



Greensboro Gleanings

October 2016

From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends,

Autumn, for me, has always been associated with going back to school. My first school was in a rural community in Canada, and I remember walking to school beneath the old maples that lined the road, enjoying the sound and the spicy scent as I kicked up the fallen leaves that blanketed the sidewalk. I have photographs of my sons standing at the bus stop in their yet to be ripped or stained back-to-school clothes, excited about seeing old friends and beginning new projects. I remember my years of working in the public schools, and the bright smiles of the children returning full of stories of their summers and ready for a new school year.

In last month's "Gleanings," Moderator Jeff Pierpont wrote of the great changes that have happened, in our society, within the decades since my early school years, in the fifties, and even since my children's elementary school years, in the eighties. Jeff noted that the church's sense of "mission" has had to broaden from something we do far away, usually in a foreign country, to becoming more aware of, and seeking to address, needs in our own immediate communities. I wrote of the outreach the church provides through the Discretionary Fund, and I thank those who have made recent contributions to that fund. Now I would like to tell you of another local need and opportunity.

In conversations with the Lakeview School Principal, Eric Erwin, and Guidance Teacher, Sally Cochran, I have learned that children at the school are dealing with many challenges in their young lives. More than two thirds of the students qualify for free or reduced cost school meals, and some families are chronically food insecure. Parents don't tend to engage in their children's school programs or to support their children staying after school for enrichment activities. And the opiate epidemic is having an impact in Greensboro, too. I shared what I have learned with the Church Council, and they have given enthusiastic support to the idea of reaching out to the school to address some of the needs of Greensboro's children.

Principal Erwin told me that the school needs mentors for individual students and grownups who could come in and play chess, teach knitting, cook with students, act as "reading buddies" (listening to children read), and read to children. He would like to have "an army of grandparents" involved in the school. He also sees this as a two-way conversation, where anyone with a particular skill or focus could offer their expertise. There are also material needs, and I have given the school a donation from the Discretionary Fund to provide for immediate needs, such as a pair of winter boots. In addition, the school needs socks and underwear, and food items for the backpack program that sends home food for the weekend for children whose families struggle to feed them.

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THANK YOU



October Ushers and Greeters

- Oct. 2 — John Rohnert
& Eleanor Guare
- Oct. 9 — Andy Dales
& Sue Coffey
- Oct. 16 — Sherral Lumsden
& Lucy Keefe
- Oct. 23 — Dan & Joanna Beresford
- Oct. 30 — Chris & Jeff Pierpont



October Coffee Hour Hosts

- Oct. 2 — Eleanor Guare
- Oct. 9 — Mike & Susan Coffey
- Oct. 16 — Penny Bretschneider
& Beth Belote
- Oct. 23 — Patti Foster
- Oct. 30 — Roger & Judy Waible

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October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 10:00am Worship Service Sanctuary	Mondays and Wednesdays 10-11am Growing Stronger Fellowship Hall					1
2	3	4	5 4:30pm Pleasants Fund Parsonage	6	7	8
9	10	11 7:00pm Pastoral Search Committee Parsonage	12 1:00pm Deacons Parsonage 6:00pm Church Council	13	14	15
16 At Service Eric Erwin Guest Speaker	17	18	19	20	21	22 10am-12pm Art House Mosaic Wkshop Fellowship Hall
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 10am-12pm Art House Mosaic Wkshop Fellowship Hall
30 3or4:00pm Kathy Charlestream Students' Recital	31					

MILESTONES

Happy October Birthday to

Trish Alley, Eliza Behrsing, Emery Brush, Judy Dales, Sonia Dunbar, Charlie Emers, Candace Hall, Nancy Hill, Keith Myers, Jack Niemi, Rev. Suzanne Redfer-Campbell, Joan Richardson, and Shirley Strong. *Also...a Happy Anniversary to:* Linda and Ken Hall Jr.

Is your birthday listed this month when it shouldn't be? Have we missed you in our celebrations? Contact the church office and let us know if your birthday is listed incorrectly or has been missed.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our process of gathering information from the congregation is complete. We are grateful to all who participated with surveys, meetings and prayers.

We are currently working on the profile which will be circulated to potential pastoral candidates. Our hope is to have this completed by November.

The results of the Pastoral Leadership Expectation forms you filled out are posted on white boards in Fellowship Hall. Each colored dot represents one of your responses. The colors do not represent any priority or hierarchy. They simply are meant to clearly separate the row being shown.

Please feel free to contact any of the Search Committee members with questions or suggestions.

The committee members are Susan Coffey, Nancy Hill, Shelly Jungwirth, Jeff Pierpont, Janet Travers, Roger Waible, and John Hewett.

