

COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working for Social Justice

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The New Year finds me returning to represent CUCC on two important community-wide ministries that I have served on previously, but have been away from the last several years. They are the Triangle Interfaith Alliance (**TIA**) and the N.C. Interfaith Power and Light (**NC IPL**).

The TIA continues to be an important advocate for understanding and promoting religious tolerance. Last year's threats about Koran burnings by a Florida church made national news and revealed the depth of religious prejudice that continues to plague a portion of our society. I attended the TIA annual meeting on January 27th and participated on a six-person panel discussion representing a Christian perspective among five others representing Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Baha'i traditions. I have offered our Vaughan room to host the TIA Board annual retreat on Sunday afternoon, February 13. I am hopeful about engaging more of our congregation in "Interfaith Dialogue Dinners" as we move through 2011. Marcy and I hosted one of these in November 2010 and had a wonderful experience.

NC IPL has asked me to work at developing a network among churches in the greater Raleigh area to spread the message about "Care of Creation" ministry. One approach to this goal is to offer "Earth Sabbath Celebrations" which Tama Eller and I are leading. They will be held every 4th Tuesday, January through December, from 7-8:30 p.m. here at CUCC in the Vaughan room. They will include time for networking and sharing the kinds of things people are doing to protect the environment, along with worship to nourish our souls and spirits to meet the challenges of this important work. Worship will include inspirational readings, songs, guided meditations, silent and spoken prayer lifting up our joys and concerns, and a ritual "sending forth" to do the environmental work we are called to do as people of faith to protect the poor and vulnerable and future generations from the effects of global climate change. Please join us whenever you can for these Earth Sabbaths!

Blessings and Peace

Steve

Church Council

Officers

Moderator: Peg Hulslander
Past Moderator: Edith Sylla
Moderator-Elect: Skip Stoddard
Clerk: Sam Johnson
Treasurer: Mary Pruneau
Asst. Treasurer: Carol Kepler
Historian: Edith Sylla
Librarian: Geraldine Bryan

Excerpts from the Council meeting minutes January 17, 2011

Property report. **Lena Gallitano** had submitted a detailed report prior to the meeting, which she reviewed. (See Property Ministry).

Sam Johnson reported on the website. Drew Dickens has taken over from **Lavon Page** in managing the technical aspects of the CUCC website. Lavon Page has purchased Dreamweaver software for the church, which Drew will be using to manage the site. There is a website committee that will be responsible for content and presentation aspects of the website. This committee is composed of **Drew Dickens, Paul Kiel, Stephanie Welsh and Sam Johnson**. The website committee felt **Jane Smith** should be asked to be on the committee. Jane has replied that she intends to join. The committee will be considered part of the Communications Committee. Jane will be feeding any new contact information to Drew as required and performing an annual review of the site for accuracy. Steve requested that the church pay the fee for Drew Dickens to attend a seminar on church communications.

Jane presented the preliminary church calendar for the upcoming year. Jane requested that the responsible ministries should check calendar dates and times and reserve tentative meeting or activity place, date and time with Carol Clark.

Marty Lamb, reporting for Religious Education, noted that the Forum committee had decided to let the various groups in the church use the Forum time to discuss their respective areas of interest. Two of the groups responsible for Forum programs are Open and Affirming and Economic Justice.

Edith discussed the personnel committee. The members will be **Edith Sylla, Bill Lamb, Bill Bryan, and Peg Hulslander**. **Sam Johnson** will be leaving the committee.

New Business: It was noted that **Stephanie Welsh** (Growth Committee) is considering having a "Ministry Information Fair" during one of the after-worship fellowship times. This would provide an opportunity to give our congregation more information as to what the various Ministries do and perhaps attract some to volunteer to serve. It was pointed out that we should emphasize that you do not have to be a church member to serve on most of the Ministries. The Council was asked to give thought to the possibility of an "information fair".

It was noted that the **Lenten activities** will include the Ash Wednesday service, a study of "Big Tent Christianity," a St. Francis study, 2 centering prayer events, and a banner-making event. (There will soon be a brochure announcing the activities.)

