

# COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working for Social Justice

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 5 after worship

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**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL AUGUST 19. THE DEADLINE FOR THAT NEWSLETTER WILL BE AUGUST 10 FOR REPORTING ALL UPCOMING FALL CURRICULA, MEETINGS AND EVENTS. DURING THE SUMMER, NEWS WILL BE EMAILED TO THE CONGREGATION.**

### *A Word from our Pastor*

Dear Friends,

As we move into the month of June I am glad to see that I have some vacation time scheduled for the last two weeks of the month. As I have done the last three years, I will travel to Connecticut and Cape Cod to see family and take my 86-year-old (?-young!) mother on vacation. We have developed some fun and meaningful rituals together while staying at her cottage. Each year we go to the plant nursery and buy flowers for planting her summer garden. She has been in a garden club ever since I can remember from my earliest childhood.

Each year we go to our two favorite restaurants, (one overlooking a colorful boat harbor and the other in the quaint historic town of Barnstable) where we have lunch each day. Then we take the mid-afternoon to visit museums, gift and thrift shops, and art galleries. By 3 pm or so she is ready to head back to the cottage for her ritual of reading and a nap and I head down to the secluded beach at the end of Cotuit bay for my ritual of sun worship and swimming in the cool, refreshing surf. At some point during the week we've developed the ritual of taking her next door cottage neighbor (known over 40 years) out to dinner for our fancy - splurge of the vacation, (lobster, swordfish, steamer clams, scrod - all Cape Cod seafood delights !).

But the most important ritual of all is our evening conversation, where we share the stories of

our lives. I am amazed at her memory of both old and new events and my admiration of her grows ever wider. She certainly has plenty to keep up with - having 4 sons, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Believe me, there is never a dull moment! All this makes for a very special and spirit-filled time together which I greatly look forward to each year.

I will be away the last Sunday in June but will return for Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to lead worship with an "Independence Day" hymn sing and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please note that while I'm away several special events in the life of our congregation will carry on. Friday evening June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. will be the first of three summer events sponsored by the Church School program. This first event will be a Pizza Dinner followed by a Family Movie. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> our ONA Task Force is sponsoring the Rev. Jimmy Creech who will be preaching and doing a book signing during fellowship following worship. And on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> the Earth Sabbath Celebration will be led by Tama Eller at 7 p.m. in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars and enjoy your own rituals in the month of June!

Blessings and Peace

Steve

# Congregation

## Congregational Meeting June 5

### *What we'll be discussing*

Community UCC will hold its spring/summer congregational meeting at noon on June 5 in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to attend and participate in the discussions, but if something comes up for a vote, only members may vote.

To date, here is what is on the list for mutual consultation.

- a report on the renovations being done to [RICH Park Housing](#), a low-income housing apartment community that CUCC owns and operates with four other congregations
- a call to ministry from the Social Justice Ministry
- a brainstorming session about knitting our congregation together with friendships, led by Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth Ministry
- a call to ministry using our CUCC computer lab

*from CUCC News & Chat blog – posted by Jane Smith*

# Church Council

## **Excerpts from the CUCC Council meeting, May 16, 2011.**

### Treasurer's Report

**Edith Sylla** observed from the report provided by Mary Pruneau that the only group that has spent its entire budget so far is the music group. It spent its allocation for additional performers for the presentation of Mozart's "Requiem."

### Property Ministry

**Lena Gallitano** reported the kids' garden is doing well. She is working on the outdoor lighting, especially in the courtyard. Steve asked about the possibility of photovoltaics on the Vaughan wing roof or elsewhere. Lena said that the courtyard was a relatively dark place for placement of photovoltaic light fixtures.

### Community Outreach Ministry

**Jo Perry** reported for the Community Outreach ministry. They will normally meet on the Tuesday before the Council meeting. They are discussing allocation of their funds. Preparing for the Ministry

Fair took a lot of energy, which slowed them down on other things. They propose that CUCC might prepare Church World Service kits (e.g. for hygiene, babies, or school, etc.), but they aren't sure they could get ready for that in time for summer. Council members thought the idea of preparing kits was a good one and there was a discussion of possible dates. No decision was made.