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Eric Erwin will join us in worship on October 16th, using the sermon time to tell us about the challenges the school and its students face and fleshing out his vision of how the church can make a difference and answering questions about how to become involved. In the meantime, we will be holding a drive for socks and underwear and food items, setting up a display, similar to the Kit and Kaboodle effort, where people can choose a particular item to provide. It would be wonderful if we could have some of these things ready to give to Eric when he joins us on the 16th.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Rona



THE MUSIC CORNER



With the beauty of fall around us, we continue to “*Serve God Through Music*” and provide some beautiful anthems during October:

2nd: For this communion Sunday, the American sacred music duo of Don Besig and Nancy Price composed *The Upper Room* which is our musical offering for this service. It is a contemporary piece (1988), incorporates a soloist, and the text focuses on the dialogue of the Last Supper: “Master stood among the twelve He called his closest friends.....soon I must leave you....”

9th: Arthur Schlosberg was born in Germany and fled to Paris during the 1933 Nazi occupation and took the French name Jean Berger (1909-2002). He is well known for his compositions for choral ensemble and solo voice, and was a professor at Middlebury College. Today we offer his anthem *I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes*, sung at a gentle pace with text inspired from the Bay Psalm Book (1640) including Psalm 121.

16th: Out of cold, dark, oppressive Russia during 1884-5, Tchaikovsky composed some of the most mystical, sublime melodies ever written. During this romantic period of music, he composed nine sacred songs, one of which is entitled *Hymn to the Cherubim*. The arrangement of this song we present today is by Allan Dash that includes terraced dynamics and climaxes toward the end of the piece with a joyful Allelujah!

23rd: *Make Us Instruments of Your Peace* will sound very familiar to you as you will hear parts of *Dona Nobis Pacem*. What makes this anthem so unusual and interesting is that the “Dona” is juxtaposed with impressionist French composer Erik Satie’s *Gymnopedie No 1*, for piano (1888). Binding it all together is text from *Prayer of St. Francis* by Francis of Assisi, 13th century.

30th: Austrian born composer Anton Bruckner (1824 -96) is well known for his symphonies, masses and motets. His sacred piece *Locus Iste (By Our Lord God)* was inspired by the *Liber Usalis*, a collection of Gregorian chants in the Catholic tradition from the 11th century. This motet will be sung in Latin and English in an Allegro Moderato tempo with a wide range of dynamics.

Hal Parker,
Music Director

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

- Oct. 2 ~Lamentations 1:1-16 • Lamentations 3:19-26 or
Psalm 137 or Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 • Psalm 37:1-9 ~2
Timothy 1:1-14 ~Luke 17:5-10
- Oct. 9 ~Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 • Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-
3, 7-15c • Psalm 111 ~2 Timothy 2:8-15 ~Luke 17:11-
19
- Oct. 16 ~Jeremiah 31:27-34 • Psalm 119:97-104 or Genesis
32:22-31 • Psalm 121 ~2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 ~Luke 18:1-
8
- Oct. 23 ~Joel 2:23-32 • Psalm 65 or Serach 35:12-17 or
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 • Psalm 84:1-7 ~2 Timothy 4:6
-8, 16-18 ~Luke 18:9-14
- Oct. 30 ~Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 • Psalm 119:137-144 or
Isaiah 1:10-18 • Psalm 32:1-7 • 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12 ~Luke 19:1-10

**Healthy living for your brain and body
tips from the latest research**

An education program
by the Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, October 26, 6-8 p.m.
Medical Arts Conference Room
NCH Campus, Newport

Sponsored by NEK Council on Aging and
facilitated by Nancy Oakes

To register, call Nancy or Pam at 802-334-2190 or email
info@NEKCouncil.org, or call 1-800-272-3900.

COFFEE HOUR ALERT

Before I make up the annual list for coffee duty, I would like to know if anyone on the list below would like to retire. I would also like to know if any other persons in the congregation would like to participate in providing goodies for coffee hour (something to nibble on, half & half and a cold drink). Some of our numbers have reached the age of 80 when I usually retire them, but that would make our list

even smaller. Now I put people on the duty list once or twice a year. I might have to increase that to three times a year. Please let me know as soon as you can what you would like to do. I can be reached at gucc treasurer@gmail.com or by mail at 11 Wilson Street, Greensboro 05841. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Janet Long

Alley, Trish
Bonney-Smith, Cilla
Bretschneider, Penny & Beth Belote
Coffey, Mike Susan
Dales, Judy
Dornseifer, Connie & Trink
Foster, Patti
Gray, Hal & BJ
Guare, Eleanor
Hill, Nancy & Clive Gray
Jenkins, Gina
Johnston, Ken & Janney

Jungwirth, Shelly & John Howard
Keefe, Lucy
Launer, Alden & Patti
Long, Janet
Lovett, Rick & Jackie
Lumsden, Sherral
McPherson, Anne
Pierpont, Jeff & Chris
Pollard, Cathy
Travers, Jan
Von Hessert, Victoria
Waible, Roger & Judy