Peg asked if everyone was ok with continuing to hold Council meeting on the third Monday and everyone agreed to continue. Also, everyone agreed that the Bradow room will be our permanent meeting place.

– submitted by **Sam Johnson**

ONA

Expanded Resolution on

Being an Open and Affirming Congregation

passed unanimously in the congregational meeting

January 9, 2011

We, as members of Community United Church of Christ, affirm our belief that all people are created in God's image and are thus blessed and loved equally by God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We invite and welcome into this Body of Christ all persons who seek to follow Jesus. Persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression are welcome to worship and enter into the full life and ministry of this church. We strive for justice and equality for all of God's children in our journey of faith.

We covenant not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and we seek to include and support those who find themselves in exile from a spiritual community.

We seek to address the needs and advocate the concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in our church and in society by actively encouraging other churches, instrumentalities and secular governmental bodies to adopt and implement policies of non-discrimination.

We join together as a covenantal community, to celebrate and share our common communion and the reassurance that we are indeed created by God, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to strive to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

Congregation

The first 2011 Congregational Meeting was held on January 9, 2011. Excerpts of the draft minutes follow:

Moderator Sylla recognized and thanked the group, headed by Jane Smith, who provided food for today's congregational meeting, and led a round of applause. She then called the meeting to order.

Moderator Sylla reviewed the highlights of the November 21 meeting as recorded in the minutes. Mention of the RICH Park topic elicited an update on the project by Frank Gailor: There is loan funding available from the City of Raleigh and RICH Park will apply for this funding. If the request is granted, the money can be used for energy-saving, e.g. insulation.

Open and Affirming Resolution

Moderator Sylla asked Joan McAllister to introduce the ONA resolution discussed at the last (November) congregational meeting. Several members of the congregation read a portion of the resolution aloud until the complete document was read to the congregation. Moderator Sylla called for a vote and the motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

Ministry Reports

Verbal reports for 2010 by the ministry representatives were presented.

Carol Kepler, Assistant Treasurer, said that \$5,000 more than last year has been pledged to date.

Pastor Steve Halsted said his report covered 2010 highlights, noting that he perceives renewed energy in the church. He expressed also feeling renewed energy, and will be returning to the Board of The Interfaith Alliance (TIA), and to the Steering Committee of NC Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL). Monthly Earth Sabbath services at CUCC, an outreach activity of NCIPL, begin soon.

Moderator **Edith Sylla** summarized major activities of Church Council (not including actions of the several Ministries), including the Safe Church policy and procedures proposed by Council and adopted by CUCC and renewed attention to the Personnel Committee and its role. She noted that **Lavon Page's** contribution as CUCC webmaster will be hard to match. **Jane Smith** pointed out that Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth will work on the website and its management as part of its responsibility for communications. **Drew Dickens** will be providing technical support.

Skip Stoddard reported for the Deacons. He spoke about the Deacons' retreat at Black Lake near Asheboro, terming it well worth the time and effort.

Property Ministry Chair **Lena Gallitano** reported on the considerable activity concerning CUCC's physical plant and grounds. She recognized those who have been active on the committee/workdays, and hopes more CUCC members will be involved in 2011. Major projects of 2010 were noted, including the recent improvements to outside lighting. Much is planned for 2011, including the parking lot, Pilgrim House window replacement, furnace repair, and sanctuary window replacement. She received a round of applause from the congregation.

Marty Lamb reported for Religious Education. She pointed out that only a few years ago there was one adult education activity (Forum); now there are several. **Cynthia Ball**, reporting for the Forum, reiterated that though she will no longer be leading the series, she will help through May. During the spring, **Marge Eckels, Joan McAllister, and Shirley Birt** will lead programs monthly on health

care, the ONA Task Force, and economic justice, respectively.

Gary Smith referred those interested in details to Social Justice's written report. He noted that a personal highlight was accepting the 2010 Wake County ACLU Civil Liberties Award on behalf of CUCC. Congregation members praised Gary's graceful acceptance speech, which is on the CUCC website.