### Social Justice Ministry

**Jane Smith** reported for the Ministry. They have not met, but instead went to a Franciscan Coalition meeting on the Wake County Public School System. Lena raised a new issue stemming from William Barber, called "Souls to the Polls" (legislation being proposed to reduce early and Sunday voting, etc.). A motion was made, seconded, discussed, and passed to include in the bulletin on May 22 an insert concerning this issue.

### Welcoming Fellowship, and Growth Ministry

**Jane Smith** reported for Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth (and distributed written notes). We will need new meditation cards for the pews soon (by June 5). There is a notebook hanging on the wall of the kitchen concerning supplies. Anyone who notices that supplies are running low, should use the checklist to inform **Carol Clark**. She reported that we all owe **Stephanie Welsh and Bill Bryan** thanks for the work they did to prepare the Ministry Fair.

**Jane Smith** reported on the Ministry Fair. She said that Stephanie Welsh had asked her to debrief the ministry chairs and ask the questions: 1) by what date will you contact everyone who indicated an interest in your ministry at the fair? Each relevant Council member indicated a time frame. 2) What worked at the fair and what would you change if such a fair is repeated? 3) does the Council recommend doing such a fair again? Various Council members offered the observations that: a lot of people stayed for the fair; the decorations made it more festive; the CUCC calendar is pretty full for the fall; the sheets prepared for the fair can be sorted and grouped into packs and made available at the back of the church or in the hall rack for individuals wanting more information. When new visitors have come back a few times, they might be sent such a pack of information. No Ministry Fair will be planned until later.

### Stewardship Ministry

**Skip Stoddard** said the results of the 2011 auction are posted in the hall. Almost \$5400 was collected.

### Pastor's report

Steve reviewed the joint Maundy Thursday event held at St. Paul's church. Next year they will come to CUCC. Perhaps additional joint events, such as centering prayer, will occur during Advent. The healing service before Easter also went well.

At the Out Raleigh event, CUCC shared a table with Pullen and there was a clergy presence. Steve put in a plug for the PFLAG meetings held at CUCC. Also reported:

- NC IPL received a \$7000 grant today. Attendees have been pleased with the Tuesday evening Earth Sabbath meetings held monthly.
- A Deacons' retreat will be held on Saturday at the Halsteds, where they will take a short form of the Myers-Briggs test.
- There was an Interfaith Alliance meeting at the church where people from Egypt spoke. They are planning interfaith dialogue dinners for next year.

### ONA

**Joan McAllister** reported for the Open and Affirming task force (she distributed a written report with details). They have purchased a new film ("Coming Out: Coming In"), which will be available for borrowing in the library. They have sold 30 rainbow comma pins at cost and have ordered 30 more. Jimmy Creech will preach June 26, when Steve is away. The May Forum sessions devoted to ONA issues are going well, with more than 30 people at each of the sessions. On behalf of the ONA task force, Joan requested that CUCC sponsor a "ribbon party," at which symbolic ribbons are prepared to be worn during a school "day of silence" sponsored by the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) each April. On this day, students, identifying themselves by wearing the ribbons, do not speak in school unless they are called on in class. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that CUCC volunteer to provide space for such a "ribbon party," the date to be determined (January or February?) after consultation with the LBGT center. There are 12 gay-straight alliance groups in Wake County.

At least 10 regular visitors/new members have come in response to the ONA initiative. Joan plans to move out of leadership of the task force, serving as co-chair next year.

Joan is the only CUCC person signed up so far to go to the UCC Coalition conference June 27 – 30 in Tampa, FL.

