



Greensboro Gleanings

June 2016

From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends,

Here in northern Vermont, we had a relatively mild and un-snowy winter, followed by a long and chilly spring. But now it seems that summer is finally upon us. The apple tree next to the parsonage is a vision in white, and the fragrance of its blossoms wafts across the parking lot toward the church, enhanced by the sweet smell of the lilac blooming nearby. We wait all winter for moments like these and enjoy them fully when they arrive.

Speaking of arriving, I hear that the sleepy little village of Greensboro is about to change dramatically. I've been told that I won't be able to park anywhere near Willey's, and that there will be long lines at the checkouts. I've been told that there will be traffic (!) and more cultural activities on offer than any one person could possibly attend. I've also been told that there will be many more people in church (although not as many as there used to be back when more families came and stayed for the whole summer).

This congregation is unique in having so many summer attendees who take an active interest in the church and its ministries. In the four Vermont congregations I served, before coming to Greensboro, attendance dropped and committees stopped meeting during the summertime. So this will be a new experience for me, just as having a different person in the pulpit will be a new experience for you.

I look forward to putting faces to the names of the Associate Members and summer friends. I look forward to getting to know you and hearing your perspectives, as we use this interim time to define the identity of the congregation and its hopes and dreams for the future. I hope that you will introduce yourselves to me (and give me a couple of Sundays to remember your names!).

Blessings,

Rona

THANK YOU



June Ushers and Greeters

- June 5 — Cara Hill & John Rohnert
- June 12 — Bill & Linda Niceley
- June 19 — Paul Fixx & Syddie Sowles
- June 26 — Ted & Connie Dornseifer



June Coffee Hour Hosts

- June 5 — Roger & Judy Waible
- June 12 — Anne McPherson
- June 19 — Ken & Janney Johnston
- June 26 — Cara Hill

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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 4:30pm Pleasants Fund Church Library	2	3 RONA AWAY	4
5 JEFF PIERPONT preaching	6	7	8	9 7:00pm Church Council Church Library	10	11
12 RONA BACK 1:00pm Kathy Charlestream Students'	13	14 4:00pm Christian Ed Church Library	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day CWS Blanket Offering received	20	21	22	23	24 10:00am James Cook Memorial Service	25
26	27	28 7:00pm Historical Society Annual Meeting Fellowship Hall	29	30	JUL 1 7:00pm Village Harmony Concert Sanctuary	JUL 2 10:00am Funky fourth parade Noon Chicken BBQ Dusk-Fireworks

MILESTONES

Happy June Birthday to
 Connie Dornseifer, Matthew Morgan Durbin, Sally Fifield, Harold Gray, Bea Hicock, Peg Igleheart, Patty Launer, Mary Meyer, and Kaleigh Rose Marie Cyr.

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.

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

Thank you to everyone who donated kits, items for kits, and money to support the Church World Service (CWS) program. Thank you to Gina Jenkins for delivering the kits for us again this year. The church sent a total of 60 kits this year - 41 school and 19 hygiene kits.

Thank you for those who have been making and donating prayer shawls to our program. The church office has a selection of shawls on hand for individuals who are in need of them. Shawls are available for members of the church, individuals in the community, or others who are connected to our church. Please contact the church office to let us know who might be in need of one.

This month we will be having a special "Blanket Offering" on Father's Day, June 19th. This offering goes toward purchasing blankets for those who have suffered disasters, refugees, and others in need. The funds are sent to Church World Service and they distribute blankets world wide where needed.

This summer we will be collecting items for refugees who are settling in Vermont. The collection is for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program's (VRRP) Household Welcome project called "Kit and Kaboodle." We will be setting up a donation tree in Fellowship Hall and will have items listed that can be donated to this cause. We will be accepting donations for the summer months. Look for more information in the next few weeks.



Cathy Pollard
 Chair

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The survey was sent out to gather information for our church profile. We are grateful for the number of responses and their meaty content. The ideas will contribute to a meaningful representation of our congregation.