Geri Bowen pointed out that Community Outreach support to Urban Ministries (among many other projects) resulted in 304 food bags and monthly meals for the Wright Center. She noted the important responsibility of presenting Mission Moments during Sunday morning worship, and suggested that doing these and/or preparing COM newsletter articles would be a valuable contribution/role for a new COM member. Pastor Steve Halsted thanked Geri for her years of service in leading this ministry.

Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth, represented by **Jane Smith and Gray Woodard**, enhanced the written report with an audience-participation skit highlighting the after-church fellowship hour (e.g. truth vs. fiction re "snack" requirements).

2011 Budget (*Ed. For a copy, please ask Carol Clark in the Church Office .*)

Treasurer **Mary Pruneau** introduced the operating budget for this year, and distributed a handout comparing the 2010 budget as approved, actual 2010 income and expenses, and the 2011 proposed budget. She noted that many expenditures for 2010 are "off-budget," e.g. some improvements were paid for by memorial funds, and there were several contributions that went directly to beneficiaries from fundraising sources without appearing either as income or expense on CUCC's budget records.

Regarding the latter (direct, non-budget contributions), some of these include:

- CUCC Sunday School contribution of \$111 for wildlife rescue after BP oil spill in the Gulf.
- CUCC Sunday School contribution of \$11 to HOPE.
- \$4/month is contributed to Green Power with the Progress Energy utility bill payment (\$48/yr).

- Gifts valued at ~\$500 were collected by the Retirees Group and contributed to Meals on Wheels.
- Gifts valued at ~\$25 were collected by the Sunday school group for the Salvation Army.
- A total of \$1580 was raised by CUCC participants in the CROP Walk.
- An unknown amount was collected for the Appalachian Service Project.

Responding to another question, Treasurer Pruneau affirmed that pledges can be paid to CUCC via periodic electronic bank draft.

Treasurer Pruneau noted that there was in 2010 a very active Stewardship Committee, and that the proposed budget represented their very hard work. Moderator Sylla called for a vote. The motion to adopt the 2011 budget passed unanimously.

Bill Lamb, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the nominations for 2011 CUCC Officers, Council, and committees. Some additions, deletions, and corrections were received from the floor. These were accepted for incorporation into the presented listing. [*Ed. The names appear in this newsletter under the appropriate ministry heading.*] **Mac Hulslander** moved to elect those listed. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

Cynthia Ball reported on the "MLK Day ON" activities, including CUCC hosting and co-sponsorship with the YWCA Greater Triangle and the N.C. Social Justice Project, of the launch of three new study circles. A handout described the opportunity to participate January 17, here at CUCC. The event will feature a community panel moderated by WUNC's Frank Stasio, and a display of artifacts on loan from the Greensboro Civil Rights Museum.

Joan McAllister moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded and passed. The Meeting was adjourned. The meeting was reconvened with a quorum shortly thereafter to designate a portion of the pastor's compensation as housing allowance (done annually for tax purposes). Meeting then adjourned for the day.

Vandy Bradow, Clerk

Stewardship

Stewardship Ministry members

I.T. Littleton, Vivian Hunter, Carol Kepler, Fawn Pattison, Mary Pruneau, and Skip Stoddard

Nominating Committee members

Diana Koenning, Bill Lamb, Julia Robertson, and Peg Hulslander

Our church has received a bequest of \$10,000 from Mary Showalter Ashcraft in memory of her mother, Mary V. Brosey Showalter, a long-time member .

Deacons

Deacons Ministry members

Bill Lamb (chair), Mary Matthews, Joan McAllister, Bill Bryan, Jeff Eckard, McCray Harris, Charles Pumbu, and Lee Frazier

Arts in Worship Committee members

Linda Baker, Doug Barrick, Peg Hulslander, Marty Lamb, Anne Pope, and Ted Gregory

Caring Committee members

Sue Cottle (chair), Shannon Core, Marge Eckels, Carolyn King, Bill Lamb, Mary Matthews, Ann McLaughlin, Mary Pruneau, Betsy Towler, and Lavon Page

Sacraments and Chancel Committee members

Sally Cook (Co-Chair), Carol Kepler (Co-Chair), Geraldine Bryan, Binks Mew, Sharda Sawhney, Kathy Widenhouse, Linda Baker, Autumn Cobeland, Adrienne Little, Aurora Gregory (sub), Mac Hulslander (sub), and Vandy Bradow (sub)