### Deacons Ministry

Peg Hulslander reported for the Deacons that the paper evaluations of staff have been done. The meetings with each employee will be completed in the near future. Heather Burkhardt and Steve will be meeting with Anne Bailey Zschau; Judy Kiel and Steve will meet with Santi; Bill and Steve will meet with Carol Clark. Bill Lamb had submitted a written Deacons' report before the meeting.

### Moderator

**Peg Hulslander** reported a plan to do a 2012 visioning/evaluation marking 10 years since Steve first came to CUCC. One or more people may go to the Wild Goose event, June 23–26 in Pittsboro. In return for some CUCC support, someone going would be asked to report back to the congregation.

A Congregational meeting will be called for June 5. A call will be put out for additional agenda items for the June 5 Congregational meeting.

### Council meetings during the summer

In Peg's absence, Edith will chair the June 13 Council meeting. There will be no July Council meeting. Skip will chair the August 15 meeting.

The meeting closed with passing of the peace and singing of "Go Now in Peace" to Peg and others about to embark on summer travels.

– submitted by **Edith Sylla**

## *Deacons*

### **Excerpts from the minutes of the CUCC Deacons Meeting, May 12, 2011**

There are 2 general items for discussion at the retreat scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Steve's house. Joan is going to lead a discussion about the results of the Myers/Briggs assessments and what it might

tell us about how working better work together...or at least about compatible or conflicting profiles.

Bill will lead us in a discussion about what we might take to the church council as a possible church wide discernment process for next year. He noted that Steve has been at CUCC for 10 years and we did this as a beginning part of the process to seek a new pastor. CUCC is in a very different place from where we were 10 years ago. In the presentation made at the Sunday forum, Justin Lee used a metaphor of universal design in the church. Architectural design to accommodate persons with handicaps also makes a building friendlier to all. Can we use that metaphor to address other aspects of making CUCC a friendlier and more accepting worship community? Jane Smith had suggested we consider a plan that would build on these themes in prayer, study, activities and some kind of culminating event. Bill introduced this idea to get Deacons thinking about possibilities before our retreat. We had a good, but unrecorded discussion, to be continued at the retreat.

There will not be a Deacons meeting in June unless called. Our next scheduled meeting will be July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

– submitted by **Bill Lamb**

## *Property*

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Property Ministry (PM) table at our “Something for Everyone” event to say hello and see what PM is doing. Here are the results of our contacts and conversations.

A huge thank you goes out to the children (and a few adults) for becoming a “Pine Cone Picker for CUCC”! Six bags of pine cones were picked up and the courtyard and grounds are certainly cleaner due to their efforts. It’s not too late, however, to fill more bags and earn prizes. Bags and rules are available from Ann Bailey in her classroom. “Adopt-an-Area” had some interest as well and our thanks go out for the adoption! There are places left for others so let us know if you’re interested. *Remember, CUCC belongs to all of us, not just the Property Ministry.*

Several folks have offered to “Share-a-Plant with CUCC” and will be dividing, collecting, rooting and growing plants from their gardens this summer at their homes to go in the CUCC landscape this fall. We’ll be planning a huge landscape workday this fall so plan to help us in two ways:

1. Donating plants from your garden. Let us know now what you plan to donate so we can plan a place for planting.
2. Participating in the fall workday – watch for more details in the next newsletter.

We had a number of people update their Time, Skills and Talent survey as well as pledge to assist on workdays and for that we are very thankful. From making phone calls to hard labor, there is something for everyone and as you know, official or unofficial, you’re a part of the CUCC Property Ministry! Working together we can continue to make our physical appearance reflect the true nature of our caring congregation – won’t you join us?

### **CUCC needs you for an urgent project!**

Have you ever wondered what "treasures" we have in the storage area above the sanctuary? Did you know there is a storage area above the sanctuary? **Saturday, June 4,** is the time to explore and help us clean the attic in anticipation of adding some much-needed insulation. Can we count on you for this and other projects on **Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to noon?**



## *Religious Education*

### **Adult Education** **Sunday Bible Study**

Through the summer, starting Sunday, June 5, 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., participants will be listening to the CD's by Richard Rohr titled "The Art of Letting Go," followed by discussion of what's been heard. The series will be for the summer, and all are invited to attend in the Bradow room.

