**

### Gatherings of Friends

*Jesus said, "You are my friends."*

Friends take care of each other, laugh until they cry  
together, trust each other enough to disagree, bring  
out the best in each other.

This fall make a new CUCC friend. We'll have a  
wide array of opportunities to get to know one  
another: some new, some not. Movie night,  
potlucks, trip to a play, Wednesday morning prayer,  
book discussion, pool party & more. Sign up on the  
bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall so the host  
knows you are coming or to reserve a spot if there is  
limited space. Better yet, post an event yourself by  
inviting others to join you when you are doing  
something you enjoy.

Healthy Eating Potluck: Saturday, **August 20**,  
4:30pm. Bring a low refined-carb, low refined-  
sugar dish to share and the recipe! Our guest  
consultant, Diana Koenning, will give us some  
pointers on great recipes for pre-diabetics. Sign up  
in the Fellowship Hall. Warning: this is a do-it-  
yourself event. We'll do set-up and clean-up  
together as part of the event. *A Gathering of  
Friends opportunity.*

"Emily Alone" book discussion: Wednesday,  
**August 24**, 6:00pm, at Jane Smith's home. Eat  
before you come or bring a brown-bag supper. Sign  
up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall so  
Jane knows to expect you. Jane says,  
"Emily sounds like a character worth knowing,  
someone who is living her life fully, but figuring  
out how to negotiate changes which come with  
age. Since some of us are interested in talking  
about our own aging or our aging parents, I thought  
others might enjoy the novel, too." *A Gathering of  
Friends opportunity.*

### Wednesday Matins

Start your day with a time of prayer and  
friendship. Using the liturgy for the day from the  
newly-published Common Prayer: A Liturgy for  
Ordinary Radicals, we'll pray and read the  
scriptures of the day, then share a cup of coffee or  
tea and catch up on our week. 45 minutes max,  
then you are off to work!

6 Wednesdays, 7-7:45am, Bradow Room

**September 14, 21, 28, and October 5, 12, 19**

Contact: Jane Smith

If you'd like to purchase a copy of the book for your own use other days of the week, call Jane before **August 25**. \$25.00

### Sunday Brunch

Most Sundays after Fellowship, an impromptu group from CUCC chooses a restaurant and eats lunch together. Want to go? Check with Sally Cook, Kathy Widenhouse, Sam Johnson or Vivian Hunter; one of them usually knows the plan for the day.

### Newcomers' Supper

An evening for those new to CUCC. Let us treat you to supper as we get to know one another and talk about life at CUCC. Friday, September 16. Arrive after 6pm, dinner starts at 6:30pm, fellowship hall. RSVP to the church office or sign up on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Tell us food restrictions and whether you need child care.

### "Once Upon a Mattress" theatre night

Join the Appalachia Service Project team as we support one of our own, the talented Mark Taranto. Saturday, October 1, 7:30pm, the new Cary Arts Center. This is a family-friendly musical based on the story of The Princess and the Pea (for a synopsis, look in Wikipedia). Jane Smith will be ordering group tickets; watch the bulletin for details.

### Dinner groups starters needed

Many CUCC folks have expressed an interest in having periodic dinners together in one another's homes. Ideas have included neighborhood-based groups, same menu/different homes, changing who is in each group each time, ethnic themes. If you would be willing to work with others to set up the first event, contact Jane Smith. You do NOT have to take this on as an ongoing project. Just get us started!

– submitted by **Jane Smith**

## **WELCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**September 11, 10:30 am**

**Thanking God for our North Carolina home  
Invite a friend! We welcome ALL!**

*Worship Festive includes:*

**Games like horseshoes and croquet  
and puzzles, and  
Prayer stick making**



**Packing hygiene bags for Global Ministries**

**Finding your CUCC neighbors**

**9/11 remembrance board**

**NC music by CUCCers**



**Bring a dish with a NC ingredient to the potluck**

**Y'ALL COME NOW!**

### **Foreign Films series resumes September 23**

The foreign film series will resume on September 23. The intent will again be to show one film each month on a Friday evening in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. Generally a brief period of discussion and fellowship follows the viewing, and refreshments are available during the film. The public is invited, so feel free to bring a friend. This film series furthers the goals of the Welcome, Fellowship, and Growth ministry at CUCC, and it is also a project of the Monday Lunch Group.