Ushers committee members

Skip Stoddard (Chair), Bayard Alcorn, Chris Burkhardt, Michael Hebert, Sam Johnson, Bill Lamb, and David Ledbetter

Property

Property Ministry members

Lena Gallitano (Chair), Bayard Alcorn, Allan Beidler, Vandy Bradow, Carol Clark, Glenn Core, Mac Hulslander, Tim Jensen, Sam Johnson, and Nancy Stoddard

Property Ministry report

1. Heat/AC for sanctuary and classrooms has been replaced by energy-efficient equipment.
2. Parking lot renovation – We've asked the contractor to schedule the parking lot renovation with a few minor changes to the original proposal. As soon as the weather permits, the job will begin.
3. Electrician – We still have a few items to complete to get all the lighting up to the standards we are trying to reach for adequate lighting around the church.
4. Windows for Pilgrim House – Work should be scheduled in the next month to replace all the Pilgrim House windows with energy-efficient windows.
5. Altar railing – We have a lead on a qualified carpenter but have not yet made contact with him.
6. Flat roof - The flat roof was replaced with new rubber roofing material. The idea of extending the Vaughan Fellowship Hall roof may need to be discarded. Storm water runoff regulations will require mitigation for the increased impervious surface the roof would add.
7. Work plans for 2011
 - a. Handicap accessible doors
 - b. Sanctuary windows
 - c. Landscaping
 - d. Ongoing and routine maintenance
8. Work days for 2011 will be scheduled every other month with hopes of getting more CUCCers to participate. The next scheduled work day will be [Saturday, February 19](#).

– submitted by **Lena Gallitano**

Religious Education

Religious Education Ministry members

Marty Lamb (Chair)

Adult Education Committee members

Ellen Beidler (Chair), Mike Callaham, Nancy Callaham, and Lavon Page

Children & Youth Education Committee members

Heather Burkhardt, Lynn Davis, Kara Eckard, Amy Jensen, Judy Kiel, Julia Robertson, and Krista Lombardo

Forum Committee members

Cynthia Ball, Lena Gallitano, Diana Koenning, Joan McAllister (liaison), Marge Eckels (liaison), and Shirley Birt (liaison)

Sunday School News

Preschool and Elementary Departments

We kicked off the New Year by constructing a new bulletin board in the hall. Our wishing well (with a thatched roof) is surrounded by hopes and wishes that will help us live as God would have us do in the coming year. In our second session of the new year we learned about faith and building a life on faith. We brainstormed for words and phrases that express ways to be faithful. We labeled popsicle sticks with these words and phrases and then built individual structures to use as reminders.

We are studying the miracles of Jesus this half of the year. We will learn about a different miracle each week. Our first miracle lesson was Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding. We made mobiles about miracles and hung them from the ceiling in our classroom.

The children have voted on where their offering will go for the first half of the year. The winner is the MAKE –A–WISH FOUNDATION. They are very excited about helping other children.

Upcoming events include making Valentines the first Sunday in February and our annual Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt.

Youth News...

The recent past...

– Winter Church School has begun. “Thank you” to **Marcy Halsted** for baking with the Journey class and for facilitating discussions about the "bread of life". Confirmation class has merged with Leaders for experiential Faith Formation. This month we have explored Epiphany and created rough drafts for meditation cards for the pews.

– A successful youth/parent meeting was held and surveys were completed to aid in planning for 2011 programming. If youth or parents have not had a chance to fill out the survey and are interested, please contact Santi.

The near future...

– February will include a trip to the NC Museum of Art, a pick-up basketball game, and a service project with Brown Bag Ministry. February will also provide Santi with the opportunity to attend a four-day youth leader retreat in Atlanta, GA with youth leaders from all over the country. The retreat will focus on curriculum planning for youth around the theme of Creation. The planning will apply to a summer camp which at least two of our youth are attending, and will also provide curriculum material for church school.