– submitted by **Marty Lamb**

### **Forum – Fall planning meeting**

There will be a meeting to plan for the series of Sunday morning Forums for the fall on Monday, **June 6, from 4-5 p.m.** in the Bradow room. The meeting is open to all those interested.

## Youth in the Summer

The recent past...

May included:

- Planting a portion of the Community Garden.
- Service Project (Brown Bag Ministry): we prepared and served bag lunches to some of those in our own city who are hungry. Thank you to Julie Robertson and Tim Jensen for supporting and participating in that youth event.
- Parent Meeting for Confirmation class parents.
- Youth Lunch and "Shoot Hoops with Youth".
- Confirmation/Leaders Umstead Park Camping Trip "Lost and Found". Thank you to Paul Kiel and Roger Manus for supporting and participating in our camping trip.
- ASP Safety Meeting: Thank you to Ron Howell for our excellent training!

Summer Plans:

- Summer Church School every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month.
- June 26-July 1: BYC Camp in the NC Mountains
- July 3: P2e – Church-wide annual watermelon seed spitting contest is back. Stay after worship to enjoy juicy North Carolina watermelon.
- July 17-23: ASP Trip to Kentucky
- August 7: Church-wide Sundae Sunday - Stay after worship to concoct your own sundae as we celebrate summer.
- August 21: Wright Center Meal Preparation and Serving
- August 29: Annual Lunch and Pool Party

Questions about youth programming? Please contact Santi Matthews at [forsanti@aol.com](mailto:forsanti@aol.com)

## Sunday School News

Happy Summer to everyone! As usual, our summer classes will be combined and led by Anne Bailey. Our theme will be "Making A Difference in God's World." We will learn about people who have made a difference and explore opportunities available to us. Special guests are scheduled for June 26, July 10 and July 24. If you have family or

friends visiting this summer, please bring the children to Sunday School!

On June 12 the children will provide cupcakes for the annual Pentecost celebration. Please bring cupcakes to decorate. Anne Bailey will have all the decorating items in our classroom.

Check out the PLANT A ROW FOR THE HUNGRY garden! This collaborative project has really taken off. Our crops are growing and looking great. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in this project.

Many, many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers **Linda Baker, Ellen Beidler and Amy Jenson!** If you would like to help in the Sunday School department once a month please see Anne Bailey. We would love to have you!

June 12 - Bring cupcakes to decorate for Pentecost  
June 26- Special guest **Robert Parrish** and games, games, games!

July 10 - Special fabric-painting workshop with Linda Baker

July 24 - ASP visit

## **Charitable Giving**

Do you have a favorite charity? Would you like your charity to receive a donation? Let our Sunday School children make a donation! Twice a year our Sunday School children vote on where to send their funds. Please let us know about your charity. Come by on a Sunday morning and introduce your charity to our children. See Anne Bailey to schedule a visit.

## **Post Cards**

Several years ago a post card project took place at CUCC. We would like to rejuvenate the program this summer. As you travel over the summer please take a moment to send a post card to the children. It can simply be addressed to Anne Bailey and mailed to the church with a short hello to the children. What an easy way to build a bond between our generations!

– submitted by **Anne Bailey Zschau**

## *Social Justice*

## Justice in a Changing Climate

Summer Hands-on Project - Volunteers Needed

As the world warms and fuel prices rise, it will be more difficult for people of low wealth to meet their energy bills. To help decrease costs, Wake County Resources for Seniors has federal "stimulus money" to weatherize homes, and they are weatherizing homes now. There is a catch for some people. That is, their houses need repairs before any weatherization can be done, so they are not getting weatherized.

This is where we can come in. We can enable the weatherization by doing the repairs, and Resources for Seniors will pay for some of the materials for these repairs.