Several films are now under consideration for the September 23 resumption of the series. As soon as a final decision has been made, the featured film will be announced on the News and Chat blog (<http://cuccinfo.blogspot.com/>). Put the Sept. 23 date on your calendar, and check the blog early in September to find out that evening's film.

### **Sisters in Spirit (SIS)**

The SIS beach retreat for 2011 is scheduled for Friday, October 7 – Sunday October 9 with this year's theme being "There's a Spirit Coming Down...", and women of the church are invited to attend. Please contact Marty Lamb ASAP if you plan on attending and/or for more information 919-819-4084.

"May we choreograph the rhythms and rituals of our lives to ensure greater structure, stability and contentment."

– submitted by **Marty Lamb**

### Retirees – Fall Programs

Retirees and their friends will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:30am on the second Monday of the month, beginning in September. Members have a bag lunch around 12 noon. Drinks and dessert are provided. Below is the schedule of programs planned for this fall:

September 12<sup>th</sup>---Michael Schafale, a member of CUCC, and the author of the recently published book, Wild North Carolina, will discuss the creative process in writing the book. He is the Community Ecologist for the NC Natural Heritage Program.

October 10<sup>th</sup>---Michael Blanchard and the staff of Hospice of Wake County will conduct a tour of the Hospice Campus at 5930 Trinity Road. We will visit the new Palliative Care Center at 250 Hospice Circle. Members can go separately or join a car pool at church.

November 14<sup>th</sup>---Nancy Olsen, owner of Quail Ridge Books, will join us again to discuss recent books of interest.

December 12<sup>th</sup>---Anne Pope will lead us in wrapping Christmas gifts for recipients of Meals on Wheels.

These programs are open to all members of the church and their friends. Retirees especially - don't miss the excitement!

## *Our People*

### Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer request 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: **Al Matthews; Carolyn King; Lisa Marsh; Kerma & Bob Hazel; the Milandu family; Nancy Callaham; Steve Koenning; Susan & Don Lane's friend, Sharon Gurley; Betty Watson, who is in declining health;** the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

### Thank yous

Our Church strives to offer extravagant welcomes. It should also be renowned for extravagant birthday parties! My 90<sup>th</sup> was absolutely fabulous, a total surprise, and pure unadulterated fun. **THANK YOU** to all who created the wonderful experience, one I shall never forget!

**Marge Eckels**


August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the first anniversary of the death of our beloved son **JOSPIN MILANDU** approaching, the Milandu family is seizing this opportunity to thank the CUCC community as a whole for the spiritual, moral and financial support that we have received since the first day until now. That support has come to us in so many forms - prayer, home visit, invitations to dinner, invitation to activities, phone calls, post cards. We are so grateful to The God and to you for these acts of kindness because these were essential for the healing that we needed so badly. We pray that God continues to grant you the means to do more for others. We particularly thank Pastor Steve for his leadership in many things that happened.

Thank you, **The Milandus**.

### Upcoming performance

Our own **Tim Jensen** is a member of the White Iris Light Opera cast presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's **HMS PINAFORE!** at Meredith College, Jones Auditorium. Show dates and times:  
Friday, August 26 at 8pm  
Saturday, August 27 at 3pm and 8pm  
Sunday, August 28 at 3pm  
Tickets at the door – questions? Email Tim at [t\\_c\\_jensen@yahoo.com](mailto:t_c_jensen@yahoo.com).