– March will include a movie night: *"Rango" a chameleon with an identity crisis*, on opening night, March 4. We'll also have yet another chance for a stargazing skywatch with the Morehead planetarium experts on March 12. And, most importantly, March will bring planning for our youth-led worship to be held on April 10. Each year we offer a youth-led worship service during Lent, based on a Holy Week event. Youth will spend several weeks writing, drawing, dancing, preparing music, and planning liturgy for this worship. Any adults interested in supporting this exciting planning, please see Sānti.

Forum

The Forum meets Sundays at 9:15-10:15 in the Vaughan fellowship hall. February and March calendars appear below in a Social Justice article.

Social Justice

Social Justice Ministry members

Gary Smith, Jane Smith, Fidele Binganisi, Don Birt, Shirley Birt, Julie Elkins, Frank Gailor, Kori Gay, Cy King, John Little, Adrienne Little, and Grady McCallie

March with CUCC at HKonJ: Saturday, February 13, 9:30 a.m. – join others from Community UCC as we join the state-wide coalition in this annual rally/march for justice in North

Carolina. A CUCC contingent will meet at Shaw University near the McDonalds; look for Don and Shirley Birt. **This is a family-friendly event;** you'll see lots of children and youth. Check the CUCC News & Chat blog for **tips** on matching your walking abilities to participating comfortably.

**DR. EDITH RASELL,
UCC NATIONAL STAFF,
TO SPEAK AT CUCC ON FEBRUARY 27**

Dr. Edith Rasell has accepted an invitation from the CUCC's Economic Justice Task Force to speak at CUCC during the worship service on Sunday, February 27. She is on the national staff of the United Church of Christ serving in Justice and Witness Ministries as Minister for Economic Justice. She works with UCC congregations around the country, as well as national and international organizations, to bring greater economic justice to people in the US and around the world, especially the poor and marginalized. Dr. Rasell is known for her ability to make economic matters understandable, relevant, and interesting. She is a UCC layperson and holds a PhD in economics.

Before coming to the UCC she worked for 12 years at the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), a highly regarded, progressive think tank in Washington, D.C. The EPI focuses on the conditions of low- and middle-income Americans, providing research, outreach and education and analyzing the impact of policies on the American public.
<http://www.epi.org>.

Her areas of expertise are economic justice, workers' rights, taxes, federal budget, globalization, trade, immigration and economic downturn. She provides staff leadership to the UCC Task Force on Economic Justice.

PLEASE NOTE: Dr. Rasell will be at the Forum (9:15 -10:15) before the worship service to share in a conversation about current economic issues and the church. Please plan to take advantage of this special opportunity.)

– Submitted by **Shirley Birt**

**From Mammon to Manna: Sabbath Economics
and Community Investing**

In 2009 the UCC General Synod adopted a resolution on An Economic Justice Covenant. It included a statement that each UCC local church be encouraged to become an Economic Justice setting that engages in focused studies of economic injustices and create a program of study that may lead to adopting an economic justice covenant.

For some time a small group of us at CUCC have been meeting to discuss what it would mean to commit to an economic justice covenant as a congregation. We decided we needed to engage in more study of the issues. Last spring we had a series of discussions on corporate behavior and envisioning changes in the economy. We have been given an opportunity to continue discussions during the Forum schedule in February and March.

Four of the Forum series will begin with a 30 minute DVD presentation by Ched Myers, a theological educator and part of the Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries. Two DVD programs will feature Andy Loving, a Certified Financial Planner and ordained minister. The series will reexamine with fresh eyes the Biblical vision of Sabbath Economics and move to modern practices.

February Forum calendar:

- 6 Introduction to Sabbath Economics
- 13 Sabbath Economics in Torah and the Prophets
- 20 Sabbath Economics in Jesus and Paul
- 27 Conversation with Dr. Edith Rasell, UCC National Staff, Justice and Witness Ministries and Minister of Economic Justice

March Forum calendar:

- 6 A Sabbath Economics Household Covenant
- 13 Dr. Michael Schwalbe, Professor of Sociology at NC State University. His interests and publications include issues of class and inequality.
- 20 Surplus Capital, Stewardship and Social Investing
- 27 Community Investing

Our current economic experience is confusing and complex, but it cannot be ignored. Do our Biblical roots offer us any guidance? What is the role of the

church at this time in our common history? We hope you will join us at Forum as a place to deepen your understanding of issues and expand your personal growth in a supportive environment.