This is a wonderful opportunity with exciting potential. It gets us hands-on work, gets more houses weatherized, puts more people to work doing more weatherizations, and potentially brings congregations together for the work. We are working on arranging three homes at the moment and will be continuing through the summer.

Contact Gary Smith ([smithgk@mindspring.com](mailto:smithgk@mindspring.com)) if you would like to be involved with this Justice in a Changing Climate project. Skills needed: enjoy conversing with the homeowner as we work OR physically able to remove household items from crawlspaces and attics OR basic home repair skills.

– submitted by **Jane Smith**

### **Economic Justice Task Force**

Using Our Resources to Help Others and Share the Wealth

Would you like to use some of any surplus capital (money beyond living expenses) you may have to help other people and align where you put your money with your social, religious and ethical values? Socially Responsible Investing provides a way to direct surplus capital to communities underserved by traditional financial services - poor people and poor communities in the USA and around the world. Some investments offer market-rate returns; others pay below-market returns. All offer high social impact, a powerful force for using surplus capital to work toward redistribution of wealth and power.

(All specific securities should be reviewed for your own situation. An investment professional familiar

with Socially Responsible Investing can review your options with you. There are individuals at CUCC who can share their experiences and participate in a discussion group to explore ideas.)

### **Examples of Specific Community Investing:**

**Shore Bank:** The largest community development financial institution in the US. A bank whose business model is not to make the most possible money, but to make the highest possible impact on low-income communities. [www.sbk.com](http://www.sbk.com).

**Shore Bank Pacific:** An environmental bank. [www.eco-bank.com](http://www.eco-bank.com).

**Self-Help Credit Union:** One of the largest community development credit unions. [www.self-help.org](http://www.self-help.org). (CUCC and some members of the congregation currently have funds here. It is located in Durham.)

**CRA Fund:** An affordable housing bond fund. [www.ccmfixedincome.com](http://www.ccmfixedincome.com).

**Calvert Foundation:** Uses investment capital, rather than conventional philanthropy, to enable nonprofit organizations and social enterprises to address critical social problems. [www.calvertfoundation.org](http://www.calvertfoundation.org).

**Oikocredit:** One of the world's largest sources of private funding to the microfinance sector. It also provides credit to trade cooperatives, fair trade organizations and small-to-medium enterprises in the developing world. [www.oikocredit.org](http://www.oikocredit.org).

**Community Reinvestment Fund:** Provides capital to nonprofit community development lenders through its secondary market for loans. [www.crfusa.com](http://www.crfusa.com).

**Equal Exchange:** A fair trade company that offers coffee, chocolate, bananas and other products. [www.equalexchange.coop](http://www.equalexchange.coop).

**Shared Interest:** Helps to move capital back into South Africa, providing financing to microcredit organizations that serve black South African communities and businesses. [www.sharedinterest.org](http://www.sharedinterest.org).

For more information: [www.socialinvest.org](http://www.socialinvest.org);  
[www.communityinvest.org](http://www.communityinvest.org);  
[www.justmoneyadvisors.com](http://www.justmoneyadvisors.com),  
[www.faithandmoneynetwork.org](http://www.faithandmoneynetwork.org).

– submitted by **Shirley Birt**

## Welcoming, Fellowship & Growth

### Brew the coffee, stir up the lemonade



Please sign up for one Sunday this summer to prepare our after-worship Fellowship refreshments.

Simple snacks and drinks, with a dash of cleanup, are all this job requires.



The sign-up sheet is hanging on the kitchen wall by the door to the Fellowship Hall. Money is available to reimburse you for simple snacks; beverage supplies are provided. Questions? Call **Robert Parrish**, 832-1226.

### CUCC Calling Cards Available – free



Do you ever find yourself jotting down information to give someone about a CUCC event or

resource? **Why not use a CUCC calling card?** On the table at the back of the sanctuary is a small blue box filled with packs of calling cards. Each card is preprinted with the CUCC phone number, email, and web addresses. There is space front and back for you to add your contact information or whatever note is relevant to the discussion. Spread the word about CUCC. The cards are free; just return the plastic sleeve for reuse when you pick up a new set.