### Our Young People's Birthdays



**8/8/06 – Tess Cobeland**  
**8/16/94 – Jackson Kiel**  
**9/1/05 – Afton Eckard**  
**9/1/06 – Sarah Jane Sigmon**  
**9/20/04 – Maya Cobeland**  
**9/28/04 – Eli Sigmon**

## Community Outreach

People who served at the Wright Center in July were Julia and John Robertson, and the cooks were Sally Roberson, Sally Cook, Stephanie Welsh, Bill Bryan, McCray Harris and Julia.

The August Wright Center meal, a "Mexican Fiesta", is being prepared and served by the Youth.

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### **2011 Raleigh CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 30, 2011**

3:00PM

Marbles Kids Museum

Walk 3 miles and help save lives!

Register at [www.cropwalkonline.org/raleighnc](http://www.cropwalkonline.org/raleighnc)

#### **Recruiter Rally and Dinner**

August 30th, 2011

6:30PM

Lake Johnson Waterfront Conference Center (4601  
Avent Ferry Road)

Respond please to [clemons.ellen@gmail.com](mailto:clemons.ellen@gmail.com) (so we know how much food to prepare)

## Wider Outreach

**NC Peace Action presents - Middle East: Domination or Liberation – presentation by Rania Masri, PhD.  
Tuesday August 23, 7 p.m.**

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh , Sarah Barton Room.**

A passionate advocate for human rights and a dynamic speaker, Rania Masri returns to North Carolina to share her recent experience, insights and dedication to justice, freedom and equality in the Middle East. With momentous changes occurring in many countries, we welcome her keen analysis and activism. She will address the current situation in the region and how we, here in the United States, have a stake in, and can have a positive role in the struggle for liberation and equality.. For more info Contact Bill Towe –

**[billtowepa@juno.com](mailto:billtowepa@juno.com) or [919/653-0648](tel:9196530648)**

- submitted by **Peggy Rafferty**



## CUCC to Participate in NC PRIDE Festival

Community United of Christ will have an opportunity to express for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender at the **NC PRIDE Festival on September 24.**

**East Campus of Duke University  
Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Our church will have an official supportive presence there by having an information table and marchers in the Pride Parade. Your involvement and support are needed. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway on the Open and Affirming bulletin board (left side), as well as on the Gathering of Friends bulletin board in the Vaughan Fellowship hall for those who are interested in participating. We need people to staff the table and to answer questions; people to walk in the parade, carrying signs and the CUCC banner; and people who will express our church's warm welcome to potential visitors. Please sign up with contact information! We will be in touch regarding carpooling and directions.

**Last year we were in a row of church-sponsored tables, and there was a lot of interest from festival participants. At noon, the intrepid among us will join thousands of others in the PRIDE parade. This was very meaningful to the 20+ marchers we sent last year. Upcoming events will include:**

**Sundays Sept. 11 & 18: Opportunities to buy the rainbow Still-Speaking Commas will be at church Pins are \$4.25. Rainbow Ribbons will also be available to express our church's O&A beliefs.**

**September 18: Sign making after church, Vaughan Fellowship Hall. Bring your ideas – materials provided!**

**Saturday September 24: Meet at church at 8:45 to carpool/travel to Durham. Parking is a premium, so combining rides to and from is advisable. We will set up by 9:30. We will need help setting things up and out as well as take down and storing things away at 5. PRIDE Parade will start at NOON and takes about an hour. It is funny and fun and poignant.**

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The deadline for our October Newsletter is September 19.

### **A Month of Sundays**

**September 4 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time y | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service 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 11 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Adult Forum; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30-1:00 WELCOMING SUNDAY & POTLUCK.**

**Lectionary:** Ex 14:19-31; Ps 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21 or Gen 50: 15-21; Ps 103:(1-7),8-13; Rom 14: 1-21; Matt 18:21-35

**September 18 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé with Communion; 9:15 Adult Forum; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service – Jimmy Creech preaching 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 OR Ps 145:1-8; Jon 3:10-4:11; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 30:1-16

**September 25 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Adult Forum; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service (Ursula Schmitt-Pridik, preaching); 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Ex 17:1-7; 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