– submitted by **Shirley Birt**

(CUCC Economic Justice Task Force: Mac Hulslander, Cy King, Marge Eckels, Edith Sylla, Don Birt and Shirley Birt)

Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth

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Ministry members

Jane Smith (Chair)

Fellowship Committee members

Robert Parrish (Chair), Carol Clark, Vivian Hunter, Joan McAllister, Anne Pope, Dongo Pumbu, and Gray Woodard

Growth Committee members

Stephanie Welsh (chair), Bill Bryan, Joan McAllister, Jane Smith, and Jennifer Wells

Communications Committee members

Vandy Bradow (newsletter), Carol Clark (newsletter), Drew Dickens (webmaster), Jane Smith (CUCC N&C blog), Paul Kiel (blog backup), Šanti Matthews (Youth Facebook), Jenni Wells (CUCC Facebook Group), Ann McLaughlin, and Nancy Stoddard

A Space for Everyone


As we continue to welcome more visitors and guests to our Sunday service, we want to ensure we've got space for everyone! Particularly with the pending repairs to one of our parking lots, parking for Sunday worship service can be a challenge. In order to make sure we have spots for those not familiar with parking for CUCC, if you're able, you may want to consider parking along Dixie Trail, or even around the corner on O'Berry St (just past the Pilgrim House), especially as we start to get that nice Spring weather! If parking on Dixie Trail, **please leave 10 feet visibility clearance** on either side of the Dixie Trail lot for those exiting.


Sonny Spicer loved his coffee and enjoyed Sunday fellowship so his memorial gifts were used to purchase a large coffee urn, new tablecloths, extra spoons and forks, serving bowls, large cooking pots and a transportable electric slow cooker, large new cookie sheets and several serving trays, new pitchers and more water glasses, and new cutting boards.

Kitchen Supplies Inventory List

There is an inventory list in the kitchen near the fellowship sign-up list for all to use to report if an item is needed, as well as the location of items for those new to the kitchen. If items are needed, please check the list and leave it in the church office.

Retirees

 The annual Valentine luncheon will be on Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14th. We will meet at 11:00 for conversation and plan to eat about 11:30.

Please call the church office by Wednesday, February 9th, if you plan to attend. 

A program on Hospice is planned for our March meeting. This will be of interest for both retirees and those who will become caregivers in the future, so everyone is invited to attend.

Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

On January 25, eight of us enjoyed snacking on mini-quiches, pretzel chips with cream cheese, chocolate covered raisins, veggie chips, and popcorn while **Vivian Hunter** taught us how to play canasta. Fun, and a great diversion to the day.

Kathy Clift and Athena Tracey are treating SIS to a Greek dining adventure on February 22nd at Kathy's. Come join the culinary exploration! Car poolers are gathering by 6:15 at CUCC's parking lot on Dixie Trail that evening.

– submitted by **Marty Lamb**

2011 SIS Monthly Meetings calendar

February 22nd – "Greek Goddesses" invited to **Kathy Clift's** – Athena Tracey's dinner - and fun. March 29th – **Vivian Hunter** will lead us in playing the card game "Five Crowns" as we continue to expand our game knowledge repertoire and share snacks (no potluck).

April 21st – (**Thursday**, exception to our usual rule) Goddesses dress up and do dinner and a play! Dinner at Seaboard 18 (reserved room) then to the Raleigh Little Theatre production of *Ballyhoo* (We'll each reserve our own tickets under "SIS" and each pay individually for meal and play.)

May 31st – tba

June 21st – Bring a book you've enjoyed reading and share why you liked it with SIS (potluck).

Do you have extra toiletries (perhaps from hotel travels, perhaps from other sources)? If so, feel free to bring them to a SIS meeting, and we'll see that they are donated to the women's shelter in Raleigh.