### Get your pucker ready

July 3 is our annual watermelon seed-spitting contest during after-worship Fellowship. Competition categories are: children, teens, and adults (female and male). No sign-up required. Watermelon provided. Prizes and bragging rights!!! Bring a friend.



### Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

SIS will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> for potluck and discussion of a favorite book read recently. **Kathy Widenhouse** will lead the discussion. Come to exercise your right brain and connect to spirit with other exploring souls.

The last SIS for the summer will be held on Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at church at 7 p.m. for potluck, followed by our investigating some of the spirit-building experiments from Julia Cameron's *The Vein of Gold*. **For example, how about developing your own five secret selves as you listen to a new sound and breathe a new scent?** We'll also plan for our beach retreat to be held on a weekend in early October (tba). Also, if you have any toiletries at home you could part with (perhaps from hotels you visited over the summer?) bring those and we'll see that they are shared with the women's homeless shelter here in Raleigh.

Happy summer, all!

**Marty Lamb**

### Sundae Sunday - August 7

Yes, we know it but let's do it once.



will spoil your lunch, anyway just this Plan to stay after

worship to feast on ice cream **SUNDAES!**

Ask for sorbet if you don't eat milk.

Bring a friend!

## 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**, those affected by the oil spill; the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

### Ongoing prayer for Pastor N'Sumbu Puati

Long-time CUCC friend, N'Sumbu Puati, continues to serve as a pastor in the Good New Message Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We came to know and love Pastor N'Sumbu when he lived in Raleigh and supported him as he continued his education at seminary in Lancaster, PA. When he returned to his home in DRC, he asked us to continue to pray for him, the church, and his family. We have been keeping this commitment for several years. Each month, a person or family commits to prayer. We ask that you pray once a day, and contact him with a message of support by an email or card at least once during the month. You don't need to know him to be part of this sustaining ministry. The people of the DRC continue to face incredible challenges of war, hunger, unemployment, political instability. In that context, our prayers matter. If you would be willing to take a month, contact Jane Smith ([smithjeg@mindspring.com](mailto:smithjeg@mindspring.com)).

### CUCC sends Condolences to:

**Ann McLaughlin** and her family upon the recent death of her mother, Frances Cox. The Memorial Service for Frances will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, at Grace United Methodist church in Greensboro, NC.

**Fernand Milandu** and his family upon the recent death of his father in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There will be a memorial service and reception at CUCC, Saturday, June 4, 4-7 p.m.

### Thanks

#### **We're Home! (for now)**

Many thanks to all of you who helped lug boxes, empty PODS, organized the kitchen, etc., as we moved back into our renovated house. Special

thanks to **Marge "Angel" Eckels** who took us in for almost half a year and graciously shared all the benefits of communal living. There is simply no way to thank her enough!

Summer contact information:

6/17 – 7/26: c/o Chautauqua UCC Society  
(715) 357-4561

7/28 – 8/29: (570) 278-3796

Email – [mac.hulslander@gmail.com](mailto:mac.hulslander@gmail.com)

**Peg and Mac Hulslander**

### Our Young People's Birthdays



**6/1/2000 – Cammy Riemann**

**6/13/1995 – Carson Roach-**

**Howell**

**6/19/2009 – Ruth Ann McCallie**

**7/2/01 – Greer Eckard**

**7/19/99 – Ryan Murphy**

**7/23/03 – Nina Lombardo**

**8/8/06 – Tess Cobeland**

**8/16/94 – Jackson Kiel**

## Community Outreach



### **Emergency food bags:**

Our contributions seem to be stuck at the 22 level, which is 3 below our goal for each month. Close though. Let's keep those emergency food bags coming. Summer is the time when children miss their subsidized breakfasts during school closures. Often the food bag is an answer to that problem. We can help!!!!

