



Greensboro Gleanings

August 2016

From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends,

When my two sons were of elementary school age, they loved the zany unpredictability of Monty Python's Flying Circus. One of the catch phrases from that show still sticks with me today: "And now for something completely different."

Over the past month, in worship, we've turned our gaze outward, in both worship and the summer lecture series. We've learned something about Islam and the beliefs and practices of the more than one billion Muslims with whom we share our planet. We've heard the fascinating story of an Armenian Christian, born in Syria, and his reflections on the situation in the Middle East. This week, we welcome the Director of the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, who will tell us about Syrian refugee resettlement in Vermont, and we've gathered items for two Household Welcome kits for the resettlement program.

And now for something completely different. In August, I hope to support the work of the Search Committee by spending some time looking inward at the GUCC congregation. We'll explore your history, talk about your identity, do some visioning, and consider who God might be calling this congregation to be in the future. All of this is vitally important to making a good match between this church and the best ministerial candidate for the position of settled pastor. I hope that as many of you as possible will be involved in worship, in the conversations hosted by the Search Committee, and in the upcoming Associate Members meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Rona

THANK YOU

August Ushers and Greeters

- Aug. 7 — Chris & Jeff Pierpont
- Aug. 14 — Ted & Connie Dornseifer
- Aug. 21 — Helen Twiss & Emilie Stuart
- Aug. 28 — Alden & Patty Launer



August Coffee Hour Hosts

- Aug. 7 — Shelly Jungwirth
- Aug. 14 — Janet Long
- Aug. 21 — Judy Dales
- Aug. 28 — Eleanor Guare



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 10:00am Worship Service Sanctuary	1 Mondays and Wednesdays 10-11am Growing Stronger Fellowship Hall	2 7:30pm SMFG Sanctuary	3 4:30pm Pleasants Fund Parsonage 7:30pm Lecture Fellowship Hall	4 4:00pm Greensboro Association Annual Mtg. Fellowship Hall	5	6
7 After service 11:00am approx. Search Committee Parsonage	8 7:30pm Greensboro Historical Society Annual Mtg Fellowship Hall	9 7:30pm SMFG Sanctuary	10 12:00pm If raining Sojourn Bike Tour—FHall 6:30pm Church Council	11 2:00pm CCP Mini Concert for Kids Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 After Service 11:00pm approx. Assoc. Members Annual Meeting Parsonage	15 7:00pm Planning Comm Community Forum Fellowship Hall	16 10:00am Search Comm. Nancy Hill's 7:30pm SMFG Tent on Green	17 7:00pm Search Committee Parsonage	18 2:00pm CCP Mini Concert for Kids Fellowship Hall	19	20
21 After Service 11:00am approx. GUCC Members Annual Meeting Parsonage	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MILESTONES

Happy August Birthday to

Joel Behrsing, Peter Gilmartin, Martin Gilmartin, Clive Gray, Phil Gray, Bethany Brush & Cassandra Hemenway, Willa Farrell, Janney Johnston, Beth Lovett, Rev. Rhonda Myers, Paula Ratchford, Bruce Richardson, Rev. Leslie Simonson, and Mary Beth Whitten. *Also...a Happy Anniversary to:* Dan & Joanna Beresford, Tom & Merrill Hurst, Rona & Brent Kinsley, Emily Steelehurst Thompson & Nathaniel Thompson, Chris & Jeff Pierpont, and Bruce & Joan Richardson

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

The Mission Board wishes to give a huge

THANK YOU!

To everyone who has helped with the refugee project of providing two complete household welcome kits for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program (VRRP). A reminder also that any remaining items need to be delivered to the church by Monday, August 1st.

Cathy Pollard
Chair

FROM THE TRUSTEES

We hope you have noticed that 120 new chairs are now on new racks in Fellowship Hall. The purchase was possible because of an anonymous donor for whose generosity we are very thankful. There are funds left over that we now hope to use to replace the folding tables. We have donated 4 of our old chairs to the Hardwick Food Pantry so they no longer need to borrow chairs when additional seating is needed.

Paul Fixx
Chair



THE MUSIC CORNER



Our sacred musical offerings in August continue our mission of “*Serving God Through Music:*”

August 7th: For this communion Sunday we offer *Bread of the World (Ave Verum)* by Guilmant. It is warm, lush and written in the romantic style, with an “Andante Religioso” tempo marking.

August 14th: *Jesu, Joyaunce Of My Heart*” by A.R. Ahle and harmonized by Bach, is a duet between a soloist and the choir. Throughout the anthem the soloist sings a statement and the choir answers in a lovely antiphonal style that balances the music in a perfect blend of voices.

August 21st: We bring back to you one of our summer favorites; *Family of Christ*. This anthem features flute, piano and choir in a lyrical and light setting. Imbedded in the middle of the piece is the hymn *The Church's One Foundation*, which is sung in a chorale style leading to a strong ending with the flute, choir and piano in full volume.

August 28th: Our Consort will offer a prelude by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739), *Sonata in E minor, Opus II, Nr.4*. J. S Bach wrote a cantata for every Sunday of the year. We have chosen to sing *Laud We the Name (Ich will den Namen)* from Cantata #142, *Uns ist ein Kind Geboren*. A very uplifting piece in C Major, it is challenging with runs, a fugue, and is to be performed at a fairly brisk pace. We will sing it twice, once in English and then again in German as we leave the month of August.

Hal Parker
Music Director



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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

Aug. 7 ~Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 • Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 or
Genesis 15:1-6 • Psalm 33:12-22 ~Hebrews 11:1-3,
8-16 ~Luke 12:32-40

Aug. 14 ~Isaiah 5:1-7 • Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 or
Jeremiah 23:23-29 • Psalm 82 ~Hebrews 11:29-
12.2 ~Luke 12:49-56

Aug. 21 ~Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 or Isaiah
58:9b-14 • Psalm 103:1-8 ~Hebrews 12:18-29
~Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 28 ~Jeremiah 2:4-13 • Psalm 81:1, 10-16 or
Serach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 • Psalm 112
~Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 ~Luke 14:1, 7-14



**AN ANNUAL MEETING
REMINDER**

The GUCC Associate Members Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, August 14, following service, at the Parsonage.

The full GUCC Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, August 21, following service, at the Parsonage.

Annual Reports are due in the office August 1st.