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, Ann McLaughlin's mother, Frances Cox; Kerma Hazel, the Milandu family, Mark Denlinger, Ted Gregory, Vandy Bradow**, those impacted by the oil spill; the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

Jo Lemons died on Friday January 14. A memorial service for her was held after worship on Sunday, January 30, at CUCC with a reception afterward.

CUCC sends condolences to **Joe and Ann Retzer** upon the death of Joe's mother, Catherine, in Springfield, VA, on January 26, 2011.

I.T. Littleton's 90th birthday celebration was held Saturday, January 29th, in CUCC's fellowship hall. Lots of I.T.'s family and CUCC's extended family attended to present I.T. with their good wishes and to enjoy birthday cake and homemade goodies. Doug Barrick played a mix of old familiar popular music and Anne Pope accompanied Slater Newman as he sung the celebratory lyrics written by Carolyn King and sung to a familiar tune with all joining in on the chorus.

Michael and Annemarie Evans were given a farewell send-off on January 23rd. Michael has accepted a call to ministry at Trinity Christian United Church of Christ in Skippack, PA. You may contact him at 2009 Church St., Halesville, PA 19438.

There's more to the **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY** than asking for money and balancing a budget. We're the ones who sponsor the **BEST EVENING OUT**, our annual auction. We also plan and execute the **FALL FESTIVAL**. So if you like to laugh, call people to collect auction items, cook and, of course, clean up, join our group. You can volunteer to do one thing during the year or participate in all the events. We look forward to having you join us. A phone call to the office is all it takes !! **787-6422**.

– submitted by **Mary Pruneau**

Community Outreach

Community Outreach Ministry members

Jo Perry (secretary), Jeanne Ledbetter, Fernand Milandu, David Sigmon, and Amy Jensen

Method Child Development Board member

Maria Riemann

Raleigh Inter-Church Housing (RICH) Liaisons

Frank Gailor, Marge Eckels, and Peg Hulslander



Emergency food bags:

CUCC started the new Year in a fine way. We met our goal of **25** emergency food bags for the month, with a few miscellaneous items also contributed. Keep it up! They are needed.

Food bags will be collected **February 6th** and every first Sunday of the month.

Wright Center

CUCC thanks our gracious volunteers for
December: **Joan McAllister, Carol Clark, and
Mary Pruneau** (preparers) and **John and Julia
Robertson** (servers)

January volunteers were **Linda Baker, Tim Jensen
and Grady McCallie** (preparers) and **Allan and
Ellen Beidler** (servers).

Wider Church

1 2 3 YOGA at Umstead Park UCC



**Improve flexibility, build strength and
have fun.**

**Now available 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays
of the month
at 9:30 a.m.
in the UPUCC worship space**

**No equipment required
No previous experience
No donation required**

**FEBRUARY
2011 – 5th, 12th & 19th**

**Ellen Beidler teaches on the
third Saturday
CUCC folks would be welcomed
any Saturday, of course**

DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS AT CUCC

Pastor: Rev. Steve Halsted,

Office Manager: Carol Clark

(Office hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday-Friday),

Moderator: Peg Hulslander

Treasurer: Mary Pruneau

Asst. Treasurer: Carol Kepler

Clerk: Sam Johnson

Ministry Chairs:

Deacons: Bill Lamb

Property: Lena Gallitano Welcoming, Fellowship &

Growth: Jane Smith

Religious Education: Marty Lamb

Children's Education: Anne Bailey Zschau

Youth Ministry: Šánti Matthews

Organist: Doug Barrick

Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith

Newsletter: Carol Clark and Vandy Bradow

**The deadline for our March Newsletter is
February 21.**

The lectionary in on the next page

A Month of Sundays

February 6 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Fellowship Time.
Lectionary: Isa 58: 1-9a, (9b-12); Ps 112: 1-9 (10); 1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16); Matt 5:13-20

February 13 | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.
Lectionary: Deut 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37

February 20 | Seventh Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00-9:30 Taize with Communion; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.
Lectionary: Lev 19:1-2, 9-18; Ps 119:33-40; 1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23;; Matt 5:38-48

February 27 | Eighth Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.
Lectionary: Isa 49:8-16a; Ps 131; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Matt 6:24-34