The gathering of surveys is finished. However, those who missed the opportunity and still want to share thoughts can come to the group meetings that you will hear more about soon. Watch for these announcements.

Demographic information is being formulated for both our congregation and the Town of Greensboro. The surveys will be a helpful resource for the congregation information.

Sue Coffey is working with Paul Fixx, Andy Dales and Janet Long to develop our financial profile. A special Thank You to Janet for the extensive effort she is making to update and structure these data.

At our most recent meeting we watched a DVD titled **Sailing on Faith, Look Who God Sent.** It was produced by the United Church of Christ using the Kenilworth United Church of Christ's Pastoral Search experience to show what can happen during a UCC Pastoral Search. Their committee reviewed and reminisced about their pastoral search and the surprises God had for them while opening their hearts and minds to totally new perspectives. It was moving, exciting and enjoyable. It helps orient us to the direction our congregation may take by looking for God's purpose in our search for a Settled Pastor.

This DVD will be available for loan to anyone who wants to see it. You may find it more fulfilling if a small group can get together to watch it. The DVD will be located on a table in the library

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 (by phone - 757-220-5865).

Roger Waible
 Chair, Search Committee

NEWS FROM
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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

- June 5 ~1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) • Psalm 146 or • 1 Kings 17:17-24 • Psalm 30 ~Galations 1:11-24 or Luke 7:11-17
- June 12 ~1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a • Psalm 5:1-8 or 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32 ~Galations 2:15-21 ~Luke 7:36-8:3
- June 19 ~1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8:15a • Psalm 42 and 43 or Isaiah 65:1-9 • Psalm 22:19-28 ~Galations 3:23-29 ~Luke 8:26-39
- June 26 ~2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 • Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 • Psalm 16 ~Galations 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62



THE MUSIC CORNER

With spring finally here, we have some special musical offerings for the month to continue our mission of “*Serving God Through Music*.”

June 5th: For communion Sunday we will sing *In Remembrance* by Lloyd Larson, one of the most prolific sacred music composers today.

It opens with a solo, then the choir follows with prayer like harmonies accompanied by Italian style florid piano passages, ending with the musical whisper “*do this in remembrance of me.*”

June 12th: A true spring-time anthem, John Rutter’s *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, highlights the wonder of creation and all that dwells therein.

June 19th: We will use the organ for this bright, joyous anthem *Rise Up This Festive Day*, which uses the tune “Vreuchten” with text from J. Oudaens’s *Psalmen Davids*, 1685. “Sing out in joyous praise” is the message with big, bold choir and organ passages.

June 26th: For Mozart lovers, we will bring you *Adoremus te, Christe*, a motet for four part choir. With long, sustained phrases, this motet will be sung in latin beginning in a Major key and ending in minor key with a “piccardy third” at the conclusion, a startling musical revelation at the time.

Hal Parker
Music Director

**WONDER & WISDOM'S
2016 SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS**

For the 17th year, the Greensboro United Church will serve as an exciting base for Wonder & Wisdom’s **Summer Journeys Camp Program**. Local children and summer kids, ages 6 to 12, can choose from six weeks of active full day camps. Themes include Float Week, Secret Gardens, Earth Expeditions, Eco Art in the Outdoors, Wonderful Wetlands, and Down on the Farm. The Wonder & Wisdom summer staff, led by Camp Director Anne Hanson, provide a safe and engaging environment where campers can confidently explore and make new friends. Talented resident artists also engage children with their passions and expertise. Afternoons are spent at Caspian Lake beach. Campers love to return each year for this fun-filled learning experience!

Do you know of a family who would like to send a child to camp but may need some help with camp costs? To make camp affordable for more kids, a Camp Scholarship Fund was established this year through support from a local business sponsor. To learn more about summer camp opportunities, please visit the Wonder & Wisdom web site at www.wonderwisdom.org. For information on financial assistance for camp, please contact Jim Flint at 802.533.9370.

Camps run from June 27 through August 5. Please help spread the word about the benefits of attending summer camp at Wonder & Wisdom!