Food bags will be collected **June 5<sup>th</sup>** and every first Sunday of the month.

– submitted by **Marge Eckels**

## Wider Church

### Franklinton Center Day - August 6, 2011

An annual time of celebration, this year's theme of "Homecoming" will bring the Franklinton Center relations together again, including the Historic Brick Community and those throughout the U.S. who make up the growing Franklinton Center family. Designed to focus on the future while celebrating the past, this day will provide opportunities to expand the rich spirit of kinship and offer exciting times of fun, fellowship, music, food, games, prizes, and recreation!

## Wider Community

### Talk on Veterans' Benefits

Attorney William Alexander will speak and lead discussion on the Veterans' Aid and Attendance Program at 2:00 p.m. June 23, at Morningside (across the street – 801 Dixie Trail). If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for benefits you didn't know existed. Free. RSVP by June 20, 828-5557.

Submitted by Vandy Bradow

### Concert

Common Woman Chorus and Triangle Gay Men's Chorus will present a concert Sunday, June 12 at Meymandi Auditorium. This concert, called

"Sing for the Cure", will benefit Komen Triangle as well as the two choruses. David Crabtree and Deborah Morgan will be narrators. Hope you will mark your calendar and come. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster; look for "Sing for the Cure."

### JCC's Green Tip for June

#### About Washing Dishes

When possible, use the dishwasher. Washing dishes by hand costs about \$40 per year more in utility costs than washing them in a *fully-loaded* dishwasher. Avoid pre-rinsing dishes and just scrape the food off. Energy-Star qualified dishwashers and current detergents are designed to do the cleaning for you. If dirty dishes sit overnight, use the dishwasher rinse feature. It uses a fraction of water compared to hand rinsing.

*If and when you wash dishes by hand:* use as little water as possible. Use only the required amount of dish soap, put the dishes in a rack, and rinse them all together, thus reducing water use. Be sure to use short bursts versus letting the rinse water run.

(From the US Department of Energy at [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov) and Kohler Water Conservation tips at [www.us.kohler.com/savewater/how/kitchen/landing.htm](http://www.us.kohler.com/savewater/how/kitchen/landing.htm))

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### 3 Months of Sundays Lectionaries

**June 5 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | 9:00-9:30 Taizé led by Ken and Bernie Brown; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Fellowship.**

**Lectionary:** Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**June 12 | Pentecost Sunday | 9:00-9:30 Taizé led by Mike Schafale; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**June 19 | Trinity Sunday | 9:00-9:30 Taizé led by Lavon, Jo and Amy (with Communion); 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20

**June 26 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé led by Anne Pope; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service – Jimmy Creech preaching 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 22:1-4; Ps 13 or Jer 28:5-9; Ps 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42

**July 3 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Fellowship Time & P2e.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45:10-17 or Song of Sol 2:8-13 or Zech 9:9-12; Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 10 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen. 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112 or Isa 55:10-13; Ps 65:(1-8), 9-13; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 17 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé with Communion; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-12, 23-24 or Wisd of Sol 12:13, 16-19 or Isa 44:6-8; Ps 86:11-17; Rom 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 24 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service; 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 29:15-28; Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128 or 1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps 119:129-136; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:13-33, 44-52

**July 31 | Eighteenth Sunday of Easter | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Fellowship.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15 or Isa 55:1-5; Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

**August 7 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time y | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time & Sundaes Sunday.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b or 1 Kings 19:9-18; Ps 85:8-13; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

**August 14 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Gen 45:1-15; Ps 133 or Isa 56:1; Ps 67; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

**August 21 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé with Communion; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service – Jimmy Creech preaching 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Ex 1:8-2:10; Ps 124 or Isa 51:1, 6-8; Ps 138; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

**August 28 | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taizé; 9:15 Bible Study; 10:30 Worship Service; 10:45 Church School; Fellowship Time.**

**Lectionary:** Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b or Jer 15:15-21; Ps 26:1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28